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Cover photo: Students from the Corporals Course class 046-14 perform the overhead press with ammo cans weighing 30 pounds each during their physical training test May 21. This is the first time in history Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen were allowed to attend with their Marine counterparts.

Photo by Sgt. Christopher Vann.

Financial Peace University

Learn how to achieve your financial goal, budget for the unforeseen and build your savings during this nine-segment seminar. Classes will be held Sunday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Troopers' Chapel. Contact Chaplain Lowdermilk at 8973 or 84838 to reserve a seat.

Local galleys score high

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and NAS Jacksonville received the highest scores in the 2014 Galley Assessments and thereby were nominated for the Ney Award in the large and small galley categories respectively. This honor is a testament to the five-star service provided to all Service members stationed and deployed here.

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Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Carmen Steinbach/The Wire

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Edwin Rosado-Arroyo, a religious programs specialist, with the Joint Task Guantanamo Command Chaplain's Office, receives his new rank during a frocking ceremony at Camp America.

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Catholic Mass

Mon.-Thur. 1730

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Sunday 0900

Protestant Services

General Protestant

Sunday 1100

Gospel Worship

Sunday 1300

Chapel Annexes

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 0800 & 1700

Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 1300 Fellowship Hall

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 J

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

NEX Express Bus

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

Phillips Park

0914/ 1214/1514/1814

Cable Beach / Turn Around

0917/1217/1517/1817

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0940/1240/1540/1840

FERRY Schedule

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FERRY

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Leeward 0700/0800/1000/1100/1200/1300/1400/1600/1700

UTILITY BOAT

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

Leeward 1800/1900/2000/2100/2200/2300

Sunday & Holidays

FERRY

Windward 0730/0930/1130/1330

Leeward 0800/1000/1200/1400

UTILITY BOAT

Windward 1530/1730/1830/2000/2230

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TRANSPARENT



The importance of outstanding leadership

By Marine Sgt. Major Juan Hidalgo

Joint Task Force Sergeant Major

With the recent conduct of the first USMC Corporals Course held on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, many of the students questioned why leadership is so important. As I sit weekly with the motivators of the week, this same question always seems to surface as a point of discussion. Leadership is not just one aspect of the military; it is everything in the military. Throughout our careers, whether one serves four years or 20, 25, or 30, we all learn from our senior leaders – some we want to emulate while others are registered as a negative lesson not to be followed.

The questions every leader must ask are: “What are we teaching our subordinates?” “Do our subordinates want to emulate us?” and “Are they learning how not to lead?” As I’ve shared with you all several times in the past, this Marine was fortunate to be raised, educated and mentored by great leaders. These same leaders continually taught us that it was always about the team, never about themselves. I caution you all to watch out for leaders that continually use terms like: “This is what I did,” “This is what I want,” and “me, me, me.” Exceptional leadership is selfless. Servant leadership is all things and people before thyself.

Whether we are currently a great, good, or poor leader, the awe-inspiring thing is we can decide right now, not tomorrow, but right now to change to be the most outstanding leader we can be. To assist each of you with achieving this goal, each service has a wonderful tool; each just a little different, but effectively the same. I want to reintroduce to you today a Warrior version I observed many years ago and have shared to Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coastguardsmen alike over my career.

• **Know yourself and seek improvement** – We must be honest with ourselves and constantly seek improvement. When the individual leader executes better, the team does better.

• **Be technically and tactically pro-**

ficient – We must always know our job and constantly coach others.

• **Know your Warriors and look out for their welfare** – We need to know our people and look out for them. This is not to be mistaken with coddling or hand holding. Taking care of our people may mean a stern counseling or it may mean some needed time off.

• **Keep your personnel informed** – We must make sure our people understand the “in order to” and the “why” within our daily, or unit mission three levels up the chain of command. With

this knowledge, you can rest assured their confidence level will grow and the mission, no matter how mundane, will be accomplished – on time and on target!

• **Set the example** – This is one of the most important. There is an old saying “I can’t hear you because your actions are too loud.” Leaders at all levels must set the best example every day.

• **Ensure the task is understood, supervised and accomplished** – We must make sure all understand their roll, are trained properly to accomplish the mission and the responsibilities of their senior. Leaders must supervise to ensure the mission is accomplished. Trust, but verify!

• **Train your Warriors as a team** – When trained as a team, people act like a team. When acting like a team, the team will grow stronger and the mission, no matter how challenging, becomes attainable.

• **Make sound and timely decisions** – A quality decision does not take months to make. Leaders gather information quickly and make sound, timely decisions. Hesitation or reluctance to make a decision leads subordinates to lose confidence in your abilities as a leader.

• **Develop a sense of responsibility among your subordinates** – Delegate and allow subordinates to learn by their decisions. Let them know it is OK to make mistakes and, at the same time, they are accountable for all their actions.

• **Employ your personnel in accordance with their capabilities** – You would not send a platoon of mechanics to serve as MPs, and we would not send a platoon of MPs to serve as mechan-



Sgt. Maj. Juan Hidalgo

ics. Position your personnel for success through proper training and assignments. A unit or individual’s success is a significant combat multiplier for a unit’s or individual’s moral.

• **Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions** - Seeking responsibilities also means that we take responsibility for our actions. We are responsible for all our unit does or fails to do. Regardless of the actions of our subordinates, the responsibility for decisions and their application falls upon its leaders.

If put into practice daily, the Marine Corps 11 Leadership Principles will no doubt assist you with becoming the leader you aspire to be and one that inspires success in their team and will be followed anywhere. Share these principles of leadership with your subordinates and ask for feedback on their lessons learned as they apply them in their daily lives. Today, together as leaders, let’s choose to provide outstanding leadership to all that we come in contact with.

NEWS FEED

OBAMA: ‘SACRED RULE’ REQUIRED SECURING BERGDahl’S FREEDOM

By Nick Simone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Regardless of the circumstances that led to Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s five years of captivity, President Barack Obama said today, the United States needed to get him back.

“The United States has always had a pretty sacred rule, and that is we don’t leave our men or women in uniform behind,” the president said at a news conference in Warsaw, Poland.

“We still get an American soldier back if he’s held in captivity. Period. Full stop. We don’t condition that,” he added.

HAGEL URGES EUROPEAN NATO MEMBERS TO BOOST DEFENSE BUDGETS

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON --NATO European allies must dedicate more money to defense spending, and all are ready to do their part in the follow-on operation in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said at NATO headquarters in Brussels today.

The secretary spoke at a news conference after meetings with alliance defense ministers.

Russia’s actions in and around Ukraine were a major concern for the ministers, Hagel said, adding that Russia’s actions “constitute the most significant and direct challenge to European security since the end of the Cold War.”

the QUIET ONES

based on the terrifying true experiment



Review by Maj. Jon Quinlan

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I am probably going to get some flack on this but I actually enjoyed “The Quiet Ones.” Notice I did not say it was good or even OK, but I still caught myself jumping during the 15,000 or so loud sound effects. Let’s call them weak, predictable frights which, most times, are nothing but a loud bang or a jump cut to one of the film’s stars banging into a shelf. “The Quiet Ones” actually is kinda loud.

The film takes place at Oxford sometime in the ‘70s, judging from the mut-ton chops and hippie dresses. This eerily peculiar film stars Jared Harris (TV’s “Mad Men”), Sam Claflin (“The Hunger Games: Catching Fire”), Erin Richards (“Open Grave”), Rory Fleck-Byrne (“Vampire Academy”) and Olivia Cooke (TV’s “Bates Motel”).

A crazed mad professor (Harris) and his team of students set out to cure a disturbed patient (Cooke) when

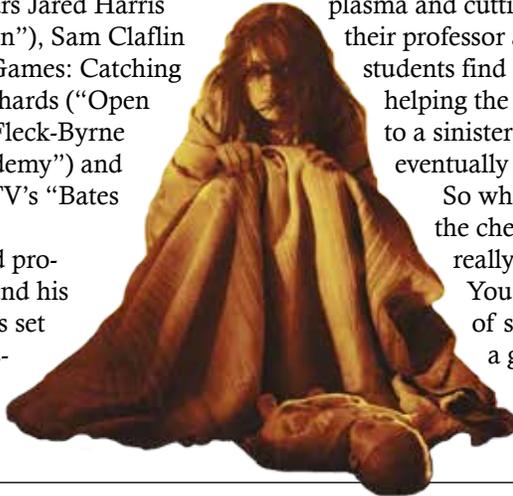
the unthinkable happens. They try to save the young patient by scientifically experimenting on her in hopes to cure the disturbed young woman. But there is the other possibility; she could be possessed by a malevolent spirit named Evey. The best acting comes from this conflict on how to help the young pale subject. All the guys seem to be secretly in love with the girl even though she is wildly possessed or mentally ill, occasionally spitting out plasma and cutting herself. Trusting in their professor and his motives, the students find themselves far from helping the girl, and all too close to a sinister force, which may eventually turn on them all.

So while I enjoyed some of the cheap scares, the movie really is not that good.

You’d think an abundance of scare scenes would be a good thing, but when they miserably fail to push the plot along

you’re left with a movie begging for attention that actually is not that interesting. And the other annoying part of the film is the mad professor constantly trying to prove that the patient is

not possessed by a supernatural entity – “Nothing wrong here, I can save her with my superior intelligence.” In the end, not even a highly educated professor could predict the poor quality of the film. It was still fun, filled with thrifty thrills and some cool ‘70s music and cinematography, so I give it three possessed banana rats.



NOW SHOWING

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
CAMP BULKELEY DOWNTOWN	Neighbors (New) R, 8 p.m. The Quiet Ones PG13, 10 p.m.	Mom’s Night Out PG, 8 p.m. Brick Mansions PG, 10 p.m.	Edge of Tomorrow (New) PG, 8 p.m.	Heaven is for Real (LS) PG, 8 p.m.	Transcendence (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	Godzilla PG13, 8 p.m.	The Other Woman PG13, 8 p.m.
CAMP BULKELEY DOWNTOWN	Mom’s Night Out (New) PG, 8 p.m. Edge of Tomorrow (New) PG13, 10:00 p.m.	Neighbors (New) R, 8 p.m. The Quiet Ones PG13, 10 p.m.	Transcendence (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	LYCEUM CLOSED *	The Other Woman PG13, 8 p.m.	LYCEUM CLOSED *	Brick Mansions PG13, 8 p.m.

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

TRAIN LIKE A MARINE

Story and photos by Sgt. Christopher Vann
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For the first time Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen stationed at Joint Task Force Guantanamo had a chance to attend the Marine Corps Corporals Course, May 11-23. Host-

ed on various bases and stations throughout the world, the course's purpose is to provide junior enlisted personnel with education and leadership skills necessary to lead. The program of instruction places emphasis on leadership foundations and a working knowledge of general military subjects.

The idea of bringing the Corporals Course to GTMO, and inviting the various branches that make up the JTF to take part, was thought up by Marine Sgt. Maj. Juan Hidalgo, JTF's senior enlisted leader, who stated that the point of the course was not to make everyone a Marine, but to take a good leader and make them a better leader.

"This is a Marine Corps Leadership class," Hidalgo said. "We didn't say that because we're in a joint environment, that this had to be a joint training. We stayed true to the Marine standard, and that's exactly what they got here."

The specific Marine terms for drills and commands were some of the few obstacles the group had to overcome. Services may not always use the same terms, so the instructors just taught them the Marine way, as to avoid confusion.

"From my experience as far as working with each other," Marine Staff



Sgt. Daryl Walker said, "I feel it can only strengthen the tools we have in our toolbox. [We are] strengthening the military as a whole and clicking on all cylinders."

This course will help them gain a better understanding of leadership proficiency and conduct, as well as the knowledge to be a resource to your subordinates and lead them effectively. Some of the main teaching points included developing the NCO and developing leadership fundamentals.



Students participated in teams building exercise, including a log-lift and tire flip during at Marine Hill obstacle course.

Marine Sgt. Derrick Wyatt conducts classroom training on Marine Corps traditions during an academic portion of the Corporals Course.



During the physical training portion of the Corporals Course held at Cooper Field May 21, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen performed tasks such as buddy carries, sprints and movement drills while carrying weighted ammo cans.

“For the Marine Corps, once you become a lance corporal or corporal you are a leader and put into a leadership position. So no matter what your title is, if you’re put into a situation, you need to lead,” said Walker.

The Corporals Course is based upon the program of instruction developed for the command-sponsored course. It has been designed to provide additional knowledge and skills to be successful small-unit leaders.

“We wanted everyone to be on the

same page,” said Marine Sgt. Faisal Elkantar, JTF J2 personnel. “We wanted everyone to see what we get to see, on a daily basis.”

“As leaders, it is our job to teach, coach, inspire and lead,” Hidalgo said. “In the Marines, we practice leadership on day one of boot camp.”

After completion of the course, the Corporals Course class 046-2014 sat down to enjoy a night of food, fun and jokes. Holding true to the Marine Corps standard, the students, instructors and distinguished guests concluded the training with toasts honoring the past, present and future Marines and military leaders.



A student pulls himself to the top of the rope climb during the Corporals Course May 19. This is the first ever Marine Corporals Course that was open to other branches.

SEMPER FIDELIS!



A Soldier performs the overhead press using a weighted ammo can during the physical training test at Cooper Field May 21.



The Corporals Course class 046-14 pose for their class picture May 21.

BREWING: A TASTEFUL HOBBY

Photo courtesy Best Florida Beer

Story by Sgt. Spencer Rhodes

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Outdoor photography, going to the beach and exercising are common entries on a typical list of hobbies. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Doug Wendling, a new Sailor to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, from Peoria, Arizona, has a variety of pursuits. The key activity on his list of interests: brewing beer.

While taking advantage of his G.I. Bill, Wendling attended a college class focused on how to make a business plan. His chosen business plan for the class centered around the beginnings of a microbrewery. He built a proposal and told his brother-in-law his plans to show it around and see what came of it.

"I told my brother-in-law, [he's] kind of a smart guy," said Wendling with a laugh. "He said: 'OK, give it to me. I'll look it over.' I figured he'd look it over, he's a smart guy, and he knows people. He's just one of those guys. The next thing you know, he comes back and says he's got his dad to buy in on it too."

As a result, Wendling, along with his two family members, is a co-owner of Freak'N Brewing Company. The no-longer fledgling business idea has become a concrete reality and recently acquired its license to officially sell its brew.

"The business model is to be a distribution brewery. This means that though

we have a tasting room, 85 to 90 percent of the beer we make will be sold to bars and restaurants throughout Arizona. So in five years, I think the plan is to have a good foothold in the Arizona market and potentially partner with a restaurateur to make a Freak'N restaurant."

Despite his interest in crafting his own brew, Wendling says beer wasn't always his favorite; for the longest time he didn't like the taste of beer until "I was introduced to Sierra Nevada Pale Ale. That is the beer that showed me what good beer tastes like."

It was what he calls his gateway beer into the world of brewing.

"The first time I ever talked to the home-brew shop, I said I wanted to create a clone of Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, and so I do all the steps they said; I let the days go by or the week or whatever it was ... then comes that day when you finally get to open one up, and you hope to hear a psst sound," says Wendling, laughing as he remembered his initial reaction. "I heard it, and I was like, aah, it sounds like a beer! I pour it into a glass, take a taste, and I'm like, I am man, I made beer."

Since the fateful day of his first Sierra Nevada tasting, intoxication has never been the goal, instead it's more of a refined hobby that Wendling prefers to savor and enjoy.

"The big thing that I like about beer

is the various flavor profiles. Simply changing the amounts or types of hops, grain, and/or yeast, and you can create completely different flavors. I like to say that in brewing beer, you are achieving an artistic end through scientific method," says Wendling.

His advice for those seeking to find their own Sierra Nevada moment is pretty simple: Just try a wide variety across different flavor spectrums until you find something that suits your taste buds.



Photo by Sgt. Spencer Rhodes/The Wire

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Doug Wendling sits out at the Cuzco's, Monday night, as he talks about his venture into brewing as a hobby.

PRMED

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Story by Army Capt. Karin Osborne-Frey
Preventative medicine OIC

Preventive medicine, as a military activity, concentrates its efforts on the potential threats to the health of Soldiers and involves behavioral modification by units and individuals. If it is done well – nothing happens and no one notices. Therefore, it is difficult to persuade those unfamiliar with the PM mission that any changes are needed.

However, preventative medicine for the battlefield is a concept that has been around for a long time. Throughout history, those conquerors who could march with a large army and maintain that same force over extended periods of time, and long distances, were ultimately the victors of many battles. Attention to supply and maintaining health were key factors in successful campaigns. Those who could not, have provided infamous examples (i.e. Napoleon's failed campaign against Russia). Therefore, it is hardly surprising that preventive medicine has played an important role in the founding of our own country.

During the Revolutionary War, our first president, Gen. George Washington, recognized the need for preventive medicine and the difficulties in promoting it. His contributions to history include early attempts at mass vaccinations to prevent small pox, the world's scourge, from bringing down the Army. He wrote extensively on many medical topics, leaving us with exceedingly well written treatises, based on his own, astute observations of war. The following is an excerpt from one of his numerous broadsides.

"It is extremely difficult to persuade Soldiers that cleanliness is absolutely necessary to the health of an army. They can hardly believe that in a military state it becomes one of the necessities of life. They are either too careless to pay attention to the subject, or they deceive

themselves by reasoning from case that are, by no means, similar."

He went on to lament that Soldiers, "being young and in good health," assume that their health is a static condition that will not change no matter what they do to themselves or what health risks they endure as a result of being in a wartime military. He said that the problem was that they did not see the battlefield environment differently than the one at home, where living conditions were far less crowded and generally better. This is true of our forces today as well as it was then. It is hardly on the forefront of most deployed Troopers' minds that, though far from home, there are a host of invisible hazards imposed on them simply because they are living

“It is hardly on the forefront of most deployed Troopers' minds that, though far from home, there are a host of invisible hazards imposed on them ”

in more densely crowded conditions than usual.

Washington understood very well that, at its core, preventive medicine is about the small routines of seemingly inconsequential activities that must be practiced by rote and maintained daily. He stated that Soldiers should wash their hands frequently, throw food waste far from camp and bury human wastes deep into the ground. He ordered that they be "particularly attentive to their own person" with respect to hygiene and included the changing of socks and shirt every two days. Washington was also a great reader of scientific literature of the day. The increasing awareness of

microbial life and some of the fundamentals of rudimentary vaccination were the discoveries rocking the medical world in his day. It is clear in the body of his work on the subject that he knew quite well it was the invisible and seemingly intangible threats - diseases - that did the most damage to an Army.

He wrote of his concern that his Soldiers not breathe "fouled air," nor allow "persons that have sores or diseases in their skin" to be housed with those who did not. Today, as then, his lessons are still as strong. Food wastes rot more quickly in this climate, drawing flies and rodents easily. Clean clothing prevents skin irritation and infection. Chemical and hardstand latrines are cesspools of disease if not kept clean and in good repair. Keeping hands clean helps stop the transmission of diseases between people.

Thus, as he admonished, it is through education that we defeat most of the diseases and non-battle injuries associated with a military at war. So remember, especially when in semi-field environments, first and foremost, it is incredibly important to monitor the state of your own health as a means by which you can avoid some of the worst things life has to offer - uncomfortable and, at the worst, debilitating diseases. Prevention is as easy as the most basic activities like policing up your area of operation, which have incredible health benefits to you and to your military community.



Finally, the long wait is over!

Courtesy FIFA

Story by Capt. Jesse Manzano

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After waiting four long years, the World Cup is finally back! Soccer fans from around the world will take a break next Thursday to watch the opening game of the month-long tournament pitting hosts and five-time champions Brazil against Croatia.

But before we get ready to debate whether Spain will be able to repeat their amazing 2010 run and win the World Cup for a second time in a row, the start of this World Cup, much like the previous one held in South Africa, has been surrounded by less than positive stories about the host country and its ability to organize the games.

Let's start with the stadiums – when Brazil was designated as the host country in 2011, it made a commitment to either build new stadiums or make significant improvements to some of the 12 existing venues. With less than a week to go before kickoff, FIFA has warned the organizers that three of the stadiums, including the Corinthians Arena in Sao Paulo which is scheduled to host the opening game, will not be ready in time, while a fourth stadium still has a long way to go before it is completed.

And if the embarrassing delays in the stadium construction weren't enough, the country is also facing increased social unrest over the \$11 billion spent by the government preparing for the games. Parts of Rio de Janeiro, where the final match will be played in the legendary Maracanã Stadium, have been placed under military police control due to the spikes in protests and violence ahead of the start of the tournament.

There has been controversy and drama inside the pitch as well. U.S. soccer fans are still reeling from the exclusion of Team USA's legendary captain, Landon Donovan, from the final roster by Coach Jürgen Klinsmann. France's Frank Ribery and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, two of the world's best soccer players today, may not make it to Brazil at all due to injuries, seriously hampering their countries hopes of making it to the finals.

And then there's Brazil. The country may not have invented soccer - that honor goes to England - but it certainly has become, by all measures, the sport's adoptive homeland. The expectations are always high for the verde-amarela, but this year



Sao Paulo, Brazil's Corinthians Arena, which remains unfinished with less than a week before the World Cup kicks off, will be one of the stadiums that hosts this year's soccer matches, including the first game. Only 40,000 tickets were put on sale for the 65,000-plus seat stadium as a result of its unfinished state.

especially so, since the team will not only be playing to win its sixth World Cup, but also to redeem itself from a stunning defeat that has become one of soccer history's most famous World Cup games – the Maracanazo.

Much like this year, when Brazil hosted the fourth World Cup in 1950 it was considered the hands-down favorite to win it. As expected, the Brazilians made it to the finals in Rio's Maracanã Stadium where they faced Uruguay. Against all odds, the Uruguayans beat Brazil 2-1, stunning everyone, including the Uruguayan players themselves! For over sixty years, the term Maracanazo has come to define a victory against all odds in the soccer field, but for Brazilian soccer fans it has been a reminder that their team, despite winning the most World Cup Championships, has never been able to do so at home.

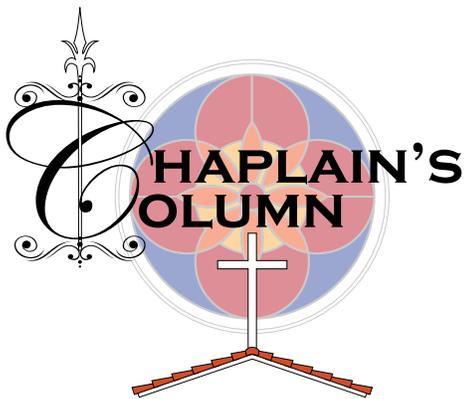
Whether we will witness another Maracanazo this year remains to be seen. But what is certain is that for both die-hard soccer aficionados and casual fans, the next month will be full of emotions that have been contained for four years and that can only be displayed during 30 days. I, for one, can't wait.

World Cup Fact – Did you know that Team USA came in third place in the first World Cup hosted by Uruguay in 1930?

Opening Game – The Brazil 2014 World Cup opening game will be played in Sao Paulo on Thursday, June 12.



FIFA WORLD CUP BRASIL



Getting ready?

By Army 1st. Lt. Raymond Lowdermilk
JDG chaplain

Those of us who are National Guardsmen or reservists will be going home when we are done here; back to the communities where our family and friends, school, work and life are. Those who are active duty will also be returning home to a community that can be in constant transition. We may be preparing to separate, retire, change units or relocate. None of us will stay in GTMO permanently. Some would like to stay, and for others the time does not seem to pass quickly enough.

We all need to be living in the here and now, while preparing for the next chapter of our life. Our time here must be focused on our mission and fulfilling our specific role well. But in our spare time when you are not doing the essentials of life like sleeping, eating or fitness training it is wise to be planning for our short and long-term future. Some preparations can be accomplished here and others must wait until we redeploy back home.

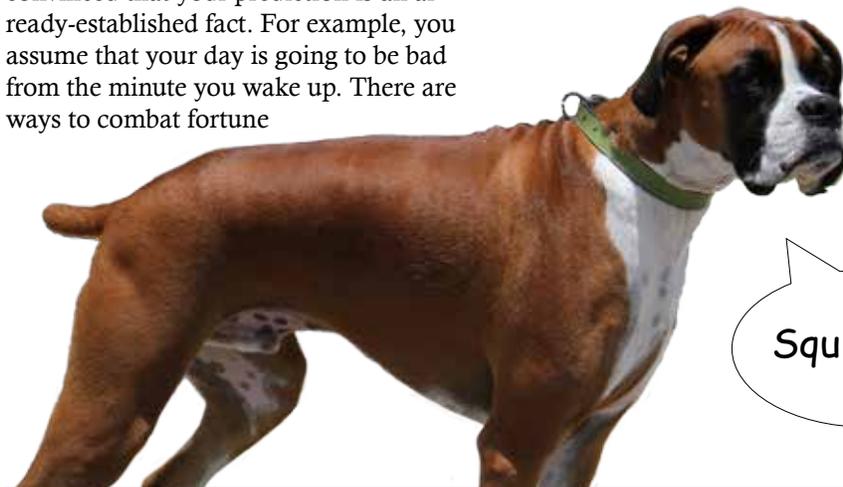
GTMO can be a good place to restart or to begin mapping out the next chapter in life, or the rest of it. Successful military planning includes doing reconnaissance for future missions and evaluating different courses of action. To do such tasks we must know and manage wisely the resources available to us. If you do not know where to begin, start by asking a leader who is where you want to be, or who has been there before. For Troopers you lead, begin asking these questions. There are multiple programs and agencies here to help us prepare professionally, academically, relationally, financially and spiritually. I encourage you to make GTMO the place you intentionally prepare for what's next.

The *JSMART* Spot

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Keith Reau
JSMART Advertising Coordinator

Have you ever been to the fair and paid the gypsy mummy to tell you your fortune? Did it come true? More than likely it did not - which brings me to this week's JSMART Stinkin' Thinkin' topic: fortune teller error. You anticipate that things will turn out badly and feel convinced that your prediction is an already-established fact. For example, you assume that your day is going to be bad from the minute you wake up. There are ways to combat fortune

teller error: enjoy the small things more, find meaning in your daily work or make light of the issue by maintaining perspective of the situation. For more on Stinkin' Thinkin' or anything else that may trouble you, stop by JSMART, we are ready to assist you.



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

June 6, 1898 - U.S. establishes first overseas base

The Spanish-American War was in progress after the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana Harbor. The cruiser USS Marblehead, captained by Navy Cmdr. B.H. McCalla, and the auxiliary ship St. Louis, arrived at dawn in Guantanamo Bay. Spanish soldiers were clustered around the blockhouse on the hill above Fisherman's Point, now known as McCalla Hill. The blockhouse and

the village were speedily cleared by fire from Marblehead's guns, and the first U.S. overseas base was established. The Marines which landed here were joined by Cuban allies under the command of Lt. Col. Enrique Thomas. Together they defeated the superior Spanish forces and captured the bay. This operation is credited with pinning down more than 7,000 Spanish troops at Guantanamo City, and prevented them from going to the aid of Spanish forces at Santiago.

Poetry Contest



Verses, sonnets,
limericks or
songs, haikus,
elegies, tankas,
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The first place submission will be published in the June 20 edition of The Wire. Be sure to include a title, your name, rank and unit.

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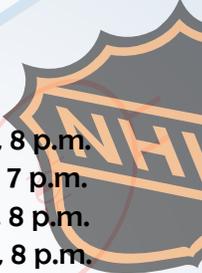
Do you even OPSEC Bro?!





Game 1 -- Heat at Spurs, June 5, 9 p.m.
 Game 2 -- Heat at Spurs, June 8, 8 p.m.
 Game 3 -- Spurs at Heat, June 10, 9 p.m.
 Game 4 -- Spurs at Heat, June 12, 9 p.m.
 Game 5 -- Heat at Spurs, June 15, 8 p.m.*
 Game 6 -- Spurs at Heat, June 17, 9 p.m.*
 Game 7 -- Heat at Spurs, June 20, 9 p.m.*





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Game 1 -- Rangers at Kings, June 4, 8 p.m.
 Game 2 -- Rangers at Kings, June 7, 7 p.m.
 Game 3 -- Kings at Rangers, June 9, 8 p.m.
 Game 4 -- Kings at Rangers, June 11, 8 p.m.
 Game 5 -- Rangers at Kings, June 13, 8 p.m.*
 Game 6 -- Kings at Rangers, June 16, 8 p.m.*
 Game 7 -- Rangers at Kings, June 18, 8 p.m.*

Marine Sgt. Cesar Alcantara, a dive master, oversees a group of student divers in this photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Wesley Pope.



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