

# NAVSTA selects 2007 Sailor of the Year

**A**viation Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Matthew J. Murcin was born July 18, 1971 in Buffalo, N.Y.

He graduated from West Seneca West Senior High in 1989 and attended Buffalo State College until 1992.

Murcin enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1994.

After completing recruit training in Great Lakes he attended Aviation Electronics Technician "A" school at NATTC Millington, Tenn. and then completed GCAMS calibration 'C' school at NAMTRAGRUDET, Norfolk.

In July 1995, Murcin reported to the calibration laboratory at AIMD NAS Oceana, Va. He was part of the regionalization from an AIMD calibration lab to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Calibration Laboratory. During this tour, he was advanced to petty officer third class.

His next command was AIMD NAS Keflavik, Iceland. En route he successfully graduated from Advanced Calibration "C" school at Kessler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. and reported on board February 1998.

While in Iceland, Murcin was advanced to petty officer second class and took over as the calibration lab work center supervisor.

Soon after, he transferred to the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) in August 2000. He assumed duties as production



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

***Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Matthew J. Murcin, serves currently as the NAVSTA 3M/Calibration coordinator and is the LPO of Operations Department..***

supervisor and eventually became the only second class petty officer assigned to the quality assurance division. While on board, Murcin earned both his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and Enlisted

Surface Warfare Specialist designations.

In September 2002 Murcin transferred to the Southeast Regional Calibration Center at NAS Jacksonville. Here he was advanced to petty officer first

class and was designated the onsite calibration leading petty officer (LPO).

Additionally, during this tour, he successfully completed 2M micro/minature repair "C" school.

In 2004, Murcin applied for a special program billet at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After completing Ships 3-M system coordinator school at FTC Norfolk, Va., he reported to NAVSTA in February 2005.

Murcin serves currently as the NAVSTA 3M/Calibration coordinator and is the LPO of operations department. In addition to various unit citations and ribbons, he has received the Navy Achievement Medal (five awards) and the Good Conduct Medal (four awards).

He is accompanied in GTMO by his wife Christina and two children: Caleb and Selena.

"There are so many outstanding first class petty officers on the base. It is a great honor [for me to have been] selected as the SOY."

***AT1 (AW/SW) Matthew Murcin***

News From the Fleet

# Fiscal Year 2009 DoD Budget Released

*From the Department of Defense*

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President George W. Bush sent to Congress his Defense budget for fiscal year (FY) 2009 on 4 Feb.

The budget provides \$515.4 billion in discretionary authority for the Department of Defense, a \$35.9 billion or 7.5 percent increase over the enacted level for FY 2008.

The FY 2009 budget reflects the president's priorities and sustains his commitment to prevail in the war on terrorism; increase ground combat capabilities; improve force readiness; develop the combat capabilities needed to meet future threats; and improve the quality of life for service members and their families.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said, "The president's budget for FY 2009 provides the resources necessary to maintain an agile, highly trained, and lethal fighting force, increase Army and Marine Corps end strength, and sustain the United States' technological advantage over current and

potential enemies."

Specifically, the Department's request: Maintains a highly trained fighting force of 2.2 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines; Recruits, trains and equips 65,000 additional active duty soldiers and 27,000 additional Marines over five years; Provides pay increases of 3.4 percent for military members, improves benefits for the all-volunteer force, and increases pay 2.9 percent for the civilian workforce; Provides world-class health care for 9.2 million eligible Service members, families, and retirees; Procures and maintains an arsenal of the world's most advanced weapon systems; Improves warfighting capabilities and invests in science and technology to maintain U.S. advantage over the nation's enemies; Maintains 545,000 facilities at 5,300 sites in the U.S. and around the globe; and Maintains vital intelligence capabilities. The FY 2009 budget is posted at [www.budget.mil](http://www.budget.mil).

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## What's the one thing you can't live without and why?



*"My wife and kids, just because."*

**MA2 Aaron Moore**  
NAVSTA CMAA

*"Jesus, because I can't do anything without him."*



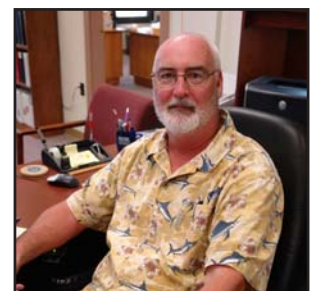
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*"My family, because they keep me going!"*



**Lt. Cmdr. Brendan Burke**  
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*"A sense of humor, because it puts a smile on your face and makes the day better."*



**Steve Doherty**  
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# Outstanding Service



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**O**n Feb. 1, personal financial manager Paul Walker received his well deserved Letter of Appreciation from NAVSTA Commanding Officer Capt Leary in a ceremony held at FFSC. The Walker family have been residents of GTMO for eight years.

Paul, an avid fisherman and professional financial educator, will be missed by all. While assigned to the FFSC, Paul assisted thousands of servicemembers and their families through various aspects of financial counseling. Walker has also been commended for his work with JTF and has instructed classes on home buying, automobile purchasing and the Military Thrift Savings Plan. Some other duties assigned to Walker during his stint with FFSC include the Transition Assistance Program, Family Employment Readiness Program and ensuring the center was able to pass its accreditation inspection in 2005.

Walker's co-workers and friends wish Paul and his family a safe journey home. We all will miss you and appreciate the services you provided during your stay at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

————— By Patricia Williams, FFSC

**GAAA Update:** R&B Group Mint Condition will not appear at the 2008 Guantanamo African-American Association Gala due to unforeseen circumstances. The GAAA apologizes for any inconvenience. The rest of event will go on as scheduled.

## Religious Services/Base Chapel

### Catholic

Daily Catholic Mass Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. (Main Chapel)  
Vigil Mass, Sat. 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)  
Sun. Mass, 7:30 a.m. (JTF-Troopers Chapel)  
Sun. 9 a.m. Mass (Main Chapel)

### Protestant (GTMO Chapel)

Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B)  
Sun. 7 p.m. Filipino Christian Fellowship (Room A)  
8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D)  
9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A)  
10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room B)  
11 a.m. General Prot. Service  
11 a.m. United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg 1036)  
1 p.m. Gospel Service  
7 p.m. Iglesia Ni Cristo (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday Religious Services

1:15 p.m. Islamic Service (Room C)  
7 p.m. Jewish Service (FMI call 2628)

## Religious Services/JTF Troopers Chapel

### Catholic Services

Wed. 11 a.m. Spanish Mass (New)  
Sat. 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (PPI Chapel)  
Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (New)

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## Feature

# Sailors soundoff about parenthood in the Navy

Story, photo by MC2 Kim Williams

NAVSTA PAO

It's 3 a.m. and you've just managed to lay down on your bed in attempt to get some much needed sleep. Your body is exhausted from the lack of rest and abundance of activity it has been subjected to for the past six weeks. You roll over with one eye slightly open and peek at your clock in despair knowing that in three short hours a new day begins and you get to do it all over again.

Given all of these seemingly negative things, you're ok with your current state of being because you're a parent and it comes with the territory.

Many Sailors deal with the responsibility of being servicemembers and parents. Some are married and have the support of a spouse, some are geographical bachelors and are away from their entire family and some are single parents and go at it alone. They all share one thing in common—the unconditional love and responsibility they have to provide to their families.

So how does a Sailor handle being a member of the world's greatest navy and being the world's greatest mom or dad? Not as differently as many think.

Many parents explain that they use friends and family members as a support system to help out when they are called to deploy, work late or perform military duties outside of daycare hours of operation.

Some parents believe though that remote, overseas locations such as GTMO should adjust the rules for allowing family members or nannies to provide live-in childcare.

"We [parents] should be authorized to bring a nanny or a family member to lighten the load that childcare issues bring," said Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Desiree Rivers, separated mother of a two and nine-year old. "My mom is here visiting for a month and if I could bring her down [to GTMO] to live with me full time as my nanny, I would never run into another childcare issue again. That would be heaven," said Rivers.

"I think [the Navy] should come up with some kind of homestead program/policy for those who have children in high school. It is very difficult for children and parents to move

when they are established in their community and school," said married father of two teenagers and geographic bachelor Chief Master at Arms (SW) Eric Bollar. "Children need their parents available to them throughout their high school career. The entire burden of raising children should not be placed on the [civilian] spouse's shoulders when dealing with parenthood because it is a 50/50 agreement," said Bollar.

Homesteading or staying in one location for the duration of your career is a common desire that many Sailors believe the Navy should adopt as policy.

Another common concern among many parents is the time away from their children lost when they are temporarily assigned to a different location than their home, or deployed for longer periods of time, like an unaccom-



***One year old Keith Hannan, youngest son of MA2 Jennifer Hannan, plays in the bouncer during the 2007 National Kids Day. Hannan is a MA in the NAVSTA security department.***

panied PCS.

"Being away from them [children] is the hardest part for me. I love watching my daughter grow and when I have to miss something it really affects me," said Master at Arms 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Symboline Spann, single parent of one daughter. "I have missed out [on so many of my daughter's milestones] being in the military, but it gives me a better way to be able to support my daughter," said Spann.

"I've been blessed when you look at it from the perspective of what other military parents have had to go through, but that being said, the extra hours [that we have to put in] when regular child care isn't available make it extremely difficult to be [a parent] in the military," said Utilitiesman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Rachael Thompson, single

mother of a four-year old. "I'm TAD and don't have to stand duty for two months and that first Saturday morning that I didn't have to wake up, put on the uniform, get her [my daughter] up and dressed, take her to a sitter and go muster at 7:30 a.m. or arrange for someone to pick her up from the CDC because they are closing and I'm still standing watch. This made a huge difference in our relationship that I didn't realize until now," said Thompson.

While there are hardships associated with being in the military, parents do have advice as to how to cope with these obstacles.

"Being attached to a deployable unit is very challenging. The Military is very unforgiving in today's Optempo, but if you are fortunate enough to be attached to non-deployable units it can be a lot easier," said Electronics Technician 1st Class Jerry Ramm, single father of three. "Nevertheless, meeting duty and shift work necessities requires logistical flexibility, but it is the life the family becomes accustomed to and they don't know any different kind of life. It is their norm and they don't perceive it the least bit odd," said Ramm.

"I stay active and try to participate in as many activities as possible with my daughter," said Aviation Mechanic 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (AW) Tinashe Chigumira, married mother of one daughter. "I take time for myself to clear my mind by going to the gym to relieve everyday stress. Our family makes a lot of expensive phone calls back to the states to talk to family members and to get advice about how to cope with being away from the ones we love," said Chigumira.

Talking to the chaplain, a therapist or a friend can also be a source of solace for many weary parents.

To make things easier during unforeseen situations, the Navy requires Sailors to provide a family care plan, which aids them in planning the care of dependants.

The Navy recently released guidance to ease some of the headaches that come with being a new parent in the military, including longer times of rest prior to going on deployment for new mothers. This information can be found in the Navy Guidelines Concerning Pregnancy and Parenthood at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).



## Local News

# McCarthy's kick up heels at O'Kelly's

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA PAO

Whether you wore a kilt or just a smile at the grand opening of O'Kelly's Irish Pub you had to be impressed with the transformation of that part of the Windjammer. O'Kelly's opened Saturday night, Feb. 2, to a packed crowd of locals and well wishers, all of whom were greeted by a traditional "bagpiper" and music from various genres on the entire island of Ireland.

The totally remodeled Acey Deucey Club was designed to look like an old fashioned Irish Public House (Pub). The name O'Kelly's was in honor of long time Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) resident and regular bartender, Kelly Garland, who also works at the W.T. Sampson High School. Garland was extremely impressed with the large turnout of support that he and the pub received that night.

"I'm honored that my fellow co-workers from MWR would name a bar after me," said Garland. "Or it just means I have been in GTMO way too long! I was very pleased that many of my closest

friends were able to come that night. I hope to see them in the pub more often in the future," he added.

Speaking of an extremely impressive evening, what about the McCarthy clan, who wore their Irish heritage on their sleeves, or their shoulders, and gave us all a night to remember. The clan consists of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Patrick McCarthy, Dee Dee, Eryn, Patrick Jr. Aidan and Seamus. They all had a part in the opening night festivities. They were accompanied by a band out of the Annapolis, Md. area, called 'Off The Boat' with James Gallagher as the lead vocalist.

Eldest child, Dee Dee, who's an expert on Irish history, was trying her best all night long to teach the crowd a little about her proud heritage. Her familiarity and knowledge of traditional Irish songs was a great help to those who wished to sing along. The crowd sang and clapped their way through some of the most traditional Irish dirges that GTMO has ever heard.

"My wife Dee and I are extremely



Photo by Harriot Johnston

***'Off the Boat' regularly praised the troops and the United States Armed Services from the stage. They could not stop talking about how great the base residents were.***

proud of our children," the McCarthy patriarch said.

Eryn, who's a W.T. Sampson High School senior and an accomplished Irish Step Dancer, had all the Irish eyes upon her as she danced to the traditional music.

"Audiences are usually never quite sure what to do when I start dancing; most people have never ever heard of Irish Dancing, but after a step or two, they get a little more comfortable, and really seem to enjoy it," said Eryn.

Eryn has been dancing since she was 11 years old and choreographed the dances herself for this occasion. Her dream is to become a champion in the art of Irish Step Dancing.

"One very special thing about the opening night was that I didn't dance by myself, my brothers were also up there with me," she added.

Not to be outdone by the lasses and also to make it a family affair, the boys (Patrick, Aidan and Seamus) learned a step or two from their sister and also sang along with their mom and dad during the



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

***Garland has been a resident of GTMO from 2000-2002, 2004 to the present.***

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## Feature

# History 'buff' says good-bye to GTMO

Story, photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA PAO

At some point in our lives we all get a chance to give back to our community or our country, but at what expense do we give? Some people donate financially and some people donate their lives to a worthwhile cause. One Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) resident donated a great portion of his time here to researching the history of GTMO.

Mr. Pete Becola used his interest in history to occupy his free time by educating others and searching out the facts about GTMO. On any given weekend, with command authorization, Pete could be seen taking visitors to places everyday individuals are restricted from seeing, such as the Cuzco Well Battle site.

"During the roughly year and a half of visitations I (Pete) estimate around 150 total personnel have visited the hilltop where the machine gun emplacement was during the Battle of Cuzco Well," Becola said.

This was the area of the very first victorious battle for the Americans back in 1898, during the Spanish-American War. According to Naval Historical Center, two companies of U.S. Marines (about 160 men) under Capt. G F. Elliot, with 50 Cubans under Colonel Thomas, approached Cuzco along the cliffs by the sea, while a smaller Marine force advanced by an inland valley, holding a picket line for the main force, with men in reserve to go to its assistance if necessary.

The importance of this area was that Cuzco Well, located about six miles southeast of Camp McCalla and near the coast, was the only water supply for the Spanish forces in the vicinity. Getting up to this site is not as easy as one may think.

Searching the site of the nearly 110 year old battle was also not easy.

"The physical demands of climbing the steep hills out at Cuzco and working in the heat without overhead cover or shade were most demanding," said Becola. "To overcome this, I limited all visitations to three hours. Although I would drink up to a gallon of fluids during this time frame I would still lose between three and five pounds in water weight."

GTMO can be a very difficult place to retrieve or uncover historical facts or events. Official records may have been misplaced or actual accounts of times and places may have been handed down from generation to generation and



*Pete Becola could be found climbing through the brush and searching out areas that normal GTMO residents don't normally travel.*

may not be accurate. Some of the historical facts that Becola has found may in fact be incorrect in some published accounts of GTMO.

"The main discovery is that we have placed the Spanish forces in a different location than was previously thought by historical writers. Stephen Crane (American novelist), who was with American forces during the Spanish American War, wrote two differing accounts of the battle", said Becola. "In the first account, he wrote that there was a mad dash for the hill by the Marines and the Spanish forces, but the Marines reached the top and drove the Spanish back down the hill. A couple of years later Crane wrote a differing account in which he said that all heck broke out and that Spanish bullets were falling all around the Marines. I believe both accounts Crane wrote were believed by him to be accurate at the time. My hypothesis is that Crane was not aware that the forces had changed directions and had changed course. I believe that after his first account was published; one or more Marines contacted Crane and reported his initial error, so Crane wrote a new, more accurate, account."

These findings may seem slight and trivial to some people, but finding accurate accounts of

small battles and the whereabouts of troops can lead to bigger and more significant findings later on. Mr. Becola hasn't sent off his finding to any historical center, he preferred to collect as much as he could and then send it off at a later time.

Pete Becola has left GTMO recently. He's transferring back to the states and all the research he has collected will be handed over to the Naval Station Environmental Department and the Naval Station Public Affairs Office.

"Since my research began, I've been able to relate more to GTMO and have become more fascinated with the historical background here. "I also wanted to give people a better appreciation for what GTMO stands for, because it's more than just a detention center," said Becola.

"Staff Sgt. Marshall Morey, U.S. Marine Corps Security Force Company, has expressed the desire to continue the research work now that I've left our paradise. MA1 Andrew Duncan, who has been of the greatest assistance to me during our ventures and research, would also like to continue the work. I also want to thank everyone for the support given to the project during my tenure here. It was a true pleasure working with each and every one of you. God Bless all of you and your families.



## Local News

# Environmental Quality Team recognized

By MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA PAO

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) was recently awarded the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Award for the second time in the last three years.

The award recognizes individuals, teams, ships and installations for their exceptional environmental stewardship. In the category of Environmental Individual or Team Award: GTMO's Environmental Quality Team came out ahead.

Fred Burns, who was the NAVSTA Environmental Director at the time, remarked that GTMO as a community played a part in this award.

"There has been a general improvement in the awareness of the environment by all residents taking pride in their temporary home in GTMO. After 2005, we raised our environmental standards well above the minimum required at GTMO because it was the right thing to do and it took about a year to meet our new expectations," said Burns.

Throughout the years, the environmental department staff has been visited by geologists, paleontologists and many other environmentally educated and conscious visitors.

Researchers from here and back in the states have done many studies that have included coral reef surveys, reptile research and even avian bird flu studies.

"Our regular Cuban Boa and reptile visitor Dr. Peter Tolson, who will be coming back to GTMO in Feb., has always been a great source of knowledge to GTMO," said Burns.

By removing debris, such as

old tires, GTMO has made a huge impact on the ecosystem here. Tires piled up at the landfill attract mosquitoes, which may carry dengue fever. In 2007 the Environmental Department removed more than 20,000 tires from the local landfill.

Cleaning up the base on a regular basis helps, but having a better recycling program helps not only in the short term, but the long term as well. The recycling program here exceeds, in the type and quantity, that of many communities back in the states.

"We started a demonstration project to produce very small batches of biodiesel. This will now be part of our local school's science curriculum. Many thanks go out to personnel at the NAVSTA Brig, the GTMO Fire Department and others for all the volunteering they do," Burns said. "As the former environmental director, the award really belongs to the ENV staff for doing more than the minimum and making my job easier. They continually came up with improvements from recycling to hazardous waste management, I just had to figure out where to get the funding."

"I would especially like to thank Shawn Lewis and Noel Grey for making this happen. And to thank our leadership for their support of our projects and program, the contractors and residents for their recycling efforts, and especially our volunteers," said Chris Creighton, Environmental Compliance Program Manager. "What it says about GTMO and its environment is that we are all fortunate

to live in a pristine paradise and it's obvious by the collective effort of every individual here that it is appreciated."

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Readiness Division Director, Rear Adm. Larry Rice, called Environmental Department personnel 'Superstars'.

"Your environmental stewardship is an integral part of our Navy's operations and is critical in preserving our ability to ensure our operating forces are trained and ready to perform their missions. This is the opportunity to show off your programs," remarked Rice.

Bringing GTMO into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century takes the cooperation of residents, contractors and visitors. The achievements that have been made can go even further.

Wind, solar and even biodiesel power, which is being used already here on a small scale, can put money in the

pockets of our government and all citizens.

All CNO winners will advance to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Environmental Awards competition. SECNAV winners will advance to the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) competition in all categories except the Environmental Quality-Large Ship category which has no equivalent at the SECDEF competition level.

A ceremony honoring the CNO Environmental Award winners will be held June 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C., and will be followed at 11:00 a.m., by the SECNAV Environmental Awards ceremony.

The SECDEF ceremony will be held June 4, 2008 at 11 a.m., in the Pentagon Auditorium.



photo by MC2 Kim Williams

*Glass beach, one of GTMO's pearls, is kept in pristine condition for all to enjoy thanks to the Environmental Department and base residents.*

## Local News

# Tax filing woes eased for GTMO residents

Story by NAVSTA Public Affairs

Navy Legal Services (NLSO) can now help ease the inherent hassles of tax filing with their free Tax Center services.

"We handle all tax services such as filing 1040EZ (normally single filers), 1040A (those with dependants), and 1040's, those which are more specific because of itemized deductions," said Legalman 1st Class ReAnn Myers, NLSO.

As with anyone who is filing their tax return, preparation is a necessity for a quick and efficient return. Just because someone else is preparing the taxes doesn't mean the tax filer doesn't need to be prepared as well.

"The hardest part for people is getting all their documents in order," added Myers. "The important thing is to bring the proper paperwork along with a base or military ID card. I

know people really want to get their taxes done quickly, but if you don't have the proper information it's just going to hold the process up."

The proper collection of documents is also imperative for those who are itemizing.

"If you are itemizing, have your paperwork in order," says Myers. "Come in with a comprehensive list of your deductions. Don't try to come up with figures off the top of your head. It will only hurt a taxpayer in the end."

Myers reminds filers that it's their job to verify the information they provide once the preparer has completed the paperwork.

"Make sure the social security numbers of your family members are correct," continued Myers. "And don't assume we typed in all your information correctly. Check and make sure the numbers and informa-

tion are correct because one little number can cause your tax return to be kicked back."

Myers believes in the benefits these tax services provide GTMO residents.

"Our services are free and everyone here is trained by the IRS," said Myers. "Back in the states, you would have to pay. Since the returns are E-filed, it's quick and fast. You normally have your return within a week."

Filing for a spouse if they aren't on-island is another issue filers need to take into consideration.

"If you are filing jointly and your spouse is off-island, you must have an original power of attorney stating you are allowed to file their taxes for them. Additionally, you are not considered head of household, unless your spouse is a non-resident alien."

Myers also wants to remind

junior servicemembers to take advantage of these services.

"We really offer these services to meet the needs of our junior personnel," says Myers. "Most of them don't have a lot of experience with tax filing, and even though they fall in an easier filing category, it's good for them to understand how the whole process works."

Tax services are available at the NLSO office Bldg. 760, which started on Feb. 4. Appointments are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Services are offered by appointment only and the phone to make an appointment is 4314.

The Joint Task Force Tax Center is also open Monday through Friday, also by appointment only.

They can be reached at 8134, located in Bldg. A6208, behind the Trooper's Chapel.

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bands performances.

"I really enjoy it when other people join in, it adds to the energy to the dance," said Eryn.

Any event that combines music, dancing, good conversation among family and friends has to be a hit. And having a place that reminds you of home will always be a good place to be.

During the evening when people were asked about the new look of the place the one continuous response was that it made people feel that they were back in the states.

"I would like to thank Capt. Leary and Craig Basel for having the foresight to envision this concept. It really shows what the facilities in GTMO can look like. What a team they make! O'Kelly's is a tremendous addition to the variety of entertainment in Guantanamo," McCarthy said.



Photo by Harriot Johnston

**The McCarthy's clan consists of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Patrick McCarthy, Dee Dee, Eryn, Patrick Jr. Aidan and Seamus.**

"Saturday night made me feel like I was at home. It was fantastic to bring the sounds of Ireland to GTMO, and even more fantastic to see the residents of the Naval Station, whether JTF, NAVBASE, Hospital, contractor, civilian employee, or

dependent, react so positively to the entire experience.

There is no doubt that O'Kelly's will be a mainstay here for years to come."



## Photo Op



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**THANK YOU —**  
*"Packing out is very stressful without any additional complications to make it worse. With the repaving that is taking place in our neighborhood ours could have been a real mess, but instead left us feeling very positive. We would like to say, "Thank you" to KNIK and Art Paquette for going above and beyond to make sure that our pack out went as smoothly as possible. Good Bye GTMO! The Lasseters*

## GTMO unclaimed vehicle listing

Per NAVSTAGTMO 11200.1, the security department can only hold vehicles for 120 days. The cars listed below are approaching or past this deadline. Unclaimed vehicles will be turned over to Bremcor per NAVBASEGTMO 4500.3F. Only the registered owner or his agent may claim a vehicle. These are not for sale. For more information, contact Chief Craig Thomas at 4325, Monday — Friday, 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. or email [thomascs@usnbgtno.navy.mil](mailto:thomascs@usnbgtno.navy.mil).

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

# Downtown Lyceum

**Friday, Feb. 8**

***National Treasure***

7 p.m., PG, 135 min.

***Cloverfield***

9 p.m., PG13, 84 min.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**

***The Golden Compass***

7 p.m., PG, 100 min.

***Charlie Wilsons War***

9 p.m., R, 97 min.

**Sunday, Feb. 10**

***The Mist***

7 p.m., R, 127 min.

**Monday, Feb. 11**

***Hitman***

7 p.m., R, 93 min.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

***National Treasure***

7 p.m., PG, 135 min.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**

***Cloverfield***

7 p.m., PG13, 84 min.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**

***The Golden Compass***

7 p.m., PG13, 100 min.



**Hitman, R, 127 min.**

The film opens with a montage shows a group of bald, blue-eyed boys receiving tattoos of bar codes and then shows them being instructed in the use of firearms and martial arts. Interpol agent Mike Whittier discovers Agent 47 in his study, where the two talk briefly. The scene flashes back 3 months, as 47 is completing a hit in St. Petersburg, Russia.



**Cloverfield: PG13, 84 min.**

The action begins with a view of Central Park at dawn from a Columbus Circle apartment taken via a hand-held camera point of view. The timestamp is April 27, 6:41 a.m. Rob Hawkins (Michael Stahl-David) describes the scene and then goes into the bedroom where he talks to Beth (Odette Yustman). They plan a trip to Coney Island.

## MWR Happenings

### LIBERTY JANUARY EVENTS

Feb 9th Barracks Beach Bash 1400 at Windmill Beach. Feb 11th Halo3 Tournament 1900 at Marine Hill Ctr. Feb 13th Liberty at the Lanes 1800 at the Bowling Ctr.. Feb 15th Free Paintball 1900 at the Paintball Range. FMI Call 2010

### MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Feb 9, 6 p.m. at the Bayview. Cost: \$15.50

Muffaletta Sandwiches, Gumbo Ya Ya, Creole Shrimp, Louisiana Pork Ribs, Southern Collard Greens,

Red Beans & Rice, King Cake. Parade following dinner. FMI Call75604

### GTMOs 1st MARDI GRAS PARADE

Feb 9 at 8 p.m. Parade route - Bayview parking lot to O'Kelly's Irish Pub back to the Bayview

Wear your best Mardi Gras costume Mask, Crown, Beads. FMI Call 75604

### SINGLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. At the Deer Point Tennis Courts

Sign up at the Gym by Feb. 7 FMI Call Audrey at 75576

### VALENTINES DAY HEALING HEART 5K

Feb 9 at 6:30 a.m. Sign up at Denich Gym by Feb 8 Run begins and ends at Denich Gym. Prizes for Best Heart and Healthy Heart Costumes. FMI Call Audrey at 75576

### 2 SAILS ON THE QUEEN AROUND THE BAY

Feb 14th, 1st Cruise is 5pm to 7pm, 2nd Cruise is 8pm to 10pm

Four Course Dinner will be served along with chocolate, double dipped strawberries and Champagne. \$100 per couple. Purchase tickets at the Bayview. FMI call 75604

### VALENTINES DAY DINNER AT THE BAYVIEW

Feb 14th at 1800. Appetizer, Soup or Salad, Choice of Entree, Dessert, Double Dipped Strawberries & Champagne. \$75 per couple. \$40 singles. Purchase tickets at the Bayview. FMI call 75604.



# GTMO Shopper

## For Sale

(2) Wooden bunkbed with mattresses, excellent condition; \$275 OBO. Female 21 speed bicycle, rides great, but has a little rust on the handle bars. \$50 OBO. FMI 5027 and ask for SSgt. Fellows. Calls welcome 24 hrs a day.

(2) Several palm trees, pineapple plants, banana palms, potted plants, ground cover, and more at NH14A. Several terracotta pots. Will provide contact numbers for transplant assistance. All items must be removed by 8 Feb. FMI call 75599, 4843, 84916.

(2) Two used 80 scuba tanks, 5 years left on hydro \$95.00 each; One Like new 20 inch Sylvania TV \$60. FMI 5027.

(2) Whirlpool Washer and Dryer, five years old. \$75 for both. FMI call 79599.

(1) laptop, system toshiba microsoft windows xp professional version 5.1.2600 physical memory 959.91mb hard-drive 111gb \$700 OBO call Thompson at 3441 or 75643.

(1) Maytag washer & dryer both for \$150.00. Call 4519-W or 78690-H

(1) GE Washer and Dryer, good condition, both for \$100, Call 77134.

(1) Kids solid pine wood bedroom set that includes, bunk bed, 5 drawer chest, night table, toy chest, and computer desk with hutch - \$800, Female mountain bike in great condition-\$100, Kids semi-automatic paintball gun-\$100, Adult paintball gun, brand new and only used 2 times-\$500, Glow in the dark XBOX with lots of games - \$150, Sony Playstation 2 - \$50, FMI 75811 or 84050.

(1) SCSI DSL Modem, \$40. FMI call 77224.

## Vehicles/Boats

(2) REDUCED to 3700 OBO: 1993 Geo Tracker LSI convertible. 160K miles. 5 speed, AC, extra clean, IPOD port, two tops (Hard and soft). Excellent beach car. Available 9 Feb. Call Drew or Sandy at H-75599, W-4843, or C-84916.

(2) 1996 Ford Ranger XLT. 110K miles and in excellent condition. 5 speed, cold AC, very clean. Asking 4900 OBO. Available Feb 9. Call Drew at 75599, 4843, or 84916.

(2) 2005, Piaggio Typhoon. Red/black. 2512mls. w/Small helmet, glasses, gloves \$2000 Call: 77988 or

9798.

(2) 1994 GMCC 1500 pick-up truck 65K miles, good condition, runs very well \$1900 OBO. FMI 75676, after 6 p.m.

(2) 2004 Bajaj Cheetak Scooter. 150 cc, manual transmission. Excellent running condition. Comew with helmet, goggles, spare tire and tool kit. \$2,000. FMI call 77911 or 5195.

(2) 2002 EZ-GO Golf Cart. Good condition. 4 new batteries, new seat covers, recently painted. \$900. FMI call 79599.

(1) 1998 Olds Silhouette V-6 Van with 70,000 miles, green. Fully loaded, power everything, grey leather interior, second row captain chairs, third row folding 50/50 spit bench, dual airconditioners, aluminum wheels, very clean, not a GTMO special, well maintained. Asking \$5500. Available April 1st. Daytime 76230 ask for Craig, evenings 79485.

(1) 2003 Ford Taurus SE, V6, 49K mile, excellent condition, asking \$9,900 or best offer, call 77134.

(1) 1992 Ford Ranger 65,000 Miles, \$2,000 OBO FMI call Omar Afghanzada 78742 leave a message.

(1) 2000 Hyundai Sonata New paint job! Great AC! Automatic Transmission! AM/FM/CD, Power Windows & Doors. Runs very well. \$4,500 OBO Call Sheila at 79170 after 4 p.m.

(1) 2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Great Condition \$20,500 OBO. FMI call 77271.

(1) 1992 Geo Tracker. \$3500 OBO. Call 4700 or 77707.

## Employment

(2) Social Services Aide, LGS-0186-03 (TEMP) announcement # FN08-004 US Naval Hospital. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.

(2) Amended location: Cuban Community Social Services Aide, LGS-0186-03 (Temp) announcement # FN08-004. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.

## Announcements

(2) Moving to Norfolk? Super nice, new, 2 story townhome in brand new development just .02 miles away from NAB Little Creek, 10 minute drive to NOB, easy commute to NAS Oceana, for rent. 1700 sq. ft., 3bed/2.5bath, all appliances, paid security/lawn SVCS, too many

wonderful features to list! well behaved/clean/bug free/small pets considered w/pet dep, \$1550/month. For GTMO transfers only \$1550 sec.dep. FMI Dawn-77419 after 1 p.m.

(1) The W.T. Sampson High School Odyssey of the Mind team would like to extend their grateful appreciation to the GTMO community for their overwhelming support. Our Money Tree fund raising activity at the NEX last Saturday was a tremendous success due to the extreme generosity of "Team GTMO". We will proudly represent this community during the World Finals at the University of Maryland in May! Thank you for bringing us so much closer to our goal!

(1) The Jamaica Independence Day Committee 2008 is seeking committee members and volunteers to be part of our planning for this year's celebration. FMI call Beneford Taylor DWH at 75041/74547 and AWH at 77576.

## Misc. Ads

(2) Wanted: Wheelbarrell and "A" frame ladder; Loan of a 50cc motor scooter for the upcoming motorcycle safety course. FMI call Travis DWH 4901 or AWH 77022.

(2) Need to borrow the DVD movie "Fletch" for my Columbia College class. I will return it in a month. FMI-4870.

(1) Lost: Wedding ring, thin silver band with tiny sparkles on top. Lost at pool. Great sentimental value! Please return to Irene at 75725.

(1) Wanted: Feb. 9 - Camp Justice at McCalla Air Field, 8 a.m. - noon. Look for signs. Feb. 9 - Granadillo Point 5B, 7 a.m. - noon.

## Yard Sales

Feb. 9 - Camp Justice at McCalla Air Field, 8 a.m. - noon. Look for signs.

Feb. 9 - Granadillo Point 5B, 7 a.m. - noon.

# Teen Center Events

Feb. 8  
Red & White Party

Feb. 9  
Open Rec.

Feb. 15  
Deal or no Deal

Feb. 16  
Pool Party

Feb. 22  
GTMO u can dance

Feb. 23  
Paintball Challenge

Feb. 29  
GTMO Queen

FMI call 2096

## Editors note:

**ALL ad submissions are due NLT noon every Tuesday. Please limit ads to 20 words or less.**

**GTMOs 1st MARDI GRAS PARADE,**  
Saturday, Feb. 9.

Starts at 8 p.m. at the Bayview parking lot.

# GTMO Leadership Happenings



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

**Ask the Chief** — *Seventeen U.S. Navy Chiefs from various GTMO commands/detachments pose with NAVSTA Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary and their two LTC instructors upon completion of the leading chief petty officer course. The Navy Leadership Continuum is a career-long leadership development system, from recruitment to retirement, comprised of Leadership Development Programs for enlisted personnel.*



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

**PROMOTION**— *U.S. Navy Lt. Emmerich Langham is congratulated by Lt. Jimmy Compton, NAVSTA Security/Force Protection Officer, after being promoted to his present rank by NAVSTA Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Leary. The promotion ceremony took place Feb. 1, in the Commanding Officers conference room in Bulkeley Hall.*

## *Leadership:*

*"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results."*

*Gen. George S. Patton*