



# Electric Light Parade, Hollywood style

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, NAVSTA Public Affairs

Saturday night, a feeling of Christmas was in the air, along with candies, air-horns and sirens that all combined to produce the annual Guantanamo Bay Electric Light Parade.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored parade went off without a hitch on Saturday, Dec. 1. If you weren't on watch or standing along Sherman Avenue between SCSI and the Downtown Lyceum, then you were probably sitting aboard a parade float tossing out candy or t-shirts. This was one of the biggest Electric Light Parades that people had seen in recent memory.

"It was great," said ND1(DSW) Dean Paraskeva. "It looked like everyone was really having lots of fun."

The parade featured 38 different floats this year. Everything from trucks, cars, boats, emergency vehicles and military transportation vehicles were decked out with lights and signs wishing everyone a happy holiday season. Young cheerleaders, servicemembers and civilians waved to the crowds and randomly threw candy to children standing on the sides of the road.

"The parade was gnarly", said Katie Basel, who marched in parade as part of the Sea Cadet. "When we stopped at the Downtown Lyceum, was the best part of the parade, because we were at the beginning of it all so it gave us a chance to see all the floats that were behind us."

"I've been here for almost three years and I have never seen so many people lined

up on the street before", said GM2 Craig Brown. "Candy was flying and being tossed from one float to the next", he added.

Johnny Grant, the honorary Hollywood Mayor, and Stefanie Powers were the Grand Marshals for this year's parade. Powers was sitting up on the back seat and Grant sitting in the front passenger seat, as Charity Sandstrom drove her red Mustang convertible along the parade route to the Downtown Lyceum. Not far behind were Victoria's Secret super models Marisa Miller, Selita Ebanks and Adriana Lima, escorted by CMDCM Brad Levault, in his 1976 Eldorado Cadillac. Also participating in this year's parade was Kate Linder, an

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# Fleet Forces Admiral discusses IAs

Story by MC1(SW) Stefanie Holzeisen-Mullen, Fleet Public Affairs Center, Atlantic

Recently Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, traveled to the Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training Unit in Fort Jackson, S.C., to get a firsthand look at the training facility and speak to Sailors preparing for an IA assignment. And that visit inspired a podcast to share what he learned.

"That was a great trip ... it totally changed my impression and my ideas on our individual augmentee program," said Greenert, noting specifically the intensity of the skills being taught and the confidence and character of the Sailors he met.

With more than 10,000 IAs serving in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, including active-duty and reserve components, Greenert was quick to note that this type of duty is quickly becoming the norm for career Sailors and that the Navy is working overtime to ensure the necessary training and support systems are in place. The evolution of IA training is part of the Navy's shift to a more expeditionary force with the majority receiving orders to duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This [IA assignments] is not a short-term process," said Greenert. "We have 10,000 now and are training to turn over that amount."

In October, 2006 the United States Joint Forces Command assumed responsibility of the IA training program at Fort Jackson and has worked in concert with the Army to ensure the best possible training program is in place to prepare Sailors for success in their IA assignment. The course was based on theater requirements for all service members. The program is designed to teach essential skills to individuals assigned to Army units. The course includes training in basic marksmanship, combat first aid, land navigation, urban operations and an introduction to Army culture. Perhaps most important is training in convoy and counter-improvised explosive device operations.

"I feel very good about the people who are there," said Greenert. "They are very confident when they are done and they have good reason to be. I feel very good about the training."

Greenert has also set his sights



on educating the Navy family on this new type of deployment by making sure they have access to current information and the resources to ensure success on the home front.

"We are doing a lot but we need to get better at what we're doing," Greenert admitted. "The Navy is good at caring for a unit or family of a unit when that unit deploys. But what we're talking about now are individuals within a unit and we need to take that same approach. The Navy ombudsman program is strengthened and ready to deal with this need."

Greenert pointed to one Sailor he met while at Fort Jackson who praised the dedication and tenacity of his unit's ombudsman, crediting them with preparing him for deployment in just one week versus the traditional four to five weeks.

"It's this caring for the individual," Greenert added. "The unit looking out for the individual. That's the mindset we have to have."

In the past, IA deployment information was often scattered and difficult to find. Recognizing this, the Navy stood up the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command (ECRC) in October 2006. ECRC is designed to provide oversight and ensure effective processing, equipping, training, certification and deployment. In addition to getting Sailors prepared, ECRC provides reach-back, redeployment and

proactive family support to the families of IAs, ad-hoc individuals and provisional units deploying for non-traditional expeditionary missions in support of the global war on terrorism.

ECRC is designed to be a center for IAs and their families to lean on for resources, support and guidance. The IA handbook, available on the ECRC Web site, is one publication Greenert said many of those he spoke with at Fort Jackson pointed to repeatedly as a key reason why they felt prepared.

Fleet and family support centers, Navy Personnel Command and other Navy commands and organizations are continually developing and fine-tuning the network of resources to get the knowledge to those who need it.

Quick to laud the volume of assistance and wealth of knowledge available to better prepare a Sailor to serve in an IA assignment, Greenert had a simple suggestion for those who really want to know what to expect and how to prepare - go straight to the source.

"Talk to somebody who has been there. You'll get the insight, you'll help get rid of some of the anxieties that build up. Have faith that this training process will prepare you well."

To listen to the podcast interview with Greenert on the Navy's IA training program log on to [www.cffc.navy.mil](http://www.cffc.navy.mil).

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# GTMO aerographer's mates at your service

Team ensures flights take off in favorable weather conditions

Story by MC2 Kim Williams, NAVSTA Public Affairs

There's an exact science to analyzing the weather that involves a lot more than just waiting for a groundhog to see its shadow.

A group of well-trained and highly qualified Sailors stationed at Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment Guantanamo Bay (NAVLANTMETOCDET) have the unique mission of using the meteorological and oceanographic information they collect to ensure Navy aircraft and personnel operate in safe weather conditions. Aerographer's Mates (AG), the Navy's weather team, play a critical role in the Navy's overall mission.

A team of five AGs collect weather data from radars, observing, recording and plotting meteorological information and operating meteorological equipment and computers. Using the information they collect from the National Hurricane Center and forecasters stationed in Virginia, AGs inform command officials about weather conditions relevant to GTMO. Their goal is to ensure pilots take off in the best possible weather conditions.

In a unique location such as GTMO, AGs are able to see storms and weather activity at further distances than a typical base.

The team of GTMO observers recently put their weather analyzing skills to the test during two big storms in GTMO-Hurricane Dean and Tropical Storm Noel.

"As a junior person in this



Photo by Cyndi Patterson

*Sights like this beautiful rainbow are common scene around GTMO. This picture was taken in the Nob Hill Housing area.*

rate, you can be given a lot of responsibility. During Hurricane Dean, I had to brief the CO and XO about weather conditions. There are not a lot of other rates where you can say you have to do that," said Aerographer's Mate Airman Janelle Pooler.

NAVLANTMETOCDET Guantanamo Bay currently has three observers onboard and receives all forecasts from Norfolk. Students typically become observers right out of "A" school, but must attend

AG "C" school to become what is known as a 'site wavered' forecaster. Selection into this community requires a high level of math and science. There are currently about 1,500 AGs in the entire Navy. "It is important to have excellent communication and decision making skills. You have to be able to make quick decisions on your feet," said Pooler.

If you would like to learn more about the AG rating, visit your command career counselor.

## 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)

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### 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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## Midshipmen sink arch-rival Black Knights, again

*Story by Patrick Norton, Stars and Stripes*

They might want to rename the Army-Navy Game, the Navy-Army Game or just the Navy Game.

Navy, 8-4, won its record sixth-straight Army-Navy game with a 38-3 route of Army on Saturday in the 108th meeting of the two academies. The Midshipmen will also keep the Commander-in-Chief trophy after sweeping the other service academies for the fifth-straight season.

Army, 3-9, could move the football, but could not score, and that was the story of the day. Navy didn't move the ball at will like they often have this year, but they played polished football the kind of football that has carried the Midshipmen to their fifth-straight bowl game.

The tone of the game was set early when Army received the ball first and had a methodical

drive in which the Black Knights mixed the pass and the run, but failed to score after getting inside the red zone. Army even showed some big-game moxie with a gutsy fourth and 1 call on the Navy 11. Navy tied its season high with three punts in the first half and was outgained by Army 134 to 125, but was still able to take a commanding 24-3 lead.

The much-maligned Navy defense made big play after big play. The Midshipmen were statistically one of the worst defenses in the nation, ranking No. 107 in total defense by surrendering 458.3 yards a game and No. 117 in scoring defense by allowing defenses to score an average of 39.6 points per game.

That was then and this is now: Navy had seven tackles for a loss, five pass break ups and

two forced fumbles.

Army will have a lot to think about in the off season. First-year Head Coach Stan Brock has already said his team will have an off-season retreat to look at his offense, which was offensive at times this year. Brock has insinuated that the Black Knights will look hard at bringing back the option to the academy.

Navy also has a lot to think about as they prepare for another trip to the Poinsettia Bowl, and even though they were the bitterest of rivals on this cold, December day, the two schools realize they have a bigger, joint mission.

"Tonight or tomorrow, they'll be on the same team," said Naval Academy Coach, Paul Johnson. "That's what makes this game so great."



# ISD reminds users...

Story provided by Daphne J. Walton, IT Director

As users on a DoN network, you've all clicked the "OK" button on the standard DoD Notice and Consent banner that is displayed on your computer when you first log on to the network. And I'm sure I'm not exaggerating when I say that 99% of you have probably never really read it.

You may have noticed that there is a new Notice and Consent banner, and may have even read the first couple of lines, then clicked "OK" without another thought.

I strongly recommend you take a few minutes to read the new banner so that you know exactly what you are consenting to when you click that "OK" button. The thrust of this new policy is to make clear there is no expectation of privacy when using Navy information systems and all use of Navy information systems is subject to searching, auditing, inspecting, seizing, and monitoring, even if some personal use of a system is permitted. You may be accessing a U.S. Government (USG) information system (IS) that is provided for USG-

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By using this IS, you consent to the following conditions:

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vide security for the benefit of the USG. These protections are not provided for your benefit or privacy and may be modified or eliminated at the USG's discretion.

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local nationals in host countries).

This policy is not intended to negate any privilege recognized by law (e.g., attorney-client, psychotherapist-patient or clergyman-penitent privileges) with respect to communications over DoD information systems. To the extent such privileges would have existed and been recognized, but for the new banner and user agreement, this policy intends to effect no change.



Photo provided by Paul Walker

**Money Talks** — *Sailors from many different commands took time to attend the Command Financial Specialist course, taught by the Fleet and Family Support Center. The following sailors completed this one week course and are now certified Command Financial Specialists:*

*Front left: PS1 Perera; MA1 Smith; MA1 Bunche; AO1 Lopez and Paul Walker; (FFSC Instructor). Back Left: HM1 Foster; GM1 Green; PR1 Mostoller; MA1 Greening; CT1 Mclaughlin and AD1 Rosa.*



Picture by Bruce Lloyd

**35 years of service** — (Left to right) *Naval Station Executive Officer, CDR Sylvester Moore, Navy Exchange Manager, Don Mohlman and Navy Federal Credit Union Branch Manager, Kim Veditz cut into a decorated cake on Friday, Nov. 30. The ceremony honors 35 years that the Navy Federal Credit Union has been here serving the public in Guantanamo Bay.*

## Parade...

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American actress best known for her role as Esther Valentine on *The Young and the Restless*, which she has played since 1982 and Karri Turner, another American television actress who played Lieutenant Harriet Sims Roberts on the television series *JAG*.

It was a real Hollywood affair as the stars were photographed at length, hounded for autographs and pulled left and right for personal pictures.

Grant, who traveled with Bob Hope for decades on the United Service Organizations (USO) Christmastime trips, said this was his 60th overseas holiday trip. Grant, who has been around some of Hollywood's best and brightest stars, is approaching his 85th birthday and recently told the USO that this will be his last venture overseas.

"It is a bittersweet trip for me," he said. "The USO and military have been a big part of my life, ever since WWII, when as a GI, I emceed a show and introduced Bob Hope."

"He (Hope) encouraged me to come to Hollywood when the war was over.

Hope gave me the combination to the joke file lock and sent me to March Field (March AFB, Riverside, CA) to stand-in for him 55 years ago, and I haven't stopped since!"

After all the floats arrived at the Downtown Lyceum, it was time to hand out trophies for the best floats. But in a sense, the Electric Light Parade is always best judged on the faces of those in attendance that stand less than four feet tall. And with that criteria in mind, this year's parade was a total success.

This year's Christmas Electric Light Parade might have gone off without a hitch, but someone had to clean up after it. The Electric Light Parade left Sherman Avenue littered with extra candy and garbage. Two Seabees from the self-help shop

# Letters to Santa Claus



**Children may drop off their 'Letters to Santa Claus' in a box located near the front desk of the Navy Exchange. The deadline for drop off is Thursday, Dec. 13.**

**Santa Claus will be in front of the NEX on Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. - 1p.m. and again on Saturday, Dec. 15, 8 a.m. - Noon.**

**On Saturday, Dec. 15, Santa Claus will pull thirty letters from his bag and give away 30 presents to children who dropped off letters to him. All children need to be present at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.**

volunteered six hours of their time on Sunday morning to clean-up the parade route. Leave it to the Seabees!

"They used a street sweeper, but the candy frequently required scraping with shovels, since it was ground into the road by the parade vehicles and Saturday nights traffic", said LTJG Tony Vader, Assistant Public Works Officer.

Many thanks go out to two Sailors who volunteered their time and thought ahead about cleaning up after the parade. The two Seabees were EO2 Mario Perez and BUCN Tyler Wilmot, both from the PWD Self-Help shop. Bravo Zulu to you both!



## Encourage Sailors to "ACT" to prevent suicide

Story by MCC Teresa J. Frith, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Beginning next year, a new Navy suicide prevention campaign asks Sailors to "ACT" now to save a life.

ACT is a three-step process designed to help determine if someone is suicidal and to prevent them from hurting themselves. It stands for: Ask- ask the person if they are thinking of hurting themselves; Care- listen and let the person know they are not alone, and; Treatment- get your shipmate to help as quickly as possible. The helper might be the duty officer, chaplain, friend, medical personnel,

or others who can provide assistance.

Suicide is ranked as the 11th leading cause of death nationwide. For the past 10 years, it has also been the second or third leading cause of death among active duty Sailors. Studies have shown there are about four suicides each month in the Navy.

These unnecessary deaths have an impact on the entire armed forces, as suicide can decrease morale and combat readiness of Sailors everywhere. Because of this, it is important that everyone is aware of the



signs that someone may be considering taking their own life.

OPNAVINST 1720.4 requires that all commands conduct regular suicide prevention training. There are also other resources available to both as-

sist Sailors at risk and help train people to recognize the signs of possible suicidal tendencies, most of which are as close as the Fleet and Family Support Center.

## Balloon Twisting 101

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Naval Station Public Affairs

LT Steven J. Bernick, MD, Staff Physician, Internal Medicine, Naval Hospital Guantanamo might have dreamed of growing up to be a doctor, but who knew that he would also master the craft of balloon art.

Over the weekend Bernick impressed a hand full of kids along with a few curious adults in the art of balloon Twisting 101. Destiny or not, Bernick picked up the art in between studies at college.

"This was one of the many jobs I did to put myself through college", said Bernick. "I learned it from a woman that I observed doing it in a restaurant...and thought it looked like a lot of fun. It turned out she needed help, and before I knew it, I was taking over her business and hiring others to help me out."

"I was very impressed with his knowledge and user-friendly techniques", LTJG Jaclyn E. Fischer said. "He made the atmosphere very comfortable and we all had lots of laughs as we learned how to do

this for the first time. He even took the time to make sure we all understood how to make the specific item by helping us make each one twice."

Balloon Twisting 101 didn't attract the crowd he had hoped for, but this attention to detail with balloons caught the eye of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director, Craig Basel.

"MWR has already asked me to teach another class to their staff. For any parents out there who want to be the hit of their child's birthday party, this is a great skill to have", added Bernick.

"After I left the class, I felt confident in showing my friends what I learned and how they can do this as well. Of course, this was a beginners class, so the items I learned how to make were simple and appropriate for my understanding of balloon twisting", added Fischer. "I would encourage anyone who

wants to have fun, laugh, and learn a great skill for parties or get together's, to check out this class."



*Holiday Boat Parade*



Sat. Dec. 8,  
6 p.m.

To sign up or  
FMI call 2345.

*Great view from the  
Bayview*

# Give the perfect gift this holiday season

Story provided by Kristine M. Sturkie, NEXCOM PAO

Looking for the perfect gift this holiday season? Purchase a NEX Gift Card. The NEX Gift Card can be used just like cash for most merchandise and service purchases in any military exchange worldwide.

"NEX Gift Cards make great gifts," said Mike Powers, Director, Retail Operations at the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "They're perfect for military members stationed away from home during the holiday season because, thanks to a change in the program, they can now be used at any military exchange around the world. As part of the cross-acceptance of the gift card program, your NEX now also accepts AAFES and MCX Gift Cards."

Unlike AAFES and MCX stores, NEX Gift Cards have no fees and no expiration dates.

NEX Gift Cards can be purchased online and can include a personalized greeting card for just \$3.25, plus U.S. postage. Customers have the option to customize their gift card online with a message and



download a personal photo that can be affixed to the front of the card. Customer can also choose from a selection of over 1,000 themes for all occasions. The NEX Gift Card with greeting card can also be

mailed to APO/FPO addresses.

NEX Gift Cards can be purchased in varying amounts at any NEX or on-line at [www.navy-nex.com](http://www.navy-nex.com) by both exchange-authorized and non-authorized customers.

## Sailor of The Week



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**"I thought, wow, me? It's great to be recognized and appreciated," said Jones. "Thank you to everyone that has helped guide me in the right direction."**

*MA3 Tameka Jones, NAVSTA Security*

## Goodbye Chief !



*A retirement party for Asst. Fire Chief Ben Miller, celebrating 30 years of service, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9th 7 p.m. at the MWR Sailing Center. GTMO community invited, food will be provided*



# Creature Feature: Merlin

Story, photo provided by José B. Montalvo, Natural Resources Manager, Environmental Department

The Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) is another true falcon occasionally seen at GTMO where they are considered uncommon migrants. Their scientific name translates to 'dove-like hawk' and they are sometimes called pigeon hawks due to the similar sizes and wing shapes. Because of their rapid wing beat, they resemble pigeons/doves when in flight. Merlins are also often referred to as miniature Peregrine Falcons. As a group, Falcons are known as the fastest birds of prey and Merlins can effortlessly reach cruising speeds of 45 miles per hour. Merlins are found worldwide breeding in northern latitudes and migrating into southern latitudes in winter. There are three distinct races of Merlin found in North America with the Tiaga race being the coastal migrant.

Merlins are easily recognized by their "sideburns," a dark line on their face running down from the eye. Males have blue-gray backs and rufous (reddish-brown) undersides with heavy dark streaks. Their tails are slate colored with a dark band at the tip. Females and juveniles are uniformly brown with lightly streaked undersides. Females are slightly larger than males, about 12 inches long with wing-spans of 23 - 24 inches.

Merlins are efficient predators and feed on small to medium sized birds, almost always taken in flight. They have been known to take birds as large or larger than themselves. They will also feed on insects, rodents and small reptiles but birds are their primary prey. To consistently take birds "on the wing", Merlins must hunt in open country and generally occupy shorelines, open forests or scrubland interspersed with open areas.

Merlins favor open woodlands and similar open areas for nesting. However, they have recently been seen nesting in urban areas. Like most Falcons, Merlins do not build a nest but take over old nests built by other birds. Nests are usually in trees, sometimes on cliffs, rarely on the ground and almost never in a tree cavity. Two to five eggs are laid in early spring and both parents aggressively defend the nest and



***Merlins will feed on insects, rodents and small reptiles but birds are their primary prey.***

young. The young remain together after leaving the nest and may migrate south together.

DOD installations provide excellent habitat for Merlins and migratory birds in general, as well as many other species of wildlife. The geographic location of many DOD facilities coincides with nesting,

migratory and overwintering requirements which many migratory birds take advantage of. Large tracts of unimproved and semi-improved areas combined with developed/landscaped acreage at most activities provide migratory birds with the habitats needed for survival throughout the year.

# Downtown Lyceum

## Elizabeth: The Golden Age

**Friday, Dec. 7**

**This Christmas**

7 p.m., PG13, 119 min.

**Rendition**

9 p.m., R, 122 min.

**Saturday, Dec. 8**

**Enchanted**

7 p.m., PG, 107 min.

**Beowulf**

9 p.m., PG13, 114 min.

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

**Michael Clayton**

7 p.m., R, 120 min.

**Monday, Dec. 10**

**The Comebacks**

7 p.m., PG13, 84 min.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**

**Elizabeth: The Golden Age**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**

**Why Did I Get Married**

7 p.m., PG13, 118 min.

**Thursday, Dec. 13**

**This Christmas**

7 p.m., PG13, 119 min.

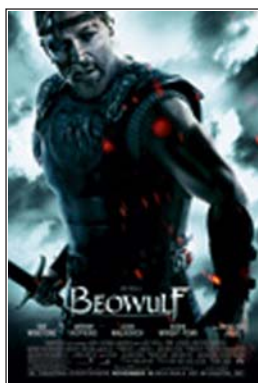


**Historical Drama PG13 114 min**

**Cast: Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen and Geoffrey Rush**

The film opens in 1585; Roman Catholic Spain is the most powerful country in Europe, with King Philip II on his throne. Seeing Protestant England as a threat as well as in retaliation for England's constant piracy of Spanish ships, Philip intends to make war on his long-time enemy.

## Beowulf



**Action, Adventure PG-13 114 min**

**Cast: Angelina Jolie, Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins**

In the age of heroes comes the mightiest warrior of them all, Beowulf. After destroying the overpowering demon Grendel, he incurs the undying wrath of the beast's ruthlessly seductive mother, who will use any means possible to ensure revenge. The ensuing epic battle resonates throughout the ages, immortalizing the name of Beowulf.

# MWR Happenings

## FAMILYFUNDAY

Dec. 8 at the Windjammer Pool at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free food and drinks  
Floaties allowed, Iceberg and banana boat provided  
FMI Call Tony 2205 or 77262

## HOLIDAYBOATPARADE

December 8th, 6pm at the Marina. To Sign Up or FMI call 2345 or email at mwr@usnbgmto.navy.mil

## GTMOMARATHON

December 8th, Run begins at Base Gym promptly at 0530, Individual Runners or Teams of 2 or 4, Runners must sign up by Dec 7th - no sign ups on race day, Participants: Please join us Friday Dec 7th from 1800 to 2000, for a pre-run pasta dinner.

FMI call Audrey at 75576 or LCDR Huff at 72102

## WINTERWONDERLANDSKATING & CRAFTFAIR

December 14th, 6 p.m. at the Hockey Rink. Festive Music, Go Carts, Putt Putt Golf, Hot Apple Cider, Sugar Cookies for kids to decorate, Santa and GIVEAWAYS!. Hotdogs, Chips, Water, Soda, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Adult Beverages available for purchase.

**Craft Fair Information:** Tables are \$10, Deadline Sign Up Dec 12th 2000. Sign up at the Ceramic Shop For Event Information: 75225

## LIBERTYDECEMBEREVENTS

Dec 7th Free Paintball 1900 at the Paintball Range. Dec 8th Kayaking Trip 0800 at the Marina. Dec 12th Liberty at the Lanes 1800 at the Bowling Center. Dec 14th Night Fishing 1900 at the Marina. Dec 15th Wake Boarding/Skiing 1000 at the Marina



# GTMO Shopper

## For Sale

(2) Washer, dryer, microwave, toaster, irons, memory and other items. FMI call 77116.

(2) First years 5 in 1 bassinet, bought in June, used only a few times, vibrating motion, sounds, lights. \$75. FMI call 75687.

(2) Buoyancy Compensators: One Lady Hawk BCD-medium integrated \$250, One Ladies Sequest Balance BCD-small integrated \$100, One men's RAVDACOR BCD-large non-integrated \$75, One TUSA Passage BCD-small nonintegrated \$75, One Tusa Liberator BCD-small integrated \$100, One Scuba Pro Glide Plus BCD-medium integrated \$225, One Dacor BCD-large back inflator integrated \$100, One Sequest Balance BCD-medium integrated \$100. Regulators: One Tusa reg set \$200, One Mares reg set \$125, One Sherwood reg set \$200. All regulators include octo, gauges and compass. 6HP Evinrude Outboard, like new \$600. FMI call 75270.

(2) BCD for sale. Large Dacor Hemisphere BCD. Used twice. \$250 OBO. FMI call 5027 or 5025. (2) New Mountain Bike w/helmet \$75; Queen pillow-top bed w/box spring \$60; Washer & Drier excellent condition \$300. FMI call 77988 or 9798.

(2) 5 piece light-wood colored bedroom set \$1000; 4 piece dark-wood colored bedroom set \$300; 27" TV \$150; Great condition washer and dryer \$300 and Kitchen corner table \$100. FMI call 9787.

(2) Hewlett Packard Desktop Computer, Includes - CPU, Monitor & Keyboard, Windows XP installed., Approximately 5 years old., Good condition. \$200. FMI call 77621.

(2) One computer desk, one computer chair, never been used, still in the box, want \$80. FMI call 77845.

(2) GE Washer & Dryer in good condition \$ 250 for both. Symphonic 13 Inch. TV \$30. FMI call 77123

(1) Free Couch with slipcover, new fat tire bike \$50, heart rate monitor, never used \$35.

FMI call 77398 or 3632.

(1) Five X-box "360" games like

new, \$75. Two X-Box games, \$10 . or all 7 games for \$80. FMI call 77828.

(1) New mountain bike w/ helmet \$75; Washer & Dryer excellent condition \$300. FMI call 77988 or 9798.

(1) SCSI Phone, used 1 month, ready to be activated \$ 180, OBO; 13" Color TV, great for a child's room \$ 30 and Gary Fisher 26" Ladies Bike, 5 years old, seldom used, \$ 150 OBO. FMI call 75579.

(1) 10 months old Gas lawnmower - \$80. FMI call 4519 or 78690.

(1) Golf set, ball picker upper, \$12. FMI call 78471.

(1) Taylor Made Driver, 540 series, bought for \$300, selling for \$155. hardly used. FMI call 78471.

(1) Moving sale: Expandable TV/ Entertainment console w/glass doors and lighting. Roll Top desk, computer desk, upright storage cabinet, yard plants and gardening supplies/tools. Various potted plants and trees. Everything must go. FMI call 75626.

## Employment

(2) Part time Administrative Assistant. 20 hours per week. Maintain current records, and perform functions associated with the day to day operations of the campus. Applicants must be familiar with MS Windows and MS Office and are preferred to have advanced computer skills, and some college coursework. Minimum acceptable qualifications include superior organizational and critical thinking skills, the ability to handle confidential information, excellent oral and written communication skills. FMI or to apply, contact Columbia College at 75555.

(2) Columbia College is seeking instructors to teach the following courses: Computer Information Systems, Economics, Geography, History, Humanities, Music, Psychology, Political Science, Sociology and Spanish. Minimum qualifications include a Master's Degree in the related field including courses directly related to the content area. Current workplace experience in an associated field and college teaching experience are highly desired. To apply, contact

Melissa Belleman at 75555 or [mabelleman@ccis.edu](mailto:mabelleman@ccis.edu).

(2) Navy Federal Credit Union is seeking a Part Time Member Service Representative. Approximately 32-35 hours per week. Applicants should be flexible, outgoing, and possess a professional appearance. FMI or to submit an application, please visit [www.navyfcu.org](http://www.navyfcu.org) and then click on "careers"

## Announcements

(2) PTO Meeting. Tues., Dec. 11, 6p.m. PTO Room at the Elementary School (A Wing). FMI call 75654.

(2) House for Rent:, 1051 Beckingham Dr, St Augustine Florida . About 30 miles from NAS Jacksonville and 29 miles from A1A Beach). 4 Bedroom / 2 Baths. 1 Year lease at \$1150/ month. FMI call 77000.

(1) Happy Birthday Nancy Brewton! And tell her not to be too hard on those of us responsible for posting. We love you and miss you, your family and friends

(1) Happy Birthday Nancy Carlson! From all your friends and family in Guantanamo Bay.

## Vehicles/Boats

(2) 18.5 foot Center Console Boat. Has VHF "Ray Marine" band radio, new never used Hummingbird 300 w/GPS chart plotter depth finder, 9hp kicker motor, trailer, 115hp Evinrude outboard engine recently serviced, pole holders, safety equipment, cup holders, cushioned seats, anchor, trim tabs, new compass. Great dive and fishing boat. \$7000. FMI call 75270.

(2) 1987 Chevrolet Astro Van, V6 engine. Set up for dive gear. \$1350 OBO FMI call 75270.

(2) Jet-ski w/ trailer \$2000 and 2003 Dodge Neon RT 40k \$8000. FMI call 9787.

(2) 1990 Nissan Sentra. New Tires, brakes, and Oil/Filter. Runs excellent and great on gas. \$1700 OBO. FMI call 77222.

(1) 2002 50cc Milan/Vespa Scooter in good condition with 2 helmets and gloves. \$450, OBO willing to negotiate. FMI call 77745 or 84184.

(1) 2002 EZ-Go Golf Cart. Good condition, 4 new batteries, new

seat covers, recently painted \$900. FMI call 4502.

(1) 2004 Bajaj Cheetak Scooter, 150CC, manual transmission. Excellent running condition, comes with helmet, goggles, spare tire and tool kit. \$2000. FMI call 77911 or 5195.

(2007 Motofino Scooter, very low mileage, electric start, 125 CC, spacious seat storage. FMI call 77129.

(1) 1989 Chevy S10, reliable, work horse, great for GTMO, new tires, new paint, dive rack. FMI call 77129.

(1) 1995 Toyota Sprinter LX, excellent condition, A/C, stereo, new tires, automatic, very good on gas. \$3300. FMI call 78471.

(1) 1990 Acura Integra, CD Player, A/C, good condition. FMI call 77758 or 4222 or 4700 or 4577.

## Lost

(2) Lost underwater digital camera last Saturday while diving at Kittery Beach. A small reward for anyone that may turn it in. FMI call 77241 or 4409.

## Yard Sales

Dec. 7 & 8 — Granadillo Circle, #77A, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

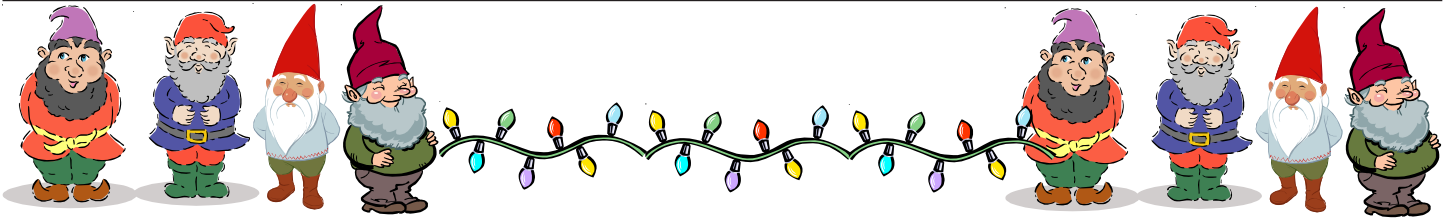
Dec. 8 — Caravella Point, #20 A, 8 - 10 a.m.

Dec. 8 — Caribbean Circle, 21C, 7 a.m. - noon.

Dec. 9 — Center Bargo, #1155, 8 a.m. - noon.

**There will be no Gazette published on Dec. 28, and the Jan. 4, 2008 edition will be a 'Year in Review'. Classified Ads will be published in the Jan. 4th edition.**

Gazette submissions are due by Tuesday at noon for that Fridays paper.



**Chiefs anchor parade** — *The Chief Petty Officers Association sailed their float from SCSJ all the way to the Downtown Lyceum. GMC Joshua Tolleson took the helm as others threw candy along the parade route.*



**What a night** — *Victoria Secret super models Marisa Miller, (left) and Selita Ebanks took time after the Electric Light Parade to pose with U.S. Marines from the Marine Corps Security Force Company, Guantanamo, along with a few other adoring fans.*



**Big supporter** — *Actress Karri Turner, best known for her role as “Lt. Harriet Sims” on the long-running television series “JAG.” Among many other acting roles, Turner has appeared on the NBC TV series “Heroes” and will appear in the upcoming Steve Carell movie, “Get Smart,” scheduled for 2008 release. Turner has gone overseas to perform at military bases in Iraq, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait and Korea. She’s also been a frequent visitor at military hospitals around the country.*



**Feliz Navidad** — *The GTMO Latino Group is always a hit when they go through the parade route singing and playing music. La Navidad (latín: nativitas, ‘nacimiento’) es una de las fiestas más importantes del Cristianismo, junto con la Pascua y Pentecostés, pues celebra el nacimiento de Jesucristo. “La Posadas,” the remarkable buildup to Christmas Eve, is perhaps the most delightful and unique Mexican tradition. Beginning Sun. December 16, it commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem.*