



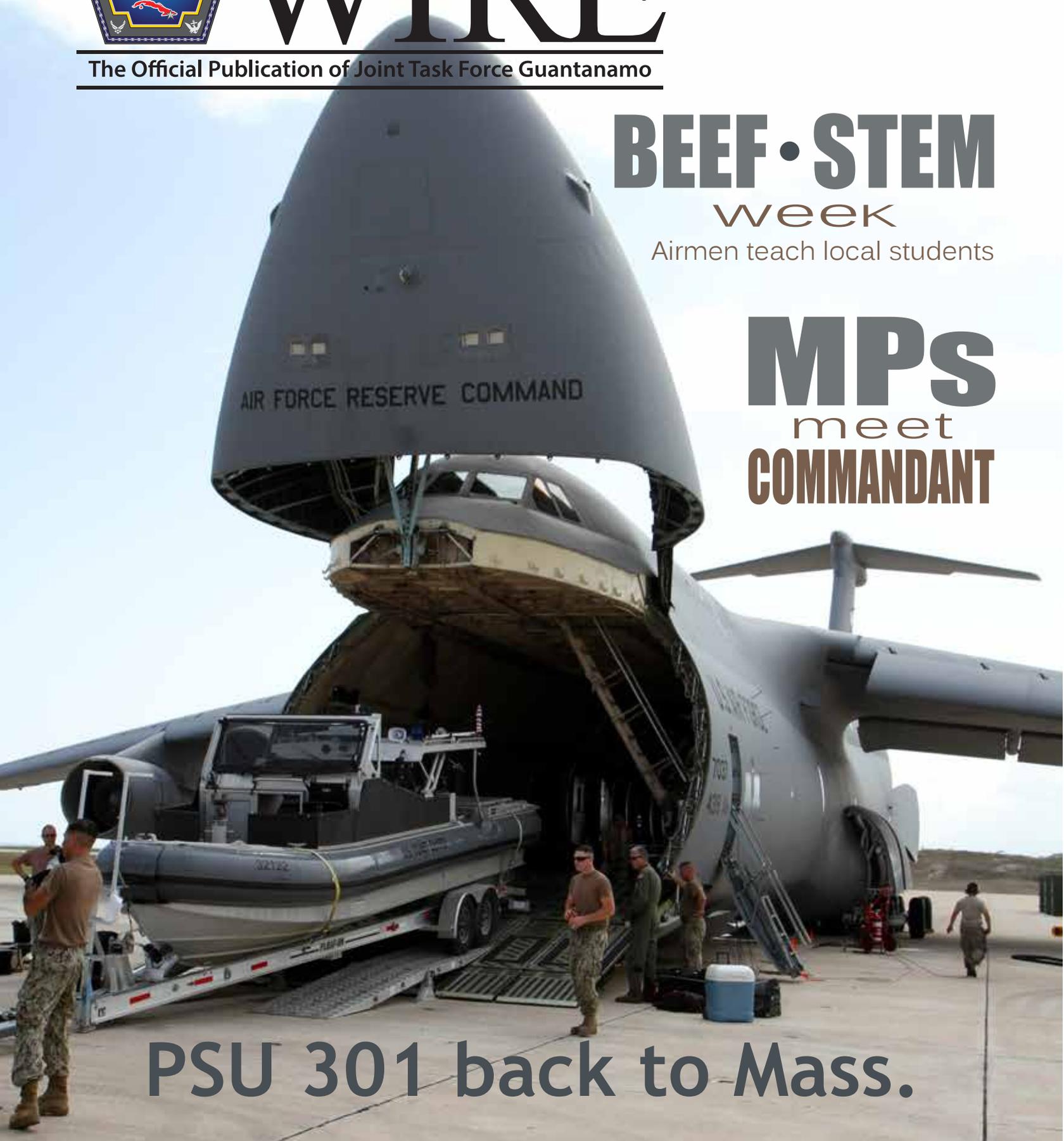
THE WIRE

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BEEF • STEM week

Airmen teach local students

MPS meet COMMANDANT



PSU 301 back to Mass.

AROUND THE BAY

MOTIVATOR

OF THE WEEK

SPC Lance Williams

491st Military Police Company

SPC Brenda Mejia

66th Military Police Company



Cover photo: Port Security Unit 301 prepares for their return to Cape Cod, Massachusetts via a Lockheed C-5 Galaxy, a cargo aircraft. They loaded their GEN IV 32 ft. Transportable Port Security boats in the aircraft April 30 flown by an Air Force Reserve crew from Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts.

Photo by Pvt. Kourtney Grimes/The Wire

Aerobathon

Get a sample of the popular MWR fitness classes during Aerobathon. The fitness fun starts Wednesday, May 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Denich Gym.

Headbangers Ball

Join your fellow GTMO residents at a rockin' Memorial Day Celebration at the Tiki Bar. The show begins at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, May 24. More info coming soon!

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Photo by Spc. Nadine White/The Wire

Air Force Staff Sgt. Tyler Tingwald, assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Base Engineer Emergency Force, loads a wooden missile into a man-made pressure cannon May 2.

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Mon.-Thur. 1730

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General Protestant

Sunday 1100

Gospel Worship

Sunday 1300

Chapel Annexes

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 0800 & 1700

Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 1000 Room 19

Islamic Service

Friday 1315 Room 2

Seventh Day Adventist

Friday 1900 Room 1

Sabbath School: Saturday 0930

Room 1

Sabbath Service: Saturday 1100

Room 1

Iglesia ni Kristo

Thursday: 0500, 1900 Room 1

Sunday: 0530, 1900 Room 1

Tuesday (Bible Study): 2000

New Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship

Sunday 0640

Sunday 0900

Sunday 1900

Bible Studies

Monday 1900

Cuzco block E

Wednesday and

Friday 1900

New Troopers' Chapel

Transportation Schedules

BUS Schedule

Camp America - :00/:20/:40

Gazebo - :01/:18/:21/:38/:41/:58

Camp America NEX -

:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57

Camp Delta - :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53

Camp 6 - :07/:10/:27/:30/:47/:50

HQ Building - :55/:15/:35

TK 1 - :01/:17/:21/:37/:41/:57

TK 2 - :02/:16/:22/:36/:42/:56

TK 3 - :03/:15/:23/:35/:43/:55

TK 4 - :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53

CC - :00/:19/:20/:39/:40/:59

JAS - :14/:34/: 54

Windjammer/Gym -

:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57

Gold Hill Galley -

:04/:15/:24/:35/:44/:55

NEX - :06/:13/:26/:33/:46/:53

NEX Laundry - :07/:27/:47

C Pool - :10/:30/:50

Downtown Lyceum - :11/:31/:51

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09:55 - 19:55 hourly

Camp America - :48/:55

TK 1 - :05/:36

Windjammer/Gym - :11/:31

Gold Hill Galley - :14/:29

NEX - :16/:27

Downtown Lyceum - :17/:25

BEACH BUS

Saturday & Sunday ONLY

Windward Loop/East Caravella

0900/0930/1200/1230/1500/1530/1800/1830

SBOQ/Marina

0905/0935/1205/1235/1505/1535/1805/1835

NEX

0908/0925/1208/1225/1508/1525/1808/1825

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0914/ 1214/1514/1814

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0917/1217/1517/1817

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FERRY

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Windward 1730/1830/1930/2030/2130/2230

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Windward 0730/0930/1130/1330

Leeward 0800/1000/1200/1400

UTILITY BOAT

Windward 1530/1730/1830/2000/2230

Leeward 1600/1800/1900/2030/2300



SAFE



HUMANE



LEGAL



TRANSPARENT



Inspector General: here to help

By Army Lt. Col. Jerrie Muir and Army Master Sgt. Mike Rose
Command Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General

The Joint Task Force Guantanamo Inspector General (IG) team, Army Master Sgt. Michael Rose, assistant inspector general, and Army Lt. Col. Jerrie Muir, inspector general, are here to support command teams and assist Warriors. The IG uses Army Regulation 20-1, Inspector General Activities and



Master Sgt. Mike Rose

Procedures, as its operational guide to assist the JTF GTMO family.

When most military personnel hear the words “Inspector General,” they feel not only angst, but get that slight inner shudder, and think, “oh no, why

are they coming here, what did I do?” The Inspector General Corps has long been looked at with trepidation and the foreboding “black hat” image because of the inspections and investigations we are asked to perform.

Our goal is to help Warriors accomplish the mission. A major portion of the IG workload is to provide assistance to Warriors who have a request for information or a complaint. These could be issues such as pay and allowances, promotions and reductions, awards, leave and JTF GTMO policies. The IG recommends before you seek our

assistance, give your chain of command an opportunity to help you with your questions and/or complaints. When you decide to seek assistance from the IG during your normal duty hours, request permission to leave your place of duty from your supervisor. After duty hours, Warriors can visit the IG without notifying their supervisors.

When you visit with the IG, we will determine how we can best assist you, and we may ask that you complete a DA Form 1559, Inspector General Action Request. We will not intentionally disclose your identity, without your consent, outside the IG channels or our directing authority. You should bring any applicable documentation (e-mails, orders, sworn statements, etc.), names and phone numbers of people you have sought assistance from before coming to the IG, and be prepared to tell the IG what you want us to do. In addition to assisting Warriors with issues and complaints, the IG also conducts teaching and training, inspections and investigations. You can read more about IG activities in JTF GTMO Policy Memorandum #11.0, dated April 8, 2014, which is on the JTF GTMO SharePoint.

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NEWS FEED

U.S. MILITARY TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR MISSING NIGERIAN GIRLS

By Claudette Roulo
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – About 10 U.S. Africa Command military personnel will be part of a U.S. team assisting the Nigerian government in their efforts to find more than 250 schoolgirls kidnapped by the terrorist group Boko Haram, Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Steve Warren said today.

President Barack Obama directed the formation of an interagency coordination and assessment cell after Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan accepted a U.S. offer of assistance, the colonel told reporters.

USO, FULL CIRCLE HOME TEAM UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY PACKAGES

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2014 – The USO and the nonprofit organization Full Circle Home teamed up May 2 to assemble Mother’s Day care packages for military moms and other sustainers on the homefront.

The service project, hosted by Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, was held at the vice presidential residence, where Dr. Biden joined USO volunteers and staff members, congressional spouses and others to assemble the packages.

U.S., PHILIPPINE FORCES BEGIN BILATERAL BALIKATAN EXERCISE

By Marine Corps Sgt. Isis Ramirez

CAMP EMILIO AGUINALDO, Philippines, May 6, 2014 – Senior military leaders from the armed forces of the Philippines and the United States, together with government officials, began Exercise Balikatan 2014 here yesterday, a week after U.S. President Barack Obama visited the Philippines and reaffirmed the “ironclad” alliance between the two nations. Balikatan, which translates to “shoulder-to-shoulder,” is an annual bilateral exercise that focuses on the Philippine-U.S. partnership, cooperation and commitment to their Mutual Defense Treaty, officials said.

GTMO CELEBRATES NURSES WEEK

GUANTANAMO (U.S. Naval Hospital Public Affairs Office) -- National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale’s birthday. The U.S. Navy Nurse Corps dates its founding back to May 13, 1908. So here in Guantanamo Bay, nurses, both military and civilian, assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay (USNH GTMO), the Joint Medical Group (JMG), and other organizations on the station, are combining the two events, commemorating both Nurses Week and the Navy Nurse Corps Birthday with a number of events May 6 – 13. Approximately 50 registered nurses (military, civilian, and family members) serve on the base in a variety of roles. The JMG nursing staff supports the Joint Task Force mission of providing safe, humane, legal, and transparent healthcare to the detainee population. They also provide training to the guard staff about infection control and health promotion such as eating a healthy diet, the dangers of tobacco use, periodontal hygiene and alcohol abuse. Helping troopers make positive health behavior changes is a contribution to the Joint Task Force mission and an example of JMG nurses leading the way in promoting the health and well-being of others.

Softball

1. Chaos	5-0
2. Fight'n 66	4-0
3. Mercenaries	4-1
4. Team 907	4-1
5. GTMO Latinos	4-2
6. BEEF Sticks	4-3
7. Gorillas	4-3
8. MisFits	3-3
9. Outcasts	2-2
10. Sunbursts	2-2
11. J2 Ghosts	3-4
12. Inglorious Batters	3-4
13. Hellhounds	2-5
14. JMG	1-5
15. Dream Killers	1-6
16. Ghost Writers	0-5

GTMO sports standings

Golf

1. GTMO Mustangs	4-0
2. Boyz from Illinois	3-0
3. CLO	3-1
4. Team Shaker	2-1
5. USNH GTMO	2-1
6. GTMO Latinos	3-2
7. Smokers	1-2
8. Georgia Boys	0-1
9. Gorillas	0-1
10. Tequila Shooters	0-1
11. The Great Kozub	0-2
12. The Shamers	0-3
13. Bunches of Fun	0-3

Basketball

1. OOH Kill'em	2-0
2. Get Buckets	2-0
3. JMG	2-0
4. Ball uh Rinas	1-1
5. BEEF	1-1
6. Avengers	1-1
7. The Pirates!	1-1
8. The Rascals	1-1
9. 93rd MP Co	1-2
10. Vicious & Delicious	1-2
11. Ghosts	0-2
12. Shottas	0-2

National Holocaust Days of Remembrance: a ceremony of observance

Story and photos by Pvt. Kourtney Grimes
Staff Writer, thewire@jftgtmo.southcom.mil

Joint Task Force Service members gathered in the old Trooper's Chapel April 30, to observe the National Holocaust Days of Remembrance, hosted by the 525th Military Police Battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The observance included thoughtful insight from a guest speaker, a candle-light ceremony to honor those who were murdered as a result of the gruesome genocide. There was also a narration explaining the children's transport system that saved thousands of young lives.

The observance, marking 70 years since the beginning of the Holocaust, commenced with a reading of Psalm 23 and a prayer offered by Army Sgt. 1st Class Richard Didymus, with the 525th MP Battalion, followed by a speech by Army 1st Lt. Raymond Lowdermilk, Joint Detention Group chaplain. During his oration, Lowdermilk brought to light some of the inherently unfortunate facts that make this remembrance difficult to comprehend.

The JTF's participation in the National Holocaust Days of Remembrance aligns with the observance first sought out by Israel. On April 27, 1953 Israel instituted this national memorial day, Yom He-Shoah, which means Holocaust Heroism Day. On this day, Israel's flag is lowered to half-mast and the air raid is played throughout the whole country and observed by schools, military bases and other organizations.

Coinciding with this year's theme for Holocaust Remembrance Week, published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 'Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses,' Lowdermilk spoke on the issue of the slow American response from the released

works of the HMM.

"I wish I could say this was a good summary report for our forefather's actions but it largely focuses on America's action and inaction in order to answer these two questions: What are the warning signs we should look for to help prevent future genocides, and what is our responsibility as a nation or as individuals when confronted by such crimes," said Lowdermilk. "These inactions were our actions, just as a lack of leadership is still leadership, but it's just bad leadership."

Lowdermilk then went through a recount of events that summarized the timeline of the horrific incident, including details that made the accounts difficult to hear much less imagine. Even more moving was the effect that the American influence had on the war.

"Within six months of our arrival there, the end of the war was in sight," said Lowdermilk.

Questioning the timeliness of the American aid, Lowdermilk wondered how the effectiveness of the Nazi genocides would have been if only we had responded sooner.

The telling of the heart-wrenching accounts of the tragedies that occurred were followed by a candlelight ceremony where six candles were lit to honor the six million Jews murdered in the genocide in Europe while the sounds of the air raid sirens bellowed through the chapel.

The ceremony concluded on a more hopeful note with a narration of the children's transport rescue efforts known as Kindertransport.

"Kindertransport was the informal name of a series of rescue efforts which

brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940," read the narrator. "The British government eased immigration restrictions for Jewish refugees following the violent pogrom staged by Nazi authorities known as Kristallnacht, Night of the Broken Glass ... In all, the rescue operation brought about 9,000 to 10,000 children, some 7,500 of them Jewish, from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland to Great Britain."

Ending on the note that the responses of other countries facilitated the survival of thousands of Jews at risk brought back the thought of our response and the questions we must keep in mind to stay vigilant against allowing a tragedy like this to occur again.



Army 1st Lt. Raymond Lowdermilk, Joint Detention Group chaplain, speaks at the National Holocaust Days of Remembrance ceremony at the old Troopers' Chapel at Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

My spidey senses are tingling

Review by Sgt. Kenneth Tucceri

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“The Amazing Spiderman 2” made its debut to a packed house at the Downtown Lyceum on Friday, May 2.

The movie picks up where the last “The Amazing Spiderman” left off. Peter Parker doing his best being a superhero arachnid and saving the good folks of New York City from Paul Giamatti, a Russian mobster, amongst other lurking perils.

This version of Parker was pretty slick. Throughout the movie he showed flashes of smooth and dynamic acrobatics that definitely would have made Uncle Ben proud. He was even a bit of a romantic with his lady friend Gwen, played by Emma Stone.

The action was fun, but the dialogue in this movie was pretty weak, which seems to be a disconcerting theme in contemporary cinema. It makes me wonder what classic literary giants, like

say Charles Dickens, would have to say about this superficial trend.

Another strange negative from the film that I thought lacked quality was the frequency in which we watched Peter Parker Google things. It struck me as weird. But I guess superheroes Google too.

The highlight of my movie going experience was when a young attendee yelled, “Go America!” immediately after the conclusion of the Star-Spangled Banner. It garnered the most laughter too.

My favorite part of the film itself, aside from Giamatti’s brief but fantastic appearances, was seeing a little kid wear a Spiderman suit, and taking some needed initiative in trying to fight bad guys, while Parker was going through a bit of an introverted phase that kept him out of the crime solving game.

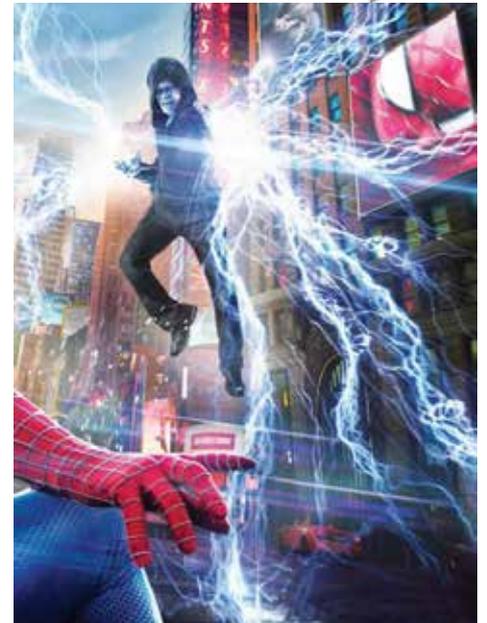
I thought, for a superhero movie, there was no true villain. Jamie Foxx was pretty intense as a crazed electric man named Electro. Though throughout, I felt bad for the socially awkward Foxx, who had not a friend in the world. No one even cared it was his birthday.

Then there was Peter Parker’s childhood friend, Harry Osborn, who began to slurp the villain porridge and made a brief cameo as his evil alias, Green Goblin, but his character seemed more of a setup for the third installment, as his presence only foreshadowed his potential and anti-Spiderman intentions.

In the end, it was another fun Spiderman movie; nothing more, nothing less. Despite its deficiencies, this movie gets three banana rats because comic book adaptations are always a bit entertaining.



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NOW SHOWING

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
DOWNTOWN	Mr. Peabody & Sherman (LS) PG, 8 p.m.	The Amazing Spider-Man 2 PG13, 7 p.m.	Noah PG13, 8 p.m.	Divergent (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	Trancendence PG13, 8 p.m.	Draft Day PG13, 8 p.m.	Captain America 2: The Winter Soldier PG13, 8 p.m.
CAMPBULKELEY	The Grand Budapest Hotel (New) R, 10 p.m.	Sabotage R, 10:30 p.m.					
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	Sabotage R, 10:30 p.m.	Divergent (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.					

GTMO Golf Classic big hit with residents

Story and photos by Spc. Nadine White
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U.S. Navy petty officer first class Stacy Shouse, a behavioral health technician at Joint Task Force Guantanamo's JSMART, warms up at the Lateral Hazard driving range before the GTMO Golf Classic on May 4.

Despite never completely recovering from the geological upheaval left behind by tent cities during Operation Sea Signal in the '90s, MWR's Lateral Hazard golf course hosted a successful GTMO Golf Classic tournament over the weekend.

The GTMO Golf Classic, an individual-player, stroke-based competition, is an annual tournament here during this time of year. The two-day event consisted of 17 golfers, playing 18 holes each day, using a modified scoring system.

"We take away two of the worst holes on the first day and the worst hole on the second day," said Alec Culpepper, the MWR fitness director and GTMO Golf Classic organizer. The modification offered players a potential advantage; an adjusted net score, versus their overall gross score.

"It's more like a club championship," said Culpepper, "It appeals to golfers who are pretty serious about it, as opposed to just someone who wants to come out and mess around."

However, the Classic presented a perfect opportunity for even the most amateur golfers to challenge their techniques, while enjoying friendly competition.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Stacy Shouse, a behavioral health technician for JSMART, had grown up watching golf with her grandfather, but hadn't devoted much time to the hobby until she arrived at GTMO.

"I figured, I have nine months here, why not try something?" said Shouse. "I enjoy golf. It looked like it would be a lot of fun and it's cheap to do here, so you can really work on your game."

Shouse admitted that back home in the U.S., she golfed maybe one to two times a year; here, she goes two to three times a month. Even with the rocky,



Alec Culpepper, Naval Station Guantanamo's MWR fitness director, holds his follow-through while watching his golf ball's flight to the fourth green at the GTMO Golf Classic on May 4. Culpepper finished in first place at the two-day tournament with a net score of 132.

rugged terrain from its unique history, and relatively small greens of the Lateral Hazard golf course, her skills have improved.

"It's a good way to pass the time," she said. "It's not very expensive too. You're a fool to not take advantage of that. I've really gotten so much better."

The participating golfers included active-duty military, DOD civilians and contractors, all with varying skill levels and love for the sport. Trophies were awarded to the first, second and third place male and female finishers on Sunday.

Shouse was one of three females participating in the Classic; she finished with a net score of 232 to win her the third place trophy.

"I had a lot of fun," she said. "It was very well organized. Hats off to MWR, they put on a very fun tournament."

Due to its successful outcome and positive feedback, the MWR plans to organize many more golf tournaments similar to the GTMO Golf Classic in the future.

"I think it went pretty well," said Culpepper, "I wish we would have had a few more people. I think tournaments like this help grow the golf community here; I would like to see it become more popular. Being out there, not thinking about work, decompress a little bit, I think that's what people would enjoy the most."



U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Dario Morgan, the Medical Service Corps department head for human resources at U.S. Navy Hospital Guantanamo Bay, tees off at the GTMO Golf Classic, May 4.

Farewell PSU 301, all aboard PSU 312

Story and photos by Pvt. Kourtney Grimes

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An Air Force Reserve C-5 Galaxy, a cargo aircraft from Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts sits prepped and ready on the Leeward terminal landing strip, waiting to be loaded with the boats of Port Security Unit 301 on April 30. The unit is packing up to return to their home unit in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The ballroom of the Windjammer was filled on April 28 with uniformed Coast Guardsmen of Port Security Unit 301 from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and

Port Security Unit 312 of San Francisco, California, the former and current members of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Maritime Security Detachment.

The transfer of authority ceremony bid a farewell to PSU 301, the unit that has been filling the big seats of the MARSECDET.

"To all the men and women of PSU 301, thank you for a job well done and for answering the call," said Rear Adm. Richard Butler. "The nation called and the Coast Guard answered with a group of highly trained men and women who left their homes and families, friends, neighbors and communities ... all to serve the mission. Thank you. Be proud of what you've done; you have served your country well."

Butler gave thanks to the leadership of PSU 301 for doing a range of tasks expected of the MARSECDET

including everything from setting up training, hands on mechanical support, movements in communication advances and giving "taxied" ferry rides to the Leeward side.

A few of the Coast Guardsmen of PSU 301 showed their life saving skills

in an event that could have cost some GTMO inhabitants their lives. Butler acknowledged the quick responses of the Service members that saved the lives of these swimmers and thanked them for their service.

"You guys did what the Coast Guard



Coast Guardsmen of Port Security Unit 301 of Cape Cod, Mass., stand during the transfer of authority ceremony for Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Maritime Security Detachment at the Windjammer ballroom, April 28. The ceremony bid a farewell to PSU 301, the unit that has been filling the big seats of the MARSECDET and welcomed PSU 312 of San Francisco, Calif., as they will soon take the reins.



Coast Guardsmen of Port Security Unit 301 load their unit's GEN IV 32' Transportable Port Security Boats onto a cargo aircraft on April 30 at a Guantanamo Bay landing strip. PSU 301 served at the Joint Task Force's Maritime Security Detachment during their deployment.

is most noted for, and that's actually to save lives in the water," said Butler. "They helped pull some stranded swimmers off of some rocks out by the lighthouse a few months ago."

After praising the good deeds and hard work of PSU 301, the transfer of authority ceremony shifted gears to prepare PSU 312 for taking over the roles of the JTF MARSECDET.

In his closing remarks, Butler gave the incoming unit some mildly intimidating words of advice, reminding the Coast Guardsmen of the exemplary component they are replacing and the standards at which they are expected to perform.

"I know your team will carry out the excellence PSU 301 has established, and they set the bar pretty darn high," said Butler. "It's a challenging mission. It's a demanding mission. It never stops; it's 24/7. And like everything we do down here in the Joint Task force, it's a high visibility mission. Semper paratus and homeward bound."

Following Butler's words of recognition for PSU 301 and encouraging words for PSU 312, the outgoing MARSECDET commander gave his best to the incoming unit.

"You can't ask for a better command to work for here at JTF GTMO," said Coast Guard Commander Christopher Fink.

He then recognized the multitude of responsibilities that are assumed with the title of JTF MARSECDET while applauding PSU 301's upkeep of these roles.

"These fine men and women from New England are the ones that have been out there standing the watches, keeping the boats running, ordering spare parts and equipment, processing the paperwork, conducting underway patrols in addition to supporting commissions, DMOs, hundreds of DV transports across the bay," said Fink.

While PSU 301 will be missed by command and Service members alike, PSU 312 is here with ample guidance to fulfill the duties of GTMO's MARSECDET.



A Coast Guardsman with Port Security Unit 301, the former MARSECDET, 'battens down the hatches' while loading one of their four boats into the cargo aircraft that will be heading back to Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Annual Consumer Confidence Report on the Quality of Drinking Water U. S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay

• What is the purpose of this report?

This is an annual report on the quality of water delivered by the U. S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay (GTMO). The annual report was required when Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1996. The SDWA added a provision requiring all community water systems to deliver a brief annual water quality report to their customers. Included in this report is pertinent information about the source of our water, any contaminants detected and possible sources of contaminants for the calendar year

• What is the source of our water and the basic treatment process?

Our raw water supply is drawn from Guantanamo Bay, approximately 160 feet north of the DESAL Water & Power Plant Compound. Our "source water" is seawater from the bay. Seawater is made into drinking water through a process called "reverse osmosis". A textbook definition of reverse osmosis (RO) is: The application of pressure to a concentrated solution that causes the passage of a liquid from the concentrated solution to a weaker solution across a semi-permeable membrane. The membrane allows the passage of water (solvent); but does not allow the passage of the dissolved solids (solutes). The RO plant is currently capable of making about 1.6 million gallons of freshwater per day. Water produced from the RO plant is transferred to water storage tanks before being processed at the water treatment plant on Skyline Drive (WTP3). At the treatment plant, water is stored in tanks before entering the distribution system eventually ending up at your house or workplace.

• Is our water system meeting the rules that govern our operations?

The quality of drinking water at GTMO is in compliance with the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD). The OEBGD establishes monitoring frequencies and record-keeping requirements for possible contaminants based on the SDWA. We are in compliance with the OEBGD.

• How can I get involved?

If you have any questions about the quality of water at GTMO or would like more information on the Drinking Water Program at GTMO; please contact Public Works Environmental Office at 5627 or 5623.

• Do I need to take any special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons (such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy; persons who have undergone organ transplants; people with HIV / AIDS or other immune system disorders; some elderly and infants) can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

• Are there contaminants in my drinking water and why?

Drinking water (including bottled water) may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source waters include:

Microbial Contaminants: such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, agricultural livestock operations and naturally from marine and terrestrial wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants: such as fertilizers and heavy metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, agricultural activities and dumping hazmat down storm drains.

Pesticide & Herbicide Contaminants: may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural storm-water runoff and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants: may include synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that may be by-products of industrial processes or petroleum use/spills;

can also come from gas station spills, urban storm-water runoff, water treatment process itself and improper management of hazardous materials.

Radioactive Contaminants: can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Turbidity: can be naturally occurring however since we produce our water from seawater RO turbidity is used as an indicator of filtering efficiency

• **Glossary:** The definitions and abbreviations below give a better understanding to the meaning of terms and abbreviations concerning contaminants found in our drinking water as indicated in the table on the next page.

- **AL:** Action Level. The concentration of a contaminant (if exceeded) will trigger further treatment or other procedures that the water system must follow to lower the level.

- **MCL:** Maximum (allowable) Contaminant Level. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water (by regulation).

- **MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

- **mg/L:** milligrams per liter. Equivalent to parts per million.

- **ND:** Not detectable. A value below the detectable limit by the lab test procedure.

- **NPDWR:** National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: legally enforceable standards that apply to public water supply systems. Primary standards aim at protecting drinking water quality by setting limits on the levels of specific contaminants that can adversely affect public health and are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems.

- **NSDWR:** National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations: non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards for water systems but does not require systems to meet secondary standards.

- **NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units -- a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity is measured with an instrument which measures the intensity of light scattered by suspended matter in the water. Turbidity is used as a measure of filtration effectiveness.

Contaminant	Sampling Site	Units	MCL or Highest Level Allowed	Level Detected (or Range of Detections)	Violations (Y/N)	Typical Source of Contaminant
1. NPDWR (enforceable)						
A. ORGANICS						
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	AV-526 LP BEQ	mg/L	0.080	0.027-0.059	No	by-product of disinfection by chlorination
Halo Acetic Acid 5 (HAA5)	Residential Units: See list below***	mg/L	0.060	0.005-0.008	No	by-product of disinfection by chlorination
B. INORGANICS						
Copper	Residential Units: See list below***	mg/L	AL=1.3	0.00-0.150	No	corrosion of plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	Residential Units: See list below***	mg/L	AL=0.015	0.000-0.009	No	corrosion of plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	4	0.30 - 1.65	No	water treatment additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	10	ND	No	run-off from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
C. MICROBIALS						
Total Coliform	Residential Units: See list below***	number of positive samples	1 positive sample/ 40 tests	0	No	naturally present in the environment; indicator species for fecal waste
Turbidity	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	NTU	1	0.00 - 0.8	No	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits; indicator of filter efficiency
Turbidity (from Apr 2013 - Dec 2013)	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	NTU	95% of monthly samples less than 0.3	100%	No	*

* January through April 2013 turbidity sampling location was not in the proper location. Although our daily readings were in full compliance of the requirements (OEBGD), the monthly averages exceeded 0.3 NTU in more than 5% of the readings. Relocation of sample point just after the filter showed that our filter performance was in full compliance with the OEBGD.

2. NSDWR (recommended / non-enforceable)						
Contaminant	Sampling Site	Units	MCL or Highest Level Allowed	Level Detected (or Range of Detections)	Violations (Y/N)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	110	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits
Chlorides	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	120 - 245	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits
Iron	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	0.3	0.00 - 0.07	n/a	water distribution pipe corrosion
Sulfate	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	250	0 - 9.00	n/a	run-off from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	Water Plant #3 Bldg 815	mg/L	500	238 - 438	n/a	breakdown of natural minerals and deposits

***** Sampling Location- Residential Units:**

For Lead and Copper samples:	
Code/Bldg Number	Specific Sample Location
1	CB 1177 (Formerly CB 1)
3	CB 1235 (Formerly CB 12)
5	CB 1162 (Formerly CB 27)
8	CD 2179
9	DP 1109
10	EP 393
11	EP 393
12	IT 383
13	IT 385
20	N 310
22	N 323
24	M 104
25	M 107
30	M 110
32	MP 396
33	MP 399
34	PP 34
38	PP 17
39	RP 720
40	RP 733
19	N 307
17	N 302
23	M 101
10	EP 390
35	PP 7
Alternate	PP 14
Alternate	M 122
Alternate	MP 12
Alternate	MP 397
Alternate	M 116
Alternate	N 304

For Total Coliform Samples:

Code/Bldg Number	Specific Sample Location
294	Windmill Beach Restroom
752	Industrial Area
1041	Kittery Beach Restrooms
1490	Cable Beach Restrooms
2155	NEX Deli
2179	Corinaso Point
2295	Admin Hill
AV86	Desal Admin.
CC18A	Caribbean Circle
CP1405	Caravella Point
DP1109	Deer Point
EB3	East Bargo
GC77D	Granadillo Circle
H1	Hospital
N310	Marina Point
NH88	Nob Hill
RP725	Radio Point
1382	Leeward Ferry Landing
AV526	Leeward Point BEQ
AV600	Leeward Point Air Terminal

MP group reaches out to single Soldiers

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Deployments, regardless of location, can take a toll on a Service member's resolve. Even without dodging bullets and sleeping in tents, the absence of family, concern for issues back home and hectic work schedules can feel overwhelming. Here at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, there are several organizations to help de-stress, support and encourage the deployed men and women serving at the Joint Task Force, until they can return home with honor.

Recently, the 525th Military Police Company decided to create the Enlisted Recreation Committee, to provide junior enlisted Soldiers with positive ways to stay engaged and active, while simultaneously improving their surroundings.

"Each unit has a unit rep and we would meet ... brainstorm and come up with ideas," said one of the committee planners, Spc. Andrew Boyle, a Soldier with the 189th MP Company. "Through the Enlisted Rec Committee we have provided support to family readiness group-sponsored events when they needed volunteers as well."

As this was the first event, the committee wanted to begin with something

simple, yet fun. Their first mission: a beach cleanup beginning at the Tierra Kay basketball court and continuing several miles to Windmill Beach. The beautification project concluded with a performance by a local band, as the unit's Family Readiness Group served up grilled burgers and sides for the volunteers.

Approximately 80 JTF Soldiers came out to pick up trash and debris. Army Sgt. Ryan Hall, a Soldier with the 346th MP Company, had the day off so he figured he would participate in the beach cleanup to earn volunteer hours and do something helpful for the committee.

"Picking up the trash, and other activities obviously helps out the community. This is another way to stay positively involved," said Hall. "It was a good day. I got to have fun and got a little exercise in too."

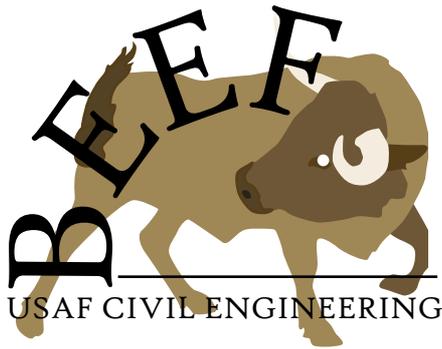
These events are for anyone, but the organization is provided by the enlisted members, primarily junior enlisted members, of the 525th MP Battalion. Currently they are looking at hosting several more events from volunteer ac-

tivities to outdoor recreation excursions.

Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to get involved.



Army Sgt. Ryan Hall with the 346th Military Police Company, picks up trash along the route toward Windmill Beach at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.



come together for hands-on learning

Story by Spc. Nancy Mizzell

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Some things naturally compliment each other. Peanut butter and jelly, ice cream and cake, rice and beans, and the BEEF and STEM. BEEF and STEM is not another way of saying steak and broccoli. BEEF and STEM means Base Engineer Emergency Force and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. On May 1 and 2, students of Guantanamo Bay's W.T. Sampson High School gathered together to observe STEM week with some hands on learning at Camp Justice.

In an effort to promote the pursuit of innovative careers among young students, STEM week is emphasized



Photo by Spc. Nadine White/The Wire

Senior Airman Merlin Abril, with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Base Engineer Emergency Force, lets students from the W.T. Sampson High School interact with survey tools during a demonstration, May 2.

throughout the nation. The decline in attention to these studies in the past decade has sparked a renewed focus on STEM subjects. It has become a rising concern for those who have careers in areas produced through a path in strong STEM studies, over the lack of proficiency in young students in the subject.

For Air Force Lt. Col. Ed Phillips, BEEF's commander, STEM is a passionate topic. "I think it's important not only for the students but for the nation as a whole to have young students get excited about math, which runs the world around them and the science that they see everyday," said Phillips. "I think students that see some of the experiments get excited about the motion and what's going on, and then they see that the math and science that they learn has real world application."

BEEF Airmen set up six different stations to give students the chance to experience STEM in action first hand. Airmen took additional time out of their workdays to ensure each device was set up properly.

"We started preparing for this about a month ago. A lot of the guys spent their off duty hours putting the project together," said Air Force Master Sgt. Andrew Warr, NCOIC of the BEEF electric shop.

The stations prepared were heavy equipment structures, water and fuels systems' maintenance (WFSM), engineering assistant (EA), heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), and the electric shop. The stations that students were most inquisitive about were the heavy equipment, WFSM and the HVAC.



Photo by Spc. Nadine White/The Wire

Tech Sgt. Joshua Temple, center, assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Base Engineer Emergency Force, supervises while a W.T. Sampson High School STEM student releases the pin on a man-made catapult on May 2.

At the heavy equipment station, students applied a weight to a small-scale wood crane to judge the difference between the breaking point and tipping point. The WFSM station allowed students the opportunity to continue judging pressure, by performing a test to compare the effects of water pressure and air pressure. The HVAC shop shows students the characteristics of freon by giving them a chance to perform an experiment using freon to boil water.

Students were in awe of the fast-paced STEM action in the structures station, better known to the students as a catapult, and it made a lasting impression. This is the first time students of Guantanamo Bay took a trip to Camp Justice to test what they learn in the classroom in honor of STEM week.

Phillips thinks the program was a success and is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the effort to foster STEM creativity for students.

"I thank the teachers and the students for putting this together," said Phillips. "It was great to have students come out to Camp Justice and it was great for the Air Force engineers here to show what they do, and I hope all of the students had a good time."

Commandant addresses Military Police

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Army Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, Military Police School commandant and chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment speaks to Soldiers in the 525 MP Battalion from Joint Task Force Guantanamo Saturday, May 3.

“**Preserve
the force
for the
Fight**”

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Service members frequently have high ranking officials and flag officers visiting to see how things are going, both for the mission and the troops themselves. Saturday, Army Brig. General Mark Spindler, chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment and the Military Police School commandant, spoke at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Windjammer ballroom. With an audience comprised of mostly Soldiers from within the Joint Detention Group, Spindler presented the opportunity to hear about where the MP regiment is heading and what the Army has planned for the future.

Walking into a half-filled auditorium, with troops waiting to hear what he would have to say, Spindler displayed an adept ability to relate to Soldiers in the room regardless of rank or age, and provided his audience with a down-to-earth straight talk on the MP corps' future. Humor present throughout his time speaking, he also shared some of his own enlightening moments upon accepting his new position.

As the Army has to speculate on where to make cuts across the board, no one is excluded from the process. The MP Corps is unique in its relation to other branches of the Army, as not every company is the same. The purview of responsibility for MPs ranges from com-

bat support, detainee operations, or even garrison military police operations just to name a few. With the push for smaller numbers, Spindler explains that there is a need to not redefine the corps itself, but its identity and how it represents itself and its specific and much needed purpose.

Spindler says he recently attended a military ball in Alaska while visiting an Army MP Battalion there and was inspired by the 91 year old guest speaker they invited to the ball, former Army Staff Sgt. Peter Schantz. A World War II veteran, Schantz spoke of what Soldiers did at the time to combat their fears and reflected on what their purpose was while fighting there. Schantz explained that as MPs they weren't there to police the force, they were there to preserve the force for the fight.

“That's it, that's the point!” said Spindler.

With all responsibilities that lay on the shoulders of MP units across the country, this poignant message is one of many things that help define their mission and purpose.

“Military policing is all about preserving the fighting force,” said Spindler. “We're here to help commanders hold the line. That is the fundamental nuance of who we are and should be.”

Another turn in the downsizing of our military and refocusing of the internal development of those still in is the concentration on character within the Army. Recruiting has become more stringent, with more older standards coming back into play, the result is a more selective choice in the breed of person that enters the fighting force. It's a buyer's market, says Spindler.

The regimental command sergeant major, Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Kierney, says the focus is not only on the character of those coming in but of those that are in currently and being developed as future leaders.

“There are a few things we're trying to look at right now,” said Kierney. “We want to focus on character of Soldiers. Am I a Soldier with a proper leader presence? Do I have the technical skills of my position and the respect of my peers, commitment to competencies, your civilian education and military developments? We want Soldiers of character to represent our Army and fulfill their duties.”

This focus on a ever-improving and constantly developing Soldier is a team effort and requires the foresight of good leaders as well.

“Tomorrow's challenges are going to require us to think different and more methodically,” said Spindler.



Soldiers with the 525 Military Police Battalion at Joint Task Force Guantanamo listen attentively to Army Brig. Gen. Mark Spindler, Military Police School commandant and chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, as he speaks at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Windjammer Ballroom Saturday, May 3.



Mind over body

Story by Sgt. Debra Cook
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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Joe Milford knew how much picking up the habit of smoking again bothered Spc. Diane Langley because she'd been talking about it on the block for days now. Just last night she'd come home from dinner and said, "My sergeant's on my back about smoking again. He sees me smoking and says, didn't you say you wanted to max your PT test? I'm willing to bet low PT scores are directly related to people who smoke."

Milford looked right at Langley and said, "Diane, if you don't possess the mental strength to quit smoking you'll never accomplish anything in life. You have to dig deep inside yourself and do what it takes to achieve your goals, and

smoking isn't getting you any closer is it?"

She was shocked. "You're siding with my sergeant? And do you think I can quit smoking just like that?"

Milford said, "Yes I think you can quit smoking just like that. I also think your sergeant makes a good point about the PT scores. You should look it up. Sometimes it helps to see things in writing."

She searched on the internet and found a study called "Smoking Versus Nonsmoking And The Army Physical Fitness Test." She scanned all 74 pages to find the end analysis results and there it was:

"A decrease in performance found for each APFT event in the smoking group."

She told Milford about it the next day.

"So did seeing those stats in writing give you a mental edge to quit smoking?" Milford asked her.

"I'm not so sure yet."

He said, "Your mind is powerful and I think you can cold turkey. Listen to this." He held up a muscle magazine he was reading. "These people write in and ask Arnold Schwarzenegger questions."

She laughed, "Really, Arnold Schwarzenegger? I'm trying to quit smoking, not be a muscle builder."

"But one of your goals is also to max your PT scores and quit smoking, is it not?"

"Yes," Langley said.

"So again, regardless of the goal, it all goes back to possessing mental strength. Arnold was asked, "You've succeeded at everything you've ever tried. What's the secret to winning at life?" Milford looked up from reading and waited for her response.

"What? What's Arnold Schwarzenegger's secret?"

"Harnessing the power of your mind. According to Arnold, as strong as the body is, the mind is where its strength truly comes from," said Milford. "From muscle competitions to movie parts, even political positions he's mentally pictured everything he's ever achieved before winning."

"Now, Diane," said Milford in his best imitation Arnold voice, "Go harness the power of your mind and achieve your goals."

She walked away towards the dumpster to throw her cigarettes out.

Banana lumpia

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"Come, try my banana lumpia," Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ailyn Torres Smith hollered to passerbies on the Cuzco block. One by one people came. Some reluctant at first were still pulled into the flavor of something new they've

never had before.

Lumpia are pastries of Chinese origin similar to fried spring rolls popular in Southeast Asia. Traditionally, they're filled with meat or vegetables, but there are variations to it. "You can put anything in lumpia you want," Smith told us. It's easy to cook and can be eaten as a snack or a breakfast dish.

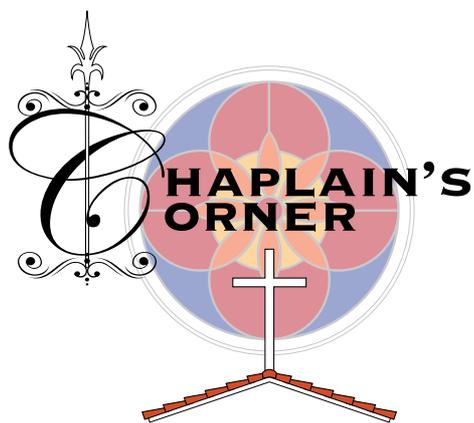


Recipe

28 ripe plantains*, 1 packet lumpia/eggroll wrapper, 2 jar coconut sprout (Asian food isle), 1 cup Sugar, Cookie sheet (to put the banana eggroll after rolling), Vegetable oil, Powdered sugar (optional)

Cut plantains four ways (half & length wise), put in a large bowl. Once cut, add coconut sprout and sugar. Mix and let sit for one hour. Cover plantain with coconut sprout and wrap. Seal with water. Brush first layer of banana lumpia with vegetable oil so they won't stick together. Fry at 375 degrees in electric fryer or stove fry until golden brown. Dust with powdered sugar while cooling off.

*tip: (if plantain is still green, put in a brown bag for at least 7-10 days to ripen)



Keep dreaming dreams

By Army Capt. Brian Osborn

93rd MP Battalion Chaplain

Did you hear about the great grandfather who benched pressed a senior world record of 209 pounds? John Gilmore pressed the bar up at the age of 92 this past spring. Last year, Fred Butler, a 106-year-old man, earned his high school diploma. A dream realized after surviving a world war, 65 years of marriage, five kids and a career. A few years ago, Mary Allen Hardison, a 101-year-old woman, was recognized as the "Oldest Female to Paraglide Tandem" by the Guinness World Records. She broke the record on a whim that she didn't want to be outdone by her 75-year-old son who took up the sport. These individuals have one thing in common: a commitment to live life in the present tense. A great gift from God is that we never lose our usefulness and the capacity to dream dreams.

When you stop dreaming, you start living in the past. For some folks, it happens in their twenties and thirties, like Uncle Rico from "Napoleon Dynamite," where they spend the rest of their lives reliving high school memories. There are others who may experience success or failure, and they allow themselves to believe that today is no longer as significant as yesterday, and the capacity to dream dreams is no longer momentous at all. An ancient spiritual leader once wrote, "never get tired of doing good." These words remind us that life must be lived in the present, day to day, we must continue reaching for our dreams. Life is now, whether you have a record of success or failure. Seek what God wants to accomplish in your life. For as long as you have breath, keep dreaming dreams.

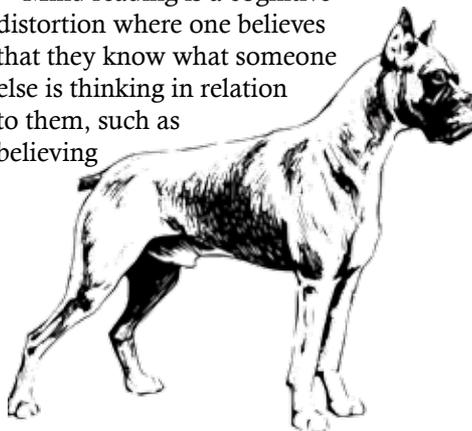
The JSMART Spot

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Keith Reau

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Have you ever wished you could have a superpower like Professor Xavier or Jean Grey? I'm talking about the superpower to read minds. Well this stinkin' thinkin' segment covers mind reading.

Mind reading is a cognitive distortion where one believes that they know what someone else is thinking in relation to them, such as believing



your chain of command is only out for themselves or that they don't care about the unit or their Service members.

For example, one morning your supervisor passes by without acknowledging you and you assume, "she is ignoring me so she must not like me anymore," even though she actually didn't notice you because she just received a stressful call from home and was distracted. Ways to combat this can be as simple as asking for clarification or looking at it from a different perspective, considering that she may have other reasons for not noticing you.

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Excerpts from "History of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba 1494-Present"
Stacey Byington, USNH GTMO PAO

Late 1600 to early 1700s

The bay was a haven for pirate bands. A number of famous pirates are known to have used it as a base of operations for the purpose of preying on ships passing through the Windward Passage (between Cuba and Haiti/Dominican Republic).

Spring 1908

USS Monongahela, while anchored between South Toro Cay and Granadillo Point, caught fire. While afire, she was towed and beached on the south side of Deer Point, a few hundred feet from the present-day base commander's boat landing. Much was salvaged, but the ship was a total loss. After a few weeks, she settled on her side and submerged a cannon whose barrel 'drooped' perceptibly as a result of the intense heat was salvaged from the wreck. It was such an oddity, that at one time it was mounted on the cliff overlooking the Monongahela's resting place. It was later moved to the tip of Deer Point, outside the base commander's yard.

01 April 1941

Naval Operating Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was established. Commanded by Navy Capt. (later Rear Adm.) George Weyler, the activities under his command included the Naval Station, Naval Air Station, Marine Corps Base, and Naval Net Depot (ship repair facility).

19 April 1981

Four Sailors from the USS Raleigh traveling in two Special Service boats ventured beyond the boundary at Post 21 and into Cuban territory. Cubans waved off the Sailors. Then, a shot was reportedly fired across the bow of one of the boats, and the Sailors were taken into custody. They were detained in Boquerón, transferred to Havana, and turned over to Mr. Wayne Smith of the U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Havana, 24 hours later. The Sailors were dealt with promptly under the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and liberty was canceled for all crewmembers of the USS Raleigh.

The Great Camp America Bicycle tow-away

All unattended bicycles left in Camp America have been consolidated by the dumpsters.

If one of these bikes is yours please pick it up prior to 13 May 2014. Any bikes left after this date will be thrown away.

Issues or Questions: Contact CSM Lamb at 8203

Captain's Cup Sports Challenge

May 16 -17

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5k run ★ home run derby ★ punt,
pass and kick ★ bowling tourney
three point shootout ★ golf tourney ★
softball tourney ★ flag football tour-
ney ★ tug of war ★ swim meet

To participate, contact your service POC for more information on teams. Contact Jim Holbert at 2113 or james.holbert.civ@usnbgtno.navy.mil for more info.

CORN HOLE ◆ TOURNEY

Friday, May 16
6:00 p.m.
Camp America
Liberty Center



Call 77421 for more information

Snorkel Day

Saturday, May 17
8:00 a.m.
Windmill Beach

An illustration of snorkel gear, including a blue and yellow mask and a pair of yellow fins.

Call 77421 for more information

A banana rat, or hutia, one of GTMO's most prevalent and iconic animals, peeks out of its tree perch in this crisp and well-lit photograph by Master Sgt. James Powers.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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