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# COMMAND CORNER

BRIG. GEN. JAMES LETTKO

DEPUTY COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO

Some of us were fortunate enough to have our families visit during the holidays. I was able to meet some of your families this past week and learned their impressions of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. It's always interesting and instructive to learn what other people think about your unit and operations. The impressions and perceptions we exert towards others can be interpreted in many different ways.

While talking with visiting family members, especially towards the end of their visit, a main theme became evident. Some of the most lasting impressions we as a Joint Task Force have created are that of a positive attitude, friendliness and professionalism.

That friendliness, sense of humor and positivity come with confidence which helps us cope with the stresses of our jobs in an unusual, deployed environment away from friends and family.

These factors are also important in Joint Task Force Guantanamo's positive command climate which permeates down to the Trooper level. Where there are issues, the chain of command takes care of them. We want Troopers to tell us where the mission distracters are, so the chain of command and the Command Element can aggressively

pursue and solve them.

Our professionalism also ensures that our conduct on and off duty coincides with our service values. For example, when we arrived we conducted left seat/right seat training in order to fully accept the responsibility of our new duty positions. We learned the tactics, techniques and procedures of

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detainee operations to ensure we do not comprise the standards that are so important to our no-fail mission. We will also provide the same training to our relief as we prepare them for their assignments.

So as we ramp up our support to the Office of Military Commissions, escort our many distinguished visitors, and continue

to transition our force over the next several weeks we must keep our professionalism at its highest standard. We must continue to demonstrate this professionalism we have established, whether we host returning DVs or first-time visitors who may have preconceived notions about the Joint Task Force mission. Every duty position is important to our mission, and every day we count on each of you to perform your job to the best of your ability. Keep up the great work!

Cover, upper left: Camp X-Ray, first used in the 1990s alongside Cuban and Haitian refugee camps and briefly reopened after Sept. 11, 2001, has stood vacant for nearly 10 years. Utilized for less than three months to house detainees, Camp X-Ray closed permanently as Camps 1-3 were constructed. The detainee population peaked in 2003 at the completion of the first communal facility, Camp 4. Camps 1-4, collectively known as Camp Delta, presently contain administrative offices and the detainee library and classrooms.

Camp 6, pictured on the lower right, now houses more than 85% of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo detainee population. These detainees have access to reading material, television, outdoor recreation, and routine medical care, all in a communal setting.

—photos by Joint Task Force Public Affairs



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# NEWS FROM THE BAY

## New Camp Bulkeley Gym hours

Effective Jan. 7, the Camp Bulkeley gym will be open until 9 p.m. on weekends.

## GTMO Rock & Roll Half Marathon

MWR will host a half marathon at 7 a.m., Jan. 28 with musical acts and cheering sections every mile. Registration is \$25 per runner. Runners must register by Jan. 20. There will be no same-day registration. This event is open to all those 16 years and older.

For more information, call 2157.

## FFSC: Employment application seminar

Stop in to the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 2135, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a resume and employment application training session. Learn how to upgrade your resume and interpret employment applications. Federal job applications will be covered in a separate session.

For more information, call 4141 or 4153.

## Jamaican cooking lesson

Want to learn how to cook Jamaican food? Learn how to prepare Jamaican curried goat, traditional johnnycake and fruit punch. Demonstrations will be held at the Community Center Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 2010 or email libertygtmo@gmail.com.



## MLK Jr. run/walk

Come to Denich gym at Jan. 14 at 7 a.m. for the Martin Luther King Jr. run/walk event hosted by MWR and the 525th Military Police Battalion. Registration will be held the day of the event and the first 100 people to register will receive a free t-shirt.

For more information, call 77262.

## Corn Hole tournament

A country twist on ye olde beanbag toss: Tierra Kay Liberty Center will hold its annual Corn Hole tournament tonight at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 2010.

## Jan. 13 Night Fishing

Bring a fishing pole to the Marina on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. for a free fishing trip for unaccompanied active duty servicemembers. Bait and snacks are provided.

Reserve a spot by calling 2010.

## Lionfish Derby Challenge

Hit the beaches on Guantanamo Bay at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 21 for the Lionfish Derby Challenge. Join the competition with a donation of \$20.

Prizes will be given for biggest lionfish, smallest lionfish, most lionfish caught and other categories. The scoring station will be open from 2 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. at the Marina. Money donated will go toward the Seabee Ball.

For more information, call 4805.



## Winter sports registration

Men and women: get your friends together and register your basketball and soccer teams at Denich Gym by Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The leagues are open to all Guantanamo Bay residents ages 16 and up. There is a coaches' meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. for basketball and 6:30 p.m. for soccer.

For more information, call 2113.

## Tax assistants wanted

Interested in helping the Guantanamo Bay community during tax season? The Naval Legal Service Office is looking for volunteers.

Beginning Jan. 17, the NLSO will train service members to assist others in preparing their taxes. The two-week training course will be held at Building 760 on the naval station side, next to Personnel Support Detachment. Contact your chain of command before signing up for the course. There is also self-directed training available at IRS.gov.

Tax preparation will begin Feb. 6 and continue through April. Deployed personnel can apply for a two-month extension; however, this is not the same as the six-month extension for troops deployed to Afghanistan.

For more information, call 4692.

## New USPS mailing/shipping prices

Effective Jan. 22, the United States Postal Service will update shipping prices:

First class stamp	\$0.45
Priority flat rate regular envelope	\$5.15
Priority flat rate small box	\$5.35
Priority flat rate medium box	\$11.35
Large APO/FPO/DPO box	\$13.45
Priority flat rate large box	\$15.45

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# Trooper to Trooper

## making new resolutions

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. MARK PORRETT

JOINT DETENTION GROUP

As another year has passed and another has just begun, I ask you to look back on the past year and reflect on your triumphs, shortfalls, and overall wellness. Too often New Year resolutions are made to make up for things we did not do well, and do not want to repeat again in the next year. Most of the New Year resolutions are in the form of getting physically fit or losing the holiday cheer pounds that tend to appear after back-to-back holiday functions. After a few weeks of going to the gym and working out, the normal routine of last year takes over and nothing has changed. If getting in better shape is one of your goals for this year, I ask you make it a lifestyle change, and not a one-month effort; or you will be doing the same thing next year at this time.

Another common resolution is to stop using tobacco products after years of the habit. I applaud the concept, but one can only obtain success when you prepare for this type of change. There are many tools to assist in this effort, as most "cold turkey" methods fail. The gradual weaning off the substance is the key to a life long change.

Most of the resolutions made are to better yourself personally, but that's should not limit your resolution. One recommendation for a resolution is in the form of reaching out to others or a "pay it forward" type of attitude. This is a selfless method of giving to others and assisting others in meeting their goals and keeping their resolutions. You may find that in doing so you meet some of your goals and feel better. The most subtle comment of encouragement may help that other person make it through their day or struggle.

One successful way to stay motivated to reach your goals and continue your resolutions is to have constant reminders of what you wish to achieve. Some forms of motivation are posters in your common area, notes on things you see every day, pictures of what you wish to achieve, and physical examples of what you want to earn. Strategic placement of these motivators will assist you in times when you just want to take a day off.

Even if you happen to take a day off and have or fall off the wagon, the best time to get back on is right after the fall. Don't expect any resolution to be easy, or you wouldn't have made it a goal. One relapse is not a catastrophic failure, but an expected event. Don't be too hard on yourself for not following your strict schedule. The best time to rededicate yourself is when it happens. Accept the "stumble"



and get back to your plan. Plan your work and work your plan.

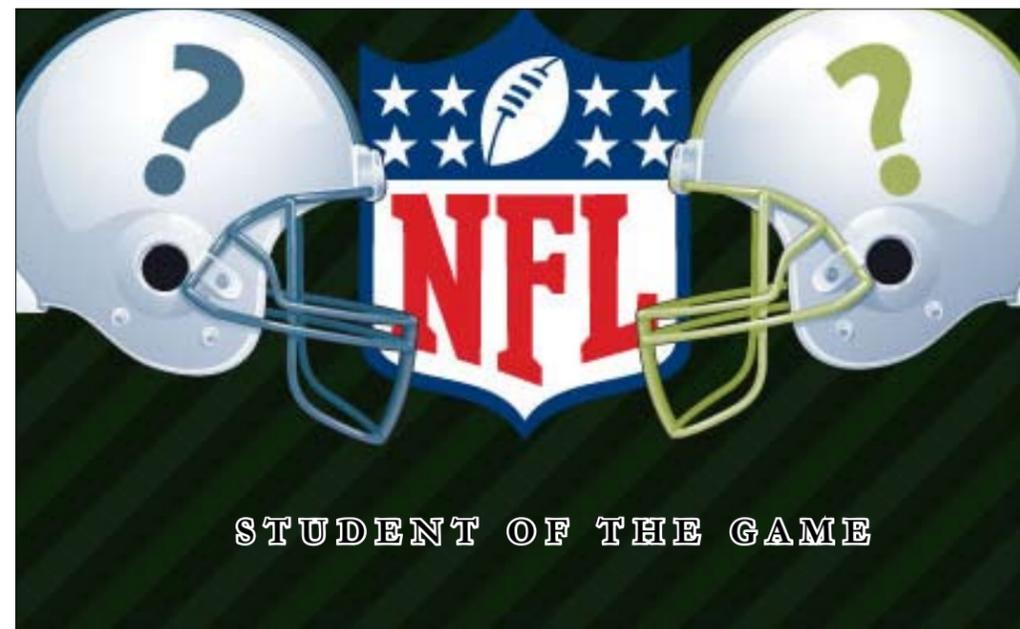
I ask you to look at only making a few obtainable goals or resolutions for this next year. As you reach those goals, you can then reassess and go to the next level. A year-long resolution is a marathon and not a sprint. You should not be able to reach your goal in one month or it will soon fall off as a life-style change. If you decide that you do not need any New Year resolutions, I hope that you continue to stay physically, mentally, professionally, socially, and spiritually fit throughout the next year. Happy New Year, Joint Task Force Guantanamo! Honor Bound!



### OPSEC is a process!

**What is the 5-step process? First, you identify information which is sensitive to you or your organization. This is called critical information. Second, you analyze the threat. Third, figure out how vulnerable your information is. Fourth, if someone were to get your information, identify the risk involved. The fifth step is to emplace countermeasures. Countermeasures can range from shredding your important paperwork to changing your routine. It's easy to do and protects everyone. Use the 5-step OPSEC process both personally and professionally. Don't be an easy target. Use OPSEC!**

# Wild Card Weekend: a picture of the playoffs



By Army Sgt. Landis Andrews

It's the most wonderful time of the year. No, I'm not a couple of weeks late. I'm talking about the National Football League playoffs. Starting tomorrow, teams will begin the month-long battle to make it to the most prestigious football game in the world (never mind that we're the only country that plays it): the Super Bowl. Here is what the first round looks like.

#### AFC

No. 6 Cincinnati Bengals (9-7) at No. 3 Houston Texans (10-6), Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

If you think only seasoned quarterbacks can be successful in this league, don't not watch this game. Rookie Andy Dalton, nicknamed the Red Rifle for his ginger mane, has taken the Bengals from the butt of NFL jokes to a 9-7 team with a future as bright as his hair is auburn. Dalton and fellow rookie stand-out, wide receiver A.J. Green will attack the Houston defense that ranks in the top five of rushing

yards allowed, passing yards allowed and points allowed.

At the helm of the Texans offense is rookie T.J. Yates: the 152nd pick out of North Carolina (they play football too) that started the year as the emergency quarterback and has a brag sheet as long as his name (T.J.).

Houston has the edge in the matchup having already beaten the Bengals with Yates throwing for 300 yards. Nati stole all of its wins from below average teams and suffered the seven losses from teams that are now in the playoffs.

UPSET ALERT: All logic aside, I think the Bengals will have what it takes to knock off the Texans and possibly make a splash in the playoffs.

No. 5 Pittsburgh Steelers (12-4) at No. 4 Denver Broncos (8-8), Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

With quarterback Ben Roethlisberger nursing a high ankle sprain and running back Rashard Mendenhall out for the playoffs, the Pittsburgh Steelers will have to turn in the type of

gutsy performance submitted only by... the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Hall of Fame defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau and his Steelers defense will try to contain America's favorite quarterback, Tim Tebow. If the Mile-High Messiah can steal a win from Pittsburgh it would, indeed, be a miracle. Tough defenses give Tebow fits and the Steelers have the no. 1 ranked D in the league.

If the Broncos can keep the bleeding to a minimum, it will give Tebow a chance to work his fourth quarter magic. But, if it gets ugly early, don't expect much bucking out of the Broncos.

#### NFC

No. 6 Detroit Lions (10-6) at No. 3 New Orleans Saints (13-3), Saturday, 8 p.m.

Last week, the Lions were in a shoot-out with the league's number one team, the Green Bay Packers. It came down to who had the ball last and unfortunately for Detroit, it wasn't them. The silver lining in the loss is even though backup quarterback Matt Flynn

set Packers passing records, it showed the Lions that they can hang with the best of them.

The Saints are definitely among the best of them. New Orleans is a one dimensional team, but that one dimension (offense – namely, passing) has been good enough to lock down the no. 3 seed.

Detroit's strongest defensive player, defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, will have to fight his way through a Saints' offensive line that sent three players to the Pro Bowl. If this game turns into an air show, the history books tell us that no one can hang with Drew Brees.

UPSET ALERT: Lions quarterback Matt Stafford, wide receiver Calvin Johnson and Suh will all have to play the game of their lives to get this win and I think it will happen.

No. 5 Atlanta Falcons (10-6) at No. 4 New York Giants (9-7), Sunday, 1 p.m.

This game is going to be a battle of two average teams. Both teams are led by quarterbacks that have flashes of brilliance appearing between befuddled looks of disappointment. There are two running games that have the potential to be furious, but have performed far below their abilities. And, both teams have young receivers that put the team on their back and carry them to victory week in and week out.

This battle will come down to which defense shows up. Both squads have middling defenses, but the Giants have the ability to get the whole team up to the level of the moment. It worked for them during their Super Bowl run, and it worked last week when they beat the Dallas Cowboys for the last spot in the playoffs. I think it will work for them this year, but just enough to make it to the next round.

# TROOPER FOCUS

By Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor

Petty Officer 2nd Class Efren Alano is relatively new to his current position, but believes with hard work and cooperation with his unit, everyone can achieve all their personal and professional goals.

A nine-year veteran, Alano is a calibration lab technician temporarily assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo from Norfolk, Va. His role on the JTF team currently has him working in mail operations.

Alano said working out of his military occupational specialty is a welcome challenge and working in a joint environment affords him the opportunity to see how different services perform similar tasks.

"The thing I enjoy the most about working here is having the opportunity to work with the Army," Alano said. "We get to learn each other's work styles and methods."

Staff Sgt. James Kleinheinz, Alano's noncommissioned officer in charge, agrees. He believes having Alano's assistance is a valued asset due to Alano's professional background. He

said he especially appreciates Alano's administrative aid in naval affairs.

"He is my liaison for anything and everything pertaining to taking care of the Sailors here," Kleinheinz said. "It is nice to learn how other branches operate and having a guy like him makes my job easier."

Alano's advice to junior Troopers stresses that perseverance through any situation is the key to mission success. He said every department has its difficulties, but if Troopers learn to pull together, surpassing departmental goals will be a simple undertaking.

"The hardest part of our job is working within a strict time-frame," Alano said. "ICRC is our heaviest workload. We have to extend our working hours to ensure what the International Committee of the Red Cross brings in is processed in time for them to finish their work. We get though everything by working together and dividing the workload evenly. Everyone helps each other. That is what our mission depends on."



## BULLET BIO

**Time in service:** 9 years

**Hobbies:** Paintball, bowling, playing the guitar

**The boss says:** "It's great working with him. He has taught me a lot about the Navy. When he leaves, I hope to get a replacement just like him."

**Advice to junior Troopers:** "Stay focused on the mission and you will get it done, no matter how difficult it is."

Left: Petty Officer 2nd Class Efren Alano and his supervisor, Staff Sgt. James Kleinheinz, use the different job specialties and military services within their section to everyone's professional advantage. —photos by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor



# What are your New Year's resolutions? (see page 10!)

## BOOTS ON THE GROUND

# Troopers for hire: Make the most of a civilian job interview

by Army 1st Lt. Amelia Thatcher

For Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers, six months or more in the hot Caribbean sun can feel like a very long time. But even a deployment here can't last forever, and many of us due home sometime this year need to start thinking about what comes next. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Fleet and Family Support Center has resources available to help Troopers get back into the civilian job frame of mind.

"Having a military background will help you bring a lot of good skills to the table," said Angel Holland, FFSC's work and family life specialist. "No matter your rank, you've led somebody else. You've worked in a diverse culture. Nobody completes tasks alone; you always work with others."

Holland teaches FFSC's career classes, which include seminars on interview techniques, resume writing, skills identification and career exploration, and how to navigate the federal employment system. According to her, the first step towards a successful interview is getting to know the company where you're applying.

"Check out the place beforehand," she advised. "Dress a step above their style. Tell yourself, 'I'm ready to do this job today.'"

Holland outlined the four major parts of an interview: the introduction, employer's questions, applicant's questions, and the closing. First impressions are lasting ones, starting at the very first handshake.

"Be punctual," Holland said. "Military members have this down. Be 10-15 minutes early, never late."

The seminar's practice questions include:

How would your coworkers/supervisors describe you?

How would you define an ideal work environment?

How has your education/experience prepared you for this job?

Do you plan to continue your education?

What motivated you to seek this position?

Why did you leave your last position?

Holland recommended practicing interview questions with "someone who will take it seriously, and give you feedback." She also recommended crafting a "30 second commercial" for the inevitable "tell me more about yourself."

"Try to bring information about yourself around to the job," she said. "You don't have to talk about your kids or your dog. Talk instead about your education or goals and how they are relevant to the position."

Holland also discussed the interviewee's input. Often, she said, people don't know what to ask a potential employer and may inadvertently seem uninterested in the position after all.

"Ask specific questions about the company," she said. "Ask how your previous experience would be helpful to them."

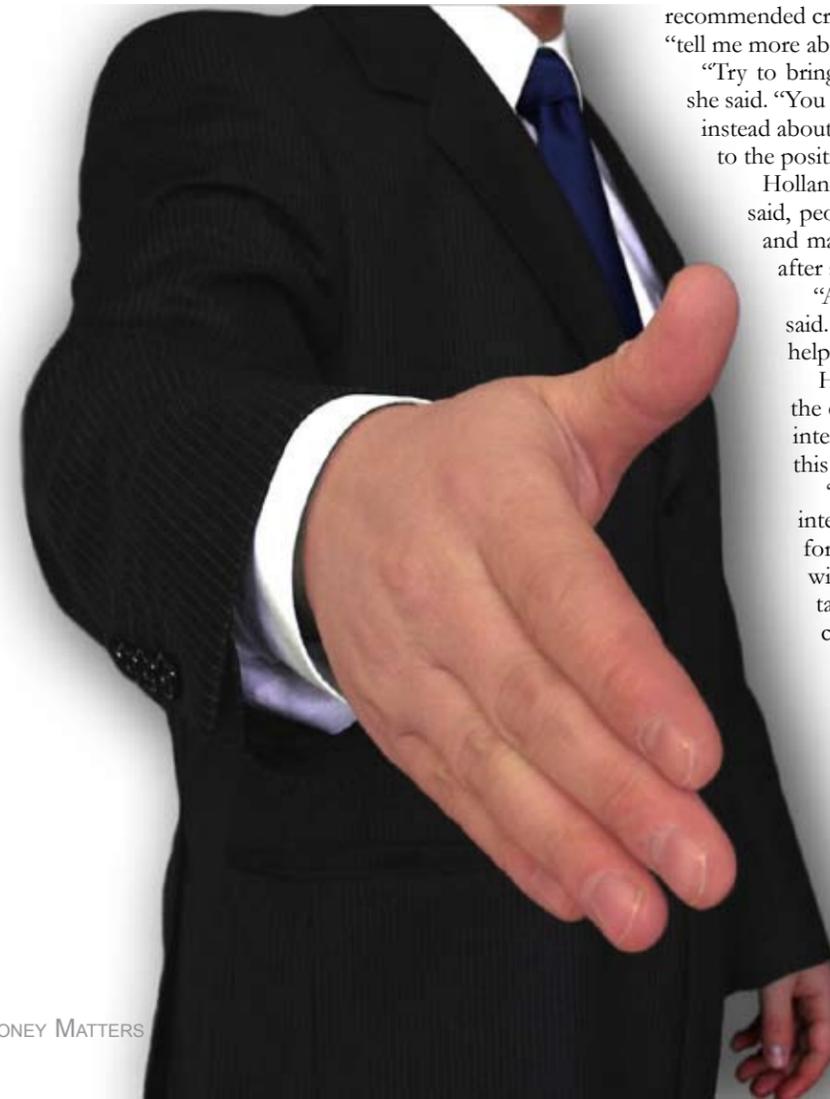
Holland added that it is important to follow up with the company no more than two or three days after the interview takes place, and noted that many people skip this step altogether.

"Following up makes them realize you're still interested," she said. "It brings your name back up for consideration. Make sure to establish a timeframe with the interviewer, and find out how long it will take for them to contact you, or if you should contact them."

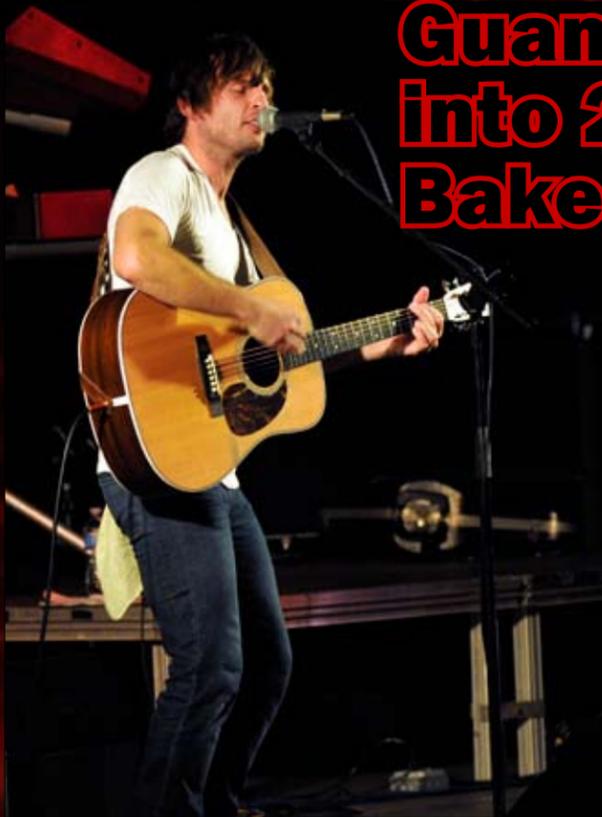
Just like a mission, an after action review can help to identify any missteps and help you improve for next time. And whether or not a potential employer decides to hire you, the most important thing to remember about the interview process is to not give up.

"You have so many skill sets, you might not even realize it," Holland concluded.

For more information on Fleet and Family Support Center services, call 4141.



# Guantanamo rocks into 2012 with Erick Baker and Edwin McCain



Singer and songwriter Erick Baker (above) performed a series of original songs New Year's Eve, and opened for Edwin McCain (below) New Year's Day. Background: After Baker and McCain's sets, Guantanamo Bay counted down to the new year with a fireworks display. —photos by Mass Communication Spc. 3rd Class Marquis Whitehead



By Mass Communication Spc. 3rd Class Marquis Whitehead

To bring in 2012, Guantanamo Bay invited singers Erick Baker and Edwin McCain to perform on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Erick Baker, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., admitted that singing was more of a hobby until he was offered a chance to open for John Legend three years ago. Since then he's embarked on his professional career as a musician, singer and songwriter.

"I went from playing for fifteen people to fifteen hundred," said Baker. "When I walked off [Legend's] stage I was like, 'there's something here,' and I felt reborn."

Baker takes passion in being influenced by different styles of music, to include blues, soul, country, pop and rock. He also believes music should be about experiences apart from just sounding good.

"My music is very personal; all of my songs are pages out of my life, good or bad that I've gone through," Baker said. "The passion that I put in my performance is because I'm singing about what I've lived."

Baker also considered that Navy Entertainment recognized that his music is reaching all different parts of the world.

"Navy Entertainment called and asked me to perform and the answer is a no brainer," said Baker. "I honestly wish I could do more to show my appreciation."

Baker has produced one album thus far and prepares to release another one at the beginning of the year.

Baker opened for the Edwin McCain Band, which performed a series of original songs as well as crowd favorites.

McCain committed to making music around the age of 17.

"There was a while when I tried to pretend that I wasn't going to make music my career," said McCain. "But music was the one of the only things that came naturally to me"

To date, Edwin McCain has released 11 albums and 18 singles, and shows no sign of letting up anytime soon.

McCain and his band have toured all over the world in support of military personnel with the hope of lifting the spirits of those serving their country hundreds of miles away from home.

"This is my second time to Guantanamo Bay," McCain said. "We've been to Djibouti, Bahrain, South Korea, Italy and Germany. We're huge supporters."

Baker and McCain's performances at the Tiki Bar Lounge on New Year's Eve concluded with midnight fireworks as the clock rolled into 2012. They also performed the following night at the Downtown Lyceum. However, this wasn't their first time on stage together.

"We went on board the (aircraft carrier) USS John C. Stennis and watched more than 5,000 people working to accomplish a mission," McCain went on. "It's amazing the logistics that go into it and it just blows me away."

Both McCain and Baker consider it an honor and privilege to come and perform in Guantanamo Bay during the holidays.

"This is probably one of the greatest experiences I've ever had," said Baker.

# Looking back: JTF Troopers trade MREs for hot chow, tent city for TK



Left: The old tent city of Freedom Heights was disassembled in 2002 as Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers moved into permanent housing areas.

—The Wire archive photo

Below: Seaside Galley serves hot meals three times per day, available to all Troopers; a huge improvement over the Meals-Ready-to-Eat of the Joint Task Force's early days. Kittery Cafe, adjacent to Camps 5 and 6 (not pictured) offers the same chow, available for take-out by Troopers with conflicting work schedules.

—photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

By Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Grant

We've come a long way since the guard force boots hit the ground in Guantanamo Bay on January 6, 2002 in support of detainee operations here. The first Troopers lived in tents, used makeshift shower facilities with no hot water and had porta-poties instead of toilets.

In a January 10, 2003 Wire article, Army Sgt Erin P. Viola captured the first days of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

"Freedom Heights was located just outside the detention facility of Camp X-Ray, and served as the original living quarters that

housed the military police, Marines, infantry, and some other service members ...But things got better and troops moved into SEAhuts at Camp America and Camp Bulkeley. Hot showers, laundry, and workout facilities became part of the living community landscape. Soon after, more living quarters upgrades were added in the form of panel buildings that were erected at Camp America North, just across from Camp America. Later, Kvaerner renovated the family housing facilities of Tierra Kay and many troops moved into those living quarters, freeing up some of the

SEAhuts for storage and office space."

Today, Troopers reside in Camp America, Tierra Kay, Cuzco Barracks, and Windward Loop.

Regarding meals, Viola wrote: "When the first troops arrived they ate three squares a day, but they were of the Meal Ready-to-Eat kind, and dining facilities were in the open air under the hot Caribbean sun. Now, troops can get three hearty meals a day at the nicely air-conditioned Seaside Galley in Camp America."

Seaside Galley and the Liberty Center are located in pre-en-

gineered buildings. In 2005, JTF added the Ney Award-winning Gold Hill Galley to the many dining choices.

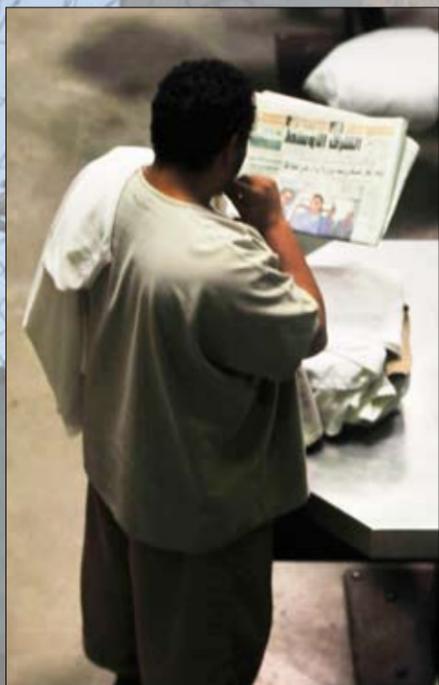
At one time cable television, telephone and internet access were limited to only certain areas, but Troopers have telephones in their quarters, and cable and internet if they are willing to pay for it.

Although the Joint Task Force mission has not changed very much over the last 10 years: safe, humane, legal, and transparent care and custody of detainees; the quality of Trooper life has improved.



# Joint Task Force Guantanamo: 2012

By Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Grant



More than 85% of Joint Task Force Guantanamo detainees reside in Camp 6, a communal living space with outdoor recreation areas, access to reading material and television, telephone privileges and routine medical care.  
—photos by Mass Communication Spc. Kilho Park

As we approach the 10-year anniversary of Joint Task Force Guantanamo detention operations, in order to appreciate how far the operation has come, it is necessary to return to where it started. When the decision was made to move detainees here, there was no Joint Task Force there were no facilities to house detainees – save for Camp X-Ray which had not been used for more than six years.

Three months after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the first detainees arrived at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in the nation's immediate response to address the threat of further violence to the U.S. As with any observance, this is a time to reflect on the progress which has been made during the past decade.

Camp X-Ray was first fabricated and used in 1993-94 during Operation Sea Signal to separate the criminal element of the more than 50,000 migrant men, women, and children who poured into Guantanamo Bay from Cuba and Haiti. It was closed in 1995 when the migrants were repatriated, and had no further use until January 11, 2002.

The public paid a great amount of attention to the detainees housed in Camp X-Ray's temporary facilities. However, during the 92 days that Camp X-Ray was used, construction of Camps 1-3 was underway. Camps 1-3 consisted of single-cell enclosed facilities complete with eastern style toilets and sinks - a marked improvement from X-Ray.

By 2003, the number of detainees had peaked to approximately 680.

As the population grew, so did the facilities.

That year

Camp 4, the first communal-style detention camp, was constructed - complete with outdoor recreation areas.

Over the last 10 years, vast changes have occurred. The camp population has decreased through both military commissions and detainee transfers and the living conditions have steadily improved for the remaining 171 detainees.

Camps 5 and 6, in a stark contrast to Camp X-Ray, are two ultra-modern structures modeled after stateside facilities. Camp 5 is the disciplinary camp, where noncompliant detainees stay in individual cells, have their recreation time curtailed to two hours per day and privileges, such as reading materials reduced. This is also the camp where convicted prisoners reside.

Inside Camp 6, detainees have the privilege of moving freely within their block. They have 24-hour access to space outside of their cell and can participate in recreation when they choose, and watch TV whenever they want. They also have the opportunity to attend language, art, and life skills classes.

"It is proof of just how far we have come," said Col. Donnie Thomas, commander of the Joint Detention Group. "We're about 85 percent communal, which allows the detainees some freedom within the confines of the camp facilities. This is a win for both the detainees and for the guard force."

Moving from a non-communal setting to a communal setting was significant because it minimized the interaction between the guard force and the detainees.

"It improved the overall behavior of the detainees and the work environment for the guard force," said Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Cultural Advisor, Zak. "Of the 171, less than 50 have been here long enough to see the full evolution of the camps."

Since the opening of the first expeditionary structures in April 2002 to today, Joint Task Force Guantanamo has evolved tremendously. Camps 1-4 no longer house detainees.

The Camp Delta area now facilitates administrative offices, the detainee hospital, and a detainee library containing more than 22,000 items. Compliant detainees have access to books, magazines, satellite radio and TV.

"They can eat together, pray together and recreate 24 hours a day together. These guys are not walled off from viewing society or viewing what's going on outside Guantanamo," added Thomas. "They watch TV and have access to their lawyers, who bring them news as well. They are able to call home every quarter and talk to their family members. They are up-to-date on what is going on outside of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba," said Thomas.

Shortly after President Barack Obama assumed office, he ordered a review of the conditions of confinement at Guantanamo Bay to ensure they met the minimum standards of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. Then-Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Patrick Walsh found that the detention camp's condition met the minimum standards, and often-times exceeded them.

"This is a professionally run facility. Our sons and daughters are doing a great job here," said Thomas. "Those who have visited the camps from congressmen to media have commented on not only the facilities and conditions, but also how professionally we operate here."

Thomas said that the dignified and safe care and custody of the detainees is not his only concern. His focus on safety includes the guards and visitors as well. To that end, Thomas explained that the Joint Task Force is always seeking to improve.

CAMP VI  
Joint Detention Group

Camp X-Ray opened in support of Operation Sea Signal

Camp X-Ray closed

Camp X-Ray reopened after Sept. 11, 2001; Camps 1-3 constructed

Camp 4 completed; detainees move into communal living space

Camp 5 constructed

Camp 6 completed; ultimately replaces Camp 4 as communal camp

Camps 1-3 closed; detainees transferred to Camp 6

Camp 4 closed

Of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 171 detainees, more than 86% are communally housed in Camp 6.

1993-4

1995

2002

2003

2004

2006

2007

2010

2012

# BOOTS ON THE GROUND

## this year, I will...



I just want to be a better man than I was last year.  
—Master Sgt. Don Simmons



Get into better shape!  
—Spc. Brandon Daniels



Finish my bachelor's degree and put in an officer's package.  
—Petty Officer 1st Class Hayden Felt



Put on E-5 soon and have a better year than last year.  
—Spc. Sherella Nixon



Stop smoking.  
—Spc. John Quarles



While deployed, finish my degree.  
—Petty Officer 2nd Class Ray Rodriguez



Go to college!  
—Seaman Naquasia Days



Be an all-around better person.  
—Spc. Jonathan Ramos



Get my SCUBA certification!  
—Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Satter



Lose 10 pounds and win the soccer championship.  
—Spc. Mario Felix



Finish four college courses.  
—Petty Officer 3rd Class Alexandria Romo



To ensure my junior Sailors have an outstanding deployment and make it safely back home to family and friends.  
—Petty Officer 1st Class Gabriela Galarza



Not work so hard, and quit smoking.  
—Staff Sgt. Faye May



Repaint the inside of my garage and porch.  
—Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Gomez



Have a smooth transition back to my family.  
—Tech. Sgt. Jason Burns



While deployed, finish my master's degree.  
—Petty Officer 2nd Class Jamie Arbelaez



Enjoy a huge camping trip when I get home!  
—Sgt. Timothy Moore



Stop drinking pop and make it to the gym every day.  
—Petty Officer 3rd Class Leah Sybilred



Score a 300 or better on the PT test!  
—Spc. Carlos Martinez



Every year I just want to get to know myself better.  
—Staff Sgt. Donte Neal

Background: The Guantanamo Bay community rang in 2012 with a fireworks display. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Jon Dasbach

# National Guard leader joins Joint Chiefs

## Gen. McKinley's new seat signed into law

By Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill  
National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON – The chief of the National Guard Bureau is a statutory member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

With the stroke of a pen, the same month the nation's oldest military institution celebrated its 375th birthday, President Barack Obama signed legislation that includes a provision adding the CNGB to the Joint Chiefs on Dec. 31, 2011.

The provision – part of the fiscal year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act – ushers in a change some National Guard historians have called the most significant development since the Militia Act of 1903 codified the modern day dual-status structure of the Guard.

“We are grateful for the efforts the executive and legislative bodies have gone to in placing the chief of the National Guard Bureau on the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” said Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

“We look forward to working alongside the other Joint Chiefs to provide our nation's senior leaders with a fuller picture of the non-federalized National Guard as it serves in support of homeland defense and civil support missions,” McKinley said.

The provision is part of an annual federal law that has for the last half-century specified the Defense Department budget.

The 2012 NDAA authorizes \$670 billion in spending for Defense Department programs and Energy Department nuclear weapons programs.

Other provisions of the bill that affect the National Guard include re-establishing the position of vice-chief of the National Guard Bureau at the three-star level while rescinding the two-star position of director of the NGB's joint staff.

The bill also requires that National Guard general officers be considered for command of Army North and Air Force North and authorizes funding for the National Guard State Partnership Program.

### IN THE FIGHT

## Operation Clean Sweep accounts for millions in gear and equipment

By 2nd Lt. James F. Stenger  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan – Over the last three months, Marine and Sailors of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) have accounted for, sorted, cleaned and processed several millions of dollars worth of gear and equipment in support of Operation Clean Sweep aboard Camp Leatherneck and Camp Dwyer.

This operation is part of Regional Command Southwest's plan for redeployment and retrograde in support of reset and reconstitution (R4), which is a four-part term commonly used to refer to the concept of how the Marine Corps will most efficiently and effectively leave Afghanistan.

Planning for the departure of forces has become a primary focus of operations, along

with the continued training of Afghan National Security Forces.

Not only is the plan facilitating the process of leaving Afghanistan, but it is saving the Marine Corps money by identifying excess gear and reallocating it to the units deployed, vice ordering new equipment to be shipped here.

According to statistics compiled by Maj. Ken Karcher, the future operations officer for 2nd MLG (FWD) and officer in charge of redeployment and retrograde (R2) operations, Marines and Sailors attached to the sort lots and supply management units have recovered roughly \$30 million worth of excess supplies.

These items are currently being either shipped to Marine commands in the United States or reallocated to units currently fighting in support of International Security Assistance Force operations.

### ON THE WING

## Pentagon: F-15 sale to Saudi Arabia 'central to regional security'

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The recently announced \$29.4 billion sale of F-15SA fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia is just one part of a broader U.S.-Saudi military sales and defense cooperation effort that's central to regional security, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said.

U.S. officials announced an agreement Dec. 29 to sell 84 new F-15 fighter jets and upgrades for 70 existing aircraft to Saudi Arabia. Little said the same represents less than half of the \$60.5 billion in U.S. sales of aviation capabilities agreed to by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In addition to the Royal Saudi Air Force, this broader program includes aviation capabilities for the Saudi Arabian National Guard, Royal Saudi Land Forces and Saudi Royal Guard, he said.

“More broadly, the U.S.-Saudi military-to-military alliance is a central feature of regional security,” Little said.

Little noted the U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia, which was established in 1953 and remains a cornerstone of the U.S.-Saudi military-to-military relationship.

In announcing the F-15 sales agreement Dec. 29, James N. Miller, the principal deputy under secretary of defense for policy, and Andrew Shapiro, the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs, emphasized the close military-to-military ties between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

“The United States is firmly committed to the security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as we have been for nearly seven decades, and ... more broadly, the United States and Saudi Arabia have a strong mutual interest in the security and stability of the Gulf,” Miller said.

The F-15s Saudi Arabia will receive under the agreement “will have the latest generation of computing power, radar technology, infrared sensors and electronic warfare systems,” he added.

The White House released a statement Dec. 29 detailing the full Foreign Military Sales program agreement, which also will provide munitions, spare parts, training, maintenance and logistics support for the F-15s to the Royal Saudi Air Force.

### ON THE DECK

# Better opportunities for sailors as force balance improves



By Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk  
Chief of Naval Personnel

The Sailors in our Navy today are truly the “cream of the crop.” Sailors are increasingly looking at the Navy as a great long-term career choice, and the Navy is committed to retaining the best trained, most capable, and

most highly motivated force for the future. Programs like Perform-to-Serve (PTS) and the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB) have enabled those mutual objectives.

While increased retention over the past decade can be partially attributed to the current economy, many additional factors such as work-life balance initiatives and improved compensation have made the Navy a very attractive career choice. However, this unusually high retention has been uneven across all Navy ratings. Some ratings are overmanned due to force structure reductions and the national unemployment posture, resulting in higher retention. At the same time, there is persistent undermanning in some technical ratings where employment demand in the civilian market remains high. Some hard-working, experienced Sailors are not able to advance due to overmanning in their ratings, and Sailors in some undermanned ratings are experiencing unusually high operational demands to meet Navy requirements.

To help in balancing uneven retention, Navy is utilizing a range of force management measures to retain Sailors in the right mix of ratings and experience. In addition to our voluntary early separation programs, PTS is our primary system used to manage the force to ensure our highest-performing Sailors have the opportunity to convert, reenlist and advance. Overmanning in some ratings was so high that PTS was becoming

overburdened and was not as effective as it needs to be. The ERB was held to retain our highest quality Sailors across each of our 31 most overmanned ratings.

We have made significant progress in re-balancing the Force this past year. Through PTS, 1,052 Sailors were converted from overmanned to undermanned ratings in the past year. The ERB will further reduce overmanning in 31 specific ratings resulting in additional PTS and advancement opportunity. Top performers in every rating and year group will now have an opportunity for reenlistment approval, even when a rating is overmanned. The improved rating balance has also stabilized advancement opportunity Fleet-wide; we will see increased E-4/5/6 advancement opportunities in the coming advancement cycles. Advancements in these ratings are projected to be above the Navy-wide average for the next two to three cycles, after which they will fall more in line with historical advancement rates. As a result of our force management actions, Navy opportunities for top performing Sailors are actually increasing and manning in ratings chronically undermanned is improving. These steps to maintain a balanced force are benefiting the entire Fleet.

### COAST TO COAST

## HITRON interdicts \$10B worth of drugs

By 7th Coast Guard District Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – During December 2011, the Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron Jacksonville surpassed the \$10 billion mark in illegal narcotics interdictions.

Commissioned in 1998, HITRON was America's first airborne law enforcement unit trained and authorized to employ airborne use of force (AUF) and is the Coast Guard's only airborne unit that employs disabling fire in support of the counter-drug mission. HITRON prepares personnel, deploys aircraft, and employs airborne use of force against non-compliant vessels within Maritime Drug Transit Zones.

HITRON has multiple crews deployed aboard Coast Guard cutters at any given time.

Operating in both the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, HITRON crews deploy more than 1,100 days per year. As part of a cutter's crew, HITRON helicopter crews work in concert with the cutter law enforcement boarding teams to stop and interdict suspect vessels within the busiest drug transit corridors.

A true team effort, HITRON partners with many other agencies, including maritime patrol aircraft from Customs and Border Protection, the Navy, as well the Joint Interagency Task Force South, the US Drug Enforcement Agency and various South and Central American law enforcement agencies.

During its first year, HITRON intercepted all five go-fasts encountered, interdicting 2,640 pounds of cocaine and 7,000 pounds of marijuana. HITRON has continually adapted its tactics and procedures to combat the evolving

tactics of the drug trafficking organizations.

Now, 13 years later, HITRON has successfully completed 209 interdictions of non-compliant vessels transporting illegal contraband resulting in the detention of 645 drug traffickers. These interdictions have kept 412,076 pounds of cocaine, 21,041 pounds of marijuana, 135 pounds of hash oil, 304 pounds of heroin and \$8,752,900 in illegal currency, with a total street value \$10,064,730,837, from reaching American soil.

“Reaching this milestone is a testament to the sacrifice and hard work of all the men and women who have served at HITRON for the past 13 years and demonstrates the Coast Guard's great value to the American public,” said Coast Guard Capt. Donna Cottrell, commanding officer of HITRON.

# 2012 defense bill provisions include pay raise, separation benefits extension

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama signed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act on Dec. 31, 2011, which increases active-duty and reserve pay by 1.6 percent and governs Defense Department activities, from procurement to military personnel policy.

Several provisions in this year's act will potentially affect active-duty and retired service members and their families.

Section 347 requires DOD to finance an independent assessment of overseas troop basing, advising retention, closure, realignment or establishment of U.S. military facilities outside the U.S. "in light of potential fiscal constraints on (DOD) and emerging national security requirements in coming years."

Section 402 reduces authorized Army minimum end strength from 562,000 to 547,000. The other services' authorized minimum strengths are unchanged, with 325,700 for the Navy, 202,100 for the Marine Corps and 332,800 for the Air Force.

Section 512 of the act creates a new member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which currently includes the Army and Air Force chiefs of staff, the chief of naval operations and the Marine Corps commandant. The new member will be the chief of the

National Guard Bureau, who will have responsibility for "addressing matters involving non-federalized National Guard forces in support of homeland defense and civil support missions."

Section 526 extends voluntary separation pay and benefits authority, formerly set to expire Dec. 31, to the end of 2018. Section 530 converts the high-deployment allowance from mandatory to authorized. The allowance currently pays \$100 a day, in addition to all other pay and allowances, to a deployed service member who has been deployed 401 days or more out of the preceding 730 days.

Section 701 limits annual TRICARE enrollment fee increases for retirees and their family members to an amount equal to the percentage by which retired pay increases that year.

Section 702 sets mental health assessment requirements for service members deployed for contingency operations. The act calls for a series of assessments: one within 120 days before deployment; another during the period between 90 days after a deployment begins and 180 days after it ends; a third within a year after the deployment ends; and a fourth between 18 months and 30 months of redeployment.

The act states assessments are intended to "identify post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidal tendencies, and other behavioral health conditions ... in order to determine which

such members are in need of additional care and treatment for such health conditions."

Assessments are not required for service members "not subjected or exposed to operational risk factors during deployment in the contingency operation concerned," the act states.

Section 954 affirms that DOD "has the capability, and upon direction by the president may conduct offensive operations in cyberspace to defend our nation, allies and interests," subject to the law of armed conflict and the War Powers Resolution.

Signing the bill into law, President Barack Obama acknowledged "serious reservations" about parts of the act, particularly provisions that regulate the detention, interrogation and prosecution of suspected terrorists.

"I have signed the act chiefly because it authorizes funding for the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, crucial services for service members and their families, and vital national security programs that must be renewed," Obama said in a statement released today.

The act also contains critical initiatives to control spiraling health-care costs within the Defense Department, develop counterterrorism initiatives abroad, build the security capacity of key partners, modernize the force, and boost the efficiency and effectiveness of military operations worldwide, he noted.

# Panetta 'will not tolerate' bullying, hazing

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta added a pointed anti-bullying directive to a holiday message sent to service members around the world.

"I cannot be more proud of who you are and what you represent as you serve and sacrifice for our great nation," the message read, in part. "With that honor, is the responsibility to show by example our core values that demand we treat everyone with dignity and respect at all times.

"In that vein, let me be clear," the secretary continued. "I will not tolerate any instance where one service member inflicts any form of physical or psychological abuse that degrades, insults, dehumanizes or injures another service member."

Panetta directed military commanders to "personally review" policies and ensure

compliance.

"This has my personal attention as we continue our combat mission in Afghanistan, transition from our campaign in Iraq, and continue our global presence performing our nation's duties," the secretary wrote. "I need you to continue to make this a priority within your commands as this has a direct impact on our force readiness."

Members of the Defense Department and the services "will protect each other through fair, scrupulous and unbiased treatment as individuals -- caring for them, teaching them and leading them," Panetta wrote. "It is the obligation of each member in the chain of command to ensure hazing is not allowed and that all service members are treated, at all times, with genuine dignity, fairness and respect."

On Dec. 21, the Army charged eight soldiers allegedly involved in the death of Army Pvt. Danny Chen. Chen, an infantry-

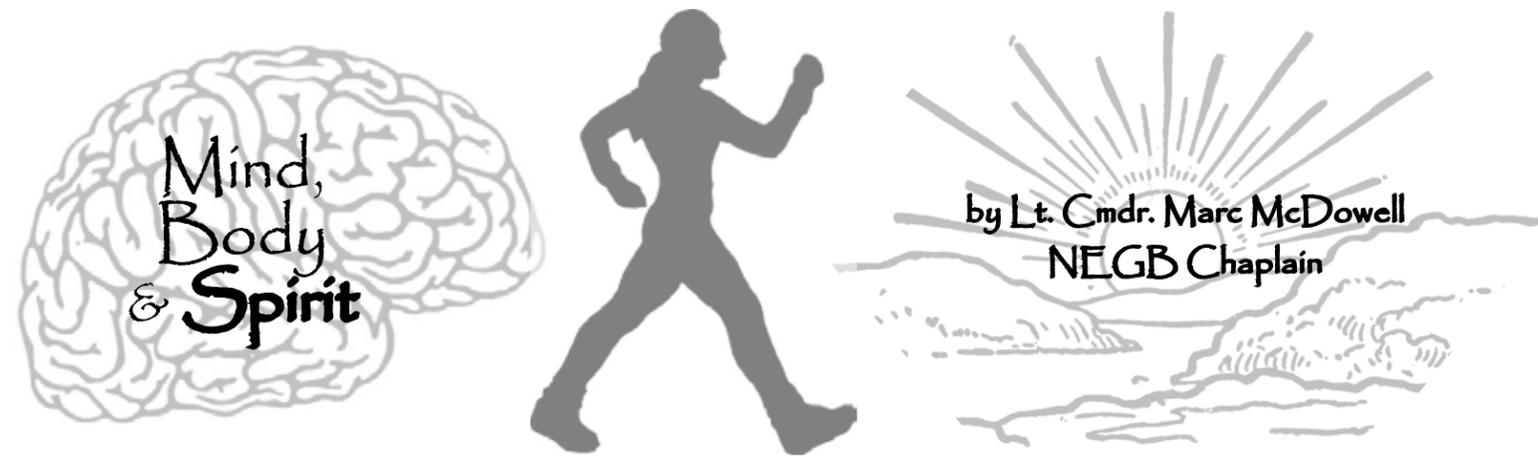
man deployed to southern Afghanistan with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, who was found dead in a guard tower Oct. 3 from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also spoke out strongly against hazing and bullying after the charges were announced. In a message posted to Facebook and Twitter Dec. 22, he wrote that while instances of hazing appear to be isolated, the practice is "simply intolerable."

"It undermines our values, tarnishes our profession and erodes the trust that bonds us," Dempsey added.

The secretary's message to troops ended with his thanks for their work.

"May God bless each and every one of you and your families, not only through the holiday season but also throughout the New Year," Panetta concluded.



## Taking a second chance

As we mark time in human terms we have started a new year, another year of each of our lives. Some of us made resolutions to do things differently, some of those may even succeed in that resolve. Most of us fail. Most of us, myself included, fail often.

In a previous assignment at Camp Lejeune, N.C., I visited the brig every Friday morning. One of the Marines I visited was there because he made a bad decision and took a piece of an M-16 from the armory. It was a huge mistake, a very bad idea and he had a long time to regret it.

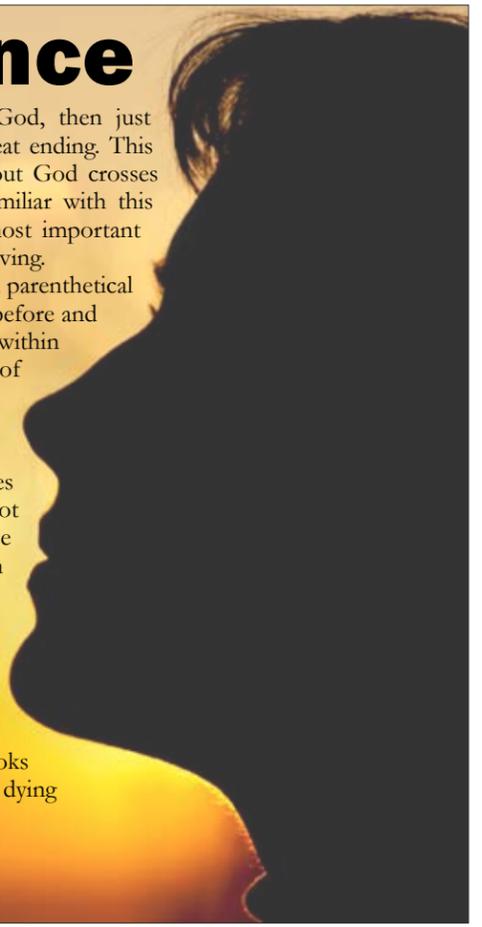
My job with him was to help him look at his decision-making methods, as well as what positive things remained in his life while demonstrating that someone else cared about him. That story and many others remind me in this "New Year" that although the systems and structures do not often give us a second chance, God does.

Every day we choose the short-term over the long-term: immediate gratification over discipline; ice cream over broccoli; beer over water. It's a matter of urgency versus importance. Those tendencies apply to decisions about the afterlife; whether or not there is any, and if so who awaits us? If there is a .01 percent chance that God exists, I don't want to take the chance of ignoring all that would entail, for bad and good.

But if you don't believe in God, then just imagine this as a novel with a great ending. This way, if something convincing about God crosses your path you will already be familiar with this pattern: the biggest factor, the most important person in life is also the most forgiving.

You see, I believe that I am in a parenthetical physical existence. There is more before and after this lifetime than what is within the parentheses, the parameters of what I call "my lifetime." There's just way too much within the borders that point outside of it to not believe. And so also my failures have limits: my mistakes need not follow me beyond this life because second chances are a reality, with God. Even if I make a mistake that triggers my fate within a "Zero Tolerance" system, God will not ditch me. Actually the opposite happens: he comes looking for me. Jesus Christ describes himself and his role as a shepherd who looks for lost sheep, even to the point of dying for just one sheep.

Do you need a second chance?



### ONLY AT GTMO by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor



## Movie Review

PG-13  
133 min.



By Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

# MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE GHOST PROTOCOL

(Tom Cruise is FIFTY?!)

This summer Tom Cruise will turn 50 years old. Seems unbelievable, doesn't it? It has been 29 years since he first made a name for himself by dancing around in his underwear singing along with a Bob Seger song. As a box office marquee headliner for nearly three decades, he shows no sign of slowing down at all. In fact, Cruise's latest movie would have you believe the man has discovered the fountain of youth. After all, he's rumored to have done a majority of his own stunts in his latest action picture including a brilliant sequence where he actually scales the world's tallest building in Dubai (albeit in multiple safety harnesses, digitally erased).

"Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol," the fourth entry in the "M:I" series, is an extraordinarily well-made high octane action picture. There is international intrigue, a sleek and sexy assassin, multi-layered political agendas, action, suspense and the fate of global dominance hanging in the balance.

Tom Cruise reprises his role as Impossible Missions Force (IMF) super agent Ethan Hunt. His team is tracking the elusive "Cobalt" in the Kremlin archives, who is believed to have Russian nuclear launch-codes with ambitions to launch a missile strike against the U.S. With Hunt's team on the scene, a bomb destroys most of the Kremlin and Hunt's group is framed as the terrorist masterminds behind it. Formally, the U.S. government will hunt (pun?) them down to bring them to justice. Before this can happen, the President initiates "Ghost Protocol," the covert black operation of the IMF. Under the "Ghost Protocol," Ethan Hunt's team is cut off from all resources and the U.S. government has disavowed the entire IMF.

Hunt has only his wit, team and allies to help him save the U.S. and subsequently the world from disaster. He is joined in his quest by the lovely, yet hard as nails Jane (Paula Patton, "Precious") and his globe trotting I.T. expert Benji (Simon Pegg, "Shawn of the Dead"). IMF analyst William Brandt (Jeremy Renner, "The Hurt Locker") joins their quest after the head of IMF (Tom Wilkinson, "Batman Begins") is assassinated.

This is an amazing live action feature film debut for director Brad Bird. He is best known as the director of animated fare like "The Iron Giant" (1999), "The Incredibles" (2004) and "Ratatouille" (2007). All of those animated movies are planned and storyboarded to perfection before being set to film. It is apparent Bird's initial concept planning of "Ghost Protocol" was conducted in a similar fashion to his animated works. No doubt every action scene was storyboarded with exceptional care and on the big screen it clearly shows.

"Ghost Protocol" boasts two of the most memorable action sequences in multiplex cinema in recent years. One of these scenes involves Tom Cruise climbing the 2,723 foot tall Burj Khalifa tower in Dubai. This vertigo-inducing sequence is the crown jewel of the entire "M:I" film franchise in terms of conception and presentation. The other stand alone sequence involves a futuristic-looking multi-level parking garage. I don't want to give too much away, but let's just say audiences will see something they haven't seen before or at least seen done to this level.

Interestingly, the "Mission: Impossible" film series has had quite an array of film directors: Brian de Palma ("The Untouchables" 1987), John Woo ("Face Off" 1997), J.J. Abrams ("Star Trek" 2009) and now Brad

Bird.

Each director has painted their distinctive style on their individual film canvasses. All

four films are a little different: the first movie was suspense driven, the second was over-the-top action, the third a crowd pleaser and the latest venture is a live-action cartoon crossed with James Bond.

Though I recommend this picture with a rating of four out of five banana rats, I feel it necessary to point something out. This movie is very high gloss on craftsmanship, style and execution. However, like its predecessors, it is also a little dry. Not by much, but enough to notice. Maybe that doesn't matter. The "Mission: Impossible" series exists to entertain us in the here and now. You may enjoy these films while watching them, but once they're over you tend to forget about them. Ethan Hunt does not stick with you the same way Jason Bourne, John McClane or Indiana Jones do. Yet the "M:I" films are fun movies to watch "in the moment." That is where they reign best.

Tom Cruise and Paramount Pictures seem pleased with the current box-office returns on "Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol." A fifth film in the series is currently planned. Though for Cruise to continue his role in future "M:I" entries is in question. The introduction of Renner's Brandt character is part of a deliberate failsafe plan from the studio behind the picture: should Cruise opt out of future "M:I" films, Brandt would become the central protagonist to carry the torch of this series. However, that would really surprise me. Tom Cruise is currently in the early talks to appear in the proposed "Top Gun II." I'm sure that film won't be light on action. Also, he hasn't shown me any signs of slowing down yet. I think he has a few more years in action pictures. Time will tell.

Speculation aside, "Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol" is a great example of how a meticulously well-thought-out thriller should be. The style, pacing and elaborate action sequences are expertly pieced together. It's easily the best film in this series to date. Just sit back, let the movie do its thing and enjoy it "in the now."

### GTMO Quick Reference

**Bayview Club - 75605**  
Wed.-Fri. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sun. & Holidays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Bowling Center - 2118**  
Mon.-Fri. 6-11 p.m.  
Fri. 6 p.m.-12 a.m.  
Sat. 1 p.m.-12 a.m.  
Sun. & Holidays 1-11 p.m.

**Caribbean Coffee - 77859**  
Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sun. 1-10 p.m.

**Jerk House - 2532**  
Sun.-Th. 5-9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 5-10 p.m.

**KFC and A&W Express - 75653**  
Daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

**MWR Liberty Centers - 2010**  
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-12 a.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Sun. 9 a.m.-12 a.m.  
Sat. & Holidays 9 a.m.-1 a.m.

**Library - 4700**  
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sun. & Holidays 12-9 p.m.

**Pizza Hut - 77995**  
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. 12-9 p.m.

**Windjammer Cafe**  
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Sat. 5-10 p.m.  
Sun. 5-9 p.m.

**Windjammer Club - 77252**  
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

**Windjammer Sports Bar**  
Mon.-Th. 5-9 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Sun. 5-9 p.m.

**Safe Ride - 84781**

### NAVSTA Main Chapel

**Daily Catholic Mass**  
Tues.-Fri. 5:30 p.m.

**Vigil Mass**  
Saturday 5 p.m.

**Mass**  
Sunday 9 a.m.

**General Protestant**  
Sunday 11 a.m.

**Gospel Service**  
Sunday 1 p.m.

**Christian Fellowship**  
Sunday 6 p.m.

**Iglesia Ni Cristo**  
Sunday 5:30 a.m.  
Room A

**LDS Service**  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Room A

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

**Islamic Service**  
Friday 1 p.m.  
Room C

### GTMO Religious Services

**United Jamaican Fellowship**  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
Room B

**Liturgical Service**  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Room B

For other services,  
contact the NAVSTA  
Chaplain's  
Office at 2323.

**JTF Trooper Chapel**

**Protestant Worship**  
Sunday 9 a.m.

**Bible Study**  
Wednesday 6 p.m.

**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

For more information,  
contact the JTF  
Chaplain's Office  
at 2305.

	6 FRI	7 SAT	8 SUN	9 MON	10 TUE	11 WED	12 THU
<b>Downtown Lyceum</b>	Jack and Jill (NEW) (PG) 7 p.m. War Horse (NEW) (PG-13) 9 p.m.	We Bought a Zoo (NEW) (PG) 7 p.m. Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 9 p.m.	Immortals (NEW) (R) 7 p.m.		The Three Musketeers (last showing) (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Paranormal Activity 3 (last showing) (R) 7 p.m.	Mission Impossible (PG-13) 7 p.m.
<b>Camp Bulkeley</b>	We Bought a Zoo (NEW) (PG) 8 p.m. Immortals (NEW) (R) 10 p.m.	Jack and Jill (NEW) (PG) 8 p.m. War Horse (NEW) (PG-13) 10 p.m.	Paranormal Activity 3 (last showing) (R) 8 p.m.		Mission Impossible (PG-13) 8 p.m.	The Three Musketeers (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R) 8 p.m. Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 8 p.m.

Call the movie hotline at 4880 or see the MWR GTMO Facebook page for more information.

**Right: Joint Task Force Guantanamo's senior enlisted leaders gathered for a group photo Jan. 4 in anticipation of the BEEF's departure. -photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park**



**Left: Members of the Maritime Safety and Security Team - San Diego patrolled the bay during a joint training exercise with the Marine Corps Security Forces Company Dec. 29. -photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park**

# The **JTF** at Shutter Speed

**Background: Make diving one of your New Year's resolutions, and see a different side of Guantanamo Bay. -photo by Army Maj. Jon Powers**