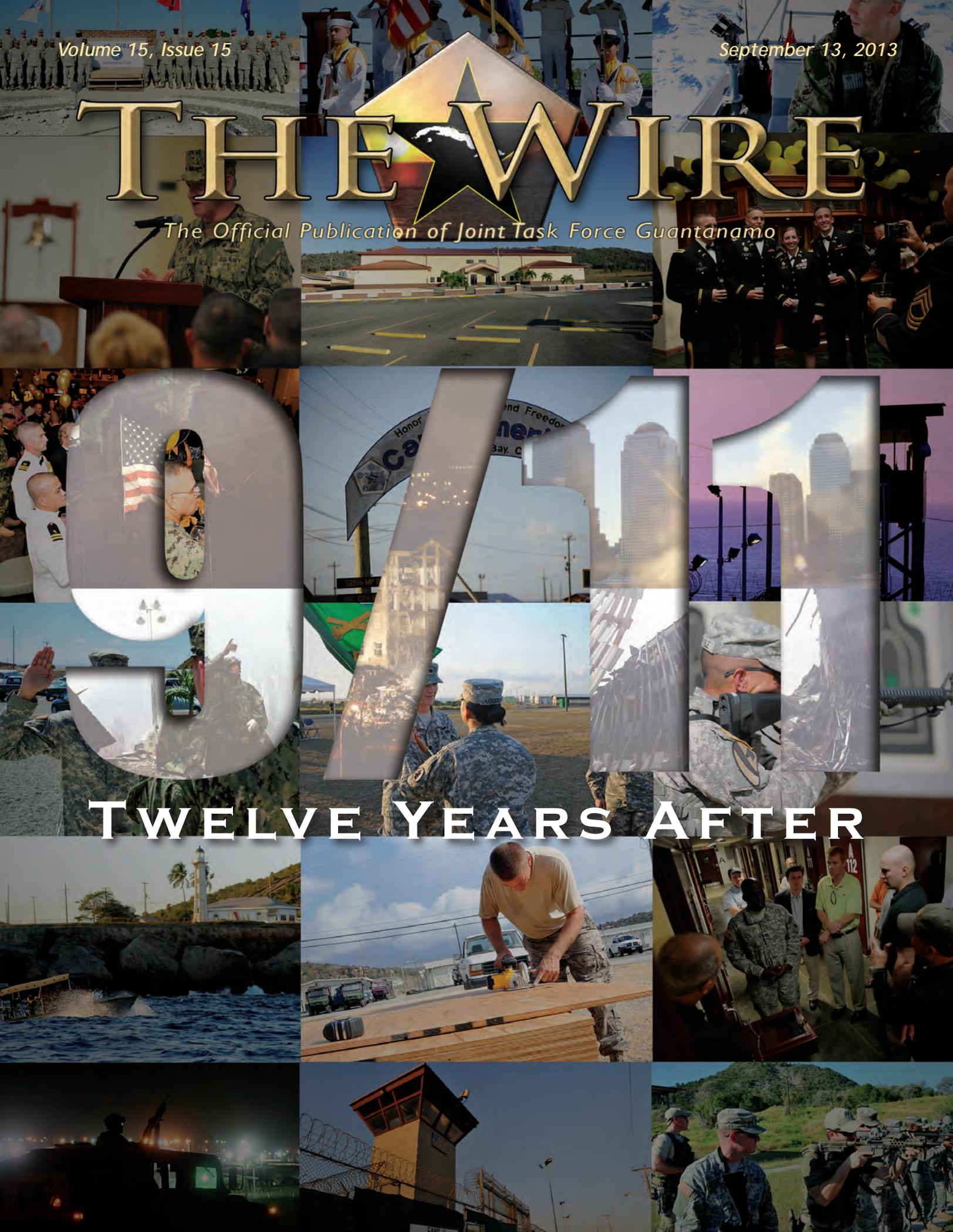


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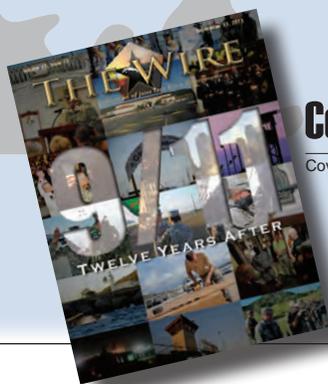
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Kyak the Bay



GTMO's kyakers can enjoy a scenic trip from the Marina to Hicacel Sept. 14, at 8 a.m., sponsored by the MWR's Liberty Program.

All unaccompanied active duty personnel are welcome, but must sign up first. Call ext. 2010 or e-mail liberty@gtmo-mwr.org to reserve a seat.

Roll the hills of GTMO

Bring your own bike or rent one from the Marina for the Sept. 21, guided bike tour sponsored by MWR. Call ext. 2345 for more information.

Carving a masterpiece

Interested in making your own personalized paddle? If so, call ext. 74795 or ext. 4882 to sign up for a two-part class at the woodshop Sept. 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m.

Spanish-language Mass

Sunday 4:35 p.m.

General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.

Gospel Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

Chapel Annexes

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.,

Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m., Room A

Islamic Service

Friday 1:15 p.m., Room 2

Seventh Day Adventist

Friday 7 p.m., Room 1

Sabbath School-

Saturday 9:30 a.m., Room 1

Sabbath Service-

Saturday 11:00 a.m., Room 1

JTF Trooper Chapel

Catholic Mass

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

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Sunday 7 p.m.

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TRANSPARENT



By Col. John Bogdan

Joint Detention Group Commander

I remember when I was in basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., in the summer of 1983. My platoon had just come back from training and we were moving aimlessly inside the barracks when our drill sergeant came over the public announcement system. He said, “start moving with a purpose, you sound like a herd of cattle.” Without thinking, we all began to make “mooring” sounds. He seemed to enjoy this and started giving us animals to imitate – bears, gorillas, etc., and then he said “rabbits” and the entire bay fell silent. Then one Soldier let out a crazed scream and we all began yelling and screaming. The drill sergeant then asked, “what kind of rabbit sounds like that” and someone yelled “killer rabbits,” and we all screamed louder. It was an amazing and unique moment in my young Army career.

We coalesced into a true team. In a brief



Col. John Bogdan

instant we had given ourselves a new identity and the entire platoon rallied behind it. Although it sounds quite unusual, the cry of “killer rabbits” became something that set us apart and strengthened our platoon beyond measure. I’m certain our drill sergeant likely endured many hours of ribbing from his peers for our unique motto, but there was no mistake, 1st Platoon was on the move and out front!

I think this demonstrates the true essence of a motto – it’s not something simply written on walls and signs, or at the end of emails. A motto must be something that your organization rallies around and is truly inspired by. You can’t feed people motivation or pride in their unit, they must own it, it has to be a personal experience. They must see the motto brought to life through your actions and the example you set. Soldiers will yell at the top of their lungs for almost anything you teach them – but it’s the pride they take in THEIR motto that adds the passion. If you expect Soldiers to take pride in their unit, to have the dedication and deter-

mination to focus on a common goal of excellence, they must feel the loyalty within the very fibers of the unit itself. Loyalty must be evident in every action. Soldiers must trust their leaders will support them through the hardest part of the mission. The trust and loyalty they feel is what inspires them to strive for mission success, and leaves a mark they will carry with them throughout their career and lives. That mark is embodied in their motto.

So what does our motto, “Honor Bound,” really mean? To me it is both our pledge to the Nation and the ethos by which we execute our mission. Our Nation’s HONOR, its reputation and dignity rest on our ability to perform our mission above reproach. We are BOUND – as in focused, resolved, never wavering – to ensure our mission of safe, humane and legal care and custody of the detainees is executed with the highest degree of professionalism. Therefore, we are resolved to protect and uphold America’s reputation – we are Honor Bound! Our identity as a unit and character as Soldiers will be recorded in history by the manner in which we live by this motto.

TROOPER TO
TROOPER

How one day, 12 years ago, brought us together then and now

By Sgt. 1st Class Gina Vaile-Nelson

Editor, The Wire

This last week, I celebrated a birthday and in typical fashion, realized that I’m not getting any younger. But it wasn’t really the body aches or rogue gray hair that reminded me that my own youth is slipping away.

It was the stories.

Stories of young specialists or Airmen first class who recounted being in middle school math class, watching what they thought was a Hollywood action film; not knowing that our country would forever be changed.

And now, here you are, 12 years later, with sweat-drenched uniforms and sore backs, members of the world’s most elite fighting force.

Many of you, in your young 20s, have combat experience. Not just the patch or DD214, but memories. Of battles fought, comrades lost and missed experiences with

loved ones. For others, this is your first deployment; and what a range of emotions and experiences it brings.

None of us would be assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo if 9/11 didn’t happen. No matter what we were doing that day - skipping a college class, opening a middle-school math book or running towards two burning buildings while everyone else was

running away.

And that is what defines us. That is what separates us from the other 99 percent of the population who hasn’t raised their right hand and sworn to protect and defend the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

But then you are tasked with this mission - not in a combat zone but still protecting and defending. The humane and safe treatment and care of the very group of men who claimed responsibility for that day 12 years ago. And while many other Americans wouldn’t be able to, you accepted the mission and drive on daily with compassion, professionalism and respect.

It humbles me to see the resiliency, perseverance and selfless service you Troopers have; what you dedicate to our country, our mission and the American resolve.

Outside of your military career you are pillars of your community – protecting them daily as police, fire, EMS or medical professionals at the local ER.

And you don’t ask for anything in return. You carry out your mission with success and selfless service, prideful in something that is bigger than yourself.

I thank God that I’m an American, and have this opportunity to serve you. I thank you for being one of the few who stood up to protect freedom, liberty and justice.



Sgt. 1st Class Gina Vaile-Nelson

Getting ahead of the curve

Troopers afforded opportunity to enroll in college classes while deployed

Story and photos by Spc. Lerone Simmons

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If your deployment goal was finishing a degree or continuing your education while stationed at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, it's not too late to sign up for classes and make that goal a successful reality.

"It's a great way to utilize your time when you're here," said Army Spc. Engin Turk Baydemir, a military police officer assigned to the 812th Military Police Company.

Baydemir is a business major with a marketing minor currently enrolled in Columbia College at Guantanamo Bay where he's taking English 111; having already completed Math 101.

"I had no idea how to register, so I just got in contact with them and they walked me through the entire process, getting credits from my military transcript, getting tuition, books and preparation for class placement tests," he said. "They were very helpful."

"They have a collection of books available for use, and I was lucky enough to get mine through them," he said.

"The professors even worked well to accommodate me when my schedule switched from days to nights, by extending deadlines."

Baydemir plans to use this as a tool to further his civilian goal of becoming a New York State Police Officer. While having a background working in banking, real estate and taxes, he said he realized a degree would help boost his chances in acquiring his civilian goal, in conjunction with his work experience.

"Having a positive experience, getting a jump on your education, and reaping lifelong rewards, are what makes Columbia a vital asset to those who are here," said Denise Giamelle, a Columbia professor.

"Teaching at the college level is rewarding because we are helping students get ahead in their education as well as their careers," she said.

"Classes are open to all Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard military personnel, retirees, Department of Defense civilian employees and their dependents," said Louis Giamelle, director. Contractors are also eligible to apply.

"Our programs here are specifically geared to the military student, allowing them to obtain a quality college degree conveniently and in a timely manner," he said. "After students leave Guantanamo, they can continue their studies at one of our nationwide or online campuses."

Columbia offers degrees ranging from associate's, bachelor's and master's, in business administration, criminal justice administration, psychology, history, sociology and general studies; as well as several business-related certificates.

They also offer College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education testing.

To pay for tuition, most of Columbia's military and former military students use Federal Tuition Assistance or the Montgomery GI Bill, with grants, scholarships and loans as other payment options.

Credits are transferrable in both directions.

Columbia can accommodate any schedule with online courses, small class sizes ranging from six to 10 students, and five, eight-week academic sessions.

In addition to filling the seats, Columbia is also looking for new professors to help accommodate students who prefer the face to face interaction and classroom setting.

Their main office is located in Room 6 of the Chapel Annex, and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with after hour appointments available. Email Columbia College at Guantanamo@ccis.edu or call ext. 75555 for more information. 🇺🇸



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rayman Solomon, culinary specialist, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo, takes a Spanish quiz Sept. 4, at Columbia College, Guantanamo Bay Campus.





You guessed it, the plot & all "Millers" not all it's "cracked" up to be

Review by Spc. David Marquis

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After anxiously awaiting "We're the Millers" to be released at the Downtown Lyceum, I arrived with a group, sat in my seat and nothing but disappointment followed everything past the opening credits.

Let me start by saying this is one opinion. I will not say "don't go see the movie" based on what you read. I did not find "We're the Millers" funny, despite having an all-star comedy cast; no one was used to their full potential, with the exception of Jennifer Aniston as a stripper named Rose.

Here's your synopsis: Dave (Jason Sudeikis) a well-to-do drug dealer, gets robbed and his supplier Brad (Ed Helms) forces Dave to smuggle a "smidge and a half" of

marijuana from Mexico. Dave comes up with the master plan of traveling with a fake family to avoid suspicion from the police and border patrol.

So Dave, the now down-on-his-luck drug dealer, convinces Kenny the virgin (Will Poulter) and Casey the runaway (Emma Roberts) to pose as his children, and approaches down-on-her-luck stripper Rose to be his pretend wife.

From this point forward you can guess what happens. They go to Mexico, they get the marijuana, and it's significantly more than a "smidge and a half." They try to get it back to Brad, crazy things happen, and they learn they all really love each other and maybe, just maybe,

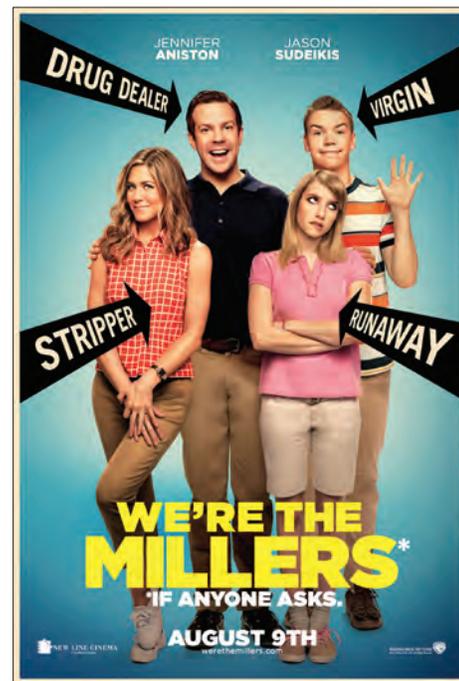


Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

they could be a real family.

That said, other people will rate this movie much higher than I will rate it. In the spectrum of comedy movies, this one is an insult to the otherwise grand career of everyone in this movie.

So everyone else, go find one banana rat to watch this movie with. 🍌

Cinematography overdone in "Percy"

Review by Sgt. Cody Stagner

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"Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" is the second film adapted from Rick Riordan's fantasy-adventure book series "Percy Jackson and the Olympians."

Set one year after the events occurring in "The Lightning

Thief," Percy (Logan Lerman) is once again called upon to save the day as the chosen one of the gods. This time, Percy and his friends, Annabeth and Grover, go on a quest to save Camp Half-Blood by retrieving the Golden Fleece from the 'Sea of Monsters' and using it to heal a dying mystical tree that protects the camp from evil. Percy's old friend Luke (Jake Abel) returns as the antagonist to thwart Percy's quest.

When I first heard the sequel to "The Lightning Thief" was being made, it excited me. As a fan of the first movie, I planned to be first in line for the sequel. "The Lightning Thief" was a great

theatrical rendition of the book, so of course the second would be, too. Right?

Well, after the prelude where four, half-blooded children—half man, half god—are terrorized by a vicious Cyclops, disappointment began to set in. It was as if I was reading a graphic novel and skipping all the words. The characters continued to move from adventure to adventure when all I wanted was a deeper storyline.

In today's world of computer graphics and special effects, this movie came out a little overdone. It was like watching a cartoon, with unrealistic plot turns and character movements that

defy ordinary physics. With that said, however, the movie is visually stunning. The cinematography of characters, monsters and scenery are nearly flawless and on par with today's movie technology. But, less could have been more.

I enjoyed watching, but I couldn't help feeling like something else was missing ... challenge. The quarrels were predictable and the monsters turned out a bit lame, even for a children's story. For this, I give this movie three banana rats. 🍌



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

Healthy eating tips for a better you

By Capt. Brian Pennington

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We have been putting long hours in at the gym over the last few months. If you've tried some of the "Workouts of the Week" you know just how challenging a long-term commitment to fitness can be.

Your run times have probably improved, maybe you've gained some strength and endurance, but without a proper nutrition and exercise program many of your results can quickly vanish.

A sound nutrition program is paramount for seeing results. Without the proper fuel, your body won't reach its maximum potential. To reach your weight-loss goals you must have a good diet plan. Think about it, eating a Big Mac and fries is almost equal to an hour of cardio depending on the intensity of the workout. This is why we must approach nutrition with the same

dedication as we do working out.

The following are five general nutrition tips to get you going in the right direction. For more specific instructions, consult a nutritionist who can help you put together a plan that works for you based on your body, age and activity level.

1. Drink plenty of water! This will help you feel fuller during the day and keep you hydrated in the GTMO sun.

2. Eat smaller meals throughout the day. This will keep your metabolism higher and feed your muscles throughout.

3. Eat protein every meal. Protein is more satisfying than carbohydrates or fats, and it helps fuel your muscles for growth, which in turn raises your metabolism.

4. Limit what you eat. Limiting your food intake is especially difficult in the beginning, but with practice this

will become normal. It takes around eight minutes for your brain to register that you're full.

5. Eat a balanced diet. This includes adding fruits and vegetables into each meal.

Remember, do something that you can easily stick to. Crash diets always fail in the end. You have to find what works best for you. Personally, I eat a small bowl of fruit every meal along with my other foods. This crushes my craving, provided I allow my food to settle for eight minutes. Bottom line is finding what works for your taste and lifestyle.

Don't forget to consult a medical professional to make sure any nutrition or workout plan is safe for you. 🌟



Graphic by Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Hiler/The Wire

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at the Downtown and Camp Bulkeley Lyceums

Call the Movie Hotline at 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook page for more information

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| Jobs (New) PG13, 8 p.m. We're the Millers R, 10:15 p.m. | | Kick-Ass 2 (New) R, 8 p.m. Elysium R, 10 p.m. | | 2 Guns R, 8 p.m. | | The Wolverine PG13, 8 p.m. | | R.I.P.D. (LS) PG13, 8 p.m. | | Red 2 (LS) PG13, 8 p.m. | | Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters* PG, 8 p.m. *Family Night | |

Due to a component failure with the projector at the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum, the movie schedule has been canceled until further notice. Please watch the GTMO MWR and JTF Guantanamo Facebook pages for more information.

Stay classy, GTMO! No ALCOHOL or TOBACCO at the Lyceums!

(LS) = Last Showing



Legal Notes

SJA offers Troopers convenience, accessibility

Story and photos by Sgt. Darron Salzer

Photo Editor, thewire@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil

There sits an office on the Joint Task Force side of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay that many Troopers pass by without giving a second thought, largely due – in part – to the fact that it is unmarked.

But if a Trooper should need any legal services or advice, then the JTF Legal Assistance Office – within the International Committee of the Red Cross building – is where to go.

“We provide services such as power of attorney, bill of sales, executing wills, attorney advice for family law or civil actions against you back in the states, or if you need help getting your credit card bills lowered through the Service members Civil Relief Act – we can help with all of those types of issues,” said Army Staff Sgt. Keith LeValley, noncommissioned officer in charge of the JTF Legal Assistance Office, and ICRC Staff Judge Advocate liaison.

“We don’t have the resources to be a fully-functioning legal office like you would see at a U.S. military installation back home,” LeValley said, “but we try to maximize the resources we do have and provide the services that we can.”

The SJA Office operates the JTF Legal Assistance Office.

“We’re really the face of the Staff Judge Advocate Office that interacts with the Troopers when it comes to legal,” LeValley said, “supporting and helping Soldiers.”

LeValley and his team understand that many Troopers nail down legal issues as part of the mobilization process, but things can come up later or are left unsaid during that process.

“For a lot of us, the pre-mobilization process includes going through legal and for some that means not bringing up any issues so you can complete the process quicker,” he said. “If there are any new legal issues, or issues that were not

resolved before you deployed, we can help or at least get you to the help you need.”

LeValley said Troopers needed to know that there are some things that he and his team cannot do.

“We do not represent you in court if you are being charged with a criminal act, such as if you committed assault while on leave,” he said. “We’re not going to fly in and represent you for that.

“Sometimes, like in family law situations, we just might simply be able to help get you from point A to point B, but you’ll still have to see an attorney.”

LeValley also said his office is not a trial defense service, “meaning if you are facing an Article 15 from the chain-of-command, we’re not going to be the attorney who will represent you or to whom you plead your case.”

A common civil issue that Troopers face is those in family law, he said.

“You do have Soldiers going through child custody disputes, whether someone is filing that against them or trying to change the payments because the Service member’s income has changed due to deployment – we can help with that,” LeValley said.

“People may still be going through a divorce, and that can take a long time, and is something that we can also try to help with,” he said.

And if Troopers have official documents that need to be certified or notarized, LeValley said he and all of the attorneys in the legal assistance office are notary publics.

Though it isn’t the only legal assistance office at GTMO, the convenience for Troopers means no trip over to the NavSta side of the base – a problem with the limited transportation and grueling

What to bring:

- * Documents that need a notary
- * VIN number of vehicle
make and model
- * Information about the new house
- * Family Court information

Graphic by Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Hiller/The Wire

schedules of those especially in the guard force, he said.

“Troopers have a hard time getting around the island especially with the strange hours of those in the guard force,” LeValley said. “So by opening up a shop on the JTF side, it’s a little more convenient and a lot more accessible.”

He said there are no forms Troopers need to bring in when they first come by the office, “but they need to have all of the important information with them, such as addresses if you are buying/selling a house, specific information of who they are giving power of attorney to, or vehicle identification number, make and model of a car they are buying or selling.”

Troopers needing legal assistance can stop by the International Committee of the Red Cross building, Monday thru Friday from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Appointments during the duty day can also be set up if Troopers cannot meet during those hours.

“We’re here to help out the Trooper, so even if it sounds silly, just give us a call and we’ll do all we can to assist in any way,” LeValley said. 🇺🇸

Reflections

Staff Report

Interviews by Sgt. Cassandra Monroe and Sgt. 1st Class Gina Vaile-Nelson

When the news broke that the planes crashing into the World Trade Center weren't an accident but were actually acts of terrorism, future noncommissioned officers sat in middle school classrooms, viewing images from what looked like an upcoming action flick. Some of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's senior leadership were off to work the daily grind in corporate America, serving their communities in a police or fire uniform or at their first duty station.

No matter what, our lives changed 12 years ago this week. Whether you were fixated to a television screen, viewing it from your apartment window, or personally moving debris from the Pentagon, New York or Shanksville, Pa., 9/11 has formed us. No matter the distance between us on that date, today we fight as one to ensure it never happens on our soil again.

These are your stories - your reflections.



Photos submitted by Brobst Family



Command Master Chief Karl Brobst
PSU 301, Mar. Sec. Det.
West Creek, N.J., native

“I rushed home and I gathered my gear while my wife packed water, power bars and a quick note saying she loved me. I am a State Trooper and had been assigned to the Marine Unit in Point Pleasant, N.J. I rushed to work and took a 50-foot patrol vessel with two additional Troopers to respond to New York Harbor ... While taking injured people onto our vessel, I answered the call to assist with a makeshift morgue. Along with the others, we would bring the victims here, first civilians caught in the falling debris or trampled, then the police and firefighters who had run into the collapsing buildings. Then parts. Only parts - police, firefighters and EMTs, in death, they were all the same. Heroes, running into chaos, seeking only to aide those in peril ... Any idea of time was lost. Through the night, next day and following day we would work. More help and machinery would arrive. A report of improvised bombs attached to ambulances and snipers in recreational boats would circulate. This would hinder our efforts and created hostile encounters ... still, we would work. A relentless circuit of trying to collect the dead and placing them on boats for transport to a more suitable location. On Sept. 13, sometime in the morning, I would be lead, coated in dust, diesel fuel and gore, to a FDNY vessel for transport back to New Jersey. We were checked by EMTs and issued sneakers and sweat suits and washed up. We met Troopers from South Jersey waiting to drive us home. I would spend the next two-hour drive asleep, but no longer innocent.”

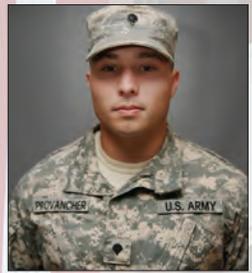


Photo submitted by Sawyer Family



Christopher Sawyer
Office of Military Commissions
Fort Worth, Texas, native

Driving in to work at Continental Airlines in Houston, Texas, NPR breaks in with news that a small aircraft has hit the World Trade Center. I continue to headquarters, now there are reports of the Pentagon. When I walk into the lobby, everyone is silent, all of us looking at each other eerily. We were sent home in case any additional attacks on downtown areas across the country. We were on standby for deployment almost immediately. As it turned out, Special Operations took the "Dirty Kitty" without aircraft, so we weren't activated. Two days later, I find out that my cousin, Angela, was in the North Tower. We had been distant, and I did not know she worked there. No news from anyone. Silence. Even if someone called, I wouldn't know what to say.



Spc. Austin Provancher
812th MP Co.
Saratoga, N.Y., native

I was in first period, English class. I had a lot of family that worked out of NYC. My mother came and got me from school. I remember thinking, as a fifth grader, if tanks were going to come down the street. I felt vulnerable. We all wanted to be Soldiers; I wanted to do something but I was young. I wondered how this could have happened. Being from New York and being on this island made me realize what our mission was about and it really hit home. This mission has been very important to all of us here.



Staff Sgt. Perry Bessant
Marine Corps Security
Company Guantanamo
Mullins, S.C., native

I was in boot camp at Perris Island, S.C. and was getting my uniforms issued. As a Marine, we know one day we'll be put in harm's way. I was disheartened for the families but I was motivated that I was in the service and could do something. Ever since I was young I wanted to be a Marine. I think that the terrorist attacks are something that terrorists do. That's what we're here for; to make sure those families get justice.



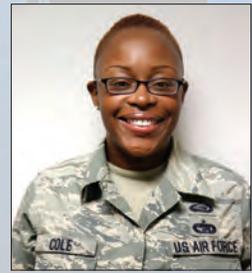
Sailor Grady Seibert
Hospital Corpsman, JMG
Newport, N.C.

I was in fourth grade, at the library. The librarian told me to go back at class, then we got a code red - we got locked down. It made me want to go into the military to do something for our nation to correct the wrongs that happened that day.



Petty Officer 2nd Class John Rose
PSU 301, Mar. Sec. Det.
Cumberland, R.I., native

I was taking my p.t. test in 9th grade. We were running the mile and as we came around, we were told to stop. We sat on the bleachers and briefed. It was surreal; in my next class we saw the footage. It was a big shock. I think terrorism was a foreign thing to me at the time and I didn't really understand it. That event forced it into my life. I saw joining the Coast Guard as a way of leaving this world a better place.



Tech. Sgt. Lakesha Cole
J-1, Joint Task Force Guantanamo HQ
Hollywood, Fla.

I was at my first base, going through a base-wide exercise. I was at work, maintaining operations. We went into the conference room to watch the television and found out what happened. We watched both planes hit the World Trade Center. My heart hit the floor when I watched it happen. It's all about coming together as a country and watching our country, military and Americans unite and support the military. For me, it made me aware of the importance of what I do for the country.

Kickball tourney leads to rematch

Story and photos by Sgt. Darron Salzer

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Laughter and scandal went hand-in-hand Labor Day weekend at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored Kickball Tournament Sept. 2, at Cooper Field Sports Complex.

Seven teams competed in the double-elimination tournament that saw the Scrubs and team GTMO Radio duke it out in the end for the title.

Navy Ensign Johnathan McGowen, a registered nurse with the Joint Medical Group, said it was the first time since he has been here that his team has been on top of any sport they've competed in.

Organized chaos was the phrase Navy Ensign Nube Macancela, RN, JMG, used to describe her team's strategy early on.

"When we came out today and started kicking the ball we learned that it really wasn't moving the way we wanted to, so each player had to feel out for themselves what would work best," Macancela said. "We're also trying to aim the ball towards third because it's hard to throw the ball too."

"We have also been subbing people in and out of each game so we can have fresh legs to make good catches and great kicks," McGowen added.

He said that even though kickball is serious business, it kind of takes you back to childhood.

"We're all just out here laughing and having fun," McGowen said.

"It's competitive but at the same time it's fun because it is a kids game," said Macancela. "We were all talking about how it takes us back to being in junior high and elementary school. But as adults it's a pretty competitive day."

After a loss placed the Scrubs in the loser's bracket, they managed to claw their way back from a major deficit during that bracket's championship game and earn a shot at the title, but berating and heckling from spectators of a losing team caused some of the



Navy Ensign Johnathan McGowen, registered nurse, Joint Medical Group, fires away a pitch during the Labor Day weekend Kickball Tournament, while teammate Air Force Capt. Jeffrey Geddes, psychologist, JMG, looks on. The team played two final games, this Sept. 2, game and another, Sept. 6, both of which The Scrubs lost to GTMO Radio.

Scrubs' players to be ejected from the tournament.

The controversial ejections, made by a member of the team they would face in the final round, did not shake their resolve, but in the end GTMO Radio would win over the Scrubs 12 – 11.

GTMO Radio team captain, Navy

Petty Officer Third Class Joe Koerber, a mass communications specialist and disc jockey at Radio GTMO, said it was well-planned strategy that helped his team to victory.

"We knew coming into today's tournament that we wanted to bunt the ball a lot and then when the bases were

The Pub appeal

O'Kelley's kicks off football season with college & NFL Tickets, games on 7 TVs

By Staff Sgt. Lorne Neff

Staff Writer, thewire@jftgtmo.southcom.mil



GTMO Radio poses for a photo with their first-place trophy after their shutout victory over the Scrubs for the kickball championship at the Cooper Field Sports Complex Sep. 6. The two teams played a rematch after controversy and scandal surrounded their previous matchup for the title.

loaded to kick the ball and try to get in at least one run," Koerber said. "That was our main strategy."

He said even though kickball is reviewed as a kids game, it's not to be underestimated.

"It's a lot more physically challenging than people would imagine and takes a lot more strategy than you would think," he said

"We tried to see what players were good at and then set up the defense and our line-up to play off those strengths, Koerber said. "It feels pretty good to win."

But that feeling would be short-lived after Air Force Capt. Jeffrey Geddes, a psychologist with the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team, filed a complaint with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office.

"We submitted a formal protest due to the conflict of interest with some of the calls in the last match," Geddes said.

The MWR office reviewed the complaint and granted the rematch Sep. 6 at 8 p.m., set against what was a near perfect recreation of the teams' last matchup.

Geddes said the last game left the team pretty upset.

"After that last game, we were pretty upset and we let the official know we would be complaining," Geddes said. "Even though we lost tonight, we ultimately see the whole situation as a victory because we brought attention to MWR of a conflict-of-interest situation that needed to be addressed."

But even with the rematch, lose they did, to GTMO Radio, 17-0.

Once GTMO Radio walked off the field as the official, official champions, both teams displayed tremendous sportsmanship and were able to laugh about the whole ordeal. 🍷

Football season is back! For many, the long summer of emptiness is finally over. College football began a week before and the NFL season began Sept. 5, with a rematch of last year's American Football League championship game. Denver Bronco Peyton Manning tied a record, throwing seven touchdown passes and had an eighth TD pass inexplicably dropped as the receiver prematurely celebrated as he ran into the end zone.

Seven or eight? Doesn't matter, football's back.

"It's awesome, AFN does a pretty good job (of showing football and the New England Patriots)," said Petty Officer Second 2nd Class Jacob Green, an assistant anti-terrorism officer for Naval Station Guantanamo. "But if they are not on, I come down here, they have satellite TV and I watch the game."

Green, a two-year resident of GTMO said he watches his Patriots wherever he can – on AFN or at

the fallback, O'Kelly's Pub, which hosts the college and NFL football packages for fans.

"They have at least seven TV's here, so if my team is not on back home, I come here to watch the game," said Green.

The college and NFL "Tickets" are a big hit with Troopers and families stationed here. It offers real-time action for those fans who need every minute of their pigskin bliss. "It's a big cost to have DirecTV down here," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Matters, a Washington Redskin's fan, and a Reservist with the Periodic Review Secretariat for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, "it's really good to be able to have different teams. You hear someone cheering and look over to that TV and see what play is going on."

Matters also said it's good to be able to see all the different teams with the popularity of Fantasy Football.

"Fantasy Football has really developed fans," said Matters. "Before, you were a Packers fan or a Redskins fan. Now, you're an Adrian

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Did You Know...

During the 2012 season, Monday Night Football averaged 12.83 million viewers
Source: Nielsen

The National Football League has 32 teams divided into two conferences
Source: NFL.com

Fantasy Football was started in Oakland in 1963 but didn't catch on due to the quantity of statistics required by hand
Source: Footballguys.com

An estimated \$6.5 billion in productivity is lost by employers due to Fantasy Football
Source: Huffington Post article

In 2011, Fantasy Football was so popular the NFL directed teams to show statistics during games on jumbotrons
Source: Huffington Post article



JTF remembers: *Airman organizes GTMO leg of run in honor of 9/11, memory of Marine*

By Sgt. Cody Stagner

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In remembrance of 9/11 and in the memory of Marine Lt. Travis Manion, who died in 2007, more than 50 runners hit the road Sept. 6, as part of the world-wide 9/11 Heroes Run, organized by the Travis Manion Foundation.

"The 9/11 Heroes Run is part of a global effort to never forget the sacrifices of the heroes of September 11, and the wars since," said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Miller, the Joint Task Force Guantanamo run organizer.

"I ran the event last year in Pennsylvania, but I didn't put too much thought into it until I researched what the run was all about and who 1st Lt. Manion was," said Miller, a structural craftsman for the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron—Base Engineer Emergency Force.

"From what I've read, he was an outstanding person and exceptional Marine," he said.

Driven by the power in Manion's selflessness, Miller easily made a connection between Travis Manion and Guantanamo. The run took the costal route from McCalla hill to Cable Beach, the same route the 1st Marine Battalion marched in 1902 to capture Cuzco Wells.

Prior to the run, Marine Sgt. Maj. Juan Hidalgo, Jr., sergeant major for JTF-GTMO, gave some words

of wisdom to the participants before he and Brig. Gen. Marion Garcia, deputy commander, JTF-GTMO took to the hills with the formation.

"It was outstanding to see Brig. Gen. Garcia and Sgt. Maj. Hidalgo out there," said Senior Airman Max Morell, water fuels systems maintenance journeyman for the 474th. "More than once, I thought of the sergeant major's words before the run: 'We get to do this.' It really resonated with me."

The leadership was equally as impressed with the BEEF participation in the event.

Air Force Lt. Col. Randy Whitecotton, commander of the 474th, said the run paid homage to the first responders who answered the call that day and in days following the attacks, as well as the military – all of whom, he said, are heroes.

"Honoring our heroes and their families through everyday activities, whether through participation or making a donation, is easy and the right thing to do," said Whitecotton. "Our squadron does so many great things helping people here at GTMO everyday, but it is humbling to see them reach out to help and honor people around the world." 🇺🇸

1st Lt. Travis Manion, USMC

On April 29, 2007, 1st Lt. Travis Manion and his fellow Marines were ambushed while searching a suspected insurgent house in the Al Anbar province of Iraq.

Manion bravely led a counterattack and drew fire away from his wounded comrades until he himself succumbed to enemy sniper fire.

His selfless actions allowed every member of his patrol to survive while he paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Shortly after that tragic day, Janet Manion founded the Travis Manion Foundation to honor her son and other fallen warriors. The organization also helps veterans accomplish their dreams and assists the families of others that have made the same ultimate sacrifice.



Graphic by Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Hiller/The Wire

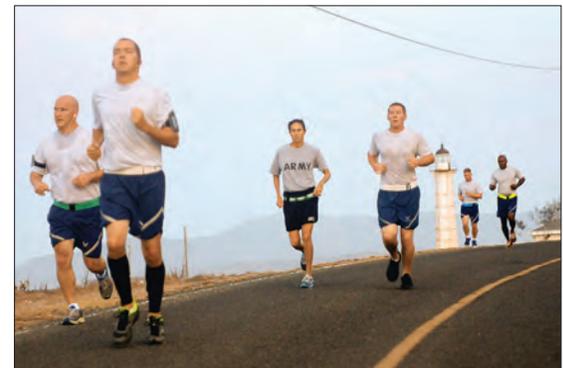


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Brig. Gen. Marion Garcia, JTF-GTMO deputy commander, runs with Troopers Sept. 6, during the 9/11 Heroes Run in memory of Marine Corps 1st Lt. Travis Manion, a Marine killed in Iraq in 2007.

■ Football season welcomed at JTF, Continued from previous page

Peterson fan or a Tom Brady fan and whoever you have on your Fantasy team is your biggest guy."

Matters admitted Fantasy Football is pretty big for him and watching the games helps him keep track of his team. It also helps him keep in touch with others.

"I'm actually playing with people from my unit back home," said Matters. "I'm deployed here, but there are guys deployed to the Middle East and we still keep in touch through Fantasy Football. We still talk on the weekends

and it helps keep us together."

Green says he is not doing Fantasy Football this year, as he has in the past, because he will be moving to his next duty assignment soon. However, for now, he is content just watching the real thing along with his wife who admits she married into football.

"I'm supportive," said Sara Presley, Green's wife, a native Canadian.

"I'm not from the United States and not a big football fan," she said. "When we started dating he was a Patriots fan, so I had to be a Patriots fan too." 🇺🇸

And on a weekend, at O'Kelly's, there is a healthy mix of fans from all around the U.S., or of players from throughout the league cheering on their team.

"We do have cable, but Murphy's law dictates that you won't get the game you want to watch, so I come down here to see the Colts," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Tom Dowling, who works Port Operations for Naval Station Guantanamo, of his favorite team from Indianapolis. "So they have the NFL Games here and we are happy." 🇺🇸



Blessing the Fleet

Photo by Sgt. Cassandra Monroe/The Wire

Chaplain conducts maritime tradition for JTF-GTMO new PSU

By Sgt. Cassandra Monroe

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The sea can be the source of tranquility for the residents of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Depending on the location, the waters can be blue and serene with small waves tumbling ashore or may be violent and grayish with crashing waves. Just like the ocean, the weather is as unpredictable as the water's current and can change in an instant. When the sudden storms and rushing rainfalls do come, residents can seek

cover in their dwellings, away from the treacherous weather.

But for the Coast Guardsmen of Port Security Unit 301, Maritime Security Detachment, there is no seeking cover, there is only continuing their mission, which takes them outside their comfort zones and inside the eye of the storm.

"Every time the boats go out, the people are put in peril," said Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer

Karl Brobst, command master chief of the PSU 301. "The sea is the most unforgiving environment we have."

For this reason, members of the unit participated in a maritime tradition called the Blessing of the Fleet, Sept. 6.

The tradition spans back the days of the ancient Greeks, who would offer a blessing of the fleet as a form of protection for the vessels preparing for sea. The idea behind the protection was not only against the enemies that the vessels would encounter, but for surviving the sea itself and its unpredictable weather. It wasn't uncommon for most of the ancient fleets to be lost due to storms instead of enemy combatants.

"At sea, humans were totally defenseless and that's the one area they feared the most," said Navy Cmdr. Terry Eddinger, JTF-GTMO chaplain. "It's the one place they can't control. Part of the blessing was for asking for God, who they thought could control the sea, to do

something, since they could not."

With hurricane season approaching and rainfall becoming more frequent, both Eddinger and Lt. Baron Miller, Naval Station Chaplain, offered their prayers to the Coast Guardsmen, blessing those who navigate the boats, the crews and passengers who embark upon the vessels. They also blessed those who patrol during their shifts and wished them safety through their deployment.

This was the first blessing of the fleet ceremony recently held for a Coast Guard unit stationed here. For Brobst, the ceremony is a tradition.

"The Blessing of the Fleet ceremony crosses all faiths, it doesn't particularly focus on one faith, it covers all the faiths," said Brobst "Everyone here has their own beliefs and own faiths, but you can unite them all under one common goal, one common bond." 🌟



Photo by Sgt. Cassandra Monroe/The Wire

Navy Cmdr. Terry Eddinger, Joint Task Force Guantanamo chaplain, says a prayer to bless the JTF-GTMO's Maritime Security Detachment, Port Security Unit 301's Fleet, as Master Chief Petty Officer Karl Brobst, command master chief, PSU 301, and Navy Lt. Baron Miller, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay chaplain, bow their heads.



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JTF GTMO COMMAND CLIMATE SURVEY

WHO: ALL JTF Personnel (Military/DoD Civilian/Contractors)

WHEN: Aug. 26 – Sept. 20, 2013

WHERE: Logon from any JTF / MWR / Personal computer @ <http://www.deocs.net/user/login/login.cfm> - or - <https://www.deocs.net/usertext/login/login02.cfm>

WHY: Rear Admiral R.W. Butler has directed all JTF personnel to complete this survey which gives everyone in the JTF the opportunity to provide opinions on where he should focus attention to improve the human relations climate of our organization. No attempt will be made to identify you, so please respond openly and frankly.

HOW: Before Aug. 26, each Directorate will provide an individual access code and instructions to all of their personnel in order to complete the survey.

SURVEY POC: USSOUTHCOM Equal Opportunity Office MSG/E-8 Torry Rice at COMM: 305-437-0261, DSN:567-0261, EMAIL: torry.rice@hq.southcom.mil

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MOTIVATOR OF THE WEEK

TSgt Thomas Miller
Base Emergency Engineering Force

SPC Michael Copley
193rd Military Police Company

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Commercial Imagery and OPSEC

The US and Foreign commercial imagery markets have grown tremendously over the past 10 years giving our adversaries the capability to leverage unclassified imagery for planning and situational awareness. More than 30 countries have space imagery assets in orbit, so this is truly a global business. The detailed resolution, unclassified nature, and affordable cost of purchasing Commercial Imagery make it a vital source for consumers and our adversaries. Applications of commercial imagery include but are not limited to:

- Situation awareness and disaster relief
- Homeland security and Geospatial projects
- Sharing intelligence with coalition and foreign partners
- Natural resource planning
- Infrastructure development and location services
- Scene Visualization

Now that the commercial imagery genie is out of the bottle, there is very little we can do to deny our adversaries the use of this commodity. U.S. and international policy support free market availability, so restrictions are non-existent. Therefore, we must expect that adversaries have access to commercial imagery and plan accordingly. Strong OPSEC is our primary defense against releasing sensitive information. USE OPSEC!

OPSEC CORNER

by Sgt. Darron Salzer



"9/11"

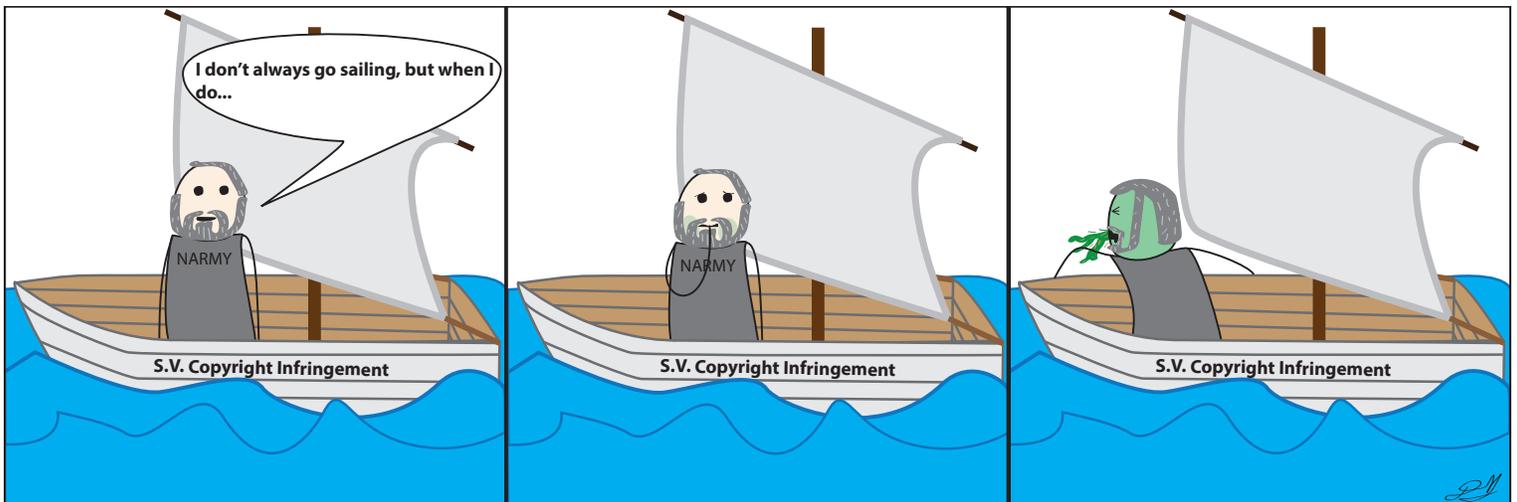
Although 12 years have passed since that fateful day, let us not forget the sacrifice of the victims, families, and first responders. Let us also remember the sacrifice of our military and family members who have given so much for the cause of freedom and justice. Let us appreciate how precious, and how fragile, life is. Lastly, every day let us vow to make the most and the best of what God has given us. I'm very proud of all of you.

Chaplain Terry Eddinger



Someday, GTMO Joe, someday!

GTMO JOE by Spc. David Marquis



JTF Galleys take the cake

Earn award for excellence during Ramadan

Story and photo by Sgt. Cody Stagner

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When thinking of full-service restaurants, you might not have included military dining facilities. But, employees at the Seaside and Kittery Galleys here have surpassed expectations to accommodate operations and add new meaning to the phrase “full-service.”

During Ramadan, the galleys at Joint Task Force Guantanamo successfully provided full-course meals to all patrons and detainees. This included the special meal preparation required for the holiday, which, altogether, required 24-hour operations.

“The employees of Seaside and Kittery Galleys consistently have smiles on their faces and greet our Troopers daily with energy and motivation,” said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Borlin, the Joint Detention Group sergeant major. “It is always a pleasure to have that break in your work day and be greeted by one of these hard-working people that are happy to provide a service to the Troopers of the JTF”

Col. John Bogdan, the commander of the JDG, recognized the high level of service provided at the galleys and addressed employees during a special ceremony held at the Seaside Galley Aug. 30.

“It is always great for commanders to take time out of their calendars to recognize deserving individuals,” said Borlin.

“Commanders are given the power to promote, award and reenlist, and anytime a commander has an opportunity to do one of the three, it is always a great day.”

Twenty-three civilian employees were presented with certificates of appreciation to credit their support during Ramadan.

“It is a pleasure to receive an award from a great officer,” said Rizalyn Villaluz, the dietician for detainees at JTF GTMO. “I feel like my work here is appreciated.”

Villaluz’s role was to track special dietary needs and menu items and make sure safe and healthy foods went to each detainee.

“Some detainees have conditions that require special diets, like diabetes,” she said. Villaluz ensured adequate and proper nutrition was accounted for during food prep.

All meal preparation was managed at Seaside Galley’s large kitchen.

“Including the detainees, we cook for about 1,500 persons each meal,” said Fondador Pascua, the operations manager at Seaside Galley. “During Ramadan, we coordinated extra meal times to accommodate.”

After preparation at the galley’s kitchen, the meals were carefully transported to the camps.

“The process starts here,” said Kim Amoy, a food transport manager. “We have a special order of meals for each camp. We make several checks to ensure the food is ready to go. We check the temperature and even taste it to make sure the food is cooked properly. When the meals arrive at the camps, we inspect the meals one last time before we hand it over to the guards for the detainees. The whole process takes 15-30 minutes.”

Feeding the detainees is a team effort between the civilian workforce and the troops.

“With the importance of the holiday, it was crucial to work together with our staff and the military to coordinate delivery of detainee meals,” said Mrs. Sam, assistant project manager here at GTMO.

“It doesn’t matter who we cook food for, we have an important mission to provide full service for all our troops, customers and detainees,” said Mrs. Sam, who has dedicated herself to serving GTMO for the past 10 years.

“I am very proud of my team,” said Mrs. Sam. “I want to specially thank Col. Bogdan and Command Sgt. Maj. Bolin for recognizing our hard work. It means a lot to all of us.” 🌟



Col. John Bogdan, commanding officer of the Joint Detention Group, recognizes food service employees for outstanding performance during a ceremony held at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Aug. 30, 2013. At the ceremony, 23 employees were personally recognized for their support and dedication to the 2013 Joint Detention Group Ramadan Recognition Operations.

Meals with MONROE

*Don't be intimidated by the lack of photos! This cake looks hard to make, but it's not (just has a lot of steps.) It was totally worth making though, it turned out rich in **chocolate** flavor. The frosting was a little tangy because of the **sour cream** but came out equally as great, and its texture was so light and creamy. This cake is a "must bake!"*

For the cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit. Butter the edges of two nine-inch round cake pans and dust with cocoa powder. In medium bowl, combine 1 cup of **unsweetened cocoa powder**, 2 teaspoons **instant coffee or espresso powder**, and 1 cup **boiling water**. Whisk these ingredients until smooth and set aside to cool. Once cooled slightly, whisk in 1/2 cup **sour cream** and 2 teaspoons **vanilla extract** then set aside.

In a separate bowl, beat 1 cup (or two sticks) of room temperature **butter** with an electric mixer on medium-high until smooth, for about one minute. Gradually blend in 1-3/4 cups **sugar** and blend until fluffy, about two to three minutes more. Blend in two large **eggs**, one at a time .

In another medium bowl, combine 1-1/4 cups **flour**, 1 teaspoon **baking soda** and 1/2 teaspoon **salt**; whisk to blend.

Next, add the dry ingredients to the butter-sugar-egg mixture in



CLASSIC CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE

three additions, alternating with the sour cream mixture, beating each addition until well incorporated. Divide the batter evenly between both cake pans and bake both cake layers for 23-27 minutes (insert a toothpick and see if it comes out clean.) Transfer the baked cakes to a wire rack and let them cool in the pans for about 30 minutes before inverting them on the rack -without pans- to cool completely.

To make the frosting: melt 9.5 ounces of chopped **bitter-sweet chocolate** in 30-second increments, stirring after each, then set aside to cool down (the recipe calls for a double boiler, but I used a microwave and it melted just fine.) Next, beat in 6 ounces **cream cheese** and 6 tablespoons **butter** until pale and fluffy, about

three-four minutes. Gradually mix in 2 cups of **powdered sugar**, four tablespoons **cocoa powder**, and a pinch of **salt**. Beat in the cooled chocolate mixture, then add 2/3 cup plus one tablespoon sour cream. Continue to mix until well blended.

To assemble the cakes, layer frosting over the first cake, then place the second cake on top. Top the second cake with plenty of frosting and frost the sides. Set in freezer for 30 minutes to set. Frost again if needed, after freezing. Enjoy.

p.s.
(one last thing)

I want to hear from you! Did you try my recipe and loved it? Did you try my recipe and hated it? Well... that's too bad but email me anyways!

If you have a recipe you'd like for me to try,

contact me! [cassandra.l.monroe@](mailto:cassandra.l.monroe@jftgmo.southcom.mil)

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Looking for something to do this weekend or early next week? Check out these events brought to you by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office:



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A GOOD NIGHT TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Come out to the Downtown Lyceum on
Tuesday, October 1
5:00-8:30 p.m.

Help build a stronger, safer community by attending the annual National Night Out. We're having a free cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs, a bounce house, guest speakers, music, presentations, and a military working dog demonstration. For more information, contact MA1 Figueroa or MA2 Ramsey at ext. 4439.



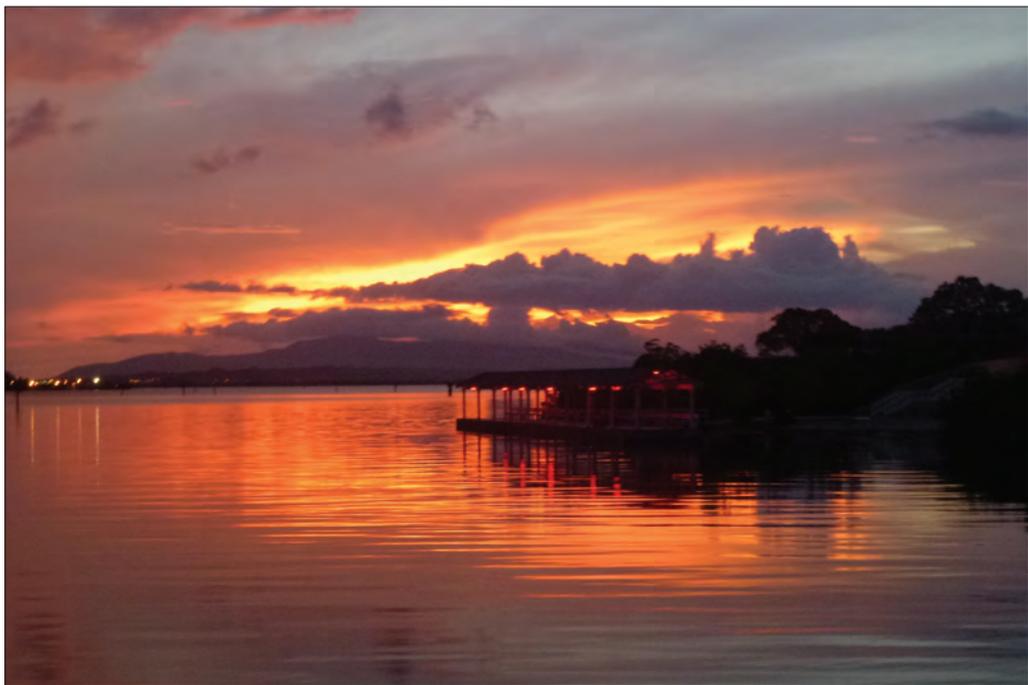
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A JTF Trooper with an amazing eye caught this heart-stopping sunset by Officer's Landing.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK