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# NATIONAL GUARD 379TH BIRTHDAY

## ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE: 379 YEARS OF SERVICE

Last week, many of you joined Command Sgt. Maj. Boyd E. Dunbar, Pfc. Kelsey M. Jacobson and myself in celebrating the 379th birthday of the National Guard. We recognize Dec. 13, as the birthday of the National Guard because on this date in 1636, the first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts.

Based upon an order of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court, the colony's militia was organized into three permanent regiments to better defend the colony. Today, the descendants of these first regiments share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military. Dec. 13, 1636, thus marks the beginning of the organized militia and the birth of the National Guard's oldest organized units is symbolic of the founding of all the state, territory and District of Columbia militias that collectively make up today's National Guard.

Throughout our history, the Guard has often been an invisible but vital force. Most days, we are among you in the community. You may not notice us. We could be sitting

in the office next to you. The mechanic fixing your car. Maybe we are the farmer in a distant field. We may be the accountant who does your taxes, the police officer directing traffic, or the pilot at the controls on your last vacation. Yet make no mistake – when a domestic crisis hits or the call to arms is declared, the National Guard transforms – emerging from the general population to serve as citizen-Soldiers and Airmen. When called upon, the National Guard stands up to our motto, "Always ready, Always There."

In the last two months of serving in Joint Task Force Guantanamo, it is apparent that each of you, regardless of your service and component are "Always Ready and Always There" to ensure our mission is professionally and competently executed.

Honor Bound!

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This time of the year can make us anxious about providing for our families and wanting to make the holidays special and memorable. We extend ourselves in every way possible to put smiles on our loved ones faces. We spend countless hours searching for the perfect gift that says, "I care," hoping the person receiving it realizes the thought and time spent picking something special just for them. Many times, tangible gifts are the

## PERFECT GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

result of a specific, special request but this is not always the case.

During this time of year, let us not forget the "reason for the season." To the Troopers who celebrate Christianity, I say a special gift was given to us long ago. Jesus Christ was God's Christmas Gift and God never gives anything but the best!

James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." I say, let us be reminded of this special gift. May God's love fill our hearts with joy during this time.

To the Troopers of many other faith traditions or beliefs, I wish you a joyous season as you partake in your holiday traditions. Coming together with others to celebrate joy and having time to pause and reflect on

beliefs despite hectic schedules and work responsibilities is a wondrous gift.

In closing, to all of our JTF family, I wish you peace joy and all the best the holiday season has to offer. I encourage all to find your own special gift this week and give to others. Finding a gift to show "I care" can be as simple as spending time with your friends, volunteering your time to give back to the community, celebrating your personal religious beliefs, saying kind words to others, or helping others keep a positive attitude despite being deployed from family. May this season of giving bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.

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## LEADERSHIP & CHAPLAIN

The JTF celebrates the National Guards birthday. The chaplain sends well wishes during this season of giving and remarks on what she thinks the perfect holiday gift is.

## GTMO NEWS / COVER PHOTO

Commissions were back in session for the alleged "9/11 Five." Read why it is imperative to recycle, especially at GTMO. The MARSECDET conducts tactical coxswain training.

## PHOTO STORY

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Read the review for the movie "Burnt", starring Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller and Daniel Bruhl. Was this film a success or did it tank?

## SPORTS

Check out the sports section to see who took home the trophy for flag football league championship game, where the *Unknowns* beat the *Gunslingers*.

## JSMART & WILDLIFE

Lead trees have invaded the island; see how they affect the local plant-life. JSMART invites you to visit their therapy dogs to keep your stress low.

# MOTIVATOR OF THE WEEK

**COAST GUARD**  
**PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS**  
**BENNETT OLSSON**  
 MARSECDET

**ARMY STAFF SGT.**  
**THOMAS GARBARINI**  
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## CASUAL CONVERSATION CAN CAUSE CHAOS!

Have you ever told someone that information was "off the record?" While you are at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, there is no such thing as "off the record." You are a JTF Trooper 100 percent of the time, in and out of uniform, around family, friends, media or other base visitors. Perhaps you said, "you didn't hear this from me..." and then gave out information you were told not to share. This type of casual conversation is a violation of OPSEC and can compromise an operation. Ensure sensitive information you have been entrusted with STAYS off the record. Practice rock-solid OPSEC!

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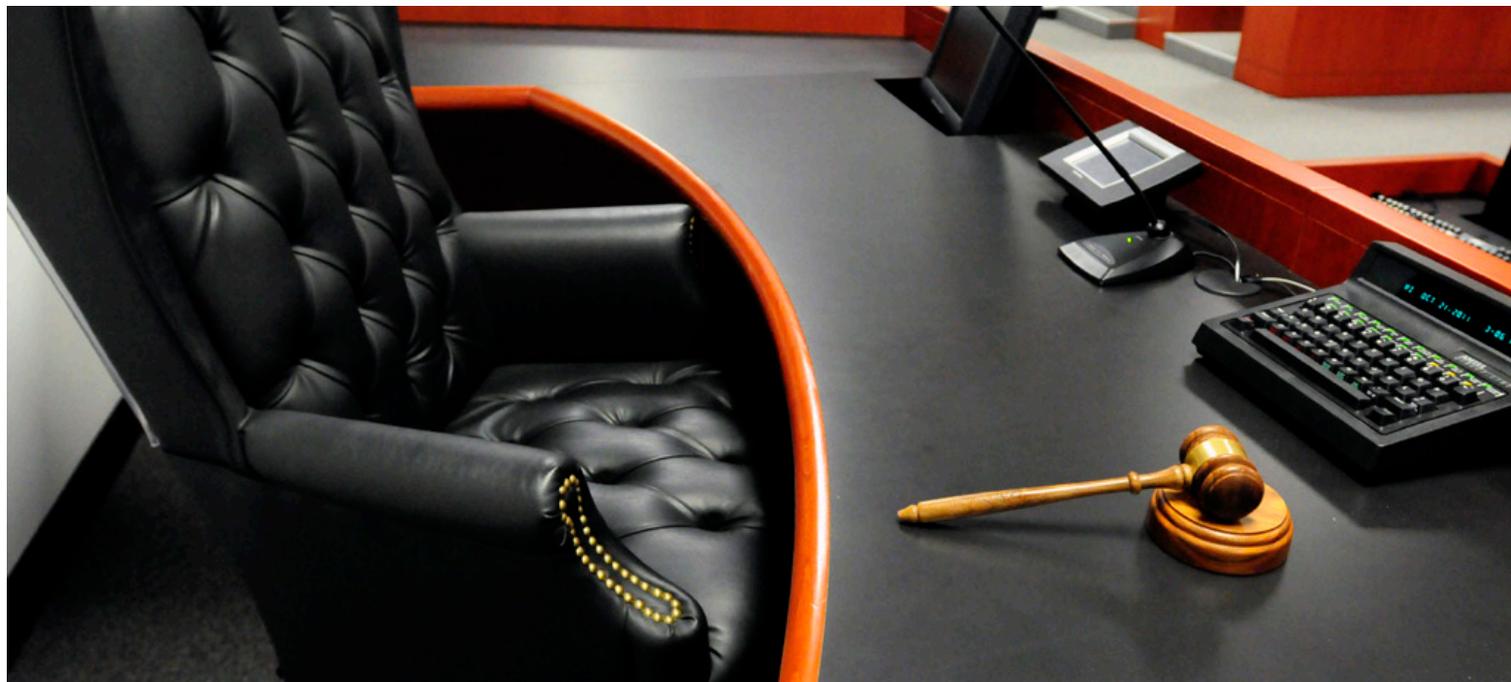


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# KEY TESTIMONY HEARD AS COMMISSIONS PROGRESS



U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, played host to prosecutors, defense teams, journalists, and other military officials and civilians from various government and non-government organizations Dec. 6-12, as military commissions resumed. Additional testimony was heard in the case of the “9/11 Five:” Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin ‘Attash, Ramzi Bin al Shibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hasawi.

After a closed meeting on Dec. 6, the commissions resumed during an open session Tuesday with the testimony of the former commander of Camp 7, where these high-value detainees, among others, live.

This first witness was the commander of the facility from mid to late 2014, who participated remotely by way of a video teleconference. The questions posed to the lieutenant colonel concerned the temporary order that prohibits female guards from having any physical contact with the 9/11 Five detainees **only** when they are escorted from the camp to the military commissions and during attorney-client meetings.

Many questions centered on the standard operating procedure, “SOP 39,” which states that physical contact between a male and an unrelated female is considered socially unacceptable in Muslim culture.

The defense posited that, for a variety of reasons including the idea that it is culturally inappropriate, females should not now, nor should they ever have been able to, be in physical contact with these detainees. The prosecution suggested that the operational need outweighed any alleged breach of cultural norm.

The lieutenant colonel testified that, among other things, there have been women working in Camp 7 for years, and their presence pre-dated the temporary order and the initial complaint that spawned it. She also testified about her concern that female guards who were barred from performing certain functions could face negative consequences on their performance evaluations. Some of these functions include detainee movement to and from court and attorney-client meetings.

Witness testimony extended into day three as well. Another former commander who led Camp 7 from late last year until the current

commander took over during the summer of 2015, was interviewed on the same subjects. Again, much discussion centered on the exact nature of SOP 39 and the alleged impact of limiting the use of female guards during the during the transportation of detainees to the military commissions.

During day four, the court heard the testimony from both the current Camp 7 commander and the Joint Detention Group Commander, Army Col. David E. Heath, both of whom were questioned regarding the same temporary order. Heath, as the authority overseeing all of detainee operations for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, answered questions regarding detainee operations as a whole, as well as questions addressing Camp 7 specifically.

The fifth and final day of commissions followed the procedure of having both the defense and the prosecution present arguments for or against other motions.

The defense alleged that the commissions were irreparably and unlawfully influenced by senior leaders within the U.S. government. They suggested that the case was made capital, that is to say a death penalty case, due to comments made by former President George W. Bush, and current President Barack Obama. The prosecution argued against the claims of unlawful influence, citing the record of retired Navy Vice Adm. Bruce MacDonald, the man who ultimately referred the case to trial when he served as the Convening Authority for the Office of Military Commissions. The prosecution argued that the choice to make the case capital was instead based on the severity of the alleged crimes committed by the 9/11 Five, namely the terrorist attacks in 2001.

The next time that the commissions will convene on the case of the 9/11 Five will be Feb. 15-26, 2016. For more information about the Office of Military Commissions, check out [www.mc.mil](http://www.mc.mil).

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# BUSTING THE MYTH - WHY RECYCLING MATTERS

*Editor's note: This story is the second in a three-part series highlighting the recycling center here and its mission.*

Creation is a part of life. While this can be a good thing, it can also have consequences, one of which is waste. Every day people create waste and use natural resources. Some natural resources are easily reproduced while others are not. That is why recycling is imperative to the environment no matter where you are. This includes U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators while conserving natural resources and helps to sustain the environment for future generations. To reduce this waste, the GTMO recycling program needs help from Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers and GTMO residents to increase awareness and to improve recycling here.

"We're doing what we can, where we can," said David Balog, the environmental protection specialist with the NAVSTA Public Works Department.

Balog needs community support to make the program stronger.

"What people don't understand is, if they take that plastic bottle and they throw it in the trash, it's getting burned," said Balog.

Once an item is thrown in a dumpster, it is taken to the landfill where trash is not sorted. Everything taken to the landfill is burned, buried or dumped into a sludge pit.

Some residents throw everything into the dumpster, when many items can be recycled,



*Oshawn Lindsay, a forklift operator for Centerra, loads bales into a shipping container at the recycling center on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on Dec. 1.*

said Leon McPherson, the refuse supervisor for Centerra.

Since GTMO is only 45 square miles, the landfill cannot be large, said McPherson. Recycling reduces the amount of trash going to the landfill.

Not only is the recycle program facing problems with participation, logistics have proven to be a major obstacle as well.

Forty-foot shipping containers are filled with recyclables and shipped out quarterly, said McPherson.

"Not having host nation support makes

recycling difficult because we have to move all of our recycling materials off island," said Balog. "Transportation costs associated with moving it off island adds to the difficulty. Costs make it economically unfeasible to do a large number of recycling (initiatives) here. The fact that transportation costs are so exorbitant (means) to pick and choose what materials we can focus on."

Recycling requires participation from Troopers, said Balog. He recommends residents look for a recycling container before throwing recyclables in the trash to help maximize the effectiveness of the GTMO recycling program.

To assist residents with enhancing recycling efforts, the Public Works Department has recently purchased a large shipment of recycling containers to distribute throughout JTF and NAVSTA but needs the assistance of GTMO residents.

"One of our problems is getting the recycling containers where they need to be," said Balog. "We need to find out who's generating plastics, who needs containers, where the low hanging fruit is and where we can get the biggest bang for our buck."

Troopers and residents are encouraged to send Balog their thoughts about where recycling bins should be placed and how you think recycling can be improved at David. Balog@gtmo.navy.mil.



*Oshawn Lindsay, a forklift operator for Centerra, moves bales into a shipping container at the recycling center. Each bale weighs approximately 500 pounds and contains different types of materials recycled at GTMO.*

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# MARSECDET TAKES TACTICS TO THE HIGH SEAS



Members of Port Security Unit 313, assigned to the Maritime Security Detachment at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, run a mission to practice tactical boat driving Dec. 5.

Most residents of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are familiar with the sleek, gray vessels of the Maritime Security Detachment, having seen them patrolling the waters of the bay. They know that should the need arise, these boats will intercept hostile incoming forces and defend the high-value area that is GTMO. However, where and how do the drivers of those boats, known as coxswains, train?

Tactical coxswain training, an official sounding name for an activity that looks and feels more like a high-speed, high-seas rollercoaster ride, takes place at GTMO. Members of the Port Security Unit 313 conducted the first stage of the training Dec. 5, breaking in two new coxswains from amongst their ranks.

One unique thing about crew members of a U.S. Coast Guard vessel is that they can have more than one job with more than one function.

A Coast Guard vessel can be a gunner by rate, and a coxswain by function, said U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Chien-Hom, a maritime enforcement specialist with PSU 313.

Additionally, there are multiple levels of some of these positions, coxswain included. The two troopers, Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Fortin, a boatswain's mate with PSU 313 and Chien-Hom, were taking the first steps toward becoming tactical coxswains, during which they had to "un-learn" some of the lessons they had learned in becoming regular coxswains, said Chien-Hom.

"There is a lot of things that you don't normally do with driving a boat," said Chien-

Hom. "In terms of what you learn as a basic coxswain."

Crewmen of the vessels doing the training had to be strapped into their seats because of the powerful g-forces of turning at more than 40 knots an activity which breaks some of the safety rules coxswains learn during their initial boat driver training, said Chien Hom.

Tactical coxswains focus on protecting high-value areas, a term that can mean either a stationary zone like GTMO, or a moving vessel like a U.S. Navy ship or a cruise liner, said Fortin.

"More often than not, it will be a Coast Guard vessel that is moored up here," said Fortin. "We'll do moving escorts when those Coast Guard vessels transit in and out of Guantanamo Bay."

To protect the high-value asset, one of the most important skills a coxswain must

learn is how to intercept potentially hostile vessels and prevent them from entering the designated secure zone around the object or area they are protecting. This means literally placing themselves and their boat between the intruder and their target, sometimes at very high speeds. This is a tall order, because the Coast Guard vessel is forced to react, instead of acting first.

"The hardest part of today, was when we went to the OPFOR (opposition forces) training," said Fortin. "The other boat would do tactics and turns in front of us and we have to try to forecast what turns he's going to make and make sure he doesn't beat us into the zone."

During this evolution, a Coast Guard term essentially synonymous with mission, which also encompasses the planning post-mission phases, the break-in coxswains were practicing sharp turns at very high speeds. Three of PSU 313's boats were involved in the training, one played the role of the HVA, another was attempting to intrude on the security zone, while the third, was helmed by one of the break-ins, attempting to intercept.

Overall, the training was a great success, said Fortin. Both break-ins were able to complete the exercise successfully many times over the course of the training day, in large part due to the skill of the instructor, with no incidents of any kind, said Chien-Hom.

The next step in tactical coxswain training involves expanding on this exercise using weapons on the boats, and is scheduled to take place in the coming months.

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The MARSECDET runs missions practicing tactical boat driving. The mission was to train two relatively new drivers, called coxswains, on high-speed turns.

# TRADITION UPHELD

## AS ARMY CONTINUES WINNING STREAK

Last Friday evening Cooper Field was abuzz with excitement and high energy as female service members of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Joint Task Force Guantanamo prepared to meet and compete on the gridiron to determine whom had better control of the pigskin in the annual Army vs. Navy football game sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

After niceties and formalities, the women team took to the field. They faced off in the annual fight for bragging rights with high expectations, as the female Army team won the tightly-contested battle against the female Navy team for the third straight year, with a final score of 9-0.

Both teams' defenses shined, showing GTMO how well each team could play. The Army and Navy teams were able to put drives together but penalties, interceptions and missed field goals kept the game in check with no one scoring until the final minutes.

"The defense got hyped up," said Navy safety, Ashley White, who had an interception. "I think after we got a couple of interceptions, after we had a couple of really good stops, we were just so pumped up and enthusiastic. We felt like if the offense couldn't get it done, maybe the defense could

hold the line."

Army finally scored with just under three minutes left in the game. Army quarterback, Ambraea Johnson, scrambled in for the only touchdown of the game. Kicker, Natalie Aquino, kicked a field goal for the extra points afterward, giving Army the lead 9-0. Army's defense stepped up again with an interception to end the game.

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"I think I did pretty good," said Army defensive lineman, Heidi Diaz. "Their offense didn't hold the line too well. It was pretty easy to get around them. I think we did awesome, I think we worked as a team and our defense pulled in (the ball) for the offense when we needed to get the ball back."

Mistakes meant both teams were unable to continuously move the ball down the field.

"We couldn't catch a break," said Navy quarterback, Rachele Runge. "Any time we would

start to get rolling you get a pick up the middle or a misread. I don't know how many penalties we had. People not being on the line of scrimmage, it's little chips like that, that puts a dent in your armor and takes the wind out of your sails."

According to Army center, Nisha Johnson, the team played amazing, but it was hard to remember all the rules for the game since it is flag football and not tackle. The rules would trip up some of the players when they were not paying attention.

Even with these challenges all participants were happy they were able to play in this traditional rivalry game.

"We came out and gave it our all," said White. "We tried our hardest. I know that we lost but at the end of the day I'm not really disappointed because both teams played their heart out."

At the conclusion of the game, the Army team ran to the sideline jumping with excitement and applauded each other. They shook hands with their opponents as they congratulated them on a well-played game. Lastly, they watched and cheered on their counterparts as the male teams played immediately following their game.

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Prior to the annual Army vs. Navy flag football game, the colors were displayed and the National Anthem played. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ian Withrow)



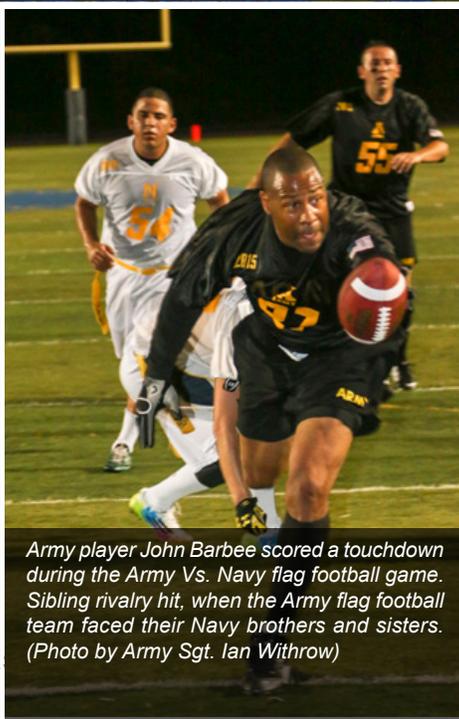
Stephen Jones is introduced to the crowd and shakes hands with his teammates before the annual Army vs. Navy flag football game on Cooper Field, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, held by the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Dec. 11. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



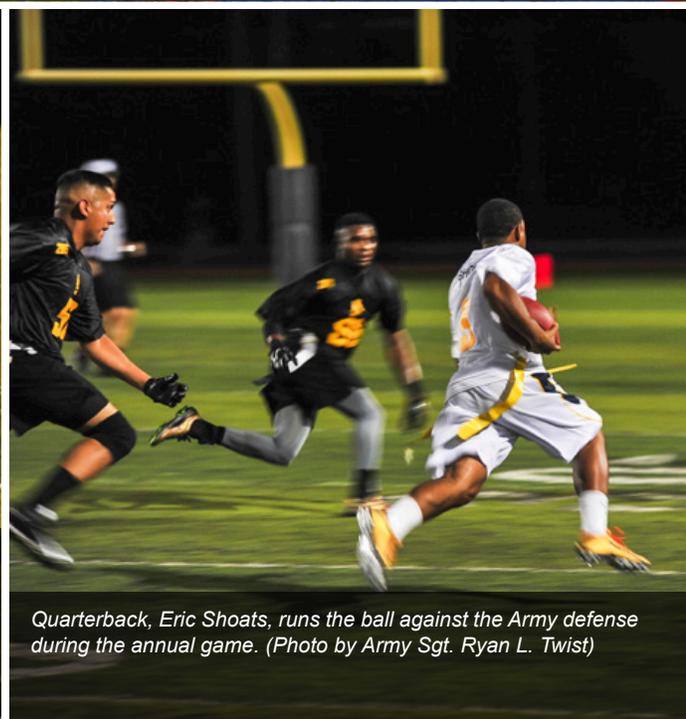
The male Army team poses for a team photo on Cooper Field, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Dec. 10. The male Army team won their game 21-12. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Willie Hatten III is introduced to the crowd and shakes hands with teammates before the game. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Army player John Barbee scored a touchdown during the Army Vs. Navy flag football game. Sibling rivalry hit, when the Army flag football team faced their Navy brothers and sisters. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ian Withrow)



Quarterback, Eric Shoats, runs the ball against the Army defense during the annual game. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Navy team huddles-up for a pregame ritual during the annual Army vs. Navy flag football game on Cooper Field, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, held by the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Dec. 11. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Navy wide receiver, Olivia Sherman, misses the ball while Army cornerback, Susana Bran, and free safety, Ashana McPherson, attempt to catch the deflection during the game. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Army player Ambraea Johnson racks up yards with a quarterback sneak during the game. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ian Withrow)



Female Army team poses with the trophy after the annual Army vs. Navy flag football game. The female Army team won their game 9-0. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)



Jzaniece Merriman, a team member of the Navy team, made an impressive run during the female flag football game. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ian Withrow)



The female Army team celebrates, after winning the game against the Navy flag football team. Both male and female Army teams beat their Navy counterparts in the annual Army vs. Navy flag football games played. (Photo by Army Sgt. Ryan L. Twist)

# ARMY'S DEFENSE SINKS NAVY

Two teams faced off in an annual bragging rights battle of Army vs. Navy, on the Cooper Field Complex, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during a Morale, Welfare & Recreation male flag football game, Dec. 11. The shadow game, played the night before the traditional college football game, lived up to all expectations as the male Army team beat the male Navy team for the third straight year, with a final score of 21-12.

Army's first possession resulted in a punt, after three straight penalties, and an unsuccessful kick, Navy received the ball with only 11 yards between them and the end zone.

Navy quarterback, Eric Shoats, threw a 5-yard pass to wide receiver, Terry Baggs, for a touchdown. After the extra points, the Navy took an early 9-0 lead.

Navy stayed hot with an interception on Army's next possession. They ran the ball to the end zone, but a penalty on the return negated the touchdown. Navy could not muster any more end-zone magic, which forced them to kick a field goal. Navy added to their lead 12-0.

"We started off with great momentum," said Baggs. "We came out with a lot of energy and we played well."

Someone needed to alert the Army team and let them know there was a game being played. Army quarterback, Samuel Ewing, answered the call and threw a 27-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver, Julius Nelson, to cut the lead in half 12-6. Army's defense finally forced Navy to

punt.

During Army's next possession, Ewing found offensive lineman, John Barbee, for a 10-yard pass as he scampered his way to the end zone to tie the score up at 12-12. Both defenses were wide-awake by halftime.

The first possession after halftime, Navy threw an interception. Army would strike quickly with a 1-yard touchdown run by Ewing. With the extra points afterwards, Army took the lead for good 21-12. Both defenses refused to move and

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neither team would score again.

"We took over the game," said Army linebacker, James Kinnard, who also was the defensive team captain. "Anytime a team scores on you first, most people it demoralizes them but we stuck in there. We held our heads up. We continued to fight. We continued to push hard and came out with the victory."

According to Baggs, miscommunication added to the reason they lost. Members of the Navy team have participated together in other sports activities during their time at GTMO.

"When we communicate,

we talk, we have fun, we keep the intensity and excitement up," said Baggs. "We stopped communicating, we stopped having fun, and we ended up on the bottom end of the stick."

The key for both teams success during the game was preparation.

The tightly-contested Army and Navy game was a battle between teams who prepared themselves for the past three months, said Kinnard. Making sure everyone trained on offensive and defensive plays. No one had the same work schedule. Practice was important because the Army team knew beating Navy would be a difficult task and they would not be able to easily roll all over them.

The Army vs. Navy game is one of the biggest rivalries in college sports. Some Troopers chose to participate because tradition is high on their list.

"It's a good Army-Navy tradition," said Barbee, who participated in the 2010 game while stationed at GTMO. "It's a great rivalry for us to come together. I know we are all one force but we are playing a game. It gives us bragging rights."

As the game ended, the Army team exploded on the field with excitement, congratulating each other as they passed jumping up and down, cheering and high-fiving. Members of both teams lined up, shook hands and congratulated each other on a magnificent game. The Army team posed at center of the field for pictures while receiving their trophies.

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# IN THEATERS THIS WEEK

The Downtown Lyceum showtimes are shown in the top row and the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum showtimes are displayed in the bottom row.

12/18 FRIDAY	12/19 SATURDAY	12/20 SUNDAY	12/21 MONDAY	12/22 TUESDAY	12/23 WEDNESDAY	12/24 THURSDAY
<b>Star Wars: Episode VII (New)</b> <b>The Force Awakens</b> PG13, 7 p.m. <b>Our Brand is Crisis</b> (LS) R, 9:30 p.m.	<b>Cirque Guantnamo Show</b> No movies	<b>Alvin and the Chipmunks:</b> <b>The Road Chip (New)</b> PG, 6:30 p.m. <b>The Night Before (New)</b> R, 8:30 p.m.	<b>The Hunger Games:</b> <b>Mockingjay - Part 2</b> PG13, 7 p.m.	<b>Star Wars: Episode VII (New)</b> <b>The Force Awakens</b> PG13, 7 p.m.	<b>Creed</b> PG13, 7 p.m.	<b>The Peanut Movie</b> G, 7 p.m. <b>Burnt</b> R, 9 p.m.
<b>Star Wars: Episode VII (New)</b> <b>The Force Awakens</b> PG13, 8 p.m. <b>Burnt</b> R, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Alvin and the Chipmunks:</b> <b>The Road Chip (New)</b> PG, 8 p.m. <b>The Night Before (New)</b> R, 10 p.m.	<b>Star Wars: Episode VII (New)</b> <b>The Force Awakens</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>Our Brand is Crisis</b> (LS) R, 8 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>Spectre</b> PG13, 8 p.m.

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## MOVIE REVIEW / BURNT



There are few foods as satisfying as a grilled cheese sandwich; delicious, warm, melted cheese with perfectly toasted bread. Not only is it delicious, it is also quite simple to make. First, you light the stove and then you heat up the frying pan. Next you take a cheese sandwich, spread gobs of butter on the outside of the bread slices, and grill it in the frying pan until the outside is golden brown and the inside is all melted. One would think a gourmet chef, such as the character Bradley Cooper portrays in the movie, "Burnt" should be able to wow anyone with his gourmet-grilled cheese making skills, but alas, not everything is the way one would assume.

The story begins with Adam Jones (Cooper), a chef who destroyed his career with drugs and ridiculous, inappropriate behavior in Paris, searching for a way to

redeem himself. After a three-year hiatus, he sobers up and returns to London as "new" man, determined to improve his lackluster reputation. He quickly decides the only way to overcome his past is by spearheading a top restaurant that can earn three Michelin stars, a coveted designation in the food world. Supporting Jones is Helene (Sienna Miller), Adam's love interest, and Tony (Daniel Bruhl), Adam's old friend from Paris and fiercest competitor.

A highlight of this film is the cinematography. Since the movie focuses on fine cuisine, the film goes above and beyond to help the audience see the world of expensive cuisine and elegant restaurants featured in the film as more than just food and buildings but as works of art. In each scene, the cinematographer does a fantastic

job of making the audience crave beautifully prepared meals and want to consume it in a gorgeous setting while having no cares about the dollar amount it takes to have such an experience. If you have an appreciation for art, you will appreciate the beauty the cinematographer captured in this film.

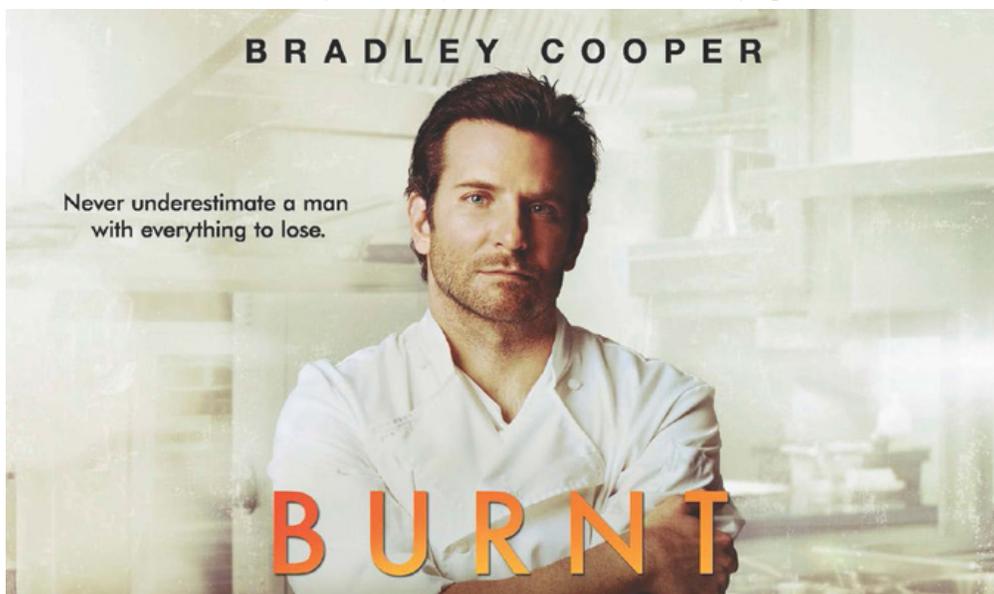
On the surface, this movie has everything it needs to be a delightful, romantic comedy. The cast is full of award-nominated actors. The premise is strong. It tugs at the heartstrings of the everyman American dream portrayed so often as a man overcoming personal obstacles to find success in career, love and life.

Unfortunately for the cast and the story premise, the movie's script severely hinders everything decent in the movie, causing the story to do nothing more than limp along as Cooper and Miller make desperate, pathetic attempts to change their poorly written, one-dimensional characters into actual, believable people and give the story some life. Bruhl also struggles to give his character substance, finally settling into helping prop up Cooper and Miller as they attempt to redeem this disgusting, charred, cold, grilled cheese sandwich of a movie into something palatable.

Overall, this movie is not very appetizing. The writing burns the acting and the cinematography grows cold through the weak plot. This "Burnt" grilled cheese is better left on the plate. I give it two out of five banana rats.

"Burnt" is rated R for language throughout.

Movie review by  
**ARMY CAPT. ALANNA M. WOOD**



# UNKNOWNNS ARE MASTERS OF SECOND CHANCES, CHAMPIONS



The Unknownns were crowned champions following their 30-27, victory over the Gunslingers during the Flag Football League Championship held at the Cooper Field Complex at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Dec. 9.

The Unknownns were faster and bigger than the Gunslingers, but the Gunslingers had more members and employed systematic attacks during the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Flag Football League Championship game at the Copper Field Complex at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on Dec. 9.

The Gunslingers' pocket-passing quarterback Jose Campos posed a serious running threat by marching the ball down the field with almost every possession. They made zone defenses pay for gaps in their coverage by passing into cross patterns and punishing defenders who missed grabbing their flags. When defenders locked up their receivers, Campos ran the ball and picked up positive yardage, in many cases picking up the first down.

Containing a mobile quarterback and disrupting wide-receiver passing routes can pose a nightmare for defenses.

On Dec. 8, the Gunslingers did just that. What would be a championship win for the Unknownns became a dismantling of their defense and a sputtering by their offense caused by the Gunslingers.

The Gunslingers won 29-15, but the score did not illustrate how lopsided their win was. The Unknownns could not contain the



Gunslinger running back scrambles for a first down during the championship, Dec. 9.

Gunslingers' offense, nor could they generate points during the first half. Sunken shoulders and

shaking heads were the theme for the night. Since playoffs require double elimination, the Unknownns had one last chance.

"We didn't come to play, but the beauty of this league is we get a second chance," said Jacob



Gunslinger quarterback, Jose Campos, scrambles for a first down during the flag football game championship. The Gunslingers lost the game 30-27, where both teams traded touchdowns and field goals.

Luchuk, the Unknownns' offensive and defensive lineman as well as coach.

The Unknownns are familiar with taking advantage of second chances.

Those who follow the Unknownns know this is not the first time they faced an uphill battle said Julius Nelson, quarterback for the Unknownns. They started the season 0-3. They could not get traction to put together a winning formula. That is, until their fourth game, when all of the pieces came together and they won eight straight games, including their playoff appearances. That is where they met the Gunslingers and finally took a big loss. They looked disorganized, sloppy and not themselves, he said.

For the final game, the tempo was slow for the Unknownns, in similar fashion to the last game. Just when it seemed as if the Gunslingers would pull away with another lopsided victory, the Unknownns put together two consecutive successful drives. Their defense made big plays, containing Lopez, and locking up their receivers. The two teams traded scores and late into the second half, the Unknownns trailed 21-24.

The Gunslingers racked up defensive penalties including unsportsmanlike conduct, pushing them out of scoring position.



Members of the Gunslingers Flag Football team pose together after the Flag Football League Championship game at the Cooper Field Complex, Dec. 9. The Gunslingers came in second place for the season.

With less than three minutes left the *Unknowns* put together one last victorious drive, and their kicker, who struggled the entire game, finally connected on a field goal, making the game 30-27.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game after yesterday," said Nelson. "We started by limiting our penalties and our mistakes. We played our game and took what they gave us in short yardage situations. We

went for a hitch, faked with a double move and went over the top and beat him (in the last drive)."

Then it was the *Gunslingers'* turn to march down the field. They looked dangerous, picking up first down after first down. Then Campos threw in the direction of *Unknowns* cornerback, Ron Caldwell. He jumped up for the ball and intercepted it, thus sealing the *Unknowns'* win with a little more than a

minute left in the half.

"I was lucky enough to be at the right place at the right time," said Caldwell. "We came back and we had to win. This is a great group of guys and this was a great end to a great season."

The *Gunslingers* reflected on their game performance and the entire season.

"We should have been more headstrong and played through the penalties. We lost our composure and we weren't playing as a team," said Campos. "We won the regular season, but we just fell short. We came together as a whole and played together as a team throughout the season. This is what I'm going to remember."

The exciting finish capped a great season for both teams. The flag football league leaves behind another storied and competitive finish for the history books.

Article and photos by  
**ARMY SGT.  
CHRISTOPHER A.  
GARIBAY**



James Kanard, Ambraea Johnson and Jacob Luchuk celebrate their victory following the championship game, Dec. 9.

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## 2015/16 SPORTS SCHEDULE

Starting dates are subject to change. All leagues last 2-3 months, including playoffs.

### MONTH / DAY ACTIVITY

<b>December 19</b>	Holiday Basketball
December 24	Jingle Bell Fun Run
<b>January 23</b>	Softball Tournament
January 25	Soccer League starts
January 30	Full & Half Marathon
<b>February 1</b>	Kickball League starts
February 6	Fitness & Figure Comp.
February 13	Adult 1 Mile Swim
February 16	Basketball League starts
February 20	GTMO Mudder
February 27	Sprint Triathlon
<b>March 12</b>	Northeast Gate Run
March 12	Max Performance Games
March 14	Ultimate Frisbee League
March 19	Lucky Dog 5k
March 26	Aquatics Easter Egg Hunt
<b>April 2</b>	April Fool's Softball Trnmnt.
April 4	Softball League starts
April 11	Flag Football League starts
April 16	Youth Swim Meet
April 18	Golf League
April 23	Olympic Triathlon
<b>May 7</b>	Color Run
May 9	Indoor Volleyball League
May 14	Adult 500 Yard Swim
May 14-15	GTMO Golf Open
May 20-21	Captain's Cup Events
<b>June 4</b>	Max Performance Games
June 11	JPJ 5 Miler
June 18	Youth Summer Splash
June 25	Power Lifting Meet
June 27	Soccer League starts
<b>July 2</b>	Softball Tournament
July 2	Ridgeline Trail Run
July 4	Golf Tournament
July 11	Basketball League starts
July 16	Cable Beach Run
July 23	Adult Swim Sprint 300 Yard
July 25	Badminton League starts
<b>August 6</b>	Duathlon
August 8	Beach Volleyball League
August 13	Paddle, Pedal, Paintball
August 20	Back to School Splash
August 20	Fitness & Figure
August 22	Ultimate Frisbee League
August 27	All-Night Softball Trnmnt.
<b>September 3</b>	Sprint Triathlon
September 5	Golf Tournament
September 6	Co-Ed Softball League
September 11	9/11 Memorial Run
September 13	Flag Football League starts
September 17	Adult 100 Yard Swim Meet
<b>October 22</b>	Glow Run
October 29	Zombie Run
<b>November 5</b>	Olympic Triathlon
November 19	Max Performance Games
November 24	Thanksgiving Half & 5K

# GTMO WILDLIFE

## INVASIVE SPECIES: LEAD TREE IN CUBA REPLACE NATIVE PLANTS

During our day-to-day lives, every one of us spots the lead tree, whether we know it or not. It is actually one of the most common plant species on the base, particularly in the developed areas along roadways and around buildings. Unfortunately, it is also an invasive species in Cuba as well as the rest of the Caribbean, and it is only native to Central America and the Yucatán Peninsula.

Lead trees (*Leucaena leucocephala*) were originally spread for use as timber, animal feed and erosion control. In some places, it is used as a shade tree for cacao and coffee crops and can be used as the support for climbing plants, such as vanilla and pepper. Because of its many uses, it has been dubbed the “miracle tree” by some. However, it is anything but miraculous to the local Cuban ecosystem.

Some invasive species, such as lead trees, aggressively outcompete and replace native plants. This leads to a change in the makeup of plant communities, which negatively affects native plants and the animals that depend upon them. Lead trees are fast-growing, medium sized trees, which can rapidly take over an area. The deep roots of the large trees make them challenging to unearth and they can grow back quickly after

being cut down. They also produce a large number of seeds – multiple times a year and can remain viable in the soil for up to 10 years.

The Natural Resources department is in the initial stages of a vegetation management program designed to reduce the numbers of invasive species, particularly lead trees, throughout the base and replant those areas with native plant species. As part of this program, the Plant Nursery is growing native species to be used for restoration work.

If you have interest in helping restore native plant communities throughout the base, you can help by volunteering at the Plant Nursery or by selecting native plants when picking plants for your yard. If a lead tree happens to inhabit your yard, consider having it cut down and replaced with an attractive endemic or native plant such as yellow trumpet bush, white plumeria or lignum vitae. Keeping native plants can help protect this picturesque environment.

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## JSMART SPOT

JSMART HELPER: DIEGO

### ANIMAL THERAPY FOR RECOVERY

Greetings Troopers! Animals have long played an integral part of combat operations but we now know they can be therapeutic too. Here at the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team’s office, we have two wonderful pet therapy dogs: Harley, a boxer, and Diego, a yellow lab. Harley visits Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while Diego visits Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Both Harley and Diego play a big role in JSMART operations.

Animal therapy is widely used in recovery for service members with a variety of issues such as mental health, traumatic brain injury and physical disabilities. Most people report feeling less stressed, less lonely and less homesick after interacting with a pet.

Edward Wilson’s book,

“Biophilia” (1984), suggested that connecting with nature, especially animals similar to us, produces feelings of safety, security and a sense of well-being. It also helps enhance one’s mood and self-healing. We are looking to have more dogs visit the clinic in addition to Harley and Diego, as they are often out on rounds. If you have a dog on island or know someone who does, register them through the American Red Cross for Pet Visitation. If you have any question please contact JSMART.

With that said, come get some puppy-love at JSMART!

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*Joint Medical Group*

## Anytime Smoothie

*This deceptively delicious green smoothie actually contains 4 servings of fruit, 1 serving of veggies and 1 serving of dairy. It’s a real nutritional powerhouse!*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla soy milk (or low-fat milk)
- 6 oz low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 ripe banana, frozen and cut into small pieces
- 2 cups fresh spinach, washed
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 2 tbsp wheat germ

### Nutrition Info

*Per serving: 395 calories, 7.6g total fat, 2.7g saturated fat, 10mg cholesterol, 166mg sodium, 58g total carbohydrate, 8.8g dietary fiber, 33.7g sugar, 27.6g protein, 426mg calcium, 1098mg potassium*

### DIRECTIONS:

*Combine soy milk and yogurt in blender. Add frozen banana pieces, spinach, blueberries, and wheat germ; blend on high until ingredients are thoroughly mixed together.*

*For a thinner smoothie, add a little water.*

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC (NAVSTA chapel)**

Saturday\* 1700  
 Sunday\* 0900 (Side Chapel)  
 Mon-Thurs\* 1730&0900

**PROTESTANT SERV. (JTF Troopers' chapel)**

Sunday\* 0900&1900  
 Friday night movie Friday 1900

**PROTESTANT SERV. (NAVSTA chapel)**

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

**OTHER SERV. (NAVSTA chapel)**

*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 19  
*Pentecostal* Sunday 0800 Annex Room D  
 Sunday 1700 Annex Room D  
*Christian Fellowship\** Sunday 1800 Main Chapel (Non-denominational)  
*Jewish Study* Friday 1900 Call JTF Chaplain for location\*

**BIBLE STUDIES (JTF Troopers' chapel)**

Monday 1900 JTF Trooper's Chapel  
 Wednesday 1900 JTF Trooper's Chapel  
*Game Night* Saturday 1900 JTF Trooper's Chapel

**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE / MILITARY EDITION (JTF Troopers' Chapel)**

Tuesday 1900 Taught by Navy Chaplain

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

Mon/Wed/Sat 1830 NAVSTA Chapel Annex, Room 16

\*These services are conducted by Army or Navy chaplains / For more information call ext. 2218

**BUS SCHEDULE 05:00 - 01:00**

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

**EXPRESS BUS SCHEDULE 09:55 - 19:55**

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 - 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

**JTF CHAPEL OFFERS TEACHING SERIES ON WORLD RELIGIONS**

What are the world's major religious groups? What do they believe? What are their sacred texts? How do they keep Sabbath? How do they understand the relationship between humanity and divinity?

Join us for conversations with practicing members of religious groups. All conversations will include facilitated, respectful discussion with time for questions.

Where: JTF Trooper Chapel  
 When: 14 JAN at 1730  
 Who: Mr. Zak Ghuneim, Commander's Strategic Cultural Consultant  
 Religion: Islam

Where: JTF Troopers' Chapel  
 When: 4 FEB at 1730  
 Who: Army Maj. Kathryn Shaw, S-3, 525th Military Police Detention Battalion  
 Religion: Judaism

Where: JTF Troopers' Chapel  
 When: 3 MAR at 1730  
 Who: JTF Chaplain panel  
 Religion: Christianity

Practicing members of any major religious group are invited to present.

For questions, please contact Navy Chaplain (Cmdr.) Sean Cox at sean.a.cox@jftgmo.southcom.mil or x3203.

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