



GTMO Resident Returns Home To Final Resting Place



Family members reunited for the first time in over 50 years pay tribute as Sailors attached to NS Guantanamo Bay's U.S. Naval Hospital begin the funeral procession of Ernesto Gonzalez at the base chapel, Sept. 6. Gonzalez had served the community since 1954 and became a special-category resident, Cuban exile when U.S.-Cuban relations deteriorated in the early 1960s.

Rusty Baker

NS Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs Officer

A warm, coastal breeze unfurls the National Ensign standing watch over hundreds of weathered marble grave markers below. Cuzco Well Cemetery, located at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has endured its share of triumph and loss. It has seen gallantry personified in the actions of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. John Quick during the Spanish-American War. It has seen numerous Sailors and merchant marines fall from a sometimes unforgiving Caribbean. In total, 340 service members, dependents, residents, refugees and foreign nationals have been interned at Cuzco Well Cemetery. Today, history was again made on this hallowed ground, as one of Guantanamo Bay's family members came home to be laid to rest.

A funeral service was held for Cuban exile and long-time resident, Ernesto Cesar Gonzalez, at the base chapel, followed

by a graveside service at Cuzco Well Cemetery on September 6, 2012.

In a display of compassion, Cuban officials allowed Gonzalez' three siblings to attend the service and reunite with the family for the first time in over 50 years.

Born in Guantanamo City in 1932, Gonzalez became an exile to the base when commuting back and forth to his job grew evermore dangerous after the United States and Cuba broke diplomatic ties in the early 1960s. It was during this time that he met and fell in love with Carmen Amparo. The two married and lived on base, making a living with service-related jobs ever since.

"Ernesto worked as a life guard, a waiter at the Windjammer [restaurant], and even had his own ice cream shop back when we had a dairy," said Navy Chaplain, Cmdr. John Van Dickens during his message at the funeral service, "If anyone had anything they needed fixed, they'd come to Ernesto."

GTMO's Defense Media Activity To Update Television Broadcast Equipment

MC2(SW/AW) Justin Ailes

Gazette Editor

Defense Media Activity (Radio GTMO) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is currently adding new time-delaying equipment which will change American Forces Network (AFN) television programming at the installation.

Radio GTMO's staff are temporarily replacing channel AFN "Spectrum" with channel AFN "Freedom" during the new equipment installation.

"We are updating our broadcasting system so we can time shift entertainment programming to a more appropriate time," said Defense Media Activity Guantanamo Bay Officer-in-Charge Chief Mass Communications Specialist Stan Travioli. "We currently pull programming from a feed meant for European audiences. This had our audience in GTMO watching the wrong content at the wrong time."

NS Guantanamo Bay's AFN broadcasts are

received via satellite from Riverside, Calif. Radio GTMO's current decoder equipment does not allow for insertion, or deletion of product received from satellite feeds.

"This new gear allows us to more effectively move entertainment programming to the appropriate time slot, we still will not be able to insert or delete, only change when it airs," said Travioli. "With our upgrade we will be able to show late night programming intended for a more mature audience, like 'Dexter,' 'True Blood' and other shows of that caliber. These shows will be on after 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays."

Currently, AFN "Freedom" broadcasts a mix of family-oriented sitcoms and dramas. AFN is the brand name used by the United States Armed Forces American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS).

The AFN worldwide radio and television broadcast network serves American service men and women, Department of Defense and other US government civilians and their families stationed at bases overseas, as well as U.S. Navy ships at sea. AFN broadcasts popular American radio and television programs from the major U.S. networks.

"We our planning on this change happening around late October," said Travioli. "Once we get the gear in place to better serve the community with a time shifted AFN 'Spectrum,' we will let base residents know before we switch back."



**ENGINEMAN
FIRST CLASS
CARLOS
LOPEZ**

■ **Job/Department:** Leading Petty Officer/Port OPS

■ **Age:** 35

■ **Home Town:** El Paso, TX

■ **Quote:** "The only easy day was yesterday."

■ **Favorite TV Show:** Sons of Anarchy

■ **Favorite Hobby:** Cross Fit Training/Swimming

■ **Favorite Team:** TX Longhorns

■ **Favorite GTMO Restaurant:** Cuban Club

■ **Favorite Movie:** Grandma's Boy

■ **Favorite Musician:** Disturbed

■ **Currently Working On:** Biology/General Science Degree

■ **Hero:** My Grandma

■ **Greatest Passion:** My Family

■ **Greatest Accomplishment:** My Children

■ **How The Navy Has Improved His Life:** The Navy allowed me to see the world. I've been lucky enough to receive excellent technical schools.

■ **Sailor Of The Week Because:** For assisting NAVSTA Sailors with additional physical training after hours as well as coordinated craft preparations for Security personnel's required training.

Future USS Michael Murphy Sails Away From Shipyard

Team Ships, Navy News Service

Public Affairs

The future USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) departed General Dynamics Bath Iron Works (BIW) shipyard Sept. 5 for New York City, where she will join the fleet in a commissioning ceremony, Oct. 6.

This milestone marks the completion of the initial 62-ship procurement for the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer program, and the 34th DDG 51 class ship built at BIW, until the class-restart ships begin delivering in fiscal year 2016.

"This sailaway is a poignant milestone for both this ship and the program," said Capt. Mark Vandroff, DDG 51 class program manager for the Navy's Program Executive Office, Ships (PEO Ships). "This has been, and continues to be, a tremendously successful shipbuilding program. I have every confidence that PCU Michael Murphy, as with the previous 61 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, will 'lead the fight' and make our world a safer, better place."

The new destroyer honors the late Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as leader of a Navy SEAL team in Afghanistan. Murphy was the first person to be awarded the medal for actions in Afghanistan, and the first member of the U.S. Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War. Maureen Murphy, Lt. Murphy's mother, will serve as the ship's sponsor.

"It's truly an honor for all of us that are part of this initial crew to not

only bring this great warship into the Fleet, but to also do our part in upholding the legacy of Lt. Murphy and his 18 additional Operation Red Wings teammates that gave the ultimate sacrifice," said Cmdr. Tom Shultz, commanding officer of PCU Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

Shultz and many of the 280-person crew have trained in Bath for close to a year to safely sail the ship away and begin their transit to the ship's future homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, also the location of Lt. Murphy's former command, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team 1.

The DDG 51 class ship is a multi-mission, guided-missile destroyer designed to operate in multi-threat air, surface and sub-surface threat environments. The class of ship provides combat capability and survivability characteristics, while minimizing procurement and lifetime support costs due to the program's maturity. The DDG 51 program continues to reinforce affordability and efficiency in its shipbuilding program with a commitment to deliver ships at the highest possible quality and to manage a seamless transition to the Fleet.

As one of the Defense Department's largest acquisition organizations, PEO Ships, an affiliated program executive office of the Naval Sea Systems Command, is responsible for executing the development and procurement of all major surface combatants, amphibious ships, special mission and support ships, and special warfare craft. The majority of shipbuilding programs currently managed by PEO Ships are benefiting from serial production efficiencies, which are critical to delivering ships on cost and schedule.

Navy Shore Installations To Realign Facilities Services

Commander, Navy Installations Command

Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) released a message Aug. 30 outlining possible service level reductions at Navy shore installations worldwide.

Continuing fiscal demands have resulted in FY13 budget reductions across all CNIC programs. As a result, service levels in facility services may need to be reduced to meet revised budget controls.

"These reductions in facilities services are driven by our budget

controls," said CNIC Director, Facilities and Environmental, Capt. J. P. Rios. "Reductions in trash and recycling pick up, landscaping maintenance or restroom cleaning may be a result of these reductions. These changes should not impact our day-to-day operations."

Though most facility services are provided by contractors, there is no plan for service responsibilities to transfer to Sailors or civilian personnel.

The following are exempt from facility service reductions:

* Joint bases/regions subject to DoD Supplemental Guidance for Implementing and Operating a Joint Base and DoDI 4001.01B "Installation Support";

* Advanced education review board institutions (U.S. Naval Academy, Naval War College, Naval Postgraduate School);

* Child Development Centers (CDCs).

The reduction of facilities services is anticipated to begin in FY13.



NS Guantanamo Bay community members compete in MWR's "Runner's Choice" event at the installation's Christmas Tree Hill, Sept. 1. The open-to-all-hands fitness challenge allowed runners to choose between a 5k course and a 15k course.

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Chaplain's Corner

Are You Healthy?

Chaplain Tung Tran

NS Guantanamo Bay Chaplain Services



There was a woman who was on a refugee boat escaping the Communists from Vietnam who was rescued by a U.S. Navy ship. Forty years later, she still remembers that day when she was shown the kindness of the Sailors who saved her life and those of her companions. She gets embarrassed recalling the conversation she had with her rescuers. After many days without food or water, and having been battered by several storms in Pacific Ocean, she was completely emaciated. The American Sailors helped her and

her fellow refugees. While slowly improving, but still "skin and bones," one of the Sailors asked her how she was doing. She responded, "I feel healthy" at which all the Sailors present had a good laugh. She hardly looked healthy. Those were the only words she could think of saying, even after studying English for years. In a situation like that, this a typical answer for many simple, honest and average Vietnamese people. Compared with how she felt before being rescued, she certainly did feel healthy, even though she had a long way to go. I hope that you are truly healthy, and not just a feeling better. I hope you are enjoying a good wholistic health, physically and spiritually. But if not, please take care so that you will get better. And if I can be of help in anyway, do let me know. God Bless

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Hosts Rock Band Filter

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in association with Navy Entertainment hosted a Labor Day-weekend rock concert, Sept. 2.

National recording artists "Filter" performed for base residents at the installation's Tiki Bar, providing the community with live musical entertainment.

"It was Labor Day and as a federal holiday, MWR was looking to host a major act for the three-day weekend," said NS Guantanamo Bay MWR Community Activities Director Stephen Prestesater. "For two-rocking-hours, the residents of GTMO got to separate from their daily duties and worries and really amerce themselves in a full-on rock concert."

Filter performed their Billboard Music Chart-topping hits such as "Take a Picture," "(Can't You) Trip Like I Do,"

and "Jurassitol" before closing the show with arguably their most popular song, "Hey Man, Nice Shot."

"You can't go off base to find entertainment, so it is quintessential to bring entertainment here," said Prestesater. "Were in the business of fun and I would be out of a job if I wasn't bringing the community the best of the best."

Filter is an industrial rock group formed in 1993 in Cleveland by singer Richard Patrick and guitarist Brian Liesegang. Filter has released five studio albums, the most recent being "The Trouble with Angels," which was released in 2010. Along with front man Richard Patrick, the band's current line-up features Jonathan Radtke on guitar, Jeff Friedl on drums, and Phil Buckman on bass.

"We've been playing for the military for like the past five or six years. We come out and play some songs, we tour, we go all over the world but we always try to make it out to some proud places like Cuba," said Lead Singer Richard Patrick.

Industrial rock band Filter perform for base residents at NS Guantanamo Bay's Tiki Bar, Sept. 2. GTMO's MWR and Navy Entertainment presented the band as part of the Labor Day weekend celebration.



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His wife Carmen said it was his final job at the Naval Station's ship repair department that he found most rewarding. There, he would work as an electrician on ships' engines, sometimes 30 vessels docked at a time. He retired in 1999, but Carmen continues to serve her fellow residents, service members and families at the Navy Exchange. Known as "Momma G" for decades, she currently works in the shoe department.

Ernesto fell ill nearly five years ago, and when his condition began to worsen he was transported to a medical facility in close proximity to his daughter, Bertica, who lived in Maryland, Va. Carmen was able to visit her husband from time to time, but would come back to Guantanamo Bay to work. In mid-August he was placed in hospice care, only to pass away ten days later.

His daughter, now an adult with a family of her own, brought her father home to his final resting place.

"Ernesto and Carmen Gonzalez have been base residents for over five decades," said Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Commander Officer, Capt. John R. Nettleton. "It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye to Ernesto. Thankfully, it was a fitting tribute and Mrs. Gonzalez was surrounded by family, friends and many members of the Guantanamo Bay community."

The family spent the remainder of the day reminiscing about Ernesto at the Cuban Community Center on base. Carmen was extremely pleased to meet with his two brothers and sister.

"I got to see them for the first time," Carmen said reflecting on the day, "I was glad to see them and they were glad to see me."

Carmen is hopeful to meet with her native Cuban family members again, even if for just one day. She remains hopeful that relations improve between the U.S. and Cuba.

"I asked the Cuban authorities to allow Mr. Gonzalez' family to attend

the funeral service while at the same time we asked the Secretary of the Navy to allow us to bring Mr. Gonzalez' daughter, Bertica and her husband from the U.S. mainland. Both governments responded quickly and did the right thing for this family," said Nettleton. "We could not have pulled this off without CNRSE, CNIC, and SECNAV staffs working overtime this weekend, surpassed only by an amazing team effort from Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay."

"I am grateful for what the whole community has done, from the bottom of my heart," said Carmen. "I know they like Momma G."



NS Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. J.R. Nettleton comforts Carmen Gonzalez, known by most residents as "Momma G," at the graveside service for her husband, Ernesto, Sept. 6.



Congratulations to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay enlisted personnel who were presented with Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals during command quarters held Aug. 31. Receiving medals were (l-r) HM3 Daryl Mincy, HM3(AW) Matthew Rol, HM2(SW/AW) Jason Givens, HM2(FMF) Clinton Messerschmidt Jr., HM2(FMF) John Gray, and HM1(SW) Tania Price. - U.S. Navy Photo by Stacey Byington

GTMO SHOPPER

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ELECTRONICS

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XBOX 360 including three rechargeable controllers, hard drive, headset, camera, and 17 games, \$120. Call Matt x79576, 84053

SCSI modem w/ ethernet cable, power charge, phone cord, \$55. Call 58545

Latest Transformers Fall Of Cybertron PS3, \$55 OBO. Trendnet wireless N router 300 mbps, \$40. Call Omar x4577, 4165

YARD SALE

Sept 8, Caribbean Circle 1B, 0700-1000

Sept. 8, Center Bargo 1215, 0800. No early birds please

Sept 8, Villamar 15B, 0800-1100

Sept 8, Caribbean Circle 16D, 1000-1400

MISC

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OUTDOOR REC

BC, Regulator and Second stage, 2 masks, snorkel, spare regulator, snorkel bag, tank, weight belt with 16 lbs, associated dive gear, \$700. WAKA Kickball, \$10. Coleman 3 person tent, \$25. Instabed inflatable queen size bed, \$35. American Tourister carry-on roll-on, \$50. Playmate soft-sided cooler, \$15. Innova Disc Golf Bag w/ 7 discs & book, \$75. All prices negotiable. Call James x79603, 8247, or email scurveyjim@gmail.com

The Scoop

CRAFT FAIR

Sept. 15, Windjammer Ballroom, 1200-1500. FMI, call 75237

CYP YOUTH SOCCER

Register for the soccer season by Sept. 14 at the Youth Center. Open to all youth, ages 4-18. Cost is \$30 per child and that includes a uniform and a trophy. Practice begins Sept. 17. Games are Oct. 20-Dec. 8. FMI, call 55346.

ADULT 100 YARD SWIM

Sept. 15, Marine Hill Pool, 0900. This is a free event, open to all hands 18 yrs. old and up. Register at Denich Gym by Sept. 15. The first 45 registered participants receive a free t-shirt. FMI, call 84968.

FVAP VOTING PROGRAM

Want to vote in the upcoming November 6th general election? There are numerous tools at your disposal. If you have not requested your absentee ballot for the 2012 general election, check out FVAP.gov and use their online registration and absentee ballot assistant or contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers.

9/11 OBSERVANCE EVENT

A day of remembrance, reflection, and dedication. A Joint Command Observance of the 11th anniversary of the September 11th attacks will be held at the base chapel (bldg. 762), September 11th, at 1700. FMI, call 2323.

CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Sept. 8, NEX Atrium, 1100-1300. GTMO's Multicultural Observance Committee invites you to indulge your tastebuds to the open-to-all hands event.

DRIVER REGISTRATION

All base residents and drivers are reminded, per NAVSTAGTMOINST 11200.1B all drivers are required to register their POVs. FMI, contact Vehicle Registration at x2249.

GTMO JOB HUNT

- Recreation Aid - Full Time
- NGIS Groundskeeper - 2 Flex Positions
- NGIS Laborer - 3 Flex Positions
- MWR Custodial Worker - Full Time
- Administrative Assistant - Full Time
- CYP Assistant Lead - Full Time
- NGIS Admin. Assistant - Full Time
- Movie Manager - Full Time
- Bartender - Flex
- Bartender Lead - Flex
- Cashier - Flex
- Electrician - Full Time
- ID Checker - Flex
- Waiter/Waitress - Flex
- Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Flex
- Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Full Time
- CYP Program Asst. - Full Time

Job Descriptions can be found on MWR's Job Wall next to the NAF HR office, Bldg. 760. FMI, call 74121

IOM is currently looking for a Carpentry Instructor. Spanish language skills preferred, not required. Must be comfortable working with a diverse population. Part time positions available. Flexible schedules. For more information, Call 74788

Community Bank operated by Bank of America has an opening for a Banking Center Service Specialist. Apply online at <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com> FMI, 75116

MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY	Sept. 7
8 p.m.:	Madea's Witness Protection Program PG 13 114 min.
10 p.m.:	People Like Us PG13 115 min.
SATURDAY	Sept. 8
8 p.m.:	Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World R 101 min.
10 p.m.:	Magic Mike R 110 min.
SUNDAY	Sept. 9
8 p.m.:	Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter R 105 min.
MONDAY	Sept. 10
8 p.m.:	Ted (last) R 106 min.
TUESDAY	Sept. 11
8 p.m.:	Brave (last) PG 93 min.
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 12
8 p.m.:	Bourne Legacy PG13 125 min.
THURSDAY	Sept. 13
8 p.m.:	The Campaign R 85 min.

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Guantanamo's CPO Selectees Revamp Symbolic Base Display

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The Chief Petty Officer (CPO) selectees at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba conducted a renovation project at Leeward Ferry Landing, Sept. 1

As part of continued community outreach ventures, the CPO selectees stripped and sanded the iconic Navy F4 fighter jet static display in preparations for an updated paint job.

"I think it's important to focus on base projects such as this as we transition further in our careers," said Chief Legalman select Kristen Spakowski. "It's important for the community to see our teamwork and to know we are helping our Sailors and the community."

According to NS Guantanamo Bay Airfield Manager Drew Lasseter, the exact origins of how the F-4 fighter jet became a

display at Leeward Ferry Landing are unknown.

"According to legend, service members were here for training in the 1970s and blew both engines on the jet," said Lasseter. "Apparently it was cheaper to leave it here as the military transitioned to F-14 fighters. The facts are unknown, but the legend has it that the then Aviation Intermediate Maintenance department put the jet on the 'stick' between 1973 and 1977, and here it remains."

The transition from 1st Class Petty Officer to CPO is a time-honored tradition, rich with history and serves as a staple in the heritage of the U.S. Navy.

"It's an amazing feeling to be selected," said Chief Electronics Technician select Rolando Roblesnavarro. "It is an honor to be charged with this responsibility to our country, our Navy and our community. The overwhelming pride that my family and I feel is too much to express."



NS Guantanamo Bay's Chief Petty Officer selectees conduct a renovation project on a static Navy F-4 fighter jet display at Leeward Ferry Landing, Sept. 1.