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Over 200 years ago, our forefathers decided they had had enough of King George's policies and submitted an act of independence. While there were many ideals and reasons to declare independence, submission to the crown was one of the main reasons for a British military response. The British believed this act of defiance was a direct attack on the King. Through voting processes and mutual interest, a singular identity was born: the United States of America. This single voice, from people who declared loyalty to their newfound country, was heard throughout the old world. People spread across the 13 colonies came out to express loyalty to their new government.

This tradition continues today. The reason why it has continued is because servicemembers throughout our country raised their hands, swore to defend our great nation and the citizens who reside in it. From the day we declared independence and through the wars since, heroic citizens of this great country volunteered to fight for the rights and spirit of freedom given by the Constitution of the United States.

Through every campaign were men and women who understood the importance of our country and believed their lives were a small price to pay for the promise of freedom. Their loyalty is beyond reproach. We must remember these sacrifices. We must remember why these American patriots and heroes gave their time, their service and their lives. In addition, we must remember the sacrifice of the families who served with them from home. And above all, we must remember why they did it. We must remain loyal to our people because of those who came before.

Our oath is our declaration of loyalty. Every one of us stood in front of an official and swore that we would freely give up our lives to our country. We now carry that responsibility and our loyalty is how we do it. While we find ourselves in cultural design of expressions of loyalty, such as an Army tradition, or Navy ceremony, expressing loyalty is a personal decision. We find ourselves at the extreme end of pride and ownership after we've declared ourselves to a level of loyalty that could cost us our lives. We promised to dedicate ourselves completely to the tasks given to us. It is the only way for us, as Americans, to express our loyalty. We show off who we are, and what we represent, because we know we stand for the American people. Only by our loyalty can our country remain strong and give proper respect for those who came before us. I recommend that the next time you walk past our flag waving in the air in front of the headquarters building, on John Paul Jones Hill, or Camp Delta, look at it again. See it for what it represents and remember why you are doing the professional jobs you are doing, as warriors for the people of the United States of America.

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COVER: Army 2nd Lt. Shawn Pierce practices his holds during Army combative training, Jan. 6. Pierce is attached to the 525th Military Police Company. - photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes

Back Cover: The sun rises on one of the Camp Four guard towers, Jan. 5. - photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes



A North Korean Soldier looks in through the window of the T2 building as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates tour the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea, July 21, 2010. - Defense Department photo by Cherie Cullen

Gates Stresses Need to Prevent North Korean Provocations

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Preventing another North Korea provocation of South Korea is in everyone's interest, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Wednesday at a conference in Tokyo.

In the past year, North Korea torpedoed the South Korean ship Cheonan, killing 46 sailors, and shelled the island of Yeongpoo, killing two civilians and two South Korean servicemembers.

"Every country has the right to protect itself and defend itself against an unprovoked attack," Gates said during a news conference at the Japanese defense ministry. "I think the key on the Korean peninsula, as I discussed in China and here in Japan, is to prevent another provocation from happening."

The danger of escalation of force exists, the secretary said, and the United States, Japan, China and South Korea must work together to ensure stability and peace on the Korean peninsula.

North Korea has said it is willing to negotiate with South, Gates noted, but he added that the Pyongyang government must demonstrate it will change its behavior.

"This requires that the North cease its belligerent behavior, and its provocations that have killed innocent victims, both military and civilian, in Korea," Gates said. "We are supportive of negotiations and engagement between North and South but there must be concrete evidence on the part of the North that they are serious about these negotiations."

Gates has spoken with Chinese leaders about the situation on the peninsula, and his meetings today examined the subject. He

will visit Seoul tomorrow to talk with South Korean leaders on the way ahead.

"All four countries have a common interest in a peaceful outcome and stability on the peninsula, and in each place we've talked about how to pursue that," he said.

The secretary said he wants to break the cycle of North Korean violence followed by crocodile tears.

"We have seen this cycle over and over again, and I think the objective we all have in common is how to prevent another provocation from taking place. How do we move the process forward on the peninsula in a way that shows the North Koreans are serious about engagement, serious about negotiations and that this is not just a repeat of what we have seen so often in the past after a provocation of trying to re-set the clock back to what it was before?" he said.

In China, he called for concrete North Korean steps, suggesting that a moratorium on nuclear and missile work would be a good place to start.

Gates met with Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara and Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa. In addition to North Korea, Gates briefed the men on his visit to Beijing and meetings with Chinese leaders.

He also discussed the challenges associated with China's growing military strength, the U.S.-Japanese collaboration on ballistic missile defense and in furthering U.S.-Japanese cooperation in areas such as counterterrorism, peacekeeping disaster response, humanitarian assistance and other important multinational efforts. These efforts include Japan's substantial

Obama Honors Haiti Earthquake Victims, Notes Relief Efforts

Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

On the eve of the one-year anniversary of the earthquake that leveled Haiti, President Barack Obama yesterday honored the memory of the 250,000 Haitian people who died in the disaster, and highlighted relief and recovery efforts.

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake set into motion "one of the largest humanitarian efforts ever attempted," Obama said.

Noting that 100 Americans also perished that day and an estimated 1 million people remain missing, Obama added that countless lives were saved in the earthquake's aftermath, and Haitians now have better access to food, water and health care than they did before the disaster.

But the impoverished nation is not out of the woods, he said.

"Too much rubble continues to clog the streets, too many people are still living in tents, and for so many Haitians, progress has not come fast enough," the president said. "As we have said all along, helping the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere recover from one of the worst natural disasters ever to strike our hemisphere will take years, if not decades."

When the earthquake struck the small island country Jan. 12, 2010, near its capital of Port-au-Prince, the Defense Department coordinated with the State Department to respond with life-saving assistance. U.S. Southern Command, the U.S. Agency for International Development and other agencies coordinated their efforts to assess the earthquake's massive damage.

financial contributions to Afghanistan.

The meetings also covered a discussion on new Japanese defense program guidelines. He called the study "a forward-thinking document that reaffirms the importance of our alliance, including the U.S. military presence, to Japan's defense."

The leaders also discussed the U.S.-Japan alliance and its new vision statement.

"It has been about five years since the last vision statement, and the world and circumstances in Northeast Asia have evolved a good deal since then," Gates said. "So it is appropriate to update our alliance at this time."

The U.S. and Japanese leaders also discussed the relocation of U.S. forces in Okinawa.

Gates is scheduled to make a major speech tomorrow on the U.S.-Japanese alliance at Keio University before flying to South Korea.

News from the Bay

Columbia college begins registration

Registration for upcoming college courses at Columbia College will begin next month at the Navy College Office.

The NCO offers educational programs and advice for servicemembers seeking opportunities to earn a college degree.

"The mission of NCO is to provide guidance and counseling to Sailors and Marines in order for them to develop an educational plan," said Candice Rice, director of NCO.

Active-duty Sailors assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo can use the Navy's tuition assistance program to help pay for courses. Regardless of the uniform a Trooper wears, all are welcome at the college.

"Any servicemember can come in and become a student of Columbia College," said enrollment assistant Tania Dunbar. "They can pursue an associate, bachelor's or master's degree and complete certifications within their career field."

One of the benefits of Columbia College is the flexibility of online classes.

"You can start a degree program here even if you relocate somewhere else because all the classes are online," said Faries McCree, academic advisor.

Columbia College, one of the many colleges to partner with the Navy, offers 19 different degree programs and 400 online courses.

"There are two classes starting Jan. 10: Intro to Computer Information Systems and Spanish II," said Dunbar.

Rice, who also is an NCO counselor, works with servicemembers to review credits hours earned from previous colleges. She reviews the individual Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript, which tracks military training and occupational experience.

"Servicemembers will receive two additional points with an associate degree and four points with a bachelor's or master's degree once added to their SMART transcript," added Rice. "Last year I updated two individual SMART transcripts and they were promoted."

The office also works with detainee guards through the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program.

This program is designed to award servicemembers work experience while on active duty in areas of law enforcement and antiterrorism.

"It's a very good program for any detainee guard to earn 2000 training hours for a Correction Officer Certificate of completion from the Department of Labor," said Rice.

While on active duty, there are many educational resources and opportunities to available for career advancement and personal enhancement.

"It's never too late or too early to explore educational opportunities," added McCree.

Those interested in the programs can stop by the NCO, located on Naval Station Chapel Hill, Room 11, can call the office at 011-399-2227, or visit <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil> or www.ccis.edu/guantanamo.

**Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Elisha Dawkins**

Equal Opportunity course begins at Chapel Annex

Troopers from all around Joint Task Force Guantanamo gathered in a small classroom Monday morning at the Chapel Annex to begin their Equal Opportunity Leadership class.

The course is spread over six days, during which students learn the value of respect, dignity and personal relationships.

The training is about "better understanding people," said instructor Sgt. 1st Class Edward Wilhite. "It's about listening to other people's issues without bringing your own personal feelings into it."

Participants, who must be E5 or above and promotable, were nominated by their individual leaderships to attend the course.

"There are two things all people deserve," said Brig. Gen. Samuel Nichols, JTF deputy commander, who was a guest speaker during the first morning. "The first is good leadership. The second is dignity and respect. That's why you're here."

Wilhite explained the course is divided into sections, including conflict management, discrimination and power, racism and sexism and the prevention of sexual harassment. Students can expect quizzes, exercises, a final exam and an 8-12 minute presentation about a randomly assigned historical figure.

Students are asked to sit next to a different person everyday, to promote teamwork and unity and are also discouraged from using rank as a tool.

"You're all starting at the same level," Wilhite warned the class. "Everyone is equal in this room."

Spc. Meredith Vincent

525th launches first MJK Jr. 5k run

The first Martin Luther King Jr. 5K fun run, sponsored by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 525th Military Police Battalion, is scheduled for the morning of Jan. 15.

Runners will take off at 6:30 a.m. from Derich Gym, said Staff Sgt. Kitisha Hayward, human resource sergeant for the HHC, and end at the same spot five kilometers later.

An awards ceremony will follow the run, with trophies being given in six different age groups. T-shirts and other prizes will also be handed out.

"I was tasked to come up with an idea for the holiday," said Hayward, on why she chose a fun run. "I just thought it was a good idea."

Spc. Meredith Vincent

JSMART joins forces with RADIO GTMO for live show

The Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team will introduce a live radio program on RADIO GTMO beginning Jan. 21. The program will run from noon to 2 p.m. on Fridays and will cater to those with mental health related questions.

"It's about reaching out and addressing issues before they become real problems," said Navy Lt. Jason Duff, officer in charge for JSMART. "We realized if we did a radio show every week, we might be able to reach a larger audience."

The program will include special guest speakers, questions from e-mails and, of course, live calls from listeners. To send a question for the upcoming show, email jsmartradio@gmail.com

Spc. Meredith Vincent

Troopers welcome Sergeant Major of the Army

Story by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

During his fourth visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Command Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston spoke with Soldiers during an all-hands call, Jan. 5.

Preston began the briefing by promoting six Soldiers, including Sgt. Madison K. Hayes.

"It was a great honor to be promoted into the NCO Corps by the highest ranking NCO in the Army," Hayes said adding, "it was an amazing opportunity and a once-in-a-life-time experience that I will remember for the rest of my military career and beyond."

Preston continued by commending the room of servicemembers for their hard work.

"I just wanted to say thank you," said Preston. "This is a very sensitive mission, a mission that is constantly in the news."

Preston also addressed the group about the guide for physical fitness. He said Soldiers should take the time to go online and become familiar with the new training.

"What I want you to take away from the manual is this is about core strength," said Preston. "It's from that core strength that you improve your aerobic fitness and endurance and it affects all three of the current events in the PT test."

Preston said a new PT test is being researched and hinted Soldiers might not recognize it.

"Now, as we look to the future, one of the things we are looking into is a PT test that you can't train for," Preston said. "It's a PT test designed around core strength. Imagine if I told everyone that we are having a PT test tomorrow morning and you don't know what the PT test events are going to be until you show up."

The Army's exercise routine wasn't the only item Preston spoke about. He also said the Army's Green to Gold program is a great opportunity for Soldiers to pursue their dreams and move up to positions of greater responsibility.

Green to Gold is a program that allows qualified enlisted Soldiers to return to college, attain their bachelor's degree and earn a commission as an Army officer.

"We have to be able to look out through the ranks and identify those Soldiers who are very sharp and have that potential to move up to the positions of increased responsibilities and to serve in those command positions," said Preston.

Preston said the Army has partnered with civilian universities during the last two years to

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Photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

Command Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston addresses a crowded room at the Windjammer during his visit to Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 5. After promoting six Soldiers, Preston spoke to a mostly Army crowd and thanked them for their dedication to the Joint Task Force mission.



Photo by Spc. Meredith Vincent

A symphony in three parts:

RADIO GTMO

Story and photos by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

For more than 60 years, personalities have come, personalities have gone. The call letters are now different and the station has seen several format changes as it works to keep pace with its ever-changing audience. But through the years, one thing has never changed at Radio GTMO: day-in, day-out the DJs of the station are on-hand ensuring music, information and plenty of everything in between gets out over the airwaves and is heard by the Guantanamo Bay community.

First Movement

The year is 1947; memories of World War II are beginning to ease into the recesses of the American psyche. The post-war economy is roaring along at hyper speed. Nearly every day some new, must-have gadget is rolled on to the shelf. Just as quickly, refrigerators, televisions and cars are gobbled up by a population heady with a new-found economic freedom.

The music of Count Basie, Perry Como and Frank Sinatra dominate the airwaves but it's a relatively obscure Ted Weems with his single "Heartaches" who stays on the top of the charts for 12 weeks — the longest chart-topper that year. At a small little naval station on the southern corner of Cuba, a switch is flipped and WGBY comes to life. A legacy begins.

"The original station was under the control of Armed Forces Radio and Television Service," explained the station's acting officer in charge, Interior Communications Electrician 1st class Norman Corliss.

Hurricane Flora made the original studio inoperable when it tore through the island in 1963, flooding the building. More than \$150,000 was used to remodel the interior of the Morin Center, what would become the new home of the station. During the remodeling, new radio and television equipment — including transmitters, antennas, TV camera and FM broadcasting gear — was added to the new facilities. On Thanksgiving Day, 1964 the staff of the naval station's newspaper, television and radio operations began production at the new building.

In his "Radio-TV Journal" blog, former WGBY personality Larry Miller said following the souring of relations between governments of Cuba and the United States, the radio and television station took on an unspoken role.

"There was another 'shadow audience' that we served, too," Miller said. "Cuban citizens on the 'other side of the fence,' who were curious about the United States and who likely enjoyed some of the programs they heard."



Miller went on to say, "Maybe they were trying to learn English, or perhaps just eavesdropping on a bit of U.S. culture by tuning in to the *Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson on WGBY Radio. In any event, we acknowledged the Cuban audience and provided them with 'Noticias en Espanol.'"

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Ailes, known to Radio GTMO listeners as Dr. J. works in one of the two production studios available to the four DJs at the station. Radio GTMO provides a dynamic range of music to the residents of Guantanamo Bay in addition to serving its primary command information mission.

Bridge

When the station first went on the air, music, news and other broadcast pieces arrived on vinyl records. Today, the station receives its materials from the Defense Media Agency in the form of CDs. Music is placed into a central computer where DJs can select them as they build their prerecorded and live programs. The programs themselves are mixed and voiced with commercial software; the entire process is nearly 100 percent digital. But Radio GTMO holds a distinct asterisk in all of the Department of Defense's broadcast outlets.

"We are the last radio station in all of DoD still capable of broadcasting off the record player," said Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin "Dr. J." Ailes.

The station maintains a library of nearly 10,000 records covering music from the 1950's into the 1980's.

"Everything began switching to CDs in early 1990's," explained Corliss.

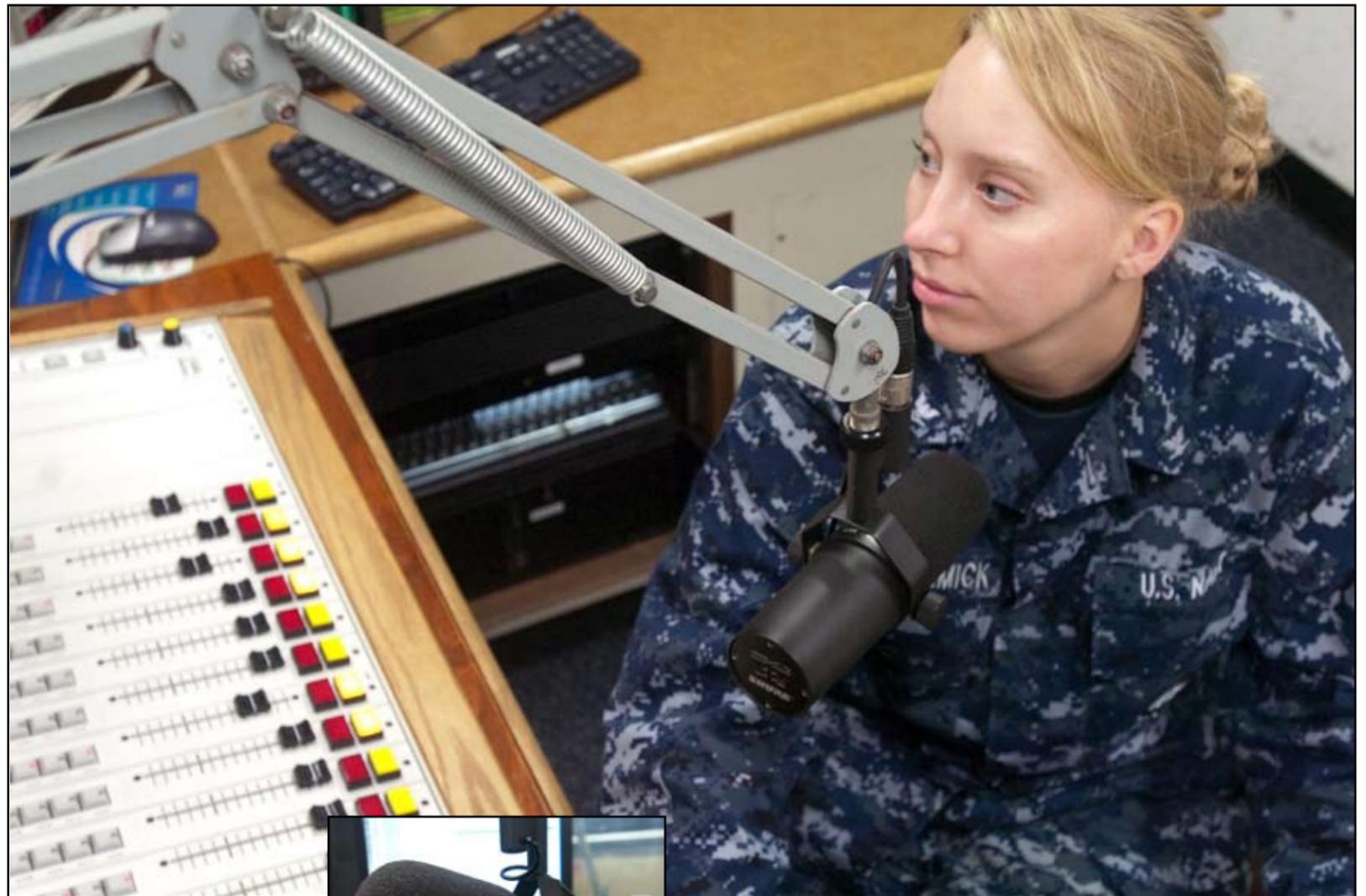
But for every Sailor working at the station, the records are a source of pride and wonder.

"I've gone back through some of those records and just been amazed at what I've found," Ailes said.

Second Movement and Finale

"We're not under the jurisdiction of the FCC," said Corliss explaining why the station once known as WGBY became Radio GTMO. "Typically, when we operate outside the United States, we fall under the rules of the host country ..." Corliss let the words drift off, a silent acknowledgment of a radio station operating in a country with no formal relations between the two governments.

Serving the Guantanamo Bay community, seven Sailors head to work every morning at Radio GTMO. Of Corliss' staff, three are broadcasters, four serve as technicians. The station is designated a Radioplus. Corliss said with the plus designation, not only



Radio GTMO personality DJ Stacks, aka Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Heidi McCormick, pieces together her classic rock radio program, Jan. 10. McCormick is one of four DJs at the station who put together a total 21 (five live, 16 prerecorded) local shows for the Guantanamo Bay community.

does his staff work the radio side of things; they also handle the satellite feeds used for local television broadcast.

"I'm pretty proud of my staff," Corliss said. "We do so much with such a small staff and have a large impact on our community."

Making sure the machine that is Radio GTMO continues to broadcast on its three radio stations and four television channels are the technicians of the building.

"Being a tech at Radio GTMO is a very small part of what an IC on a ship would be expected to do," Corliss explained. "This really is a dream job."

While the techs keep everything operational, it is the three DJs of the station who are the most well-known of the Sailors. Corliss said his DJs do five live shows a week and record 16 shows for playback at set times to cover the station's eight hours per day of local content.

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a Life ^{or} Death SITUATION



Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Woods performs a clinch on Army combative instructor Master Sgt. Brian Stuckey during Army combative training, Jan. 6.

Two fighters look at each other from across the mat. Soon they will be punching, kicking and grappling. This is you or him, life or death. This is what close hand-to-hand combat is all about.

The 525th Military Police Company conducted their first level-1 combative training course Jan. 3 through 7. The one-week, 40-hour course teaches students basic moves to defend themselves in hand-to-hand combat.

“The course is completely voluntary,” said combative instructor Army Master Sgt. Brian Stuckey. “Basically it gives these individuals confidence in their ability to defend themselves no matter what your size or gender may be.”

When students reach the end of the course, they are evaluated individually. If they show an understanding of the techniques, they are awarded a level-1 certification in combative skills.

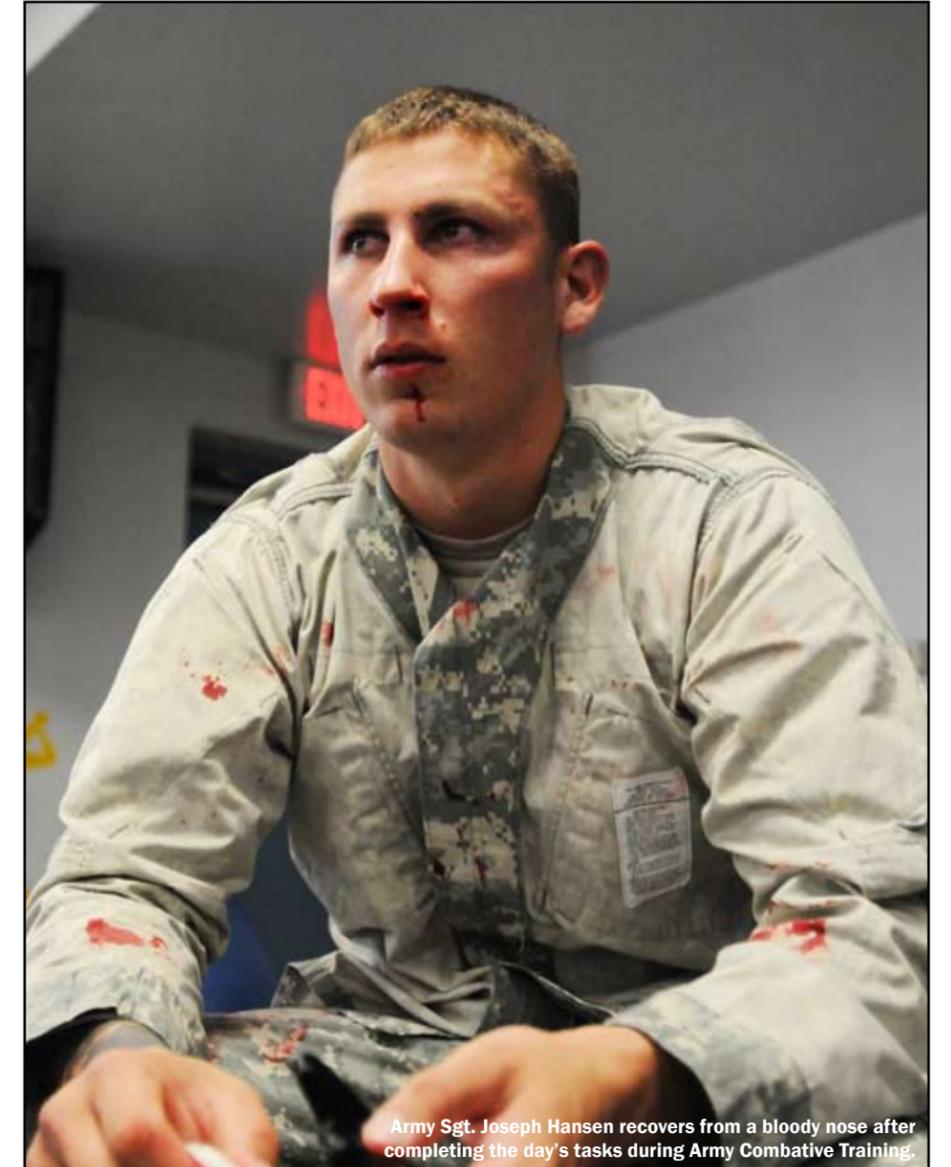
“I am glad its coming to an end,” said 2nd Lt. Jennifer Silver, 1st platoon leader of the 193rd Military Police Company. “My body definitely hurts and I am extremely exhausted, but feel a sense of accomplishment.”

Completing the different levels of the course allows individuals to instruct classes of their own as long as the level they are teaching is below what the individual is certified at.

“Being an instructor is fulfilling,” said Stuckey. “You are able to teach somebody a skill they are going to use in their future endeavors.”

Combative training courses are a good way for individuals to advance self confidence and progress in their military careers.

“This is a fighting course, hands down,” said Stuckey. “These skills will help these Troopers if they find themselves in a life or death situation.”



Army Sgt. Joseph Hansen recovers from a bloody nose after completing the day's tasks during Army Combative Training.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



Mind, Body & Soul

Martin Luther King's Dream for America

Air Force Lt. Col. Marvin Williams
JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

Legacies are intentional by design. This statement is especially true when reflecting on the life and work—the legacy—of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On the surface it may seem as if Dr. King rose from obscurity to national prominence because of his “I Have a Dream” speech, delivered in the summer of 1963. However, a closer look at Dr. King’s life points to his intense struggle to live according to his sense of purpose.

Dr. King’s legacy did not begin with his speech at the march on Washington, D.C. Rather, it began when he developed an awareness of injustices among marginalized people in the United States and abroad. It was this awareness that ignited Dr. King’s passion and compelled him to be a champion for freedom and liberty.

All legacies, of course, have a medium by which the purpose of the movement is fulfilled. For Dr. King, his vehicle for accomplishing his quest for liberation was the “dream.” As a pastor of a baptist church and philosopher, King utilized biblical imagery to cast his own vision of a nation — and a world — free from discrimination and inequality. He equated his vision with the new heaven and earth John wrote about while exiled on the island of Patmos. To



balance his vision, Dr. King embraced an ethos of love that overcomes hatred and the most horrid conditions in life. And finally, he adopted Mahatma Gandhi’s nonviolent strategy as a form of social resistance.

Indeed, each step in King’s development is like a building block reaching toward new heights and cultivating a deeper awareness of injustice. To combat the injustices outlined by Dr. King in a variety of written and spoken venues, he needed an all encompassing dream that highlighted the indignities of those looked down upon while inspiring social change in America.

What I believe may be the hallmark of Dr. King’s legacy for freedom and liberation is his dream for America. In King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, he noted that his dream is “deeply rooted in the American dream.” Therefore, King’s dream is not a culturally specific dream; it is an American dream. Said differently, it is a dream for America. Sure, many other orators have mentioned their dreams for America, but no one captured the hearts and minds of the world like

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His love ethos and demand for freedom punctuated every sentence of his speeches.

Monday, Jan. 17, is the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. Communities and cities throughout the country will honor Dr. King’s legacy in a variety of ways. As I reflect on Dr. King, I am reminded that his dream is active and alive, but not fulfilled yet. There is much work to do in our country and throughout the world to ensure every human being is guaranteed freedom and liberty from oppression. Dr. King’s dream embodies the tenets of what it means to be an American in the 21st Century.

As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday, I would like for us to pick up the mantle and live out that dream Dr. King saw for America. Keep his dream alive by being a champion for freedom and liberty. As long as injustice and inequality exists, we need the dream. And one day, I believe, we will accomplish Dr. King’s dream for America.

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers’ Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers’ Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers’ Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
Chapel Annex
Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers’ Chapel
The Truth Project
Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers’ Chapel

Soccer season kicks off

United beats Angels 5-0 in preseason tournament championship

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

The GTMO United women's soccer team walked away from Cooper field after winning the preseason tournament championship 5-0 against the GTMO Angels, Jan. 9.

"It was great!" said Air Force Capt. Danielle Wren, future operations officer in charge, J6. "The first game was more tentative, we didn't really know each other or how we would play, but this last game we really came together."

Manley McLean, coach of GTMO United, credited the win to the team's ability

to stay focused and on target.

"They kept the ball as we had planned, they made controlled passes, they stuck to the game plan and were able to execute," the coach said.

In addition to helping individuals develop the basics and learn to work together as a group, the preseason also helps blow off steam and tension built up from working hard during the week, said Wren.

"To be able to come out here on the weekend and relieve a little stress is huge,"

said Wren. "Soccer is definitely a stress relief. It's really good to go to work with a clear head and positive mental attitude."

McLean said soccer is more than a way to relax; it also helps his team stay in shape and boost their morale through bonding and friendship.

"We have people from all walks of life," said McLean. "We have military members, civilians and government civilians on the team. We are one family, GTMO United!"

Regular season games begin Jan. 31.

(right) Players fight for the ball during Sunday night's tournament championship game. The weekend-long tournament was an introduction into the regular season, beginning Jan. 31.

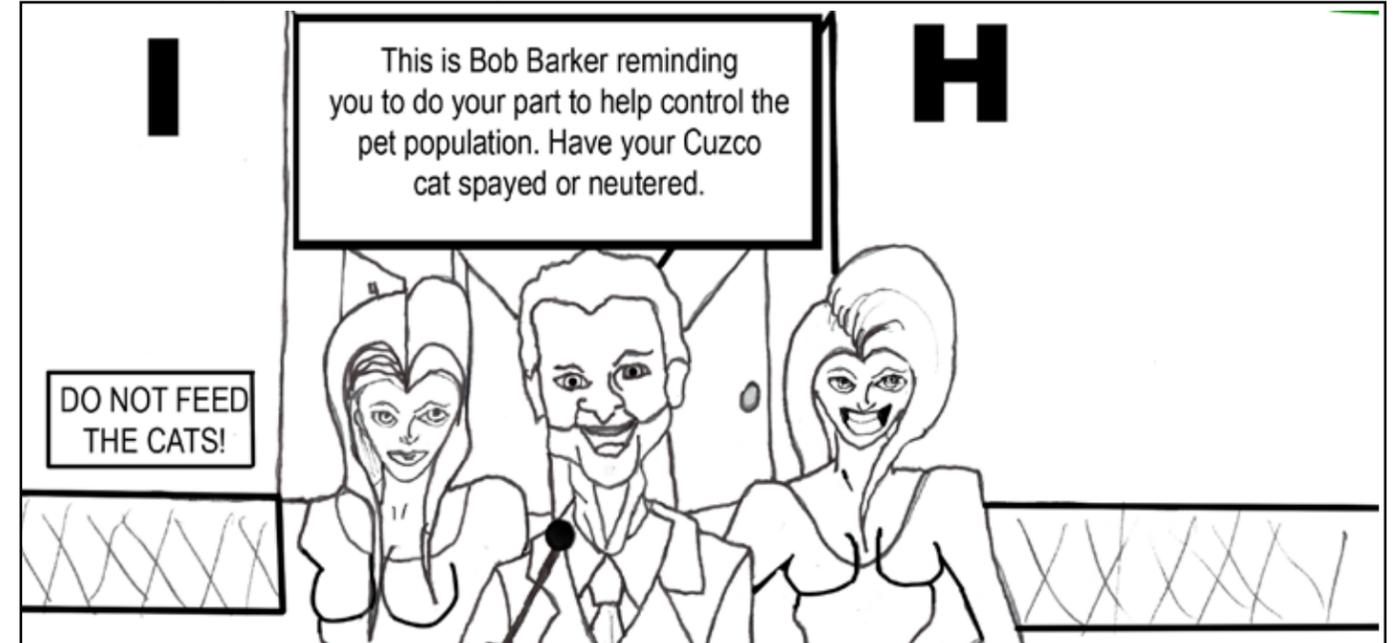
(below) A member of the GTMO Angels attempts to drive the ball down the field. The Angels lost to GTMO United 5-0.



There's a hole in the beach!

Builder 2nd Class Corey Lawlis (right) and Utilitiesman 1st Class Kevin Geegan, observe an auger dumping dirt in preparation for bollard installation at Cable Beach, Jan. 12. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jordan Miller

View Askew - Petty Officer 2nd Class John Skrzyziarz



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Army Spc. Meredith Vincent

Robert Downey Jr. is at the top of his game. The man has become the kind of movie star that legends are made of. Zack Galifianakis is the main reason why "The Hangover" was the biggest hit of last summer and is on his way to becoming one of Hollywood's most wanted comedians. So joining their forces for pretty much a remake of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" should be a no-brainer, right?

Well, yes and no.

It is true that Downey is remarkable to watch. He plays Peter Highman, a cocky, pretentious architect on his way home from Atlanta to Los Angeles for the birth of his first baby. Downey could do this part in his sleep, but to his credit he brings real depth, sincerity -- and at critical moments, rage -- to the man.

Now, his partner in crime and adventure is a different story. Galifianakis became a household name with his pee-in-your-pants hilarious turn as Alan in last year's "The Hangover." The trouble is, Galifianakis plays aspiring actor Ethan Trembley as a



close cousin to Alan, never straying too far away from the role that made him famous. Alan was a man-child who sashayed around with a "satchel" and a baby. Ethan is a man-child who sashays around with a perm and a pug. The two characters' dialogue is actually interchangeable and Galifianakis delivers them with the same deadpan innocence in

each movie. So really, if you were hoping for an Alan spin-off while you were watching "The Hangover," this is your movie.

That's not to say it isn't funny. After an airplane incident (caused by Ethan) leaves him with no luggage, no money, no ID and a choice spot on TSA's "no fly" list, Peter

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Downtown Lyceum	Megamind (PG) 7 p.m. True Grit (R) 9 p.m.	Yogi Bear (PG) 7 p.m. For Colored girls (PG13) 9 p.m.	Morning Glory (PG) 7 p.m.	Hereafter (PG13) 7 p.m. Last Showing	Conviction (R) 7 p.m. Last Showing	Skyline (PG13) 7 p.m.	Little Fockers (PG13) 7 p.m.
Camp Bulkeley	Morning Glory (PG13) 8 p.m. Skyline (PG13) 10 p.m.	Unstoppable (PG13) 8 p.m. Last Showing True Grit (PG13) 10 p.m.	Hereafter (PG13) 8 p.m. Last Showing	Conviction (R) 8 p.m. Last Showing	Little Fockers (PG13) 8 p.m.	Tron Legacy (PG) 8 p.m.	For Colored Girls (R) 8 p.m.
Clipper Club							
Other Events	Liberty Events Paintball & Pizza Ping Pong Tourney	Scenic Bike Ride Marina FMI 2345	Big Game Sunday Paintball Paintball Field, 2345	MLK 5k Denich Gym, 6:30 a.m.			

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MOVIE cont., begrudgingly accepts a ride with the worst road trip partner of all time. Ethan's antics will make you squirm, squeal and squeak, and he does them all in such a matter-of-fact, natural way that you almost feel bad for being so horrified. And while Peter does his best to hold it together so he may get back home to his expectant wife, the audience knows that it's only a matter of time until the bomb explodes.

But before it can, director Todd Philips (who also directed "The Hangover" — surprise!) leads us further and further from reality. About three fourths of the way in, the movie becomes so trippy (pun intended) that we start to lose our connection to the characters. It was about the time when Ethan steals a Mexican border police that I

started to lose base. And trust me when I say, that ain't the half of it.

Peppered throughout are faces and names you will surely recognize; most of them just probably stopped by to say hello to their buddy director and he wrangled them into a scene or two. My personal favorite was Danny McBride's Lonnie. For those of you who see the movie, you'll know exactly why.

"Due Date" didn't live up to my expectations. I'm a die hard Downey fan and couldn't get enough of "The Hangover," so this less original, tempered version left me feeling underwhelmed. However, I did choke on my popcorn from laughing several times, and it'll be a while before I look at a cup of coffee the same way. I give it a solid three and a half banana rats, because I'm feeling generous.

SMA cont., apply college credit toward those military schools currently being taught.

"We have over 700,000 Soldiers who are taking some kind of school or educational opportunity," said Preston. "Through guided and structured self development, we can guide all Soldiers through their careers."

Preston finished the briefing by handing out coins of excellence to Soldiers identified as deserving by their leadership.

"It was great knowing that my leadership recognized my effort," said Pfc. Amanda Russell, an Army broadcast specialist with the Joint Task Force Public Affairs Operations. "It's so early in my military career. It's a moment that I won't forget."

Preston concluded the briefing by reiterating the mission they are serving.

"When each of you walk away from here, you can be proud of your contributions to what you have done for the global war on terror and the things you have done for the nation," said Preston. "You can be very proud that you are part of a time honored tradition of service, sacrifice and professionalism."

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RADIO cont., "Each of the DJs has their own niche they play to," said Corliss. "We try to play a mix of music with each of the different shows. You're not going to please everyone but we do try."

When the station isn't running one of its local talents, Corliss has 14 satellite radio feeds to choose from. The civilian contracted feeds are provided to Radio GTMO through DMA-Riverside, who reviews the program material before making it available.

Local talent, Dr. J. — the aforementioned Ailes — takes to the air with a heavy metal show. "I was born to do this job," Ailes said as a broad smile spread across his face.

"What could be better than telling the servicemembers' story and to know I'm reaching out and someone is listening," he asks, then answers his own question. "That's pretty cool."

Sometimes lost in the mix of format and personalities is the primary mission of the radio station.

"First and foremost, our job is command information," Corliss said.

The crew accomplishes their mission with the use of spot pieces in the form of public services announcements in between the music Corliss explained.

"I know some people out there may think some of those spots are stupid," Corliss said. "But if you remember the message, we've done our job."

Ailes said the spots also have the effect of permanently identifying him.

"So many people come up to me and they don't think of me as Dr. J.," he said. "They always come up to me and say 'Hey! You're the talking iguana on the radio' and yes ... yes I am."

Who is the most interesting famous person you have met?



"Brett Micheals and Eva Longoria."

-Air Force Staff Sgt. Zahi Abi Chaker



"Bob Barker from 'The Price is Right.' I was on the show in 1996."

-Army Staff Sgt. Katherine White



"William Shatner. I used to run a paintball park and he's a big paintball fan."

-Lance Cpl. Martin Deschepper



"Dick Cheney. Does he count?"

-Air Force Tech Sgt. Michelle Miller

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Spc. Thomas Johnson inspects newly delivered boxes containing fresh fruit and vegetables for safety, Jan. 11. Johnson is assigned to Guantanamo Bay, Veterinary Treatment Facility, which provides prevention of zoonotic diseases and food borne illness to servicemembers and detainees. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins



A Sailor salutes a Trooper as he enters a Sally Port gate in Camp Delta, Jan 6. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David P. Coleman



Engineering Aide 3rd Class Roger Alexander looks through a transit surveyor for the installation of new bollards at Cable Beach, Jan. 12. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jordan J. Miller