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GTMO community comes together to provide relief

***Cooperation for a common defense***

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JTF-J2

**HN Ian Beard**  
Joint Medical Group

## BAY WIRE REPORT

### Community Holiday festival



Help GTMO celebrate the upcoming holidays with the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting next Saturday Dec. 7.

All interested participants who want to walk, ride on a float or in a vehicle for the parade must register with MWR by 6 p.m., Dec. 7. To register or for more information, call ext. 75351.

### Work on your green thumb

The GTMO Nursery is looking for a few good gardeners (or even those who just need volunteer hours) to help out each Saturday morning. Learn about plants native to the island and help make a difference in your local community one plant at a time.

### Looking for a break?

Space "A" reservations and family visitor rates are available at the Navy Gateway. Give the front desk a call at ext. 2040, and plan your own mini-getaway GTMO style.

### Coming up at the Fleet & Family Support Center

**Victim Advocate Training**  
Dec. 2-6, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Credit Cards, Take Charge!**  
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**Resume Development**  
Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Job Search Assistance**  
Dec. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Watch Your Savings Grow**  
Dec. 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.



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# Religious Services

## NAVSTA Chapel

**Catholic Mass**  
Mon.-Thur. 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m.

## Protestant Services

General Protestant  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
Gospel Worship  
Sunday 1 p.m.

## Chapel Annexes

**Pentecostal Gospel**  
Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.,  
Room D

## LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m., Room 19

## Islamic Service

Friday, 1:15 p.m., Room 2

## Seventh Day Adventist

Friday, 7 p.m., Room 1  
Sabbath School: Saturday 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 1  
Sabbath Service: Saturday 11:00 a.m.,  
Room 1

## JTF Trooper Chapel

**Protestant Worship**  
Sunday 6:40 a.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Sunday 7 p.m.

# Transportation Schedules

## Bus #1, 2, 3:

Camp America - :00, :20, :40  
Gazebo - :01, :21, :41  
Camp America NEX - :02, :22, :42  
Camp Delta - :04, :24, :44  
Camp 6 - :07, :27, :47  
TK 4 - :13, :33, :53  
JAS - :14, :34, :54  
TK 3 - :15, :35, :55  
TK 2 - :16, :36, :56  
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CC - :19, :39, :59  
Windjammer/Gym - :22, :42, :02  
Gold Hill Galley - :24, :44, :04  
NEX - :26, :46, :06  
NEX Laundry - :27, :47, :07  
C Pool - :30, :50, :10  
Downtown Lyceum - :31, :51, :11  
NEX - :33, :53, :13  
Gold Hill Galley - :35, :55, :15  
Windjammer/Gym - :37, :57, :17  
CC - :40, :00, :20  
TK 1 - :41, :01, :21  
TK 2 - :42, :02, :22  
TK 3 - :43, :03, :23  
TK 4 - :44, :04, :24  
Camp 6 - :50, :10, :30  
Camp Delta - :53, :13, :33  
HQ Building - :55, :15, :35  
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Gazebo - :58, :18, :38  
Camp America - :00, :20, :40

## Beach Bus

Sat. and Sun. only - Location #1-4  
Windward Loop  
9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

**East Caravella**  
SBOQ/Marina  
9:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m.

**NEX**  
9:08 a.m., 12:08 p.m.,  
3:08 p.m., 6:08 p.m.

**Phillips Park**  
9:14 a.m., 12:14 p.m.  
3:14 p.m.

**Cable Beach**  
9:17 a.m., 12:17 p.m.,  
3:17 p.m.

**Windward Loop**  
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3:30 p.m.

**NEX**  
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3:25 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

**SBOQ/MARINA**  
9:35 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 3:35 p.m.

**Return to Office**  
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Every hour at the stated times

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Denich Gym/Windjammer - :11, :31  
Gold Hill Galley - :14, :29  
NEX - :16, :27  
Downtown Lyceum - :17, :25

# JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO



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# A message of thanks from the Butler family

**By Rear Adm. Richard W. Butler**  
*Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commander*

Thanksgiving is the time of year when we take stock of our lives and express how thankful we are for the blessings we have received. I am blessed to serve with the finest Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen in the world. Your dedicated service and professionalism make Joint Task Force Guantanamo a shining example of the high standards of excellence that our nation has come to expect of its Service members. You stand in a long line of men and women who have sacrificed so greatly so that Americans can experience the blessings of liberty that you provide. Today, the whole nation is thankful for you.



Rear Adm. Richard W. Butler

We are blessed with a staff of civilians and contractors who make this operation work so smoothly. Without your efforts, the Troopers of the Joint Task Force could not accomplish their mission. I thank you for your service to JTF Guantanamo and our nation.

Finally, we are all blessed by our families. The families of our Service members often shoulder the greatest weight – carrying on with life in our absence. We remember and pray for those who shoulder the greatest of weights – moving forward following a “last full measure of devotion.” My wife, Lana, and I thank you all for the devotion, sacrifice and service.

On this Thanksgiving Day, may you find peace and honor in your service and may your hearts be warmed by the many blessings in your lives.

## TROOPER TO TROOPER

# Growing Troopers isn't the same as growing mushrooms

**By Senior Master Sgt. Galen Zalace**  
*First Sergeant, 474th ECES / BEEF*

In my five years as a first sergeant helping Airmen, I have come to realize a few things that senior noncommissioned officers of all branches should understand about their people.

There is a difference between a crime and a mistake. Understand that people will make mistakes. Do not confuse the two.

Your Service members are not mushrooms. You don't put them in a dark corner, pile crap on them and expect them to grow. We must be involved in their professional and personal lives in order for them to

succeed. We are not mind readers. If it takes being nosy and asking questions, which it should, then do it.

Problems are like guinea pig poop.



Senior Master Sgt. Galen Zalace

Address them when they happen and things tend to stay clean. Let them sit or hide them and they quickly become a pile that is hard to manage or messy to clean up. Individually, most problems can be fixed if brought to our attention quickly. If ignored or kept hidden, they tend to snowball into a situation that can have severe consequences.

A large portion of the issues I deal with as a first sergeant involve money or sex. I believe it is a parent's job to teach their children about finances and sex. Unfortunately, the young men and women we receive today haven't always

been taught what they need to know and then it falls upon their NCOs, us senior leaders, to fill that gap. Our young Service members need to know the basics of income versus expense and what can happen when they have unprotected sex, non-consensual sex, or sex with someone other than their spouse. UCMJ action is likely – on both topics.

There are three sides to every story. Side A, Side B, and somewhere in the middle – which is where you often find the truth. When faced with a situation, never act without all the facts or at least Side A and Side B, because both sides each contain elements of the truth and from that a basic idea of what actually happened can be developed.

These tidbits have served me well over the years and I believe you can also find success in remembering them.

## More drug slummin' than Miley at an awards show

Review by Sgt. David Bolton  
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With A-list actors like Michael Fassbender, Cameron Diaz, Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem and Brad Pitt, I was sure "The Counselor" would be a personal favorite. Well, that was until the movie got going.



Courtesy 20th Century Fox



way, it's a win.

As your command-appointed movie reviewer, I give "The Counselor" two banana rats. 🍌

## "Catching Fire" blazes on GTMO's screen

Review by Sgt. 1st Class Gina Vaile-Nelson  
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It's one of the most anticipated films of 2014 – and how lucky was U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to get it in time for a midnight showing on the same day it came out stateside? "Catching Fire"



scorched its way to number one this weekend, raking in more than \$161 million.

With a new director, bigger budget and returning cast, "Catching Fire" brings the best of the book's fashion, flair, romance and war to the big screen – this time with less shaky camera angles, a more steady-camera hand and professional view.

With an uprising taking over the 12 Districts, Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) is played by both sides of the cause, showing that even a hardcore heroine can be naive. Lawrence delivers another award-winning performance as haunting memories surface, she struggles with her own love affairs, and continues to kill rather than be killed.

Even with two hours and 26 minutes, there is no way to tell the entire book in the film, so that may upset some fans. While some pretty important aspects of Peeta's (Josh Hutcherson) and Haymitch's



Courtesy Lionsgate Films

(Woody Harrelson) lives are left out, I can assure you, you won't leave the theater disappointed.

Though the "Hunger Games" trilogy was marketed to young adults, in "Catching Fire," you finally see the underlying Marxism – the sociological issues that the typical tween isn't going to understand. My only gripe is that some of the scenes are literally so dark, it's difficult to see them at the Lyceum.

If you weren't able to go see "Catching Fire" this weekend, you must make it out at the next showing. Rumor has it, the flick will be here for the next month.

For the great acting, the much-needed improvement in directing and because it followed the book closer than the first movie, I give "Catching Fire" five banana rats. 🍌

## If anything, Wikileaks should've seen this flop coming

Review by Cindy Neff  
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As this film suggests, it is a telling of the story of the rise of the Wikileaks founder, Julian Assange (Benedict Cumberbatch), a man who changes the way the world perceives news and its sources.

Marketed as a thriller, this film is more a fascinating portrait of a man

and his ideas.

Director Bill Condon does an exceptional job conveying the inner workings of complex computer systems visually, and he does a fantastic job of weaving a tale of a man on the brink of something exceptional but it's just too long. There are things about Assange's life that seem to be missing, leaving the

feeling that not all the truth is told.

Overall, I give this film two Banana Rats. It's watchable and clever in parts, but like life, not all of it is interesting. Make sure you follow up with an Internet search using your favorite browser on the subject matter. 🍌



Courtesy DreamWorks Pictures

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at the Downtown and Camp Bulkeley Lyceums

|                 | 29 FRIDAY  | 30 SATURDAY   | 01 SUNDAY                     | 02 MONDAY   | 03 TUESDAY                                  | 04 WEDNESDAY  | 05 THURSDAY                           |
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| <b>DOWNTOWN</b> | Ender's Game (New)<br>PG13, 7 p.m.<br>The Fifth Estate<br>R, 9 p.m.    | Frozen (New)<br>PG, 7 p.m.<br>Hunger Games: Catching Fire<br>PG13, 9 p.m. | About Time (New)<br>R, 7 p.m. | Captain Phillips (LS)<br>PG13, 7 p.m.   | The Counselor<br>R, 7 p.m.                  | Machete Kills (LS)<br>R, 7 p.m.   | Thor: The Dark World<br>PG13, 7 p.m.  |
|                 | About Time (New)<br>R, 8 p.m.<br>Thor: The Dark World<br>PG13, 10 p.m. | Ender's Game (New)<br>PG13, 8 p.m.<br>Machete Kills (LS)<br>R, 10 p.m.    | Frozen (New)<br>PG, 8 p.m.    | Lyceum closed<br>Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further notice. | Hunger Games: Catching Fire<br>PG13, 8 p.m. | Lyceum closed<br>Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further notice. | Captain Phillips (LS)<br>PG13, 8 p.m. |

**CAMP BULKELEY**

Call the Movie Hotline at ext. 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook page for more information  
**Stay classy, GTMO! No ALCOHOL or TOBACCO at the Lyceums!**  
LS = Last Showing

# TWO SERVICES, ONE TEAM

*Joint training improves integration, mission readiness*



**Story and photos by Sgt. David Bolton**

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*When a Service member gets orders for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, their duty typically lasts anywhere from six months to three years. But now, thanks to an innovative training plan initiated by a member of the Port Security Unit 301, Maritime Security Detachment, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, some Coast Guard Reservists could get orders for just a couple weeks of Active Duty Training. And, in that short span of time, they will face many of the same challenges as those deployed to some of the most hostile combat zones in the world.*

*Recently, a group of PSU 301 Coast Guardsmen were called from their Cape Cod, Mass., home station for a Joint Training Exercise with the Marines of the United States Marine Corps Security Forces Company at GTMO to test and enhance their ability to deploy globally on 96-hours notice to support military operations. This is their story of Caribbean heat, sweat, muscle aches and pain that proves the PSU 301 is leading the way to mission essential readiness.*



Marine Lance Cpl. Shannon Acey, an infantry rifleman with Marine Corps Security Force Company assists Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Gentile, maritime enforcement specialist with Port Security Unit 301 with firing an M203 grenade launcher during a buddy team exercise on Grenadillo Range at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Nov. 20.

**F**ar from the frigid winter waters of Cape Cod, Mass., Coast Guard Reservists from PSU 301, arrived at GTMO for a three-week training scenario and to join their fellow maritime enforcement specialists currently supporting JTF-GTMO for an ADT scenario designed to improve individual and unit readiness. Right away, the maritime enforcement specialists hit the ground, just as they would in a real-world mobilization, with briefings and training.

“We joined the Marines and started with standard patrolling,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Luke Charette, ME specialist, PSU 301, who came in for the training. “We were in the field for three days the first week and we did day patrolling and night patrolling with blank rounds.”

As the Troopers patrolled, groups of Opposing Forces roamed around. The OPFOR set IEDs and concealed machine gun nests, which the Coast Guardsmen and Marines reacted to. The Troopers practiced defensive driving skills including: three-point turns in Humvees and ways to block intersections. Based on feedback from

other contingency operations, the Troopers focused on identification of potential IEDs, reactions to IEDs and complicated ambushes that incorporated Rocket Propelled Grenades and machine gun fire. The training culminated a with fire-team level live-fire exercise at end of week.

“As MEs, a security division of the Coast Guard, our manuals all come from the Marine handbook,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Ralph DiLisio, ME specialist, PSU 301. “They all reference the Marines.”

And the joint training benefits not only the Reservists, but also the Marines who are stationed at GTMO and charged with base security.

“We have the Coast Guard out here participating like Marines,” said Marine Capt. Josef Patterson, commander of Bravo Company 5th Platoon, said. “Here at GTMO we work together to secure the water, the ports as well as the land, so we need to know what language to speak. So, when we’re communicating from ship to shore and shore to ship, we can keep this place safe.”

In addition to working in four to five person teams,



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Gentile, maritime enforcement specialist with Port Security Unit 301, conducts dismounted patrols with members of the Marine Corps Security Forces Company, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's Nov. 19.

the Marines and Coast Guardsmen completed a six-point, 10-mile land navigation course covering some of GTMO's most inhospitable terrain in the blazing Cuban climate.

“The land nav went over a bunch of hills, just up and down,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Gentile, maritime enforcement specialist with PSU 301. “The first few days were the roughest. You would go to sleep at night and be soaked in sweat and wake up and be freezing. That second night too, your boots were wet; but it’s the military so you can’t complain, you just have to do it.”

“The weather just

made you more tired, it wore you down,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan MacDonald, maritime enforcement specialist with PSU 301. “You’re tired from not sleeping and we probably walked about 36 miles throughout the whole 48-hour operation.”

As part of the training exercise, both Marines and Coast Guardsmen were given one Meal Ready to Eat per day and received a scant few hours, sometimes half hours, of rest between missions. This food and sleep deprivation had its purpose, though.

“You may go out there for a six-hour mission and end up being out for two days, so the food and sleep deprivation is a kind of mind and body hardening just so you know what it’s like,” said Marine

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Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Luke Charette, maritime enforcement specialist with Port Security Unit 301, receives instructions on how to acquire targets and move in a fire teams from Marine Sgt. Marcus Rodriguez, a squad leader with Marine Corps Security Forces Company, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba's Grenadillo Range Nov. 20.

Lance Cpl. Patrick Teschke, infantry rifleman with B Co., 5th Platoon.

Along with the scheduled training with the Marines of MCSFCO, the Coast Guardsmen also spent time on actual missions alongside their Marine counterparts, working 10-hour, fence-line patrols in the guard towers along the Cuba-Naval Station border.

“Up in the tower you were scanning your sector, looking for anything out of the ordinary,” said MacDonald.

“It was us watching them, them watching us,” said Charette. “You watch them do their guard change over, and they watch us do ours. You try to develop patterns of what the Cubans are doing and anything unusual will come out of the pattern you set.”

Much of the training received is unit specific to PSU 301, which specializes in Port Security Operations. The unit is charged with deploying anywhere

in the world and securing a port or waterway. Most of their missions also involve working jointly with Marines and integrating security teams with the Marine’s security teams for a unified front. Once the transition has taken place, the PSU provides security for naval supply lines to come in and reenforce the assaulting force on land.

“What we’re doing is availing ourselves a training opportunity with one of the finest Marine Corps units in the world,” said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Mark A. Stuart, deputy director and executive officer, PSU 301. “We brought them down here to train with the best. The time to flex our capabilities isn’t when you’re under fire, it’s now, when we have the opportunities to work with them (Marines). That’s why we need to train with these guys.”

Although the Coast Guardsmen had some similar training at their ME school, working with Marines who are doing the job day-in and day-out paid substantial dividends in terms of building lasting foundations of cooperation. Not just for the MCSFCO or PSU, but for the entire Naval Base.

“This training furthers our relationship,” said MacDonald. “We came down and thought we were going to be doing stuff with our unit and when we got here we found out we were doing this and we weren’t lost. We had the skills, this was just honing them.”

“This training makes a more well-rounded Coastie,” said Gentile. “I had Coast Guard training, but now I have

Marine training, more in-depth training. It shows you an angle you haven’t seen before.”

Although the Coast Guardsmen may have gone to different schools for their training, their performance was well noted by their brothers-in-arms.

“They did phenomenal,” said Marine Lance Cpl. Shannon Acey, infantry rifleman, MCSFCO, B Co., 5th Platoon. “I think it benefits us to bring other branches in to learn what we do because if something happens, we all need to know how the others work.”

“I would love to have these guys out every time we train,” said Patterson. “They’ve been an asset to have with the Marines and I’d like to see different ones to get that cohesiveness going. They’re safe, they’re proficient, they’re attitudes are wonderful, they have no discipline issues at all; they’re one of mine.”

As the training concluded, the Cape Cod-bound Coast Guardsmen from PSU 301 said they would be taking what they learned and experienced during their tour at GTMO back to their home unit.

“It’s huge for us go back to our unit and wherever we go with our unit, whatever we do, we know how the Marines operate,” said Charette. “We take our qualifications to another level. It gives us great ability to instruct back at our unit on what our unit expects from them. It creates a working environment where the Marines know ‘these guys are the real deal, they’re trained up and we can work with them.’”



Marine Lance Cpl. Shannon Acey, an infantry rifleman with Marine Corps Security Force Company assists Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan MacDonald, maritime enforcement specialist with Port Security Unit 301 during a buddy team exercise on Grenadillo Range at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Nov. 20.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Gentile, maritime enforcement specialist with Port Security Unit 301, conducts team buddy rushes as Marine Lance Cpl. Gerald Smith, an infantry rifleman with the Marine Corps Security Forces Company, acts as safety observer at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba’s Grenadillo Range Nov. 20.



# Muscle madness



A lineup of high-end cars are inspected and judged during the first-ever Morale, Welfare and Recreation auto show held at the Downtown Lyceum Nov. 23. The idea behind the auto show was to mirror events held stateside that people enjoy and to bring a little slice of home to the island.

## Troopers let the horses run at first-ever MWR-sponsored car show

Story and photos by Sgt. David Bolton

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Patrons attending the first-ever Guantanamo Bay auto show were treated to quite a spectacle of vehicles Nov. 23, at the Downtown Lyceum parking lot. The auto show, hosted by GTMO's Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, was a way to bring out all the really nice, and not-so-nice, vehicles seen around the base, and have them in one place at one time for the community to see. The idea behind the auto show was to mirror events held stateside that people enjoy and to bring a little slice of home to the island.

"It's something we would do back in the states so MWR bringing it here is really awesome," said Brittany Morrell, a military spouse. "We were going to suggest it when we first got here, and then they came up with the advertising and we were really excited."

Brittany and her husband, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Morrell, Master at Arms for the Naval Station, entered their 2001 Mustang Cobra in the car category. Though there was some stiff competition, Andrew was confident of their chances of winning.



"It's American muscle, that's it," said Andrew.

Andrew said this was the first auto show in which he entered the Mustang, but has been doing car shows with dad since he was 16.

As the roar of the engines, the rumble of gargantuan bass sound systems, and the high polished chrome of tail pipes subsided, the inaugural GTMO auto show came to a close. With such a turnout, MWR is thinking about doing another car show in future to get even more of the community to come out and show off their rides, and yes, even GTMO specials will be able to compete for 'best in show.'

"I like the car show and the fact that they're doing it," said Brian Teal, a military spouse. "I heard it was their first year and I think it's a good thing for people to gather around and I can't wait for my 2009 Dodge Ram to get here so I can enter it in, too."

"It's something to do on a Saturday and you get to collaborate with people about cars that you normally wouldn't go up to in the NEX," said Andrew. "I think it's fantastic." 🍷

# GTMO Gives

## Community rallies to support Filipino's in need

Story and photo by Spc. Lerone Simmons  
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Organizers of the Filipino Haiyan Relief Fund gathered at the Navy Exchange Nov. 22, to present more than 20 Filipino's who work at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with donations collected to aide their families.

After Haiyan hit, 24 out of the 1,500 Filipinos who work on base, reported significant impact to their families or homes following the storm that hit earlier this month.

"My house is completely destroyed, but I found out that my family is alive," said Roberto Torres, a native of Leyete, Philippines and Roe Service Corporation and Dick Corporation contracted carpenter. "Receiving support here is amazing because this way our families can get money directly from us," he said.

The group raised more than \$3,000 in the course of a two-week period to help support GTMO's affected Filipinos. Torres received more than \$400 to wire back to his family to purchase basic necessities.

"These are people we see every day and it was important that we help them directly," said Tiana Armstrong, an organizer of the Haiyan Filipino Relief Fund. "When we know that our work is directly affecting their lives, it makes our hard work worthwhile. We're just trying to help."

The Haiyan Filipino Relief Fund also involved the Filipino – American Group, a GTMO organization that helps strengthen the ties between different cultures.

Joy Armand, president of the group, was also affected by



Organizers of the Typhoon Haiyan Filipino Relief Fund presented more than \$3,000 to 24 local Filipino workers, Nov. 22, at the Navy Exchange. Base human resources office estimates 1,500 Filipinos live and work at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, and at least 24 of those workers suffered severe damages to their family homes following the Nov. 7, storm, which was the largest in history.

Haiyan; her home in the Philippines being damaged, she helped raise funds for other victims and personally understands the effects the disaster had on residents here.

"Right now, victims here do not have too much money because they have to send it home to support their families due to Haiyan," she said. "The relief here has been very overwhelming and even though the GTMO community is small, it came together to support us in a big way," she said, and added that the fundraiser reinforced to the Filipinos are a part of the GTMO community.

Working closely with human resources, and the Fil-Am organization, the Haiyan Relief Fund researched and cross-referenced each victim to ensure proper home of record before presenting the donations.

Armstrong said three people still have had no contact with their family since the Nov. 7, storm. The group is still collecting donations. For more information, call ext. 74303. ☺



## Cyber Monday and your security

If you plan on getting up early and participating in some Black Friday or Cyber Monday shopping, make sure you have your eyes open and scanning the Net for Internet crimes and scams.

While a free sample or gift might sound enticing, make sure that before you type in your credit card number you see an "S" at the end of the http: ... and that you're shopping from someplace reputable.

Don't get suckered into a "mystery shopper" or "make money from home," scam either. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Protect your information, your PII and your credit. USE OPSEC!

## Nothing common about it - pull your card



Information Assurance

All you needed to do was run to the little boy's room. Next thing you know, you've returned to a missing Common Access Card, a blue screen of death and what could be some UCMJ action.

Don't walk away from a work station and leave your CAC. Doing so may jeopardize national security, our mission here at GTMO or compromise the personal information of countless Troopers.

Be sure to pull your card when you walk away, and properly log out at the end of each day.

**Chaplain's** WORD OF THE WEEK  
 ext. 2218



**"Advent"**

Advent is a word that means "beginning." Every year the fourth Sunday before Christmas marks the first Sunday of Advent – the beginning of the Christian church year. This can be a time of beginning for us too. Make this an opportunity to begin something new for yourself.

Army photo by Sgt. Eric Glassey/DVIDS

**THE DOWNSIDE UP**

by Sgt. Darron Salzer



"The GTMO Effect"



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**THE BAY** by Rizzo



**Friday, Nov. 29, 6-9 p.m.**

**steak**

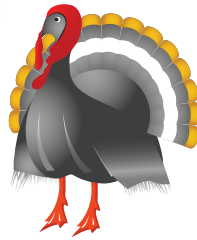
**Out Under the Stars**  
*at the Bayview Club*

- Outdoor grilling by the Bayview Club staff with your choice of steak plus baked potato, house salad and non-alcoholic drink.

**T-Bone: \$19.99**  
**NY Strip Loin: \$16.99**  
**Sirloin: \$13.99**

## Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| All youth activities and facilities | Closed          |
| Marina                              | 6 a.m.-8 p.m.   |
| Golf Course                         | 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. |
| All other MWR facilities            | Closed          |



## Holiday Mailing Deadlines



In order to ensure timely delivery of holiday mail and packages, please observe the following deadlines:

### From the U.S. or OCONUS to GTMO

**Parcel Post - Nov. 13**  
**1st Class Mail - Dec. 1**  
**Priority Mail - Dec. 1**

### From GTMO to the U.S. or OCONUS

**Parcel Post - Nov. 13**  
**1st Class Mail - Dec. 2**  
**Priority Mail - Dec. 2**

For more information, please contact:  
NavSta Postal Officer: ext. 2304 - or - JTF GTMO Post Office: ext. 2331



Helen Dela Cruz snapped this vivid photo of the afternoon sun setting the clouds on fire above Guantanamo Bay.

**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

Send your best photos to [thewire@jftgmo.southcom.mil](mailto:thewire@jftgmo.southcom.mil)