



Photo by MC1 Bob Lamb

Members of the wreath-laying detail salute after placing two wreaths at the base of the POW/MIA Memorial Sept. 13. Assisted by an enlisted Marine, Coast Guardsman, Soldier and Sailor, Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock (far right), and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Executive Officer, CDR Jeff Hayhurst (far left) placed the wreaths.

GTMO commemorates POW/MIA Day

By Stacey Byington, Public Affairs Officer

U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, joined by the base's tenant commands, commemorated this year's Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day two days early on Sept. 13.

The ceremony was held at the POW/MIA Memorial across from the Downtown Lyceum on Sherman Avenue.

The ceremony began with

Morning Colors at 8 a.m. After the invocation by Chaplain James Goebel, USN, W.T. Sampson Elementary students recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Several students also presented essays they had written about the POW/MIA recognition day.

Marines from the Marine Corps Security Force Company gave a 21-gun salute, and

members of the U.S. Naval Hospital made up the Color Guard detail.

The highlight of the ceremony was the placing of ceremonial wreaths at the base of the POW/MIA Memorial by Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo, and CDR Jeff Hayhurst, NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay Ex-

ecutive Officer.

Hayhurst talked about the struggles of several individual POWs during the Vietnam conflict, their bravery and their courage. He also talked about how hard the government is working to ensure the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing from past conflicts going back to World War II.

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Senators visit GTMO — NAVSTA Commanding Officer, CAPT Mark Leary, provides background information about the base to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Sen. Mitch McConnell, Sen. Arlen Specter, and members of their staffs as they cross the bay in a u-boat. The senators were visiting GTMO on a fact-finding trip about interrogation techniques.

Photo by 1Lt. Anthony John, USA

Bush marks 9/11 by urging unity in Terror War

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

President Bush marked the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, by calling on the nation to remember those lost that day and to unite in moving forward to win the war on terror.

“On this day, we remember the innocent who lost their lives,” he said. “And we pay tribute to those who gave their lives so that others might live.”

The United States has learned much about the enemy that attacked on Sept. 11 and recognizes it as a global network of extremists driven by a totalitarian ideology that hates all that America stands for.

“We face an enemy determined to bring death and suffering into our homes,” he said. “America did not ask for this war, and every American wishes it was over. So do I. But the war is not over, and it will not be over until either we or the extremists emerge victorious.”

The United States has made headway in confronting terrorists and those who harbor or support them. “If we do not defeat these enemies now, we will leave our children to face a Middle East overrun by terrorist states and radical dictators armed with nuclear weapons,”

he said.

Bush called on Americans to observe the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks by rededicating themselves to this cause.

“Winning this war will require the determined efforts of

a unified country. So we must put aside our differences and work together to meet the test that history has given us. We will defeat our enemies; we will protect our people; and we will lead the 21st century into a shining age of human liberty.”



Photo by MC1 Bob Lamb

Fair winds and following seas — CE1 Brian Dula stands beside CAPT Mark Leary during Dula's retirement ceremony held at the Windjammer Ballroom on Sept. 8. Dula, a member of the Public Works Self-Help Division, was retiring after 20 years of active military service.

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Library helps with the 'learning' curve

By MC2(AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs

The MWR Library now has many resources for local college students interested in supplementing and supporting their education paths. The library has test preparation books, foreign language audio programs, and general studies supplements.

"Within the last year, we've been able to increase our resources," said Maxine Becker, MWR librarian, "and although the collection is small, it's fairly well-rounded and can meet most people's needs."

With 17 different test preparation books including the CLEP, ASVAB, LSAT, and GRE, students have a wide variety of resources that can help them feel confident on test day.

"Practice tests help students identify areas they're weak in," said Becker, "then they can look for materials in our collection to help them brush up before they 'clep' out of a class."

Learning a second language can also help widen the berth of assignment choices for Sailors. For those interested in

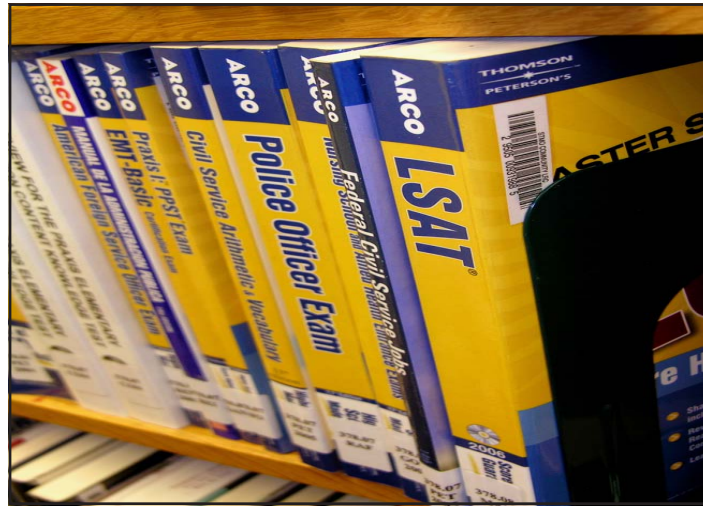


Photo by MC2 (AW) Honey Nixon

The library has a wide variety of exam study guides.

learning a second language, the library has audio tutorials in 14 different languages such as Farsi and Japanese.

"We have just beefed up the language section in the last three months," added Becker. "We have languages in both print and audio, the 'Pimsleur' audio series, which is considered the best in audio language learning."

Students taking literature classes can now find many of the classics titles needed.

"We have all of the

Shakespearean plays in audio and print," said Becker, "and we are also trying to get them on DVD, so people can see the production of the book as well as read the plays."

General studies textbooks on subjects such as math can also be used to improve students' skill levels by offering an alternative presentation of a subject aside from the assigned textbook. Exposing students to a different explanation of the same subject matter can often bolster student's

understanding of subjects they are still struggling with, adds Becker.

Additionally, Becker provides test proctoring services and research assistance for students tackling long-distance tests or papers.

"I proctor exams probably four or five times a week," said Becker. "I am registered with many of the colleges, from Harvard to Coastline."

One paper-writing resource, that Becker believes is widely underused, is Navy Knowledge Online (www.nko.navy.mil). Many research resources can be found under the 'Reference' section by clicking on 'E-content.'

"We are really working toward meeting the student's needs," said Becker. "Academic support and access to leisure reading are the library's main focus. We want everyone to get what they need, when they need it."

For more information or assistance with library and web searches, contact Maxine Becker at 4700 or beckerma@usnbgmtmo.navy.mil.

Mini-Deli/Bakery will soon be here

Soon a new addition will be added to the Navy Exchange/Commissary — a Mini-Deli/Bakery!

The mini-deli/bakery will be located near the current meat department, and will sell fresh baked breads and rolls, and fresh sliced-to-order cheeses and meats.

"We are really looking forward to the great quality of life benefit this will provide to our Armed Forces and their families stationed here in Guantanamo Bay," said Courtney Jackson, Commissary Manager.



"We are always looking for more ways to provide a taste of 'Hometown USA' to those defending our freedom and

their families."

Don Mohlman, NEX General Manager, adds, "The mini-deli/bakery should turn around one of the top quality of life issues for Guantanamo Bay."

The hours of operation for the mini-deli/bakery will be the same as the current store operating hours.

The projected grand opening will be sometime in October, with more specific details forthcoming over the next few weeks. For more information contact Courtney Jackson at 74134.

Navy Ball Tickets

On sale Tuesdays at the Seaside Galley from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursdays at the Naval Hospital Galley, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at the NEX Atrium, noon-3 p.m.

Ticket prices for the formal ball on Friday, Oct. 20, are E-1 to E-4, \$5; E-5 to E-6, \$15; and E-7 and above, \$25. The beach ball tickets range from \$3-7.

Tickets for the balls include dinner, a glass and coin at the formal ball, and a mug at the beach ball. Adults only. FMI call 2351.



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Jorge Lopez, 16, shows off the prize he won at the Navy Exchange-sponsored Rock, Paper, Scissors competition.

NEX sponsors contest

Story and photo by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs

When one is young, a person's biggest concern might be finding out 'Who goes first?'

This quintessential question was recently brought up at the GTMO Navy Exchange 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' competition held Saturday, Sept. 9, at the NEX Atrium.

It seems whenever dibs are up for grabs, a game of rock, paper, scissors (or Rochambeau) is used to end the debate.

More than 125 students from elementary school through college participated in this long and historic game in order to walk away with bragging rights and a Hewlett Packard laptop computer.

According to Wikipedia, the game has its origins in China. It was popular among warlords during the Han Dynasty. It's not exactly clear whether it was used to idly pass the time, to

make cavalier decisions, or as something more akin to gambling.

Another source offers an extensive, and somewhat convoluted history of a Japanese game called "jan ken pon." It's believed this game, basically "rock, paper, scissors," evolved from another Japanese game called "honken," which involved two players simultaneously extending zero to five fingers. With both hands hidden, each person would then guess the total number of fingers. Whoever guessed correctly won.

When it was all said and done, Jorge Lopez, 16, who is homeschooled, won the extremely quick version of 'Rock, Paper Scissors.' Other finalists won gift certificates for the NEX.

"I'll take the Laptop and give the gift card to my brother," said Lopez.

Worship Services

Catholic

Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Cobre Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

Protestant

Sunday
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Services, Main Chapel, 11 a.m.
Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.
Monday
Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday
Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary A)
Thursday
PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7 p.m. (rm. 8)
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.

Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)

Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 5:30 a.m.

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary D)
Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist (Sanctuary B)

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Vesper Meeting, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)

Friday Worship, 1:15 p.m.

United Jamaican Fellowship

(Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)
Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11, 7:30p.m.

Wildlife regulations

Taking of Queen Conchs:
— Maximum daily limit is one per person, per day.
Size limit is a minimum of 9 inches in length or lips greater than 1/8 in.

Contact 4105 to report violations or poachers.
FMI call 4662.

Local runner realizes goal of a life-time

By Melissa Belleman

Editor's note: *Anyone who has entered a GTMO marathon in the past couple of years should know the name Melissa Belleman. She is a local leader in womens' marathons and runs regularly here in GTMO. Melissa recently took a vacation where she competed in, not just a marathon, but a super-ultra marathon. This next story is in her own words on how she first thought of achieving her 'goal of a lifetime.'*

I first decided I wanted to complete a 100 mile ultra run ten years ago. I had run about a dozen marathons and was looking for a new challenge.

Thanks to the World Wide Web I found the up and coming craze of ultra running. I started with a 50-miler and then moved up to the 100K, the plan being to next move to 100 miles.

Unfortunately, relocations due to job changes, a few stress fractures and pregnancy and the birth of the last two of my four children, continued to delay my goal for several years. Last year I finally became frustrated with continually putting off the 100- mile goal and de-

ecided to just go for it and try the Vermont 100 held in July in Woodstock, Vt.

I was not really ready when I started out at 4 a.m. July 16, 2005. The longest I had run in almost four years was 37 miles. So, when my foot started to hurt at mile 44.7, I decided to err on the side of caution and drop out.

Like most people who have not tried to run a 100-mile ultra run, I had thought it would be easy to maintain 4 miles per hour for 25 hours. I had a rude awakening when I found that the miles were up and down the foothills, trails and mountains of Vermont.

The worst part of dropping out of Vermont in 2005 was having to come back and tell all of my friends in GTMO. People were so enthusiastic when I left that I hated to explain my DNF (did not finish) to them when I returned.

I was determined to go back and conquer the course in 2006. Now the training portion of my quest began. Armed with a clear understanding of the course, I mapped out a plan to return this year and finish.



Photo by MC1 Bob Lamb

Melissa Belleman, in Sept. 2005, after winning one of several GTMO marathons.

It was difficult to train in the tropical environment of my current home, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Because of the heat, the best time to run is when it's dark, either early morning or late evening. Unfortunately, several of the best running hills are closed to pedestrian traffic after dark.

Finally, the only significant climb on base is JPJ Hill, which

is only a 500-foot climb. The rest of the hills are about 1/4-mile.

On the Vermont 100-mile course, there are many climbs and descents over 1000 feet. Over some 3-5 mile stretches, runners ascend and descend 14,000-15,000 feet.

Next week's Gazette will continue Melissa Belleman's remarkable quest.



Three Clubs and One Ace — John Tully shakes hands with CMDCM (SW/SS) Larry Cairo, who won the MWR Three Club Shoot-out on Sunday, Sept.10. Cairo finished with a round of 72.

Teresa Landon and Sandy Wilson won the 'Longest Drive' competitions for the ladies, while Jeff Hayhurst and Joe Thamason won for the men. Winners of the 'Closest to the Pin' competition were J. Smith and Teresa Landon.

Forty-four men and women competed for prizes and trophies in the delayed Labor Day Weekend tournament hosted by MWR with sponsorship provided by Home Depot and Anheuser Busch.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Sep. 15

You, Me and Dupree

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

Snakes on a Plane

10 p.m., R, 106 min.

Saturday, Sep. 16

Monster House

8 p.m., PG, 91 min.

John Tucker Must Die

10 p.m., PG-13, 87 min.

Sunday, Sep. 17

Lady in the Water

8 p.m., PG-13, 110 min.

Monday, Sep. 18

My Super Ex-Girlfriend

8 p.m., PG-13, 96 min.

Tuesday, Sep. 19

Snakes on a Plane

8 p.m., R, 106 min.

Wednesday, Sep. 20

John Tucker Must Die

8 p.m., PG-13, 87 min.

Thursday, Sep. 21

Clerks 2

8 p.m., R, 97 min.



Snakes on a Plane

Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Nathan Phillips, Rachel Blanchard, Julianna Margulies

Storyline: When a young man witnesses a brutal mob murder, it falls to FBI agent Neville Flynn to escort his charge safely from Hawaii to Los Angeles to testify. But in an act of self-preservation, the crime boss facing prison smuggles hundreds of poisonous snakes onto the commercial aircraft in a crate timed to release its deadly cargo halfway over the Pacific. Flynn, along with a frightened flight crew and passengers, must then band together in a desperate attempt to survive.



Monster House

Kids/Family, Animation

Cast: Steve Buscemi, Nick Cannon, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jon Heder, Kevin James

Storyline: Although no adults will believe them, three children realize a neighbor's house is really a monster. They must find a way to stop the house and save the neighborhood.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Sept. 18, 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, "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kittens," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "The Break-Up" begins at 8 p.m.

Youth Center events

Fri, Sept 15, Blindfold games
 Sat, Sept 16, Make your own sundae
 Fri, Sept 22, Gym skating
 Sat, Sept 23, Bingo!
 Fri, Sept 29, Pizza and movie
 Sat, Sept 30, Bouncer night.
 FMI on event times call the Youth Center at 74658.

Parent-Child Bumper League

Sept. 16, starts 11 a.m., 8-weeks for open to children 5 to 10 years old and one parent \$6.50 per person.

Relay for Life 1/2-Marathon

Sept. 16, starts 6 a.m. Relay stars and ends at the base gym. There will be two categories: individual or team up to five. Register at the base gym by Sept. 15. FMI call 78344 or 72102.

Beginners Pottery Class

Sept. 19, starts 5:30 p.m. Part 2 of the class begins, Oct. 3. The class will be held in the MWR Ceramics Shop. Price is \$50 per student. Registration is required before class start. Students will receive clay, glaze, and tools needed for class. FMI call 74795.

Youth Bowling League

Sept. 23, starts 5 p.m. 3-man teams. The league will last eight weeks. Cost is \$6.50 per person. FMI call 2118.

Pop Culture Knowledge Bowl

Oct. 6, 7 p.m., at the Windjammer Ballroom. Register teams by phone at ext. 4700 or email beckerma@usnbgtmo.navy.mil. Great prizes!

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Beautiful townhouse in move-in condition, hardwood floors, built-in book shelves, master suite w/huge walk-in closet, and spa bath, 3.5 bathrooms, 3 bedrooms, w/downstairs rec room. Close access to Quantico, Ft. Belvoir, and D.C. area. FMI call Jill at 74401.

(2) Adjustable weight bench and more than 300 lbs. of weights, \$50, FMI call 77662 or 90007.

(2) Memory cards: 512 Meg Synch, 100 Mhz CL2 non-ECC, good for Pentium 1 MMX type PC's. \$40 each OBO. FMI call 3829 DWH or 77116 AWH.

(2) Bunk beds and chest, cargo furniture, \$250. Two storage wardrobes/locker, \$25 ea. GTMO momento plate, Enlisted Club NAS Guantanamo Bay, one left, \$40. Plants of all types and sizes, various prices. FMI call Earlene Helms at 3977.

(2) Med. US Divers BCD, like new, \$200. FMI call Steve at 3957.

(2) Compaq US700 laptop, DVD drive only, \$300. Averatech Laptop DVDRW-CDRW, \$500. 27-in. TV, no remote, \$100. 2-seat sofa, cushions don't match, \$50. DVD player, \$50. Washer and dryer \$200. 3 lamps, \$20. FMI call Jorge at 9787.

(1) Sony Trinitron 32-in. color TV, excellent condition, \$275 OBO. Genesis Recon. BCD, mens, size LG, weight integrated, like new. FMI call 77796.

(1) Lazy-Z-Boy queen sleeper sofa, country blue-gray, good condition. FMI call 2986 AWH.

(1) Kenmore dryer, used, needs a timer, \$25. FMI call 77828.

(1) Evinrude outboard motor, recently rebuilt, 2 stroke, in-line w/manual tilt/trim, runs great, \$2,500. FMI call Tom at 4874 DWH or 77823 AWH.

(1) Small computer desk, \$30; Black stereo cabinet, \$35. FMI call 4164 or 75571.

(1) Ab Lounge, perfect condition, \$100. FMI call Bruce at 75749.

(1) Raptor full cover, 60-in, never-opened, inflatable water tube, \$90. FMI call 77529.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1993 Ford Bronco, Eddie Bauer edition, new tires, shocks, starter

and window motors, \$6,500. FMI call 77457 or 4994.

(2) 1986 4x4 Jeep Cherokee, \$4,500 OBO, mud tires, CD/radio, CB radio. Runs great. FMI call John at 90262.

(2) 1973 VW Bug, \$3500. 14-ft. boat w/ 30 HP Johnson and trailer, \$1200. 1964 Scat Kat Dune Buggy, 1968 1500 cc. VW motor, just overhauled, runs and looks great, \$4000. Jet Ski w/trailer, new motor, \$1500. FMI call Earlene Helms at 3977.

(2) 2004 Maycraft Pilot boat, new condition, 225 Suzuki outboard, 150 hrs., 9.9 hp Yamaha attached kicker, includes Garmin fishfinder/sonar, Loranance GPS w/200/50 sweep, built in charger, new batteries, rock launcher, 2004 performance dual axle trailer w/breaks. Stateside cost \$39,000. Have additional fishing and skiing items for sale. FMI call Andy 77371.

(2) 2001 Ford F-150 regular cab 4x4, silver, clean interior and exterior, 63K miles, A/C, \$9400 OBO. FMI call 3831 or 77975.

(1) 1993 Ford Ranger pick-up truck, AC, new tires, stereo, vinyl bed liner, stick shift, runs great, \$2,500. FMI call 77106.

(1) 1995 Yamaha FZR 600 motorcycle, new tires, new spark plugs, helmet, vest, cargo net, bike lock, and manual included, \$2,700. FMI call Dell at 75504.

(1) 1997 Honda Shadow, 1100 cc., lots of extras, \$4,000 OBO. FMI call Chad at 77331.

(1) 1989 Ford Probe GT, non turbo, new alternator, CD, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 90116 or 75586.

(1) 1984 Oldsmobile Firenza, \$1500 OBO. FMI call 4164 or 75571.

(1) 1987 Dodge Ramp pickup truck, \$1,500 OBO. FMI call 4164 or 75571.

(1) 1985 Oldsmobile w/2 doors, CD, newly painted, automatic, runs well, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 4577, 4165, or 78537.

(1) 2004 Yamaha Zuma scooter, 49 cc., blue, cargo box, mesh jacket, 3 helmets, \$1,500. FMI call Bruce at 75749.

(1) 1996 Oldsmobile Achieva, excellent mechanical condition, automatic, AC, power locks, \$3,950 OBO. FMI call 77024.

(1) 1987 Plymouth Reliant, new tires, runs great, \$1,500. FMI call

PO Craig at 2369 DWH or 75673 AWH.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Medical Administrative Specialist, GS-07/09, closes Sept. 22; Inpatient Medical Records Tech., GS-05, closes Sept. 22; Outpatient Medical Records Tech., GS-05, closes Sept. 22; Civil Engineering Technician, GS-11, closes Sept. 25; Computer Asst., GS-07, closes Sept. 25; Office Automation Asst., GS-05, closes Sept. 25; Patient Account Tech., GS-05/06, closes Sept. 25; 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, 06-CUBA-55, continuous. Applications can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson High School Main Office. FMI call Ramonia at 3500. (2) NEX Commissary has two full-time position openings for the new Deli/Bakery that is being added to the Commissary, closes Sept. 15. Please submit application to the Commissary Manager, Courtney Jackson or call 4134.

Wanted

(2) Need a loving home for male adult cat. Declawed and neutered, has been an indoor cat since birth, friendly and keeps mostly to self. Willing to pay \$50 per month plus food and supplies. FMI call 4840 (DWH) or 84264 (cell).

(1) Looking for a child-free home for an older cat. Very sweet and loving. FMI call 77904.

(1) Used freezer or refrigerator w/ freezer. FMI call 77828.

(1) Violin/fiddle instructor for beginner. Need someone to teach and practice with. FMI call Jake at 9786.

Lost or Found

(1) Wallet found on the ferry. FMI call 6448 or 77114.

Announcements

(2) All teens interested in cheerleading camp can register at the Oasis Teen Center NLT

Sept. 22. Ages from 5 to teen. FMI call Trecia at 2096.

(2) The Child Development Center (CDC) Pre-K program will commence Sept. 25. Orientation and assessment will be conducted Sept. 18-22. Parents will be notified when they should be at the Youth Center for the meeting.

(2) The Villamar Child Development Center will be conducting a part-day program for 2-year-olds. Interested parents please call 2005 for more information.

(2) Project Aware and Reef Raiders are sponsoring a International Clean-Up Day Sept. 17, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at all beaches (except Cuzco Wells and Blue). Leeward groups muster at 6:30 a.m. at Ferry Landing. Diver and Windward groups muster at 7:30 a.m. at Cable Beach. There will a barbecue for all participants at 2 p.m. at Cable Beach. FMI call 77623.

(1) Registration for Columbia College Late Fall Session classes begins Sept. 18. The first day of registration is for military members, new students and seniors only. Please visit the College's website for both online and local course schedules. FMI or to schedule an appointment with an advisor, call 75555.

(1) Kevin Gilmore turns 46 on Sept. 19. Happy Birthday Daddy. We love you and miss you so much. Your children, Siobhan, Danielle, Kevin, Allyson, and Liam.

(1) Congratulations Keisha and Fitzroy Carney. Married Aug. 19, 2006, in Kingston, Jamaica, at the Hilton Kingston Hotel.

(1) W. T. Sampson Schools will host a Health Fair Sept. 19, beginning at 8 a.m., at the elementary campus. A second fair will be held at W.T. Sampson High School, Sept. 21. Staff members from the Naval Hospital's medical and health staff, personnel from MWR Fitness Center, and local teachers will present nutritional and health education encouraging students to embrace a healthier lifestyle. FMI call Nestar Rios at 2220.

Yard Sales

Sept. 16 — Marina Point, #N325B, 7 a.m. - noon.

Sept. 23 — Caribbean Circle, #22A, 7 a.m. - noon.

POW/MIA Recognition Day ...

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“The longest held POW of the Vietnam conflict was Army Ranger Capt. Floyd ‘Jim’ Thompson, who was captured on March 26, 1965,” said Hayhurst. “Over the course of almost nine years, he was held at more than a dozen different jungle sites before his release on March 16, 1973. Thompson’s captivity made him the longest held prisoner of war in American history.”

He mentioned Vice Adm. James Stockdale (Ret.) who died on July 5, 2005, and was one of three men who received the Medal of Honor as a result of their actions during the time they spent as prisoners of war. Stockdale was shot down and captured in 1965, and wasn’t released until seven and a half years later.

“Admiral Stockdale challenged the human limits of moral courage, physical endurance and intellectual bravery, emerging victorious as a legendary beacon for all to fol-

low,” said then Chief of Naval Operations Vern Clark at a memorial service held for Stockdale on the USS Ronald Regan.

This year’s POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony coincides with the 20th anniversary of the dedication of GTMO’s POW/MIA Memorial.

“This memorial we stand beside is 20 years old this year,” said Hayhurst. “It was build by the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133. The POW/MIA flag which flies, and has flown, over this monument for 20 years, says, ‘You are not forgotten, nor will you ever be.’”

POW/MIA Recognition Day was established to recognize the sacrifices made by those men and women who were either captured and held as prisoners of war, or were missing in action in all military operations involving the United States. It is celebrated annually on the third Friday in September.



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CDR Jeff Hayhurst, NAVSTA Executive Officer, assisted by CSCS(SW) Mitchell Ward, cut a cake at the Gold Hill Galley commemorating POW/MIA Recognition Day.



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Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock, Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, is one of the principal speakers at the POW/MIA ceremony.



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Staff and students from the W.T Sampson Elementary School recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Students also read essays they had written.