

# Guantanamo Bay Gazette

## GTMO Supports “Feds Feed Families” Food Drive Campaign



HM1 Jared Sarro delivers a donation drop-box to NS Guantanamo Bay's Navy Exchange, Aug. 2. The box serves as a collection point for base residents to donate non-perishable items supporting the “Feds Feed Families” food drive campaign. Information detailing the 12 high-in-demand items are displayed on the box's outer surface.

### Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Public Affairs

Navy personnel at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba joined the nation-wide effort in support of the “Feds Feed Families” food drive campaign, Aug. 2.

Sailors attached to the installation's dive locker facility supplied a donation drop-box at the Navy Exchange (NEX), encouraging community members to donate nonperishable items for distribution to state-side food banks.

“This campaign is about helping food banks around the country that are facing severe shortages of non-perishable items,” said NS Guantanamo Bay Dive Locker Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jared Sarro. “It's a great opportunity for our Sailors and civilians to support the communities around the country that support them.”

There are 12 items that are in high-demand and appear on the campaign's “most wanted” list. These items include low sodium canned vegetables, canned fruit in light syrup or its own juices, multi-grain cereals, canned proteins such as tuna fish, grains such as brown rice, soups, 100 percent juices, baking goods,

condiments, snacks, hygiene items such as diapers and deodorants, and paper products and household items such as napkins and cleaning supplies.

“This program ramps up just as summer begins and children are left without school nutrition programs,” said Sarro. “This puts an extra strain on families who then turn to their local food banks for support. Basically, this program ensures that food banks stay supplied for the families that need them.”

Feds Feed Families is a government-wide effort led by the Chief Human Capital Officers (CHCO) Council, in partnership with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Over the past three years, the program has collected more than 8 million pounds of food and non-perishable items during their annual campaign.

“We are also accepting cash donations this year,” said Sarro. “We will have a collection table that will be set up outside the NEX on Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. to accept contributions. This is a great program for helping families in need so let's show our support and donate what we can.”

# Active Duty FY13 CPO Results Announced With Six Percent Increase Over FY12

**Navy Personnel Command**  
Public Affairs

Results from the Fiscal Year (FY) 13 Active Duty E7 Board were released July 31, and show Navy's force management initiatives are having positive effects.

Advancement opportunity for the FY13 board increased to 23.96 percent, nearly 6 percent more than FY12 as approximately 4,400 Sailors were selected from a pool nearly 19,000 candidates.

Notable opportunity this cycle included Logistics Specialist (Submarine) (LS grp 1) with 100 percent opportunity and 22 quotas. Also showing strong opportunity was Yeoman

(Submarine) (YN Grp 1) at 55.77 percent and 29 quotas from 33.93 with 19 quotas in FY12. "While it is a high point for those Sailors selected for chief petty officer, the active and Reserve board's typically review records of more than 19,000 first class petty officers, which means a lot of Sailors will not be selected, and that is very disappointing to some Sailors," said Navy Personnel Command Force Master Chief (AW/SW/NAC) Jon Port. "The chain of command must communicate with those Sailors who did not get selected."

According to Port, command leadership should assist Sailors not selected by conducting a career development board (CDB). A CDB provides Sailors the opportunity to discuss their career progression, the health of their rating, and their short and long-term goals for the future.

"If we are straightforward yet supportive with our Sailors, they stand a much greater chance of following the advice given by their chain of command and ultimately attaining that next pay grade," he said.

NPC conducts almost 150 promotion and selection boards annually. Each board receives the official military records of personnel deemed eligible for consideration.



**YEOMAN  
THIRD CLASS  
MATTHEW  
WINNEY**

- **Job/Department:** Admin. Clerk/Admin.
- **Age:** 21
- **Home Town:** San Diego, CA
- **Quote:** "That rug really tied the room together." - The Dude.
- **Favorite TV Show:** Family Guy
- **Favorite Hobby:** Instructions
- **Favorite GTMO Restaurant:** Cuban Club
- **Favorite Movie:** Devil Wears Prada
- **Favorite Musician:** Lil' Kim
- **Currently Working On:** Bachelor's Degree in Counter-Terrorism
- **Hero:** Winnie the Pooh
- **How The Navy Has Improved His Life:** The Navy has given me the opportunity to grow financially and provided a vigorous physical training schedule.
- **Sailor Of The Week Because:** He is always willing to provide outstanding customer service, which has positively impacted the NAVSTA Administrative department. He is a model Sailor who performs at a level above his current pay grade making him most deserving of this special recognition.

# Navy Hosts Memorial Service For Former CNO

**Navy News Service**  
Department of Defense Public Affairs

A memorial service for the 22nd Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. James D. Watkins, was held Aug. 3, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Watkins passed away July 26, at the age of 85, and is survived by his wife Janet and six children.

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and current Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert both participated in the service.

"Adm. Watkins served the nation leading Sailors during some of our nation's most trying and challenging times from 1949 to 1986," said Greenert. "His strategic approach to safeguarding our national security and interests at sea set a precedent for generations to come. Adm. Watkins was an innovative thinker who pushed our Navy forward.

He was known for developing a Maritime Strategy for dealing with the U.S.S.R. and improving the quality of life for Sailors and their families. We will always remember the life and honorable service of a great leader."

A 1949 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Watkins became CNO June 30, 1982, and served until June 30, 1986, during the height of the Cold War. A career submariner, he also commanded the Navy's Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy, and later the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor. He also served as chief of naval personnel and vice chief of naval operations.

"Few have lived as full or accomplished a life as Adm. Watkins," said Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. "Although we mourn his passing, we celebrate his accomplishments not only as a consummate naval officer and public servant, but also as a man who understood the importance of taking care of the entire Navy family."

## GUANTANAMO BAY GAZETTE

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# U.S. Navy Officials Extend Voluntary Sea Duty Program

Chief of Naval Personnel

Public Affairs

The Navy is extending the Voluntary Sea Duty Program for an additional year and adding High Year Tenure waiver consideration as an incentive for senior enlisted Sailors who volunteer, according to NAVADMIN 229/12, released July 26.

Extension of the Voluntary Sea Duty Program (VSDP) is part of the Navy's coordinated effort to aggressively address gaps at sea and place Sailors with the right experience levels and skill sets into high-priority Fleet billets.

Originally announced in January 2012, and updated in NAVADMIN 205/12, VSDP supports the Navy's warfighting mission of operating forward and maintaining readiness by rewarding Sailors with appropriate skills and leadership experience who fill needed at-sea billets.

"VSDP is a unique program that helps the Navy place qualified Sailors with needed skills and experience in the Fleet, while giving Sailors real benefits when they volunteer," said Rear Admiral Tony Kurta, Director of Military Plans and Policy. "Geographic stability for a Sailor and their family, the opportunity to negotiate for choice orders, deferment of the Perform-to-Serve window, and now High Year Tenure waiver consideration - these are just some of the benefits Sailors are eligible for through VSDP."

VSDP encourages highly-trained and motivated Sailors to voluntarily extend their enlistment in their current sea duty billet beyond their prescribed sea tour, to terminate shore duty and accept new orders to a sea duty billet, or to accept back-to-back sea duty orders beyond their prescribed sea/shore flow. The sea duty assignment may be on board ships, squadrons, or other qualified sea duty assignments.

VSDP offers Sailors the opportunity to shape their career moves and negotiate for specific billets. Volunteers for VSDP will not be required to accept a billet they do not desire. Detailers work with volunteers during two Career Management System/Interactive Detailing (CMS/ID) cycles to find desirable orders.

Additionally, as announced in NAVADMIN 229/12, Navy will consider High Year Tenure waivers with VSDP applications for senior Sailors with the appropriate skills and leadership experience to fill critical at-sea billets. HYT waivers for chief petty officers will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account rating, sea duty manning and the impact to future advancements.

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Sailors accepted into the program can also defer their Perform-to-Serve (PTS) window to the minimum obligated service requirement for the orders negotiated, typically 24 months. PTS deferment allows VSDP Sailors to extend their current enlistment for orders or extend at

their current assignment without a PTS quota. By going back to sea, Sailors are afforded a chance to improve their records and increase their competitive edge in PTS through sustained superior performance at sea.

Volunteers will be assigned to commands within the same geographic location as the current command if available, providing the benefit of geographic stability for Sailors and family members. The Navy will also consider Sailors' requests for out-of-area moves.

Sailors may also be eligible for Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP), a lump-sum payment based on the length of a Sailor's sea duty extension or shore duty curtailment.

For more information on VSDP, and to read the NAVADMIN, visit [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil).



## Chaplain's Corner

### Lessons from Iggy

Chaplain Larry Jones

NS Guantanamo Bay Chaplain Services

It is no secret to anyone that lives in GTMO that the iguanas own the base. They own the sidewalks, the gazebo on Marine Hill, oftentimes the road, and have found a sanctuary on Chapel Hill. Observing the iguanas since stationed here, there are a few lessons that I've learned. First, don't rush through life but run when you have to. The iguanas for the most part are slow, easy going creatures

but they know when to run in defense for their own safety. When we move through life at a steady pace we allow ourselves to make decisions based on wisdom and not out of haste. We take the time to enjoy what life has to offer us. Now there are times when we may encounter a situation or person that may present a threat to our well being. That is the time when we make the decision to run, not out of cowardice, but out of purpose, honor, or integrity. Remember, there are no guarantees that mistakes will not be made; however, we must take time to learn from the mistakes and keep moving forward again at a steady pace. There are a few more lessons I will share with you in future articles but for now, that's all folks!





Nicholas and Chelsea Pittenger's sheepdog, Marley, joins community members and their pets at NS Guantanamo Bay's dog park during MWR's "Dog Park Meet-ups" event, Aug. 1. The social gathering welcomed pet owners and non-pet owners alike, while providing an opportunity for GTMO's dogs to get acquainted. "Dog Park Meet-ups" is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## MWR Host Event For GTMO's Four-Legged Friends

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Public Affairs

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba hosted a "Dog Park Meet-ups" event, Aug. 1.

Held at the installation's dog park, the community-outreach assembly invited base residents with and without pets to socialize with other animal enthusiasts.

"This event is a great way to meet new friends and offers a chance to meet someone with common interests, or a future pet sitter," said NS Guantanamo Bay MWR Director Tara Culbertson. "We understand that not all GTMO residents

are able to have pets here, that's why everyone is invited to the 'Dog Park Meet-ups.' Even if your furry friend is back home, you can come and enjoy playing with your neighbor's dog and forget about your worries for a little while."

The "Dog Park Meet-ups" program has been in effect for nearly four months, but MWR hopes this event will raise awareness throughout the installation and increase community involvement.

"We're looking to get the word out so that our participation grows each week," said Culbertson. This is just another positive activity that we want to share with the community...it's a fantastic way to have fun, relieve stress, and meet new friends."





 Dog Days  
Of Summer

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# More Sailors Now Eligible for Sea Duty Incentive Pay

Chief of Naval Personnel

Public Affairs

The Navy has expanded the number of ratings currently eligible for Sea Duty Incentive Pay, as announced in NAVADMIN 231/12, released July 30.

Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) is offered to active-duty Sailors in pay grades E5 through E9 in communities that are undermanned at sea, and provides a monetary incentive for Sailors to extend their assignment at sea or curtail their shore duty to return to sea duty.

SDIP eligible skills are evaluated at least quarterly, and updates are made to provide skilled and qualified Sailors in the exact assignments needed in the Fleet.

Since its inception in 2007 Navy has made fourteen updates to the program, with both additions and deletions of eligible billets made at each update.

Since the beginning of this year, Navy has more than doubled the rating/paygrade/skillset cohorts eligible for SDIP.

“Our Force needs to be ready to meet today’s mission and future requirements, and having Sailors with the right skills and experience in sea-going jobs is critical,” said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, director, military personnel plans and policy. “Sailors with critical skill sets are needed at sea now, and with SDIP we aim to

provide a real benefit for Sailors who volunteer to take on these operational jobs.”

SDIP offers two lump-sum incentives, SDIP-Extension (SDIP-E) and SDIP-Curtailment (SDIP-C). SDIP-E allows Sailors to voluntarily extend their sea duty assignment on a ship, submarine or aviation squadron. SDIP-C allows Sailors to voluntarily curtail their current shore duty assignment and return to sea duty early. The amount of the lump-sum payment is based on the length of the sea duty extension or shore duty curtailment, and ranges from \$500 to \$1000 per month.

Sailors must submit applications for SDIP to their rating detailer. Application procedures are contained in the NAVADMIN. Sailors applying for SDIP-E must submit applications at least 10-12 months prior to their current projected rotation date, and applications for SDIP-C must be submitted at least three months prior to the requested date of early departure.

Sailors and career counselors can learn more about SDIP and access the list of current eligible ratings, payment amounts, and policy guidelines by visiting <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/CAREER/PAYANDBENEFITS/Pages/sdip.aspx>. Sailors are also encouraged to speak with their command career counselor or command leadership team to learn more about the benefits of SDIP.

**+** Any Day *at* USNH



U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay recognizes its Civilians of the Quarter for the second quarter calendar year 2012 (April - June). (l-r) Matthew Anderson was selected as the hospital's Contractor of the Quarter; Mica Cochran was selected as the Senior Civilian of the Quarter; Sylvester Price was selected as the Junior Civilian of the Quarter; Christopher Ferguson was selected as the Senior Foreign National of the Quarter; and Headley Shaw was selected as the Junior Foreign National of the Quarter. - U.S. Navy Photo by Stacey Byington



# GTMO SHOPPER

E-mail classified ad submissions to **PAO-CLASSIFIEDADS@USNBGTMO.NAVY.MIL**. If sent to any other e-mail, it may not be published. Submit your ad NLT noon Wednesdays for that week's Gazette. Ads are removed after two weeks. Re-submit the ad to re-publish. The Gazette staff and NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, page. The Public Affairs Office has final editorial discretion on all content. Call MC2 Justin Ailes at 4520 with your questions or concerns.

## VEHICLES

'04 Ford Mustang Convertible, \$6,000 OBO. Red with leather seating, new alternator, runs great, good condition, 115,000 miles. Call 77519

'95 Cadillac Deville, Panasonic Stereo, Leather Interior, runs great, excellent condition. \$2,995 OBO. Call 78477

'91 Mazda Miata, standard, \$2300 OBO. Hard and soft top cover, A/C, CD player and radio. Call 77577, 77473, or 2285

'05 Dodge Durango, black, 85K miles, \$8,900 firm. Not a GTMO special. Call 79568

Pontoon Boat, \$2000 OBO. Call 4515

'94 Ford Ranger p/u, V6, auto, 2wd. 3 new tires, new battery, new front brakes, new rotor on front passenger side. AM/FM radio works. Very reliable. \$1000. Call George 73809 between 1300 and 1700 or email at hubb4172@aol.com

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Set of (8) "Budwieser-King Of Beers" glasses. Collectors Set/ Ltd. Edition, Clear Glass W/Red Ltrs. Must sell as a set. \$5 each. Call 58545

Decorative towel rack, hammock and coffee table. All new. Call 79491 or 2166

Coffee table, like new, Ashley millennium, \$100. Italian tulip vase -SIA ceramic, new in box, \$50 firm. Italian oil painting, framed, on wood - "Natura Morta" signed, \$75. Italian oil painting, framed, on canvas - "Fiori nel Buio" - \$75. Must sell by Aug. 6. FMI, call 79491 or email melfacebook1@yahoo.com

Korean mother-of-pearl, inlaid design, wooden trays. Purchased from art dealer in Korea. \$60 each or pair for \$100 firm. Contact Luigi at 79491 or email gino1luigi@yahoo.com

Sanyo 4.3 Cu.Ft. counter-high refrigerator, \$50. Call 77064

## MISC

Cooper Classic tire - size P20575R15 (for Jeep Cherokee), used, \$15. Call 79491, 2166, or email melfacebook1@yahoo.com

PA system with 4 channel mixer and 2 speakers, \$250. Rogue Guitar \$180. Dresser drawers with fold out top, \$65. Hard wood standing wine and glass cabinet \$185. Bar stools \$20 ea., 10 x 10 ft pavilion, \$15. Folding chairs \$5 ea. Conch shells \$10 ea. Fish gaff \$18. Coffee Maker new in box \$15. Charcoal grill \$40. Misc fishing gear. Call Marty at 77260

## YARD SALE

Aug. 4, Caribbean Circle 11, 0800-1400

Aug. 5, Caribbean Circle 11, 1000-1300

Aug. 5, Nob Hill 30B, 0800-1030, No early birds

## ELECTRONICS

SCSI modem, Nikon Cool Pix camera, underwater camera. FMI call 77001

Nintendo Game Cube, includes 11 games, 1 controller, \$60. Xbox 360, includes detachable disk drive, wireless controller, headset, \$100. Xbox 360 video game, brand new, factory sealed, JASF (Jane's Advanced Strike Fighters), \$25. Call 84611

Free-to-air dish with cable and receiver, \$280 OBO. Garmin Quest pocket sized GPS, \$35. HP photo printer (photosmart 385), \$25. Toshiba 21" screen laptop, \$100. Two new SCSI modems, \$45 each. Router, \$50. Call 77314

SCSI Modem W/Ethernet cable, power Charge., and phone cord, \$55. Call 58545

SCSI modem, \$50. Call 79568

Direct TV 6' sat dish w/ 3 receivers and remotes, \$575 OBO, call 77041

6ft satellite dish with dual LNB and cable, \$400. Call 8185

Two satellite dishes with working LNB's. \$250 each OBO. FMI, call 77893 or 84959

## OUTDOOR REC

Outdoor patio set, includes table, umbrella, 4 chairs, \$60. Call 78810 or 4616

Reg. set, first stage MK11 Scubapro Octo R295, Mares pressure gauge, brand new, \$400 OBO. Email leah.williams12@yahoo.com

Gas BBQ, \$60 (like new, only used once). Call 79568

Scuba Pro BC (small - medium) Good shape \$175. Two stage regulator, with gauges, great shape \$175. Dive bag, fins, mask \$50. Dive wet drain barrel \$25. Large tubs \$5. Small spear gun, needs band \$35. Bag weights \$3 per lb. Four Scuba tanks AL 80 cu ft need hydro \$30 ea. Fish ring \$15. Hawaiian sling \$15. Lobster snare \$20. Call Marty at 77260

Golf clubs in Cocoa Cola Classic Bag, great shape \$90. Calloway grass chipping mat \$20. Two left handed Calloway drivers new \$30 ea. Bucket of good used golf balls \$15. Sleeves of new balls \$5 ea. Call Marty at 77260

Seaquest M/L BCD, \$200. 1st and 2nd stage regulator, octo and gages, \$250. Mask and snorkel, \$15. Call 73927

## The Scoop



### JTF's SAFE RIDE HOME

To prevent drinking and driving, those out drinking can take a safe ride home. Those not drinking can walk. Call 84913 or 84781.

### SPORTS TALK DJ WANTED

Want to be a co-host for a weekend sports talk show on RadioGTMO for the upcoming season? Who doesn't, right?! Get your name, number, and contact information to RadioGTMO@gmail.com, or find them on Facebook and say "Hey, let's talk some pigskin!" Applications are due no later than Aug. 9. Auditions will be held Aug 11. This is your chance to be on the air and have a great time talking about football.

### JERK HOUSE LATE NIGHT

GTMO's famous Jerk House restaurant is staying open late Friday and Saturday nights from 2200-midnight. Jerk Burgers, Jambalaya, Chicken Wings and more. FMI, call 2535.

### JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 4, Windjammer Ballroom, 1730. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the annual JIDC event. Featuring special guest speaker Charmaine Limonius, traditional cultural renditions, entertainment, and authentic Jamaican food. FMI or to purchase tickets, email jicgtmo@yahoo.com.

### MICHAEL W. SMITH CONCERT

August 6, Windjammer Ballroom, 1900. This is a free show, open to all hands. Michael W. Smith is a Grammy and Dove award winner and will be visiting GTMO for a one-time performance. FMI, call 4882.

### NAVIGATING FED. EMPLOYMENT

GTMO's FFSC is offering a class designed to help job-seekers navigate federal employment. August 15, 1330-1530, FFSC Bldg. 2135. Learn tips and guidelines for writing and submitting a federal application. FMI, call 4153 or 4141.

### QUIDDITCH TOURNAMENT

I can't believe it either. August 11, Denich Gym, 1900. Free and open to all Harry Potter fans. Register by August 9. Not sure what Quidditch is? Me neither. Check out a Quidditch clinic at Denich Gym, August 4, at 1800. Learn all about wizardry and broom riding and whatnot.

# GTMO JOB HUNT

Electrician - Full time  
Warehouse Worker - Flex  
ID Checker - Flex  
Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Flex  
Recreation Asst. Lifeguard - Full time  
CYP Program Asst. - Full time  
Automotive Mechanic - Flex  
NGIS Admin Asst. - Full time  
CYP Sports Coordinator - Full time  
Waiter/Waitress Bayview - Flex  
Waiter/Waitress Windjammer - Flex  
CYP Asst. Lead - Full Time  
Movie Manager  
Bartender - Flex  
Bartender Lead - Flex

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

Purchasing Agent - LH12-035 (USNH)  
Materials Handler - LH12-024 (FLCJ)  
Supply Mngmt. Spec. - LH12-026 (FLC)  
Supply Tech. - LH12-027 (FLC)  
Perf Assess Rep. - LH12-031 (NAVFAC)  
Supply Clerk - LH12-032 (FLC)  
Supply Tech. - LH12-034 (FLC)  
Housing Manager - LH12-036

FMI, call 4441 or stop by Bldg. 2142 (temp. location)

Chenega Federal Systems, LLC, is looking for a highly motivated individual for an Administrative Assistant position. Please apply online at <http://www.chenegafederal.com/hiring.aspx>. FMI, please call 5136

## MOVIES DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY Aug. 3

8 p.m.: Snow White & the Huntsman  
PG13 124 min.

10 p.m.: Amazing Spiderman  
PG13 91 min.

SATURDAY Aug. 4

8 p.m.: The Best Exotic Merigold Hotel  
PG13 124 min.

10 p.m.: The Dictator (last)  
R 83 min.

SUNDAY Aug. 5

8 p.m.: Dark Knight Rises  
PG13 165 min.

MONDAY Aug. 6

8 p.m.: What To Expect When You're Expecting  
PG13 110 min.

TUESDAY Aug. 7

8 p.m.: Chernobyl Diaries  
R 86 min.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 8

8 p.m.: Ice Age Continental Drift  
PG 94 min.

THURSDAY Aug. 9

8 p.m.: Prometheus  
R 124 min.

CALL THE MOVIE HOTLINE @ 4880

# GTMO's DEFY Program Recognized During Photo Contest

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Public Affairs

The Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) chapter at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba received 2nd place and 3rd place honorable mention during the program's photograph competition, July 5.

DEFY is a two-phased prevention program for children ages 9 through 12. DEFY deters "at-risk" behaviors by giving kids the tools they need to resist drugs and develop positive social skills.

NS Guantanamo Bay's DEFY counselors submitted photographs of the installation's youth interacting with tenant command representatives throughout the year and were notified of their nomination recently.

"This is the fourth year for the DEFY program at GTMO," said NS Guantanamo Bay DEFY Counselor Master-at-Arms 1st Class Jodie Hurlbut. "The DEFY program has been around for 20 years and it's a big honor to place in the contest. This should

help put GTMO on the DEFY map."

The 2nd place award winning photograph featured 9-year-old Vincent Perez learning the proper use of a fire extinguisher from NS Guantanamo Bay Fire department representatives. The photograph was selected for showcasing interaction with base resources and youth learning a life-saving skill.

The winning photograph of the 3rd honorable mention featured 11-year-old Casey Sandstrom donning a firefighter's protective uniform, and was selected for displaying resources that provide objective lessons for DEFY youth.

"This year's Defy program begins Aug. 15," said Hurlbut. "We are still accepting applications for youth. For more information email me at [jodie.hurlbut@usnbgmtmo.navy.mil](mailto:jodie.hurlbut@usnbgmtmo.navy.mil)."

The DEFY Program is based on the best practices determined by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and is designed to strengthen factors that make youth more resilient to negative influences.



9-year-old Vincent Perez learns the proper use of a fire extinguisher from NS Guantanamo Bay Fire department officials. The photograph was selected as 2nd place winner during DEFY's Photo-Of-The-Year competition, July 5. The photograph showcased interaction with base resources and youth learning a life-saving skill. - photo by MA1 Jodie Hurlbut