

Commissions: A forum of justice

Story and photo by Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The use of military commissions dates back to the Mexican War in the 1840s. Gen. Winfield Scott convened commissions to try Mexican citizens accused of violations of the law of war such as committing guerilla warfare and inciting American Soldiers to desert. During the Civil War and the following reconstruction period, military commissions tried more than 2,000 cases. Following World War II, some 2,700 German and Japanese military personnel appeared before commissions as well.

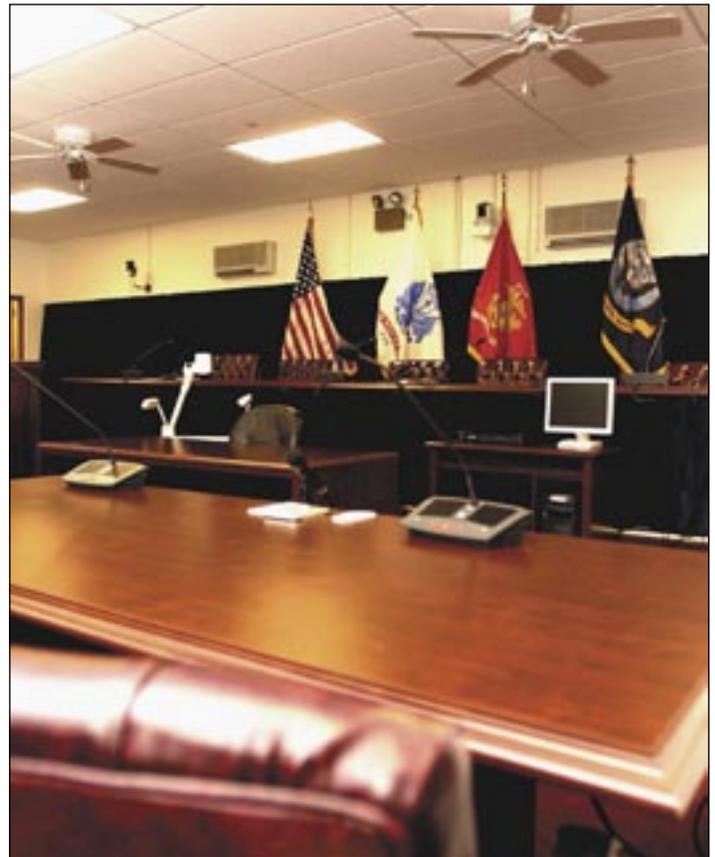
The enemies are different today, but the charges are just as serious. Today's commission proceedings will be governed by the President's Military Order of Nov. 13, 2001. The forthcoming commissions for detainees Salim Ahmed Hamdan, Ali Hamza Ahmad Sulayman Al Bahlul, Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud Al Qosi, and David Matthew Hicks will try the men for various crimes against the people and armed forces of the United States.

Commissions may follow these for other detainees. "The President of the United States has determined that there are reasons to believe these individuals have committed war crimes, and should be subject to the military commission process," said Col. Jane Anderholt, commissions' officer in charge.

After the completion of commission proceedings, "there is an automatic post-trial review of every case by a review panel" as stated in Department of Defense Military Commission Instruction No. 9. The panel has the right to confirm the decision of the commissions, reverse the decision, or agree in part or reverse in part. These recommendations will go to the Secretary of Defense and then be sent to the President.

In a recent federal court decision involving Hamdan, one of the four detainees pending trial by military commission, a lower court ruling was reversed. The recent decision will allow commission activities to resume in the near future.

The commissions will be covered by major news organizations. A pool from these agencies will be allowed in the courtroom along with a sketch artist. However, broadcasting live will not be permitted from the courtroom; in fact, no cameras will be



The view of the courtroom enemy combatants will see throughout commissions.

allowed in the courtroom.

"I think that the American public will be proud of the professional manner in which the commissions are held," said Col. Anderholt.

The colossal task of handling commissions, along with the logistics, is a task that the Joint Task Force has practiced and is ready for, according to Col. Anderholt. ■

How big will your boots be?

By Army Col. Greg Hager

JTF-GTMO Chief of Staff

During transition we always wonder if we will measure up to the awesome task of being able to “fill the boots” of our predecessor. As I am now the successor to the former Chief of Staff, Col. John Hadjis, each and every individual assigned to this task force replaced someone. And every job within the task force is important, regardless of duration assigned to the task force or amount of responsibility, being it walking the block, interrogating a detainee, running a patrol, standing a post or simply supporting any one of these. It’s incredibly humbling to be asked to continue serving with the task force, and I am proud to say that I have served and am continuing to serve as an American serviceman with Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

I am often asked, “Why on earth would you spend another year away from your family if you had a choice?” It all depends on the lens you are looking through. If you had the opportunity to serve an additional 365 days away from your loved ones in order to ensure their safety for ten times that, or simply ten years, what would your answer be? It’s not an easy decision, but one each of us at some point in our lives will be in a position to make. Servicemen and women from all over our country have made that decision with great sacrifice.

Having made that decision, I thank my predecessor for preparing me to take over as the JTF Chief of Staff, and in this business, preparation is essential to accomplishing tasks to a very high standard from day one. Having served predominantly in light infantry units, a lot of lessons are learned in the middle of the night, walking through a swamp in single file, having not slept for two days, and barely



Photo by Sgt. Todd Lamonica

able to see the person to your front and rear. The one lesson I think of most during transitions is that we are responsible for the person in the patrol who is behind us to ensure there is no “break in contact.” In the JTF, we are able to accomplish our mission to standard without interruption or “maintain contact” by training our successors. Just as the pace of the patrol and terrain in which we are operating affect our ability to maintain contact, our turnover to our successors depends on our ability and the time it takes to communicate with and train the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to do the job as well as or better than we did. How many times have you said to yourself, “I wish I knew that.”? Did you feel you were prepared to assume the awesome responsibility now required of you?

We may never know the impact of our ability to do our jobs within the JTF on the safety of our country or perhaps even your hometown, but we as American servicemen and women and those civilians who serve with us owe it to our successors to ensure that they are prepared and the boots are not too big to fill. In fact our boots should fit just fine.

Honor Bound! ■

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New JTF chief committed to service

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When Col. John Hadjis left at the end of his tour, some pretty big shoes needed to be filled. The position, chief of staff, is a very important job, and what better hands to leave it in than one of our own, a man with experience in multiple areas of operations here at GTMO, Col. Greg Hager.

Hager was recently promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel and entrusted with the position in July. He has been here since July 2004, and was the J3 for about a year. Later on, he was temporarily assigned as the Joint Detention Group (JDG) commander.

“As the J3 (Operations), I was very involved in the resourcing of the JTF, and just by the nature of the job, I became very familiar with how the JTF was run. By being in the JDG for a short period of time, I had a perspective of what the Troopers do down in the JDG, the lessons learned, and some of the pitfalls across the JTF that a new person can get into,” said Hager.

His experience here obviously qualifies him for his new job, but what did he do before he came to GTMO?

Originally, Hager joined the Army because it was something he wanted to do as a kid. It was part of his family history. His family, he said, was not necessarily strictly a “military family,” but he de-

scribed them as a family who is “very committed to doing service in the military.” His father is a retired colonel, and his uncles served in World War II. Hager’s oldest son just signed up for ROTC as well, which makes Hager especially proud.

Hager was commissioned in 1984 in West Virginia as a light infantry officer. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division, 10th Mountain Division, the Joint Readiness-Training Center, 6th Infantry Division and commanded the 4th Ranger Training Battalion at Fort Benning.

“I have had all those jobs that a light infantry [officer] should have. I was an airborne platoon leader, a light infantry company commander, a battalion and brigade S3 operations officer and a battalion commander in one of the premiere schools that teach those whose job it is to engage in direct fire combat, the Ranger School,” said Hager.

Hager spent two years as the commander of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion before coming to GTMO. He considers his time training Rangers to be one of his greatest contributions to the military during his career. In fact, he is returning to that position when his assignment here is over.

Hager said he is quite pleased with his time at GTMO as well. Not only does he consider it an important mission, he is impressed by the Troopers serving here.

“I’m proud to be here and have had the great opportunity to not just sit in the office. Being down with the Sailors and seeing what they do is something else,” said Hager.

Over the years, Hager has come up with a new reason for staying in the



Photo altered for purposes of operations security

Army Col. Greg Hager cuts his cake during his promotion party.

Army, a reason his Troopers have helped him realize.

“It’s the Soldiers you serve with. You are always thinking, ‘Maybe it is time to do it. Are you still able to make a contribution?’ But, when someone walks through the door and says, ‘Hey sir, I really love serving with you,’ and, ‘I would like to serve with you again,’ or even when someone asks you to stay another year, it makes you feel like you are making a contribution...As long as I can make a contribution, I am going to stay in,” said Hager. “I felt that I could still contribute to the JTF mission. General Hood asked me if I would stay to be the chief of staff, and I agreed because I like what I’m doing, I believe in the mission and I want to continue it.” ■



JTF-GTMO Commander Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood pins newly promoted Army Col. Greg Hager.

Cuzco Well turning point of Spanish-American War



Story by Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Alliances in the world are constantly changing. Right now, Cuba and the United States have no diplomatic ties, but at one time, Cuban and American troops fought side-by-side in a war of Cuban liberation. On June 6, 1898, the Marine Corps led the invasion against Spanish-held Cuba.

The U.S. Army was assembling a proper force to deal with the Spanish troops in the Caribbean. An immediate response was needed, so President William McKinley sent several Naval ships and six companies of Marines to assist the Cuban resistance.

The Naval ships came into Guantnamo Bay led by Cmdr. Bowman H. McCalla. Once in the bay, the *Marblehead*, McCalla's ship, destroyed a blockhouse on the hill above Fisherman's Point, which is today known as McCalla Hill. The blockhouse and a local village were cleared by gunfire from the six-pound deck guns on the *Marblehead*.

The Spanish gunboat, *Sandoval*, came to intercept the *Marblehead*, but sped away when they saw the gun power they were going to face. A fort in the area fired upon the *Marblehead*, but the gunfire had

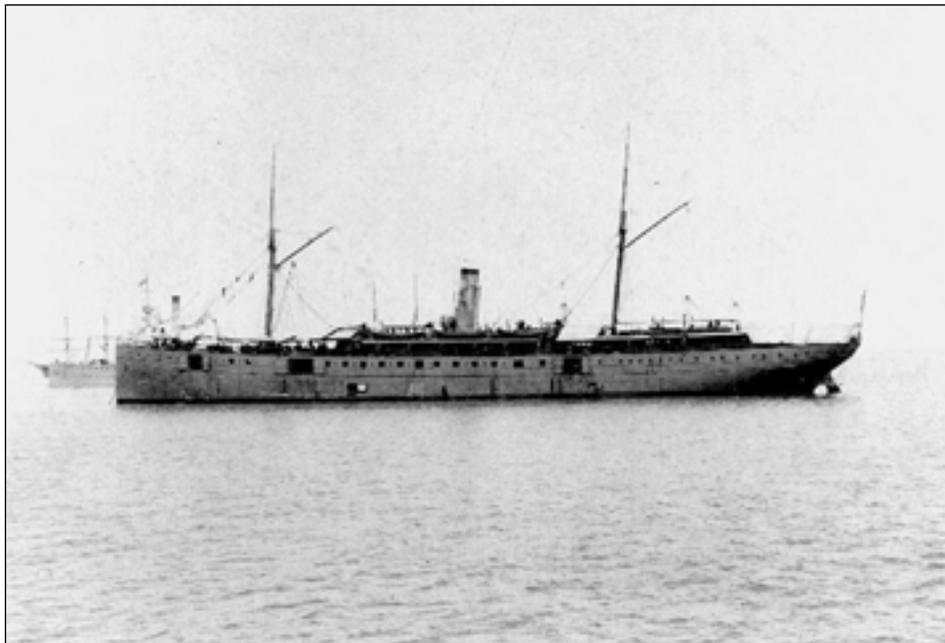


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The U.S.S. Panther was a ship used by the Marines to liberate Cuba.

no effect.

On June 10, 1898, four Marine companies landed on the island and started setting up a base camp. Everything which was not destroyed after the attack on the blockhouse was burned, so yellow fever couldn't infect the troops. The Marines finished their base camp, and enjoyed a peaceful night without attack. In the morning, the two remaining companies joined the rest of the force on the island.

Intelligence recovered shortly after they setup revealed the headquarters for the Spanish force, approximately 400 Soldiers, was in the area located at Cuzco Well. The well was two miles away from their base and provided the only fresh-water in the area except for Guantanamo City, which was many miles away.

During the night, the Marines were attacked by the Spanish. This assault killed acting assistant surgeon John Blair Gibbs and Sgt. Charles H. Smith.

The next day, the Marines received reinforcements of 50 Cuban officers and their troops. With the Cuban force and two companies of Marines (about 160 men), Lt. Col. Enrique Thomas approached Cuzco Well, taking a path by the sea. A second, smaller force proceeded through the valley.

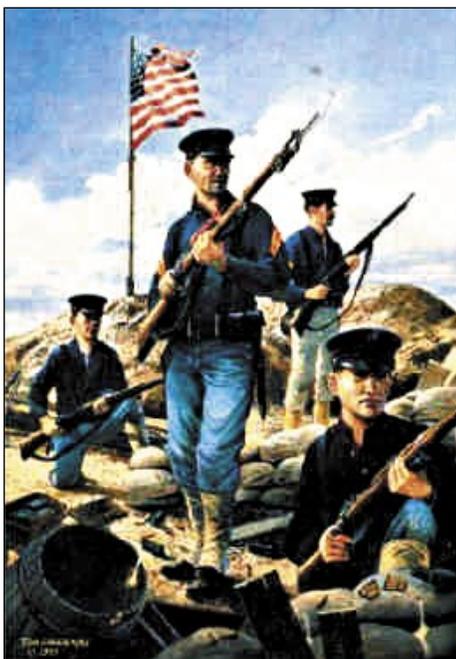
The Cubans who were leading the attack were discovered and fired upon by the Spanish and their guerrilla force. The Marine force and the Spanish both ran for this hill, which made for a good vantage point. The Marines and the Cubans made it to the hill first and continued firing upon the Spanish. Hearing the gunshots, the second Marine force came to help their comrades by flanking the Spanish position and causing heavy casualties. The Spanish didn't have cover from the superior Marine-held position, so they fled the battle.

During their retreat, Sgt. John H. Quick bravely gave up his safe position, opening himself to fire, to signal a nearby vessel to shell the retreating Spanish force. He was given the Medal of Honor for his bravery.

The battle continued until 3 p.m. when the enemy ceased firing. The Spanish force fled all the way to Guantanamo City.

It was later learned that the small Marine force and the Cuban force of approximately 210 men had fought and won against 800 Spaniards. Of the Spanish and guerilla force, 58 were killed, 150 were wounded and one lieutenant and 17 enlisted men were captured.

Information on Cuzco Well was taken from en.wikipedia.org and the *Gazette* June 10, 2005 edition. ■



Graphic found at homeofheroes.com

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Spc. Ian Shay asked Troopers around the JTF "In light of recent bombings in London and Egypt, what do you think the United States can do to prevent future terrorist attacks?"



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

◀ "Increase the screenings with dogs, machines, and more people in all areas of transportation (airports, train depots, and bus stations) and any entry points into the country. Maintain high security around checkpoints between Canada and the U.S. and the U.S. and Mexico."

—Spc. Charles McDaniels

▶ "Bump up the security on all major areas and keep a vigilant watch on those places."

—Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad Sherwood



Photo by Spc. Ian Shay

◀ "I do not think we can truly prevent terrorist attacks in America. At this point, we can only hope to contain the widespread anti-Western thought, and hope that through perseverance we can limit the damage done by fanatics against innocent people. Our greatest challenge now will be limiting the collateral damage to our allies and civilians world wide and to make sure we do not further alienate Muslims with anti-Muslim and anti-Arabic statements and racial profiling."

—Air Force Lt. Michael Lee



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

▶ "We must maintain aggressive law enforcement efforts in the United States and continue our efforts to eradicate terrorist cells in other countries. Individuals need to be alert and knowledgeable to make it difficult for extremists groups to avoid detection. Ultimately, the international community must eliminate the environment of hate and hopelessness, which breeds terrorists. This will most likely be done through education and economic reform in depressed countries."

—Coast Guard Master Chief Thomas Cowan



Photo by Sgt. Todd Lamonica



At the most recent JTF-GTMO servicemember and NCO of the quarter board, Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class John Thompson (left) took top honors as NCO of the quarter and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James Alexander came out on top as Servicemember of the Quarter.

Super Troopers

Story and photos by Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Short of being shot at, servicemember of the month, quarter and year boards can be among the most stressful situations in which a Trooper could find themselves. Given the choice between having questions or bullets thrown at them, many Troopers may choose the latter.

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Knowledge of unit and military history are important for every Trooper. "All troopers have access (to), and study from the JTF-GTMO Service Member and NCO Board Study Guide, not what is used online or at the NEX. I do not want any of our Troopers buying reading material in preparation for the board," said Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles.

In addition to study guides, Troopers should know regulations and be familiar with any other publications provided by their particular service. Each individual unit can provide information on unit history. Particular attention should be paid to the origin of unit patches and crests.

Appearance is very important at a board. Though Troopers at JTF-GTMO are not required to wear dress uniforms to the board, duty uniforms should look their best. Hair should be cut to regulation and male Troopers should be clean-shaven.

The most important thing to remember at a board is to always maintain military bearing. Much of this will come from an outstanding appearance and how well the Trooper has prepared for the military knowledge portion of the board. If a candidate looks good and exudes confidence, military bearing will come naturally. Maintaining a confident appearance after saying, "I don't know" in response to a question will earn you more points with a board than stammering to come up with the right answer.

"Having a successful review by the board requires the same basic fundamentals as success in life. You must display confidence in yourself and your actions. Maintain a professional posture, display a sense of respect and intelligence, and everything else will fall into place," said Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James Alexander. ■



With the board looking on, Spc. Jacob Meader of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment displays superior knowledge and military bearing.

Monumental!

Story and photos by Spc. Dave Lankford

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Webster's Dictionary describes a monument as, "a lasting evidence of someone or something notable or great." Guantanamo Bay has certainly shown greatness over the last century. From McCalla Hanger to G. J. DeLoach, GTMO is all around.

A monument can be as modest as a headstone or as grandiose as a statue to recognize heroic individuals or historic events. Sometimes, on military installations, they are so common they may go unnoticed. For example, if a building is dedicated, the odds are it was either renamed to honor an act of heroism, or the structure was dedicated as a monument prior to its erection.

In any event, monuments are here to remind us of our history and the women who made it. ■



This monument, located on the shoreline between Glass Beach and Girl Scout Beach, is apparently of Masonic origin. The fence is five-sided in the shape of a pentagon. Inside the fence is a five-pointed star stretching to the five points of the pentagon, much like the JTF logo. Resting on the star is a lighthouse topped by a globe. Atop the globe is the Masonic 'square and compass,' symbolizing God as the architect of the universe. Anyone having more information about this monument please contact The Wire at 3594 or 3594.



The twin 40 mm (BOFORS) gun was one of the most feared anti-aircraft weapons in use during World War II. Though the gun required a seven-man crew, it was able to fire 160 rounds per minute to an effective range of 4,000 yards. The 40 mm was used with great success until the emergence of kamikaze pilots near the end of the war. This gun is on display at the USS Abatan memorial on Sherman Avenue.

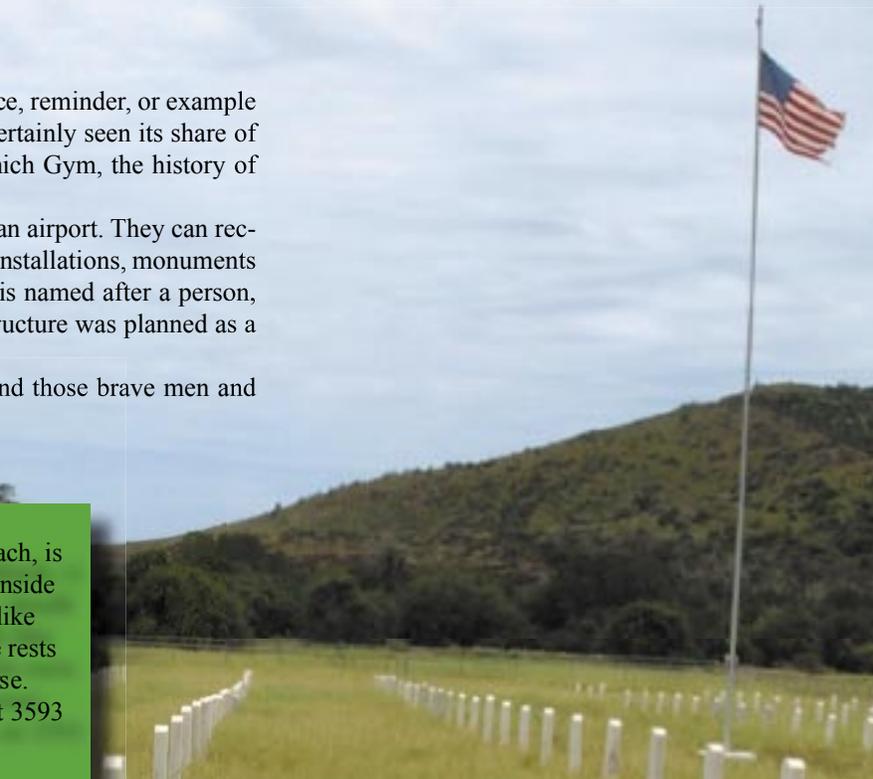
The 20 mm anti-aircraft gun is one of the weapons on display at the USS Abatan memorial. Originally an "oiler," the USS Abatan was commissioned on August 29, 1945. Her mission was to carry water to fleets in the Pacific. She served faithfully in various battles including Caroline Island and Eniwetok Atoll. In 1964, Fidel Castro cut off the fresh water supply to Guantanamo Bay, and once again the Abatan was called upon to deliver fresh water to Sailors and Marines on base. On Jan. 18, 1980 she was the only US country a final time... as a target.

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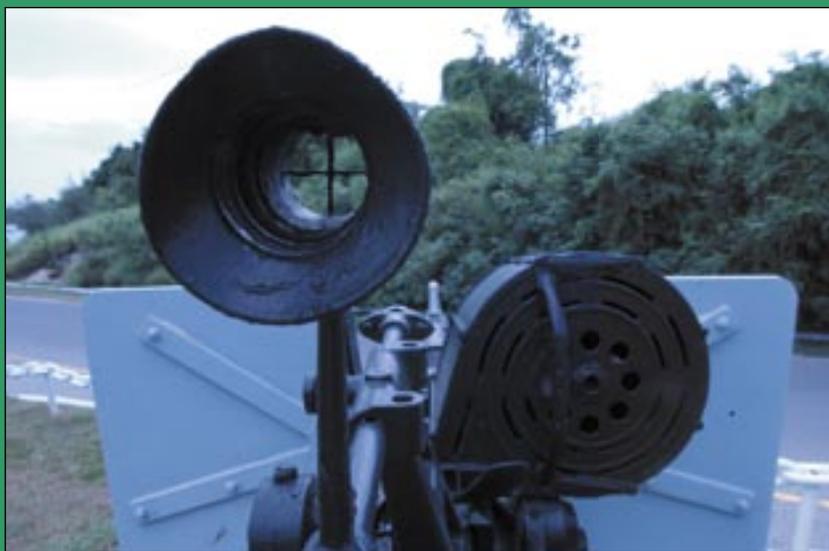
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The GTMO lighthouse, at the Lighthouse Museum on Sherman Avenue before Cable Beach, was built in 1903 and served Navy and Coast Guard units for decades. It has undergone several restoration projects since the 1960s and hosted distinguished visitors such as Jimmy Buffett.



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This statue, on display at the Lighthouse Museum on Sherman Avenue before Cable Beach, was donated by the J.A. Jones Construction Co. "in honor of the U.S. Marines who protect democracy at the fence line GTMO Bay, Cuba."

Rosenhaus talks and the money walks

Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay

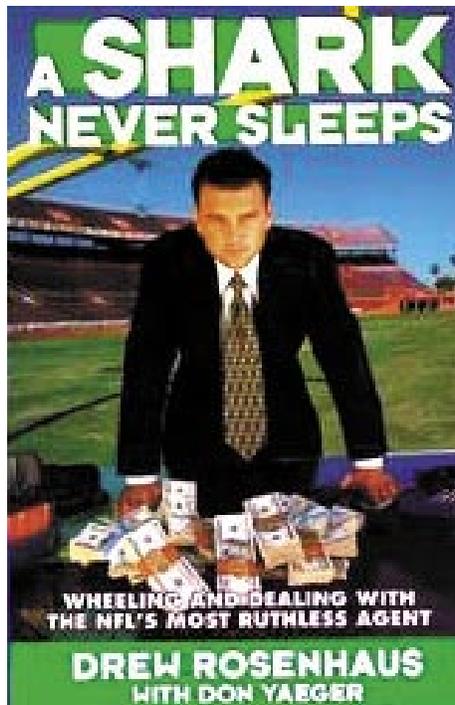
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The "Drew Rosenhaus virus" has entered the NFL's bloodstream and is spreading quickly, causing convulsions within the NFL community. Rosenhaus is an infamous agent dealing with some of the NFL's most prestigious players, such as Philadelphia's Terrell Owens (T.O.), Edgerrin James (Indianapolis) and Javon Walker (Green Bay). What do these players have in common? Rosenhaus got them all to holdout for more money during this year's off-season.

Agents like Rosenhaus do nothing but damage relationships between the players and their teams. When an agent tells his client to holdout, a few things can happen. First, the team could give in to the player's demands. Second, the team could put their foot down and do nothing, and third, the player could get himself cut, fined or traded to another team. In each instance, relations are strained between the player, his teammates, the coaching staff and the team owner.

If you were the player and thought you deserved more money, what would you do? Complain and refuse to come to camp, or talk to your coach and tell him you think you deserve more. Complaining isn't going to get you anywhere, even if you're the top player at your position, like T.O. Players sign contracts and their teams expect

them to abide by them. The easiest solution, which players seem to forget (once the money goes to their heads), is to tell your team how you feel and then go play your heart out for a season. If your ability isn't noticed, then and only then, do you have the right to complain or ask to be traded.



Graphic found at amazon.com

The NFL differs from other sports, in that NFL money isn't always guaranteed like the NBA or MLB. The only guaranteed money is the signing bonus or any bonus received thereafter. So, NFL players worry about getting injured and losing it all or how to manage their millions in the off-season.

The NFL off-season is longer than any other national sport and players find themselves looking for money in order to maintain their high-class lifestyles. Sometimes players turn to their agents, and big-time players turn to superagent Drew Rosenhaus. Every player wants an agent who makes things happen and Rosenhaus does that. Now what he actually makes happen, well, you tell me. He has helped sign Jevon Kearse, Santana Moss and Plaxico Burress to long term deals with their teams, as well as many other clients. But he has also caused so many waves in the NFL, that he's doing more harm than good.

What are a sports agent's intentions? Money, money and more money. The simple fact is that no matter if he cares for his clients or not, the more money they make, the higher his cut is. Now, you can't really blame the guy, cash rules everything, and he's just trying to get his hands on it. But tell that to the fans. ■

The game that almost Wasn't

Story and photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Maurice L. Thompkins

Joint Detention Group

On July 23 there was a softball game between the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion's Camp 4 and Camp 2/3 guard companies.

It's been a long time coming between these two camps to finally play for bragging rights, because when a game was scheduled it was cancelled due to bad weather, only intensifying the hype. What was the

hype? The losing team's commanding officer (CO) would get his head shaved.

Both camps' COs were in the stands, with all sweat pumps running on the governor, knowing the little bit of hair left on their heads was on the line.

The lead changed several times before it was all over. Chief Petty Officer Harold Doucett from Camp 4, started



The Camp 4 guards from the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion won a long-awaited softball game with a score of 9 to 7 against their Camp 2/3 counterparts in July.

a rally with a three-run homer after making a costly error in left field. The error resulted in an in-the-park home run that could have caused the Camp 4

guards the game, but they kept their heads up high and went on to win the game, 9 to 7.

Editor's note: Petty Officer Thompkins is a UPAR for the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion. ■

Fine NCOs join prestigious club

Story and photo by Spc. Timothy Book

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Two JTF Troopers successfully completed the final phase for induction into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club on July 28.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Stewart and Army Staff Sgt. Brian Bastian, both of the 525th Military Police Battalion, were the first two Troopers to be inducted into the club at GTMO.

Induction into the club is a reward for NCOs whose leadership and performance merit special recognition, according to FORSCOM (Forces Command) Regulation 215-7. It reads, "Members exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers."

Selection for the SAMC has four phases.

Phase one is a commander's evaluation. "First of all, you have to be recognized by your leadership," said Stewart. The commander screens and evaluates candidates before the initial selection board.

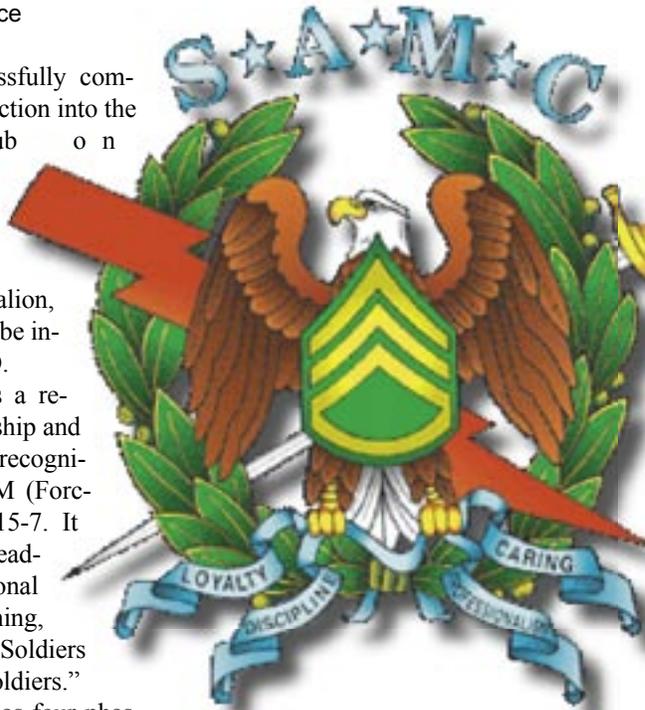
A performance test is phase two. The candidate's accomplishments are reviewed. Physical fitness test and weapons qualification scores, awards and decorations are looked at, as well as the scores of the Soldiers the candidate supervises.

The third phase is a board that reviews and scores the commander's recommendation from phase one and the performance test from phase two to determine if the nominee should go to the final phase.

The fourth phase is the final selection board. This is different from a promotion or Soldier of the year board. "First of all, you have nothing but sergeants major sitting on the board. It's a lot more pressure," said Stewart. "Second, you won't find the answers in a book. They ask situational questions. As a leader, they want to see how you would handle a real life situation," he said.

Membership into the club also requires that a nominee know the history of Audie Murphy, as well as the ability to describe the club's logo and what the symbols represent.

The club is named for Murphy, who is



the most highly decorated Soldier in American history, having received every medal for valor that America gives. Many people consider him to be the greatest American hero in history.

"In three years, [Murphy] went from E-nothing to E-6, to second lieutenant," Stewart said.

The Medal of Honor citation demonstrates one of many examples of what kind of Soldier Murphy was. He commanded a company that was attacked by six tanks and waves of infantry. He ordered his men to withdraw to prepared positions in the woods, while he remained forward at his command post and continued to give fire directions to the artillery by telephone. A tank destroyer was hit and began to burn. Murphy climbed on top of the burning destroyer and fired its 50-caliber machine gun at the enemy.

Murphy was in the open and exposed to fire on three sides, but his fire killed dozens of Germans and caused their infantry to fall back. That caused the tanks to fall back. For over an hour, Murphy fired until his ammunition was exhausted.

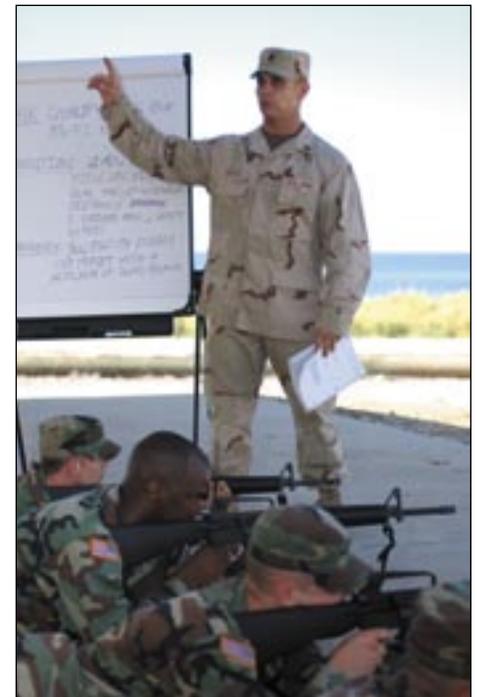
At one point, Murphy was shot in the leg, but continued fighting. He returned to his men wounded, but refused medical treatment. He organized the company for a counterattack that forced the Germans to

withdraw. His courage and refusal to give up saved his company from possible encirclement and destruction, and enabled it to hold the woods that had been the enemy's objective.

In the center of the SAMC logo is staff sergeant rank, Murphy's highest enlisted rank, said Bastian. The eagle displayed is our national bird and symbol of freedom. The initials SAMC are separated by three stars, which represent the, "Be, Know and Do" leadership paradigm of the NCO. The lightning bolt symbolizes swift and decisive action taken by the NCO. The sword represents leadership. The laurel portrays individual achievement and the streamers, which read, "loyalty, discipline, professionalism and caring," indicate the philosophy of the club.

The club is very exclusive and not for everyone, said Bastian. "But, if you want to [be considered], start studying." Bastian has been studying two times per week since February and said he felt well prepared.

"It is achievable if you believe you can do it," said Stewart. "If you have the support of your unit, the process becomes easy." ■



Army Staff Sgt. Brian Bastian instructs his Troopers on rifle marksmanship

Let 'yes' be yes and 'no' be no

By Army Lt. Col. Robert Palmer

JTF Chaplains Office

The 1997 movie "Liar, Liar," is about a fast-talking attorney named Fletcher Reid who's a habitual liar. When Fletcher's son, Max, turns five, his birthday wish is that his dad won't be able to tell a lie for 24 hours. When Max's wish comes true, Fletcher finds out what life is like when you can only tell the truth.



Just last year Reader's Digest surveyed their readers on the topic of honesty (Reader's Digest January 2004). Sixty-three percent of the readers admitted calling in sick to work when they weren't really sick in the last 12 months. Eighteen percent misstated the truth on a resume or job application. Half admitted to receiving too much change from a cashier and not saying anything. Thirty-two percent admitted to lying to their spouse about the cost of a recent purchase. Thirty-seven percent admitted to downloading music illegally. And 28 percent admitted to lying to their spouse about a relationship with another person. According to the book, "The Day America Told the Truth," by James T. Patterson and Peter Kim, 91 percent of Americans lie on a regular basis.

How then do we build trust and honesty in our relationships with each other? By saying what we really mean. Letting our "yes" truly be yes, and our "no" truly be no. If our yes is yes and our no is no, then we need to speak truthfully, honestly and without deception. Yet we need to speak the truth in love, with a genuine regard for the needs of the person. All truth needs to be offered in love, not in hate, resentment or anger. But love is never an excuse to lie, hide the truth, or to deceive.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer"- King David. Proverbs 3:5-6 ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9 a.m.	Sunday School	Troopers' Chapel
	10 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study	Building 3203
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Pavillion
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	Main Chapel
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	Tues. to Fri.	12 p.m.	Daily Mass
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Services held every third Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex.

Hebrew classes are being offered at the Naval Base Chapel complex Thursdays 7-8 p.m. in Room 11.

A symbol for all to remember

A bird is silent, and peaceful. But it will bear down on its prey with a deadly swiftness that pales in comparison to none.

Its talons outstretched, ready to strike the deadly blow.

For those that think America is weak, remember our national bird is the Eagle.

Courage

courage will carry a Soldier far past the battle. But the love of one's family will carry them home.

Army Sgt. Ronald Pope
1/18th Cavalry Regiment

15 Minutes of Fame

with Army Sgt. Eric Moore

By **Spc. Ian Shay**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

How long have you been in the Army?

18 years

What is your MOS?

11 Bravo (infantryman) primary, 42 Alpha (personnel administration) secondary

Did you join the military as an 11 Bravo?

I started as infantry. It's kind of funny, I was 35 when I joined; I went to basic at the age limit. They flew me into Fort Benning, Ga., when I was 34 years, 11 months and 25 days old. It was Christmas Eve. I turned 35 at the reception battalion. I was the only Soldier there. I was sitting there on Christmas Day and four cooks came and took care of me. I lived like a king.

What was your first duty assignment?

I went to jump school at Fort Benning and from there got my duty assignment to Fort Bragg, 82nd Airborne. You had to be "Hooah." I stayed there for years.

Were you active duty your whole career?

No, I got out in January of 1990 and went into the National Guard. I reported to the 540th Main Support Battalion, which is part of the 40th Infantry Division. I stayed there from '90 to '95. In '95, I moved to division headquarters as the general's driver, I've been doing it ever since.

How do you like your job as a general's driver?

It's sweet. It's the cream of the cream duty. I've been General Gong's driver for three years. I was his driver back at home station.

What does your job entail?

My primary job is to take care of the vehicle. The vehicle has to be superb at all times. The general has two vehicles, a Humvee and the GSA vehicle. I take care of my vehicles. My vehicle is the best looking in the whole fleet. I also assist the general's aide in whatever needs to be done. A lot of times it's administrative, as well as other military related issues. As a driver you have



Photo by Spc. Ian Shay

to know more than one route, in case the primary is blocked, i.e., accidents.

Why did you decide to join the Army at 35?

In the '70's during Vietnam, I was almost drafted coming out of high school. The day I was to report, I got a letter from the Department of Defense that said not to report, but at 35, I was in a situation where I was ready to change. I answered a real classy job announcement. I had no idea it was the Army. The ad had no indication it was military, but I went to the address and it was a recruiter's station. I thought maybe they had something in the back. I went in, and they said it was their ad. I said, "Well I'm down here, might as well give me the spiel." I always wanted to be in law enforcement or the military, so I said, "You know what, let's go for it."

What's it like doing your job in a theater of operations?

It's kind of exciting. We're interfaced with a joint task force. The joint cohesion is really an eye-opener. It shows we can work together. Networking is great. You get to

meet all different types of people, so when I go on leave, I've got places to stay.

What is your civilian job back home?

I supervise the infamous "bad boy" teamsters; it's a fun job. It's exciting and challenging.

How do you use your spare time here?

Dominoes and cards. MWR sponsors dominoes tournaments. I got a first place and a second place trophy. On the weekends, I do cookouts with the dominoes, cards, music and beverages.

What are your goals during your stay at GTMO?

Definitely go to schools...I want BNCOC. I just enrolled in some online classes. I even started snorkeling. ■

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Angelo Almodovar

C Troop's (from left to right) Sgt. Benjamin Zuniga, 2nd Lt. George Burchuk, Cpl. Brad Snively, and 1st Lt. Joseph Christenson, of "Team C-Crock" (Cavalry-Charlie Rock) took second place in the Third Annual Knowledge Bowl held at the Windjammer on Jul 22.

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Commander Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood leads the way during the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 5K run.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Angelo Almodovar

C Troop 1-18 Cavalry Regiment, Company Commander Cpt. William Amran and 1st Sgt. Lawrence Smith were honored to promote Pfc. Vernell Hill to the rank of specialist.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Angelo Almodovar

Spc. Catalina Rodriguez and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jorge Knight took first place in a salsa competition (beginner) at the Windjammer.

JTF-GTMO 10-Miler Team

The following individuals were selected to represent the JTF for the Army 10-Miler in October.

Primary

- Navy Ensign. Brian Burdick
- Spc. Scott Willits
- Army Sgt. Jason Abigania
- Navy Lt.j.g. Tiffany Dotson
- Army Sgt. Esmeralda Amaya
- Army Sgt. Natosha Monroe

Alternates

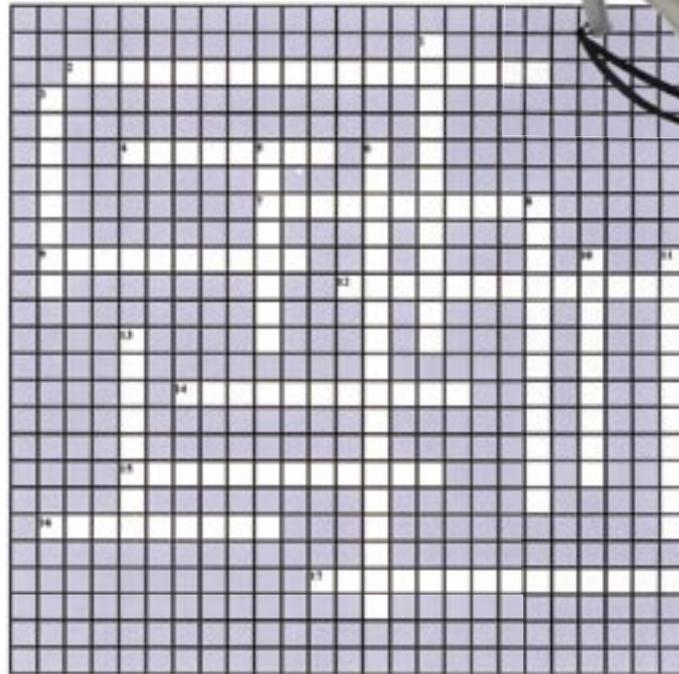
- Army Sgt. Adrian Galvan
- Army Sgt. Alexander Garcia

New pharmacy hours

Beginning Sept. 3, the pharmacy will be closed for routine medication fills and refills on Saturdays. Pharmacy regular working hours will be as follows:

- Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Closed on Wednesdays
1 p.m. for training
- Closed weekends and all federal holidays

Great figures of literature and history



Down

- 1. Songs of Innocence
- 3. Prufrock poet
- 5. Brave crusading monarch
- 6. A Midsummers Night's Dream
- 8. The Raven
- 10. Huckleberry Finn
- 11. Mongol conqueror
- 13. Czar Nicolas II advisor
- 17. Gettysburg speaker

Across

- 2. '60s passive protestor
- 4. Pre-WWI German unifier
- 7. a.k.a. Charles the Great
- 9. 1990 Nobel in Literature
- 12. Bastille instigator
- 14. Predicted 9/11?
- 15. Jazz and Beloved writer
- 16. First published American author



Sound off!

The Wire welcomes letters from Troopers. Letters must be less than 350 words and include name, unit and contact information. *The Wire* reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Bring your letter to *The Wire* office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the Chaplain's Office in Camp America or e-mail pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.

Military family member commercial air gate passes

Family members who want to accompany a military service member to the boarding gate or greet them at the arrival gate of **commercial** airlines may receive passes to enter the secure area of the airport. While the pass provides non-flying family members access to the gate area, they will still have to pass through the security checkpoint.

Interested military family members should contact their **commercial** air carrier representative at the departure/arrival airport for proper local procedures.

What's on TV?

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information for the 2.6 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces through programming including, Department of Defense news briefings, military news, interviews with top Defense officials and short stories about the work of our military. At GTMO, it's on channel 96.

Wheelin' and dealin'

We regret that we forgot to add contact information for Pablo Melendez and the Exchange New Car Sales Program here, which was featured in last week's issue. Melendez can be reached at 4227 or pmelende@militarycars.com. The program is featured on www.encs.com.

Accuracy

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. If you see an error in *The Wire*, call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.

Apple Crisp

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 4 cups peeled, cored and sliced apples
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- In a medium bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon and melted butter. Stir until crumbly. Press half the oat mixture into a 9x13 inch-baking dish. Cover with sliced apples.
- In a medium saucepan, combine white sugar, cornstarch, water and vanilla. Cook, stirring, until thick and clear, 10 minutes. Pour over apples. Cover apples with remaining crumble mixture.
- Bake in preheated oven 45 minutes, until bubbly and golden.

--from allrecipes.com.

Kitchen

Movies

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. **Sharkboy & Lavagirl**
PG 93 min

10 p.m. **Fantastic Four**
PG13 105 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. **The Honeymooners**
PG13 90 min

10 p.m. **Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants**
PG 119 min

SUNDAY

8 p.m. **Mr. & Mrs. Smith**
PG13 120 min

MONDAY

8 p.m. **Charlie & the Choc.**
PG 120 min

TUESDAY

8 p.m. **Sharkboy & Lavagirl**
PG 93 min

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. **The Honeymooners**
PG13 90 min

THURSDAY

8 p.m. **Lords of the Dogtown**
PG13 107 min

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8 p.m. **The Honeymooners**
PG13 90 min

MONDAY

8 p.m. **Mr. & Mrs. Smith**
PG13 120 min

TUESDAY

8 p.m. **Cinderella Man**
PG13 144 min

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. **Sharkboy & Lavagirl**
PG 93 min

THURSDAY

8 p.m. **The Honeymooners**
PG13 119 min

MWR

- Aug 06: Chess Tournament-Deer Point
- Aug 07: Domino Tournament-Marine Hill
- Aug 08: Dart Tournament-Deer Point
- Aug 09: 9 Ball Pool Tournament-Club Survivor
- Aug 10: Bowling Tournament-Marblehead Lanes
- Aug 14: Pool Tournament-Marine Hill
- Aug 15: Spade Tournament-Deer Point
- Aug 17: Ping Pong Tournament-Deer Point

Seaside Galley

Today	Lunch	Teriyaki Chicken
	Dinner	Surf 'n Turf
Saturday	Lunch	Baked White Fish
	Dinner	Chicken Parmesan
Sunday	Lunch	Roast Pork Loin
	Dinner	Sheperd's Pie
Monday	Lunch	Pepper Steak
	Dinner	Roast Turkey w/ Gravy
Tuesday	Lunch	Beef Pot Pie
	Dinner	Tacos
Wednesday	Lunch	Country Fried Chicken
	Dinner	Sweet and Sour Pork
Thursday	Lunch	Southern Fried Catfish
	Dinner	Turkey Ala King
Friday	Lunch	Beef Stroganoff
	Dinner	Surf 'n Turf

Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday		Saturday		Sundays & Holidays	
Windward	6:30	Windward	6:30	Windward	7:30
Leeward	7:00	Leeward	7:00	Leeward	8:00
Windward	7:30	Windward	7:30	Windward	9:30
Leeward	8:00	Leeward	8:00	Leeward	10:00
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Leeward	9:00	Leeward	9:00	Leeward	12:00
Windward	9:30	Windward	9:30	Windward	1:30
Leeward	10:00	Leeward	10:00	Leeward	2:00
Windward	11:30	Windward	11:30	Windward	3:30
Leeward	12:00	Leeward	12:00	Leeward	4:00
Windward	12:30	Windward	12:30	Windward	5:30
Leeward	1:00	Leeward	1:00	Leeward	6:00
Windward	1:30	Windward	1:30	Windward	6:30
Leeward	2:00	Leeward	2:00	Leeward	7:00
Windward	3:30	Windward	3:00	Windward	8:00
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Windward	10:30	Windward	10:30		
Leeward	11:00	Leeward	11:00		
Windward	*12:30	Windward	12:30		
Leeward	*12:45	Leeward	12:45		

Shown are *departure* times. **Bold** listings indicate the departures following breaks longer than 30 minutes. *Fridays only

Buses

ALL RUNS ON THE HOUR 7 DAYS/WEEK 5 a.m. TO 2 a.m.

Camp America	:00	:20	:40
Gazebo	:02	:22	:42
NEX Trailer	:03	:23	:43
Camp Delta 2	:06	:26	:46
KB 373	:10	:30	:50
TK 4	:12	:32	:52
JAS	:13	:33	:53
TK 3	:14	:34	:54
TK 2	:15	:35	:55
TK 1	:16	:36	:56
West Iguana	:18	:38	:58
Windjammer / Gym	:21	:41	:01
Gold Hill Galley	:24	:44	:04
NEX	:26	:46	:16
96 Man Camp	:31	:51	:11
NEX	:33	:53	:13
Gold Hill Galley	:37	:57	:17
Windjammer / Gym	:36	:56	:16
West Iguana	:39	:59	:19
TK 1	:40	:00	:20
TK 2	:43	:03	:23
TK 3	:45	:05	:25
TK 4	:47	:07	:27
KB 373	:50	:10	:30
Camp Delta 1	:54	:14	:32
IOF	:54	:14	:34
NEX Trailer	:57	:17	:37
Gazebo	:58	:18	:38
Camp America	:00	:20	:40