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Think about a leader you felt didn't trust you, or a leader you didn't trust. Think about how much effort you put into work because you didn't feel trusted? Did you work hard for them or did you do the bare minimum and no more? Think about what you'd do for a leader who you felt did trust you, and

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who earned your trust. How hard would you work for them? How much confidence did you have in them to take care of you?

Leadership is about influencing people and building relationships. Relationships are built on trust, and one of the most important jobs of any leader, is to inspire trust. The people you lead should trust you to have their best interests at heart, and that you care about them, their needs and their careers. Leaders are responsible for building that trust. Trust is earned with your supervisors, the people you lead, and the people you work with. It is built on two things, character and competence.

Character is your reputation and your integrity. Following through on what you say you're going to do is one of the best methods for building credibility. Your credibility is built over time from the history of your words and your actions. Your skills and capabilities are the building blocks for your competence, and a proven track record for obtaining results. These qualities go hand-in-hand. You might think a person is sincere, even honest, but you won't trust that person fully if he or she doesn't get results. Alternatively, a person might have great skills and talents and a good track record, but if he or she is not honest or appears dishonest, there will be no trust.

A lack of trust has a huge effect on any organization; people only do the minimum when there is little to no trust. However, when there is high trust, people go beyond what you ask them to do. They take the initiative to make things better for everyone. The best leaders make trust an explicit objective. Good leaders don't just tell people they are trusted – they show them, by giving them responsibility and getting out of their way. Trust always impacts us. It undergirds and affects the quality of every relationship, communication, work project and effort in which we are engaged. It changes the quality of every present moment and alters the trajectory and outcome of every future moment of our lives. As leaders our job is to lead from the front and that includes extending trust first. A leader leads with a decided propensity to trust, instead of a natural propensity not to trust.

Cultivating good relationships over time will bring a level of commitment you want when you need it most. Take time now to build trusting, caring relationships with the people you serve.

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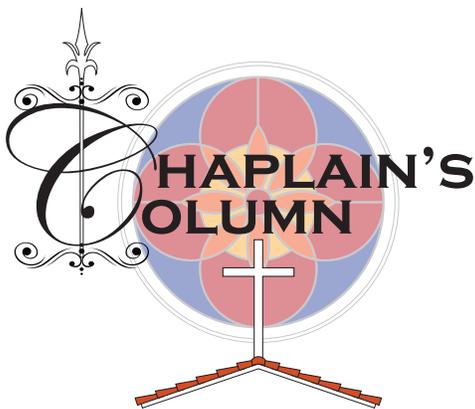
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Many churches celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas. It reminds us that Jesus lived in a human family in which everyone worked together in order to reach their goals and fulfill the mission which had been given to them.

Each one of us comes from a unique family of our own. Whether we are part of a traditional two parent family, or a single parent family, or have step-

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parents, step-siblings, half-siblings, foster parents, or any other situation, we can and will benefit from understanding the family that we call our own.

Many children today grow up in a family that does not function properly. There are plenty of terrible stories about parents who abandon or abuse their children. Others tell stories of parents who were never there for them, or parents who the children wished would leave them alone. Some of those people wind up having problems of their own as they grow up. Frequently when they get in trouble, they blame their problems on poor parenting, or their dysfunctional family.

Sometimes there is cause to lay blame. But when I hear that excuse being used, I think of the many people I personally know who were raised in awful situations – and yet overcame them. For every person who says, "I can't be successful because I came from a bad family," I have met someone else

who said, "I refuse to let the outcome of my life be controlled by the actions of others. I am going to overcome these challenges. I am going to stop being a victim, and start being part of the solution."

If you were raised in a family situation which was not healthy, you have my deepest sympathy. Everyone deserves to have positive role models found in their homes. I encourage everyone to recognize that the past influences us – but does not control us. You have the power to say, "I will do things differently." You have the power to say, "My children will always know they are loved." By doing so, you will give your children the greatest blessing they will ever know.

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It takes more than just rank to be a leader. To truly get the most from your Troops they need to believe in a leader's credibility to lead. The chaplain wants you to know you have the choice to change your life trajectory, despite your upbringing.

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WHAT IS AN ADVERSARY?

People or groups who mean to do us harm are called a "threat," but to be an adversary they have to have two things: capability and intent. Have you ever heard someone give a threat? Unless they can actually act on it, it's just that – a threat. But if someone can act, they become an "adversary." There are many threats to our information, so we must always use OPSEC and common sense to protect it before someone can act. If an adversary doesn't know the plan, then they can't try to stop it. Knowing what information a potential adversary knows, or wants to know, helps to keep them from acting against us. Don't give information to an adversary. Be safe, use OPSEC!

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2015 NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

TROOPERS AT JTF-GTMO SHARE THEIR GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR



SPC. CRYSTAL PITTMAN

"My new year's resolution is to eat healthier to have a better lifestyle."



SGT. BOBI LIMON

"I want to complete a triathlon, and I'm going to achieve that by practicing swimming."



TECH. SGT. JASON KELLER

"My Resolution is to finish my book on the economical significance of hummus."

KEEP YOUR RESOLVE THIS NEW YEAR



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Now that 2014 is almost behind us and we begin 2015, let's keep those resolutions in the forefront of our minds. New Year's resolutions seem to be a staple at the turn of each year, and yet they seem to disappear just as quickly as they appear.

It's important, no matter what your goals are for this year, to have the where-with-all to stay true to what you have set out to do. Whether it's to get a little healthier, quit a bad habit, or even grow in your spiritual life, the turning of one chapter-in-time to the next is a great opportunity to better yourself.

Self-improvement is a shared American hobby. Estimates suggest more than 40 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions each

year (for comparison, about one-third of Americans watch the Super Bowl each year).

However, according to a University of Scranton study, only about 8 percent of people are able to reach their New Year's goals despite all of their good intentions. Despite those staggering statistics, you can accomplish your goals and make this year better than the last.

Story by

**PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS
GABRIEL BEVAN**

KEEP IT SIMPLE

In today's high-paced world, where so many things are constantly vying for our attention, it's important to set obtainable goals that you can be successful at. Set both long term and short term goals.

MAKE ONLY ONE RESOLUTION

Many people often make the mistake of trying to achieve too much. The chances of success are greater when people channel their energy into changing just one aspect of their behavior.

Studies suggest that people who set both long term and short term goals are more successful at reaching them. Set yourself up for success this year; join the 8 percent who meet their New Year's resolutions. Resolve to make this year the best yet.

5K RUN TO HELP SUDS COME TO GTMO



Chris Hileman, with Joint Task Force Guantanamo, helps Army Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Thomas Davis of Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba perform a safety check on his scuba equipment at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay marina Aug. 27, 2010. (JTF Guantanamo photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth)

Ocean Enterprises will be starting off the New Year by hosting the inaugural Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba 5K benefit run which will be held here Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. at the Downtown Lyceum.

SUDS is a program that seeks to improve the lives of wounded Service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The program allows these warriors the opportunity to get involved in an activity they can enjoy while rehabilitating. The scuba certification process for the participants can be challenging, rigorous and rewarding all at the same time.

"The SUDS program was started down here by a good friend of the family's, John Thompson, back in 2007," said Jessie Keenan, Ocean Enterprises manager and co-organizer of the event.

To get involved, Ocean Enterprises will be charging a fee to participate in the 5K in order to help raise funds for the SUDS program.

"It's a \$20 entry fee, which gets you a T-shirt and lunch; afterwards we're going to do a cookout at the end point that is included," Keenan said. "All monies

left over go toward the SUDS event in February."

Pre-registration began Dec. 20 at Ocean

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INCLUDING OUR
CURRENT
MILITARY,
DESERVE THIS.”**

Enterprises and will stay open until race day. Registration on the day of the event will start at 7 a.m. at the Downtown Lyceum.

"I really hope we have almost everyone on this base participate, let's hope for the best," Keenan said. "We'll make it a great moment for the SUDS guys when they get here! Our wounded warriors, including our current military, deserve this."

Keenan said this is her first 5K and is super excited to help host this event.

Last year SUDS sponsored seven wounded Service members to visit GTMO. With the help of the instructors and hundreds of Joint Task Force volunteers these Service members will be given the opportunity to receive their diving certification.

SUDS will be returning to GTMO Feb. 12 through 19 for their 10th visit since 2007.

For more information, visit Ocean Enterprises here; or contact Keenan at 75336; or Maj. Steve Perry at 2170.

Story by
SPC. AMBER BOHLMAN

BATTLE OF THE BULGE 70TH ANNIVERSARY: TROOPER REFLECTS ON UNCLE'S SERVICE



Staff Sgt. Milton Graham, c. 1944, before he was reduced to the rank of private to volunteer to fight on the frontlines. (Photo courtesy of Lawrence Lee)



Milton Graham at a reunion of World War II black volunteers in Clanton, Ala., Nov. 2003. (Photo courtesy of Bennie McRae)

During the cold winter of 1944-1945 in the Ardennes of France, German forces launched a brutal attack on the Allied forces during the bloodiest battle of World War II – the Battle of the Bulge.

Due to troop shortages, Supreme Allied Commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower authorized the desegregation of units, on Dec. 26, 1944. Approximately 5,000 black Soldiers volunteered to replenish white units on the frontline and help replenish their ranks. This would be the first and only example of an integrated Army fighting force in WWII.

More than 2,200 black Soldiers were authorized to leave their maintenance and service positions to fight along the frontlines. Many of these courageous men are some of the unsung heroes of that battle, and of the war itself.

One of those brave men was Staff Sgt. Milton Graham, a stevedore (or dockworker) assigned to load cargo and ammunition onto ships. In order to volunteer to fight on the frontlines, black Soldiers were required to take a reduction in grade to the rank of private. Upon volunteering, Graham

was assigned as a private in a rifle platoon with Company G, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division.

Graham passed away in 2008. His nephew, Chief Petty Officer Kevin Graham, with Joint Task Force Guantanamo, said the elder Graham had a high regard for human life and never spoke much about his role in combat actions. He did however share many other stories with his nephew.

“One time they were all given one bullet and this is what they had to combat the enemy with – one bullet. They didn’t trust us with a lot of ammo,” the younger Graham explained about how his uncle’s comrades overcame one of the many hardships faced by African-Americans in the military at that time.

The elder Graham earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service during his actions at the Battle of the Bulge, but had to wait 53-years for the U.S. Army to present him the medal, along with other service awards he earned.

After WWII, Graham transferred to the newly formed U.S. Air Force where he served out the

remainder of his 26 years of service, retiring as a master sergeant.

The younger Graham credits his uncle for instilling the drive and motivation to stay in the Navy for 20 years.

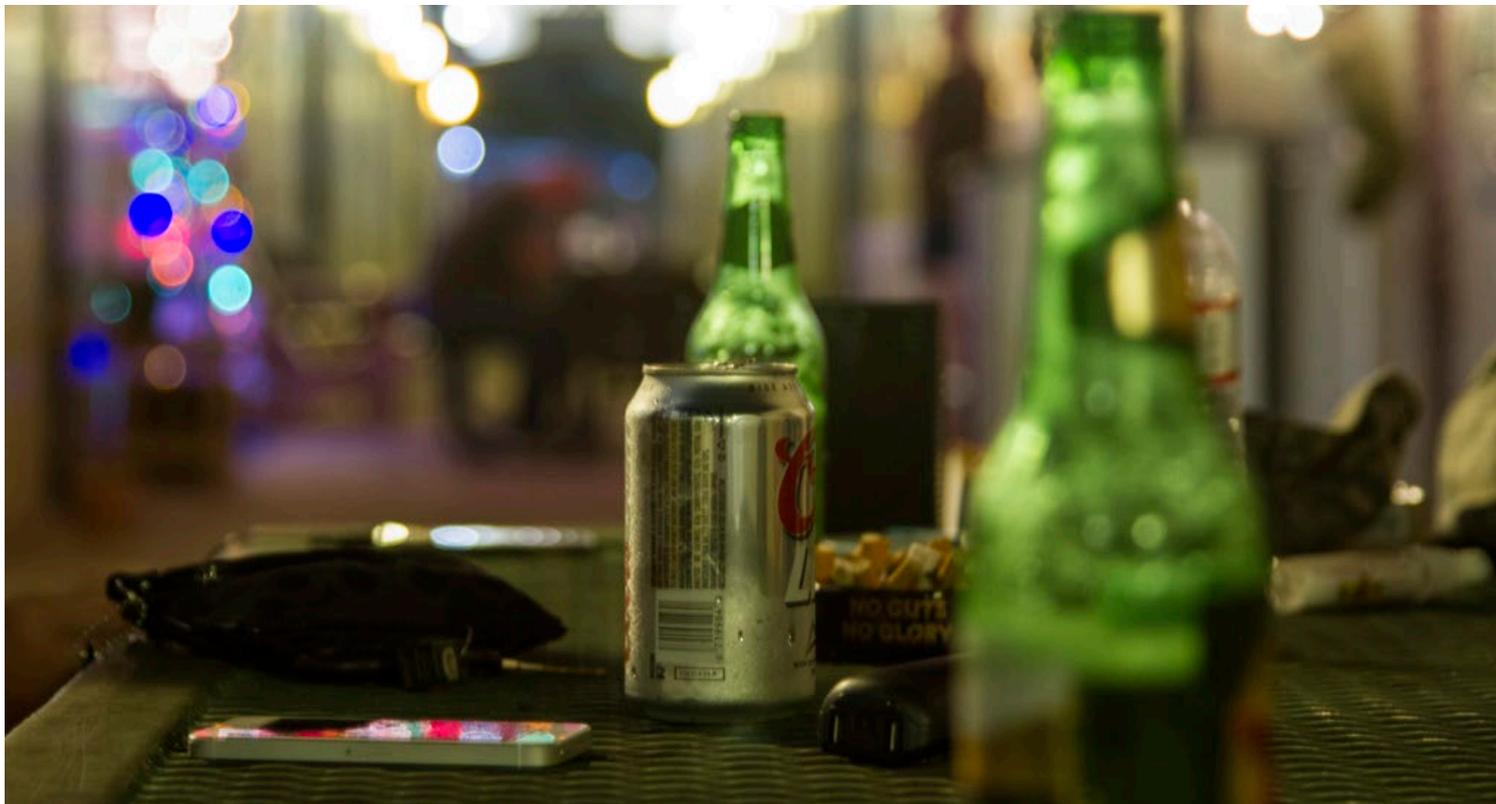
“There are times when you just want to give up and walk away, and I would hear his words, ‘Don’t you ever give up. Don’t ever let anybody know they’ve gotten to you. You’ve got to keep pushing – keep fighting,’” the younger Graham said. “I think about it, its because of him – the reason I stayed in.”

This week “The Wire” honors all the men who fought in the Battle of the Bulge from Dec. 16, 1944 – Jan. 25, 1945, and we salute the brave Soldier, Staff Sgt. Milton Graham, for his courageous actions during that battle and his overcoming spirit throughout his career.

Story by

SGT. 1ST CLASS ROBERT FREESE

DRINKING IN THE PEARL OF THE ANTILLES



Service members hang out on the deck of their barracks after the holidays Saturday. Deployments as part of Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay are unique in that general order number one doesn't apply, so it's important to have a plan and drink responsibly.

It's rare to find a deployment in which general order number one is rescinded, but for the Service members of Joint Task Force Guantanamo the opportunity to consume alcoholic beverages is a welcomed luxury that carries a big responsibility.

A walk through any of the living areas on base will result in a run-in with at least one group of Service members consuming libations and enjoying each other's company. From Marine Hill to the TK's, throughout the Cuzcos, and yes even Windward Loop, people are drinking and doing it responsibly.

One such group, who on the promise of anonymity agreed to a candid interview, was sitting outside of their barracks, not drinking, but just hanging out during their personal time. Though not in the act, the majority did disclose that they do drink and do so responsibly.

"I've only drank a few times that I've been here, and every time that I have, I've made sure I was smart about it," said George, a 23-year-old Soldier. "I'd stay in my room if I felt like I was getting too drunk, and I always had people I knew watching my back."

Practicing lower-level leadership seems to be the underlying theme among the group as to the reason for their ability to drink and not be, the guys who make the counter at the front gate go back

down to zero.

"There are usually big groups, and not everyone in the group is drinking. We keep eyes on each other, so I don't think it's that bad honestly," said Jane, a 22-year-old Soldier. "Alcohol is just something that's there; it doesn't have to be an alternative, and it doesn't have to be anything."

It's important to remember that drinking is a personal choice and doesn't mean exclusion from groups who do indulge. Everyone needs a designated driver.

"I could care less about being able to drink here on GTMO, if you drink you drink, if you don't then you don't. It's up to you," said John, a 19-year-old Soldier. "It wouldn't change if I was 21. I know people who can handle their drinks, and people who can't, but it is possible to drink responsibly here."

John said it's important for Service members who believe they may have a drinking problem to take advantage of the resources available on GTMO such as the chaplain.

"There are those ones who can't handle their alcohol and know when they've had too much," he said. "Command does a good job passing resources down to the Soldiers to make sure they know about JSMART and the chaplains."

Bill, who at 28 years old is the "old guy" of the small group with at least one other deployment under his belt to Iraq, said alcohol is something he didn't have to deal with in his last deployment.

"It's definitely different being on a deployment where you can drink. I don't think this place is any better or worse because I can drink; it is what you make of it," Bill said. "Whether you drink or not, if you are willing to go out and do stuff, there's a lot of stuff to do here."

On this deployment though he's had to learn the difficulties his leadership faces when it comes to trying to watch over the troops.

"For leadership, it can be hard, how can you monitor your troops without crossing some kind of ethical or professional line, fraternization?" Bill said.

The answer is that lower-level team leader. It's the E-4s and E-3s who have to take it to heart to mentor their subordinates into a responsible and respectable drinking environment and to hold their peers and leaders accountable for enforcing the standards.

Editorial and photo by
SGT. ADRIAN BORUNDA



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Twelve months, 52 weeks, 365 days; it's been a long and busy year for Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Looking back on 2014, hundreds of events have come and gone, some boisterous and entertaining, while others made history.

SOME OF THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba made their ninth appearance at Guantanamo Bay in January, allowing Wounded Warriors and hundreds of JTF personnel the opportunity to get their scuba certifications.

The Navy's newest littoral combat ship, the future USS Coronado (LCS 4) stopped here en-route to Coronado, California, Feb. 15. Its visit provided the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S Navy units here at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay with an opportunity to work together, while the soon-to-be commissioned vessel was undergoing sea trials and refueling.

This past year, two units have returned for a second tour since the JTF detainee operations mission started in 2002. The 107th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 339th Military Police Company were two of the first units to arrive here.

After five years of renovations, G.J. Denich Gym's multi-million dollar construction endeavor was completed in May, adding 16,636 square feet to the existing structure. The gym was not only upgraded cosmetically but environmentally, adding a solar array to provide power, that is located behind the high school.

For the first time here Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen were all given the opportunity to attend the Marine corporal's course here. Marine Sgt. Maj. Juan Hidalgo came up with the idea of bringing the corporal's course to GTMO and inviting the various branches.

August brought the continuation of pretrial motions hearings in the cases of US v. al-Nashiri and US v. Mohammad, et al. The dismissal of charges in the al Nashiri case and the rejoinder of Mr. Binalshibh in the 9/11 Five case created obstacles that may have lengthened the pretrial stage even further.

GTMO gained a new radio show Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m., Island Country, with Howie, Jimmy and Z. They consider themselves the TMZ of country with comedy thrown into the mix.

Both Army men and women teams gained a year's worth of bragging rights after taking home a win Dec. 12 during the Army-Navy rivalry flag football game.

After a year of units coming and going, historical events taking place and having the opportunity to have a little fun while deployed, JTF-GTMO continues to make its mark in history!

Editorial by

SPC. AMBER BOHLMAN

REVIEW / INTO THE WOODS



"Into the Woods" follows the stories of several classic fairytales: Cinderella (Anna Kendrick), Little Red Riding Hood (Lilla Crawford), Jack and the Beanstalk (Daniel Huttleston), and Rapunzel (Mackenzie Mauzy). However, two new additions to this cast of beloved fairytale characters arrive in this Broadway production turned Hollywood musical: the baker (James Corden) and his wife (Emily Blunt).

All of the characters have different reasons for venturing "Into the Woods," but they have one thing in common – they all are seeking to make their dreams come true.

Cinderella travels into the woods to make a wish, so she can go to the royal ball and dance with the handsome prince (Chris Pine). Little Red Riding Hood has some goodies from the local bakery to deliver to her grandmother's house and stumbles upon a disturbing wolf (Johnny Depp) instead. Jack and his cherished cow head off into the woods, so Jack can sell his cow at a nearby village. Somewhere in the woods lies a tower, which is where a witch (Meryl Streep) frequently goes to visit her daughter, Rapunzel. Another prince (Billy Magnussen) also enjoys going

to the tower in the woods to see the beautiful Rapunzel and her golden hair. Meanwhile, the baker and his wife are off on a wild and dangerous quest to break a witch's curse, so they can have a child together.

The baker and his wife are the two main characters in this story, but all of the fairytale characters have their fair share in the spotlight, even the two love-struck princes.

The most memorable song is the duet between the two princes, "Agony." This song gives a humorous perspective to the stereotypical Prince Charming portrayed in essentially every Disney movie ever made.

Thankfully, the entire film is created in a way that shows us a glimpse beyond the final pages of the storybooks we all know. It shows us what happens after "happily ever after." "Into the Woods" is a sardonic musical with a magnificent cast and a modern outlook on the overly romanticized endings we have all come to expect with "happily ever after."

Movie review by
SGT. BRITTANY FOGEL

FLASHBACK REVIEW / NEW YEAR'S EVE



"New Year's Eve" has an all-star cast, and it still managed to fall flat on its face. I am all for a feel good movie, but this one feels like they rushed it, and it's chaotic.

Jumping from storyline to storyline, I didn't feel like I could connect with the characters very well. Had there been more focus on fewer characters this movie could have been fantastic.

We have Randy (Ashton Kutcher) a cranky hipster type illustrator and Elise (Lea Michele) the back-up singer for the popular Jensen (Jon Bon Jovi), who comes in later with his own love story, and they get stuck in an elevator together and of course over a period of a few hours, somehow manage to fall in love.

Then we have Ingrid (Michelle Pfeiffer), the lonely older woman who drags some courier Paul, played by Zac Efron, into her midlife crisis. She has a list of New Year's resolutions she didn't get to from last year, and she enlists his help to fulfill them. So, naturally, he comes up with creative ways around tasks that would be impossible to do within a few hours, such as, going to Bali.

There is the always-loveable Kim (Sarah Jessica Parker), who is bound and determined to keep her 15-year-old daughter Hailey (Abigail Breslin) in for the evening to watch the ball drop on TV. When all Hailey wants to do is go to Time Square to hang out with a boy she wants to get her midnight kiss from. So, after a

predictable argument, Hailey sneaks out.

Let's move on to Jensen, and Laura (Katherine Heigl), a pair who split the New Years before, and now Jensen is after Laura, trying to win her back ... excuse me ... beg for her back. Making promises of change and canceling his tour just for her. Something else I felt just screamed cliché, we've seen these love stories a million times.

Last are Claire (Hilary Swank) and Stan (Robert De Niro). Claire is in charge of the big glittery ball we love to watch drop on New Years Eve at midnight. There are technical problems with it, and she makes her big grand speech about being happy and that is why the ball is suspended halfway up the pole. Then at midnight, she goes to see her estranged father Stan, who is in the hospital with cancer and his dying wish is to see the ball drop at midnight one last time.

I can see the appeal, but again it was two hours of rushed stories that could have been really wonderful, had they had time to develop. I found myself distracted easily because I just couldn't get fully into it. So if you don't mind the jumping around, it is a movie that I would suggest. If you can't deal with that type of storyline like myself – stay away. I give it two stars.

Movie review by
SPC. LIZ SMITH

IN THEATERS THIS WEEK

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
DOWNTOWN	The Theory of Everything (NEW) PG13, 7 p.m. Unbroken PG13, 9:15 p.m.	The Pyramid (NEW) R, 7 p.m. Birdman R, 9 p.m.	Into the Woods PG, 6:30 p.m. Beyond the Lights (LS) PG13, 8:45 p.m.	Interstellar (LS) PG13, 7 p.m.	The Hobbit: BOFA PG13, 7 p.m.	Exodus: Gods & Kings PG13, 7 p.m.	Hunger Games: Mocking Jay Part 1 PG13, 7 p.m.	DOWNTOWN
BULKELEY	The Pyramid (NEW) R, 8 p.m. Into the Woods PG, 10 p.m.	The Theory of Everything (NEW) PG13, 8 p.m. Unbroken PG13, 10:15 p.m.	Birdman R, 8 p.m.	LYCEUMS CLOSED *	Interstellar (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	LYCEUMS CLOSED *	Horrible Bosses 2 R, 8 p.m.	BULKELEY

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Stay classy, GTMO! No alcohol or tobacco at the Lyceums.

REVIEW / UNBROKEN



The Downtown Lyceum audience broke into applause after Angelina Jolie's "Unbroken" screened Saturday evening – the act of applauding a screen that can't hear you is a story unto itself. However, it's unsure if the audience was celebrating the movie or their ability to sit through a grueling 127 minutes of blandness.

The harrowing, inspirational life of Louis "Louie" Zamperini is a fine example of the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction. Zamperini's story of endurance and perseverance plays like the sequel to the Book of Job.

The film begins well and good as Jolie depicts Zamperini (Jack O'Connell) as a steadfast Army Air Corps lieutenant – seriously it's a true story – who's cool under fire, albeit a bit lucky as Japanese Zeros inflict damage on his bomber crew. While taking fire, Zamperini has flashbacks to his troubled childhood. Initially, Zamperini is portrayed as a restless troublemaker who aimlessly wanders about the town drinking, smoking and getting beat-up – apparently residents of Torrance, California foresaw the coming of "Jersey Shore" in the 1930s and took it out on Louie, an Italian from an immigrant family.

While running away from yet another mischievous situation, Louie's older brother

recognizes that Louie is fast. After a five minute pep talk, Louie's life is turned around, and he becomes the fastest high school one-miler in America. He competes in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games and runs the fastest final lap in Olympic history, but doesn't medal.

However, after a short time Jolie quits using the interesting flashbacks, instead settling on the ill-fated rescue mission Zamperini and his crew is sent on. They crash in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and all but three of the 11 crewmembers perish with the plane.

From this point forward the movie becomes torturously repetitive as Louie and his two compatriots Mac (Finn Wittrock) and Phil (Domhnall Gleeson) float about for 47 days on the open ocean. There are interesting moments wrestling sharks, beating sharks and almost being eaten by sharks, but it goes on for far too long.

However, the agony at sea doesn't compare to the torment Zamperini endures when he's rescued, or rather, captured by the Japanese. His status as an Olympian is quickly recognized as his captor has him autograph a newspaper clipping, and Louie quickly becomes a favorite of the sadistic Japanese guard Mutsuhiro Watanabe (Japanese pop star Miyavi). Initially, Watanabe's utter lunacy

is rather fascinating, but eventually the prison-camp sequences start to blend together in one long mundane repetitive note – Louie can bear an unspeakable amount of abuse.

The film's climax depicts a filthy, emaciated Zamperini hoisting a giant log over his head. Watanabe tells another guard to shoot Louie if he drops it. Louie instead holds the log for what feels like an eternity before letting loose a primal scream while pressing the log skyward, defiantly staring down Watanabe who loses it. It's all in the preview, so I'm not giving away anything. However, when a film's climatic moment has already been featured prominently in the preview for months, it's unfortunate.

Louis Zamperini's life story is truly an inspiration. Zamperini, who died earlier this year at 93 years old, triumphantly defied the odds time and again, but Jolie's film fails to deliver. Instead, read Laura Hillenbrand's "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption" for a truly breath-taking work of prose. As for the movie, sadly two stars.

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MWR

SPORTS STANDINGS

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

01	391st Paladins	11-1
02	Hott Fuzz	11-1
03	GTMO Ballers	10-2
04	Grizzlies	10-2
05	BEEF	9-3
06	Shottas	8-4
07	Team Scheme	7-5
08	GTMO Gilas	6-6
09	Philipinas	6-6
10	Daywalkers	6-6
11	Thunder	6-6
12	Busting Shots	5-7
13	Cousy's	3-9
14	Odd Balls	3-9
15	Beserkers	3-9
16	Deadball	3-9
17	GTMO Talent	1-10

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE

SINGLES - MALE

01	Ronnie Vasquez	2-0
02	Ron Parker	2-0
03	Grant Wolf	2-2
04	Chip Whaley	0-1
05	Steve Baseden	0-2

DOUBLES

01	Baseden / Parker	3-0
02	Campbell / George	0-1
03	Wolf / Ferguson	0-2



JINGLE YOUR WAY TO THE FINISH LINE



A group of participants in the Jingle 5K make their way down the hill from the Christmas tree Dec. 24.

The holidays can be a difficult time when you are away from family. That is where the MWR team comes in. They are responsible for the activities you can find around U. S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, most recently the Jingle 5K.

"I think it's great you know, especially around this time of year; people are stuck here and not with their real family, so it's good to have something like this to boost the morale," said Joseph Bell, an MWR fitness coordinator.

These 5K runs are popular here in GTMO, and always seem to attract a good-sized group of people to participate.

"We actually had about 70 some people out there, and they seem pretty happy. They get to come out and put jingle bells and lights on and run," Bell said.

The run started by the Christmas tree on Christmas Tree Hill and wrapped around to Talawa Road, and finished at the softball fields behind the gym.

"Those hills, especially up Talawa Rd, those are a butt kicker," said the winner of this year's Jingle 5k Jared Scott Burns.

Although listed as a 5K run, which is roughly 3.1 miles, this one was a little closer to one and a half to two miles.

"This type of run was more of just a fun run. It's a little less than a 5K, but we've been planning it for awhile," Bell said.

MWR hosts runs pretty often, and it takes a little bit to get it set up, from planning the routes, getting materials and volunteers.

"The planning stage starts a month or so out, there is the action plan, the route set-up, if we need certain materials for the run like shirts or something like that we plan it out," Bell said.

It was definitely a festive group of people, some wearing simply a Santa hat with their running attire, to people fully decked out in lights and hats and anything else they could find.

The first place runner came in with a huge smile on his face and a Santa hat on.

"Usually my corporal does this with me, and he always beats me. I come in second all the time, so now I can go back and brag," Burns said.

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This week we solidified division champions and wild card hopefuls. Let's get to the scores. The Ravens beat the Browns 20-10, the

Cowboys crushed Washington 44-17, the Colts beat the Titans 27-10, the Texans beat the Jaguars 23-17, the Chiefs beat the Chargers 19-7, the Jets defeated the Dolphins in an upset 37-24, the Vikings beat the Bears 13-9, the Bills beat a half-hearted Patriots team 17-9, the Eagles beat the Giants 34-26, the Saints edged past the Buccaneers 23-20, the Broncos beat up on the Raiders 47-14, the Cardinals lost a heart breaker to the 49ers 20-17, the Seahawks rallied in the second half to beat the Rams 20-6, the Steelers beat the Bengals 27-17

GAME SPOTLIGHT

There are two games on the spotlight this week, the Panthers versus the Falcons and the Lions versus the Packers. The first game, Panther and Falcons, I expected to be more of an offensive shootout and rather disappointing display of defense, and to an extent it was. The

Panthers went off on the Falcons putting up 24 points in the first half while the Falcons defense crumbled and their offense only managed a field goal. After that Cam Newton and the Panthers solidified their win with 10 more points in the third quarter and held the Falcons to zero in the second half ending the game 34-3 – making the Panthers the NFC South Champions. In a game with playoff implications, a fumble by receiver Roddy White and two interceptions thrown just isn't going to cut it in the NFL.

The Packers and Lions played for the NFC North Division title. The game was an offensive shootout as Green Bay scored at a touchdown in every quarter where as Detroit didn't score in the first quarter and was held to six in the fourth quarter. The Packers excelled in their third down conversions, allowing them to string together long drives. Aaron Rogers overcame an injury to his calf and came out of the locker room in the second half to toss two touchdowns and lead Green Bay to a 30-20 win and a fourth straight NFC North title.

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College football fans were treated to a plethora of bowl games this past week as the sports world readied itself for the inaugural college football playoff, which began yesterday, but after "The Wire" went to print.

As I predicted, Navy defeated San Diego State in the Poinsettia Bowl 17-16 – I predicted the outcome not the score – in a nail-biter that came down to a Navy field goal with 1:27 left in the game. My predictive prowess was on full display again as No. 24 USC held on to defeat Nebraska 45-42 in an entertaining shootout, despite having been referred to as the Spartans previously in "The Wire" – they're in fact the Trojans, wrong ancient military culture.

My prediction from last week, again, came true as the No. 15 Arizona State Sun Devils barely held on to defeat the Duke Blue Devils in the Sun Bowl

36-31. The Sun Devils outclassed the Duke team early in the game before seemingly becoming bored, but did just enough in the second half to finish the season strong at 10-3.

This week the college football world finally gets what it's been clamoring decades for as No. 3 Oregon takes on No. 2 Florida State, and No. 1 Alabama plays No. 5 Ohio State for a spot in the national championship game. Prior to New Years day there are many other bowl games to be excited about such as No. 6 TCU vs. No. 9 Ole Miss, No. 8 Mississippi State against No. 10 Georgia Tech and the No. 7 Michigan State Spartans vs. No. 4 Baylor, a team many feel should have been in the inaugural playoffs.

However, it's the four teams vying for college football glory that really count. I recently returned from Apollo's Oracle at Delphi in Greece and was told Oregon would be playing Ohio State for the national championship on Jan. 12.

Fear the fork!

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NFL PLAYOFF STANDINGS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

No.	TEAM NAME	Record
01	Seattle	12-4
02	Green Bay	12-4
03	Dallas	12-4
04	Carolina	7-8
05	Arizona	11-5
06	Detroit	11-5

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

No.	TEAM NAME	Record
01	New England	12-4
02	Denver	12-4
03	Pittsburgh	11-5
04	Indianapolis	11-5
05	Cincinnati	10-5
06	Baltimore	10-6

COLLEGE TOP 25

No.	TEAM NAME	Points
01	Alabama	1,452
02	Florida State	1,436
03	Oregon	1,426
04	Baylor	1,265
05	Ohio State	1,262
06	TCU	1,257
07	Michigan State	1,105
08	Mississippi State	1,070
09	Mississippi	976
10	Georgia Tech	876
11	Kansas State	875
12	Arizona	819
13	Georgia	745
14	UCLA	663
15	Arizona State	602
16	Missouri	599
17	Wisconsin	542
18	Clemson	509
19	Auburn	450
20	Louisville	406
21	Boise State	368
22	LSU	221
23	Utah	134
24	USC	112
25	Nebraska	79

Once you see results, it becomes an addiction

PUT YOUR WORK TO THE TEST

Part of preparing for the Fitness and Figure competition includes keeping up with your workout and not fizzling out. G.J. Denich gym offers some classes that may help keep your workout exciting. Another way to keep motivated is to check out MWR Guantanamo Bay's 1,000 Pound Club. The Fitness and Figure competition is five months away, so this could be a great way for you to test yourself in the meantime.

To be a part of the club, you'll have to lift a

cumulative of 1,000 pounds between the bench press, back squat and dead lift.

Joseph Belt, MWR fitness director, said "We want people to be around 250-300 pounds on the bench. We don't want anyone to overload on the dead lift or squat. It should be close to about 300 pounds for each lift."

Becoming a member of this club will earn you a T-shirt, coin, certificate and a plaque on the wall of G.J. Denich Gym. Joseph Belt said he's hoping to launch the club by mid-January.

with the fitness coordinator and provide their own spotter for the bench press and back squat.

- Belts, gloves, wrist wraps, and/or lifting straps are permitted. Bench press suits/shirts are not.
- Must be completed at G.J. Denich Gym Fitness Center in one session, monitored by the same trainer for all three lifts.

See Joseph Belt at the Denich gym for more information or an information sheet.

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SPC. MONIQUE QUINONES

JTF MEDIA RELATIONS

BLUEBERRY BLISS BREAKFAST BARS

- 1 1/2 cups pure rolled oats
- 3/4 cups whole almonds
- 1/2 cup dried blueberries
- 1/2 cup pistachios
- 1/3 cup ground flaxseed
- 1/3 cup walnuts
- 1/3 cup pepitas (*pumpkin seeds*)
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup or honey
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 1 cup almond butter

SOME GENERAL RULES ARE:

- Participants have to schedule an appointment

DIRECTIONS:

1. Line an 8"x 8" (or so) baking pan with parchment or wax paper so the paper hangs over the edges.
2. Combine the first eight ingredients in a large bowl and mix.
3. Add maple syrup or honey and apple sauce and mix to combine.
4. Add almond butter to mixture and mix until combined.

5. Place batter in prepared pan pressing down firmly with palms (or mini-roller) and distribute as evenly as possible.
6. Allow pan to sit in freezer for about 1 hour.
7. Remove pan from freezer. Lift singular slab from pan by lifting up on paper. Set slab down and gently peel paper away. Slice slab diagonally into eight long bars, then cut each bar in half to create a total of 16 bars. I find these bars keep best in a sealed container/bag in the freezer.



JSMART SPOT

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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

"Out with the old, in with the new." The start of a new year brings about a sense of transformation, a chance to start fresh. We promise ourselves we will do better this year, that we will become a better person. We make resolutions, including going to the gym, losing weight, quitting smoking and many more.

Albert Einstein once said "You can't solve a problem with the same mind that created it." Not that our lives are a problem, but it is not guaranteed that we will become a better person simply because the clock strikes midnight and it is now 2015 – we have to do something more!

Changing your perspective is a powerful tool that allows you to see situations differently. Imagine standing in a room and looking around. If you change your physical

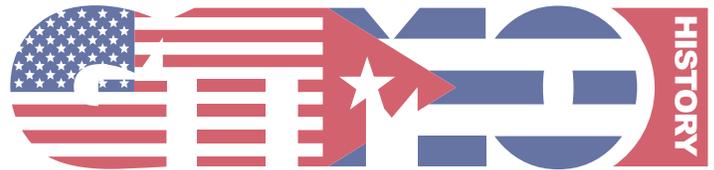
position in the room, you will now be able to see things that may have been hidden previously. To come up with a new solution to an old problem, we often need to look at the problem differently. If we do the same things over and over again, we will get the same results. If you get into an argument with someone at work, take a step back and try to see things from their point of view. Maybe they are having a bad day, or maybe your tone of voice reflected your underlying bad mood and came off offensive. Just take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Make a vow to yourself to see and approach things differently this year.

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GUANTANAMO DECEMBER 31, 1958

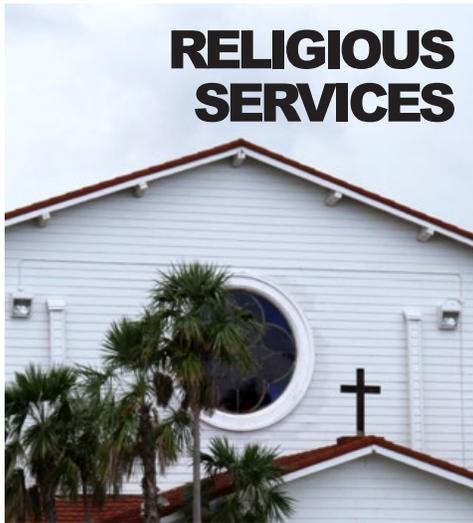


On Dec. 31, 1958, rebel forces took the city of Santa Clara. News of the rebel offensive caused President Fulgenico Batista to panic and flee to the Dominican Republic. Fidel Castro's initial presidential choice, Manuel Urrutia Lleó took office Jan. 3, 1959. In response to hostilities, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo declared Cuban territory outside the gates

"off limits" to U.S. Service members and civilians with the gate closed to vehicular traffic in mid 1958 and the thousands of Cuban workers had to take Public Works Center buses to and from the gate. Today, the gate remains closed with no official word on when it might reopen.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC (NAVSTA CHAPEL)

Saturday*	1700
Sunday*	0900
Mon-Thurs*	1730

PROTESTANT SERVICES (JTF TROOPERS' CHAPEL)

Sunday*	0640
	0900
	1900

PROTESTANT SERVICES (NAVSTA CHAPEL)

Traditional*	Sunday	0930	Annex Room 1	(Liturgical Service)
Contemporary*	Sunday	1100	Main Chapel	
Gospel	Sunday	1300	Main Chapel	

OTHER SERVICES

Islamic Prayers	Friday	1315	Annex Room 2	
7th Day Adventist	Saturday	0900	Annex Room 1	(Sabbath School)
	Saturday	1100	Annex Room 1	(Sabbath Service)
Latter Day Saints	Sunday	0900	Annex Room 2	
Pentacostal	Sunday	0800	Annex Room D	
	Sunday	1700	Annex Room D	
JTF Bible Study*	Monday	2000	Cuzco Block H	
New Christian's Inquiry*	Wednesday	1900	JTF Troopers' Chapel	
	Saturday	1900	Troopers' Chapel	
Christian Fellowship	Sunday	1800	Main Chapel	(Non-denominational)

*These services are conducted by Army or Navy chaplains

NEW GALLEY PRICES

MEAL	STANDARD	DISCOUNT
BREAKFAST	\$3.45	\$2.60
LUNCH	\$5.55	\$4.20
DINNER	\$4.85	\$3.65
BRUNCH	\$6.25	\$4.70
SUPPER	\$7.65	\$5.75
HOLIDAY	\$9.05	\$6.80
NIGHT SNACK	\$3.45	\$2.60

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 EXP. 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 / E. 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	0917/1217/1517/1817
RETURN TO OFFICE	0940/1240/1540/1840

FERRY SCHEDULE

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

FERRY

WINDWARD	0630/0730/0930/1030/1130/1330/1530/1630
LEEWARD	0700/0800/1000/1100/1200/1400/1600

UTILITY BOAT

WINDWARD	1630/1730/1830/2030/2230/2330
LEEWARD	1700/1800/1900/2100/2300/0000

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS

FERRY

WINDWARD	0730/1330
LEEWARD	0800/1400

UTILITY BOAT

WINDWARD	1030/1530/1730/1830/2030/2230
LEEWARD	1100/1600/1800/1900/2100/2300

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