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## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS, BUT UNDERSTAND YOUR LIMITS



We have all seen them ... Tweets, Facebook posts, videos and blogs, all viewable at a click of a button displaying people's personal views and opinions on political issues and political candidates. While social media has made it increasingly easy for Americans to broadcast their personal views on political issues and candidates, as service members and leaders it is important for us to understand the limits and bounds of expressing our personal views on these topics via social media platforms.

Generally speaking, the Department of Defense has a longstanding policy of encouraging military personnel to exercise their rights as

citizens. However, Active Duty service members may not engage in "partisan political activities," and all military personnel must avoid the appearance of their political activities implying DoD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of a political candidate, campaign or cause. Partisan political activities are activities directed at the success or failure of a political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group or cause. Examples of partisan political activities include campaigning for a partisan candidate, engaging in partisan fundraising activities, serving as an officer of a political party or club, speaking before a partisan gathering or distributing campaign literature for a partisan candidate. Active Duty members may, however, express their personal opinions on political candidates and issues, make monetary contributions to a political campaign or organization, and attend political events as a spectator when not in uniform. But how do these rules apply to social media?

Military personnel may express their personal views on public issues or political candidates via social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter or personal blogs. However, if the person is identified on the social media site as DoD personnel, then the post

must clearly and prominently state that the views expressed are those of the individual only and not of the DoD.

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Service members must also be careful not to comment, post or link to material that violates the Uniform Code of Military Justice or service regulation. Examples include: showing contempt for public officials, releasing sensitive information or posting unprofessional material that is prejudicial to good order and discipline under the UCMJ.

For more information on permissible and prohibited activities, personnel should consult DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, or contact their local legal or Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) office.

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## WE ARE A THREE PART WHOLE: BODY, SOUL, SPIRIT



### Our Body

Psalm 139:14 says that "you are fearfully and wonderfully made."

It is by our body that we function. As we already know, our body is made up of organs and cells, which thrive on proteins, carbohydrates and fats. All of those things help us in our day-to-day activities. A balanced approach to exercise and health is what you should pursue. We should exercise – it is good for our bodies as well as for our moods. We

should take care of our health, however, in these pursuits; we must not lose sight of our faith. The reason we care for our bodies is not to prolong our own lives or gain popularity; it is because we value and desire to steward the gift of life.

### Our Soul

Our soul is what gives us our personality and it is through our soul that we live out our relationship with God, with other people and with one self. God's blessing of good health begins with our souls. Our soul controls our mind and emotions. Research shows that people who have good emotional health are more aware of their thoughts, feelings and behaviors. We feel good about ourselves and have healthy relationships in our spiritual lives.

### Our Spirit

The apostle John was inspired to write in 3 John 1:2, "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along

well." This is a good indication, I believe, of the importance of attending to matters of the soul as it relates to being healthy.

It is through our spirit that we have meaning and purpose in life. Our spirit encourages us to love one another and ourselves. It is our avenue of a meaningful and faithful relationship with God. Our spirit helps us to determine what is right and wrong in life.

Our spiritual health, I believe, has a direct impact on our emotional health, which has a major impact on our physical health.

Please join us May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Joint Task Force Troopers Chapel for a Mind, Body & Soul lecture featuring Lt. Nelson Guadalupe, head of nutrition at Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay. For more information, please contact ext. 2218.

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## LEADERSHIP & CHAPLAIN

Chaplain's breakdown the mind, body and soul to help you life a healthy life. Be mindful of what you post and who you befriend on social media networks.

## GTMO NEWS

MWR held a group kayak and GTMO beach clean-up in honor of Earth Day. Volunteers from Joint Task Force Guantanamo gathered to help reduce erosion at Windmill Beach.

## PHOTO STORY/ COVER PHOTO

The Coast Guard and Marine Corp work together in interrelated security operations and train to improve their readiness for the unexpected.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Check out the movie review for *The Huntsman: Winter War* and all of the new movies playing this weekend.

## SPORTS

With the help from JTF volunteers and the MWR, a group of Sailors put on the 2016 GTMO games, April 22. The *Shottas* were defeated by the *Arch Angels*, 38-31, in MWR basketball.

## HISTORY / PRESS RELEASE

Christopher Columbus stopped by Guantanamo Bay, Cuba 522 years ago this week. Rep. Curbelo Visits Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

# MOTIVATORS OF THE WEEK

**AIR FORCE STAFF SGT.  
ANTHONY RICHARDS**

**NAVY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS  
FRANKLIN LOPEZ**

## COVER PHOTO CAPTION

A Coast Guardsman gathers medical information about a Marine with a simulated injury at a medical evacuation point during an exercise, on April 17.

## WHAT IS SOCIAL ENGINEERING?

Social engineering is the art of manipulating people into performing actions or divulging confidential information, rather than by breaking in or using technical cracking techniques. While similar to a confidence trick or simple fraud, the term typically applies to trickery or deception for the purpose of information gathering, fraud, or computer system access; in most cases the attacker never comes face-to-face with the victim. In addition to criminal purposes, social engineering has also been employed by debt collectors, skip tracers, private investigators, bounty hunters and tabloid journalists. A study by Google researchers found that up to 90% of all domains involved in distributing fake antivirus software used social engineering techniques.

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# PADDLE TO GATHER: CLEANING UP GTMO

Troopers from Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Naval Station joined in celebration of Earth Day, the Morale, Welfare & Recreation hosted Paddle to Gather April 23, at the MWR Pelican Pete's Marina on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Volunteers arrived at the marina at 8 a.m. and most boarded two-man kayaks and paddled to different areas. They picked up trash on the beaches, along the shoreline and focused on areas difficult to reach by land, said Katie Prestesater, the outdoor recreation director for the MWR here.

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 and takes place April 22 worldwide every year. The day is set aside to show support for environmental protection.

MWR honors Earth Day every year by hosting different events, but the Paddle to Gather event was the first of its kind, said Prestesater.

The volunteers split into three different groups and collected trash from different areas, such as Pier 33 and Hospital Cay, said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Rebecca Fallucca, a Trooper assigned to JTF-GTMO.

The volunteers collected a variety of items along the beaches and shorelines. Some of the items included water bottles, old batteries and tires, said Fallucca.

"It felt good to contribute to the cleaning process," Fallucca said. "I have never kayaked before this. It was my first time, and it was a blast."

Allyshia Wallace, a Trooper assigned to the Primary Care Unit at U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, also attended the first-time event.

"I thought it was really fun because I have always wanted to go out and group kayak," Wallace said. "This was actually an opportunity to clean and kayak at the same time. I think MWR should do more events like this."

After seeing the amount of trash that accumulates, an important take away is being mindful of cleaning up the beaches and other areas of the island, said Prestesater.

"As people go out in the water, and they think about what activities they're participating in, we always really encourage people to be good stewards of the water, and to be good stewards of the land," Prestesater said. "This island may be our temporary home, but this is a permanent home for a lot of the creatures living here. As people are dumping their trash, we encourage them to think about all the other creatures that live here. They don't want your trash; just be good to the Earth."

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An MWR Pelican Pete's Marina employee prepares kayaks for the Paddle to Gather volunteer event April 23, 2016 at the marina.



Troopers from JTF-GTMO and NAVSTA kayak to various beaches and clean up trash April 23, 2016 in honor of Earth Day.



A trooper assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, NAVSTA, Cuba, kayaks for the first time during the MWR's Paddle to Gather event on April 23 at the MWR Pelican Pete's Marina.

# VOLUNTEERS KEEP WINDMILL BEACH GREEN

More than 20 Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers participated in an erosion control project at Windmill Beach, April 23. The undertaking is a joint venture with the Public Works department to decrease the beach erosion and improve the general visual appeal of the area.

“Windmill Beach was heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy there and we’ve had a continuing problem with a lot of erosion near the tidal pool area,” explained Misty Heath, the community garden coordinator.

Topography, availability of native plants, torrential rainfall during the wet season and impermeable asphalt without a curb all lend themselves to continued erosion at the site.

“You have these large hills behind the beach and in the rainy season it just pours straight down,” said Heath. “You have no gutter for the road that goes along the beach, so the water shoots straight down the hill toward what used to be a concrete road and it erodes everything up under the concrete.”

The problem was easy to identify, but the solution took longer to isolate.

“Some of the discussion had been to put cement on the hillside to mitigate the erosion and that would have just made the water runoff worse,” said Heath. “It would have been ugly and people would have been inclined to drive around there.”

Keeping the hill free of hardscaping encourages wildlife to prosper, which is a great side benefit.

“We are trying to discourage people from driving on the beach because it is detrimental to our turtles and we want



Joint Task Force volunteers install a palm sapling at Windmill Beach. The palm was started from seed at the plant nursery over a year ago and is now forming part of a natural landscape designed to slow down erosion of the beach.

to protect the wildlife enjoying the tidal pool area,” said Heath.

The solution for the situation is as simple as using native plants, which are capable of thriving in the dry, salty beach area.

“We wanted to put in a lot of native plants, but we’re not having a lot of luck finding native grasses that would spread around here,” said Heath. “The idea was to plant some palm trees and agave to help break up the water flow and mitigate the erosion problem there.”

The biggest setback to completing the plan was not building codes or permit issues; it was the propagation or production of enough plants grown to the proper size.

“We had discussed this idea off

and on, but the largest challenge was getting plants large enough and healthy enough to go out on the beach,” said Heath. “That took several months for the agave and a year or more for the palms to reach their current size.”

The plan involves three parts, initial planting of palms and agaves, followed up later with more natives and finally removal of the rusting guardrail.

“Today was pretty much the day for phase one and we’ll start the second phase when we get more plants,” said Master Sgt. Jerry Townsend, a JTF volunteer. “Next, we’ll meet up with Joe Madison, Natural and Cultural Resources Manager here, to go install more natives right below where the concrete pad ends to discourage people from driving up on the beach.”

The last part of the venture involves help from the Public Works department and is expected to start before midsummer.

“We anticipate the last part of the project will be started in the next two months,” said Heath. “This portion involves Public Works removing the ugly, old, rusty guardrail and replacing it with white anchor chain, anchors and some floats so there will be an area to prevent people from falling off the steep cement, but it’ll look a lot prettier.”

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Master Sgt. Jerry Townsend waters a date palm at Windmill Beach, April 23. The project includes planting more native plants, followed up later with more natives and replacing the rusting guard rail with fresh anchor chain.

# BUILDING A PRIME PUTT-PUTT LEGACY

Members of Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force 18 sustain, repair and maintain all Joint Task Force and Office of Military Commissions facilities on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"As BEEF, we provide a wide variety of engineering specialties to include: structural, electric, power production, civil, heavy equipment and even vehicle maintenance," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Anthony B. Richard, the operation's manager for BEEF 18.

The BEEF does not just work together during normal duty hours but off duty as well by volunteering their skills and abilities to better the JTF and NAVSTA communities here.

The BEEF's motto is "Engineers lead the way," Richard said. Each rotation tries to set the bar for the next, to continue their legacy of skilled engineering capabilities and willingness to better each community they encounter.

The previous BEEF unit set the bar high by completing 800 volunteer hours during their time here, but BEEF 18 is only halfway through their tour and closing in on their predecessor's total hours.

"We have a little bit of a rivalry amongst the BEEF units," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dwight A. Jones, an engineering technician and volunteer coordinator for BEEF 18.

"Every BEEF is better than the last. I don't know what BEEF 19 is going to do to beat what BEEF 18 is doing today."

BEEF 18 has already logged 750 volunteer hours for the duration of their deployment, on top of doing their day-to-day jobs, said Jones. Their goal is to complete 1,000 volunteer hours, and they are on track to do so.

BEEF 18 has completed several volunteer projects on island, with the most recent volunteer accomplishment: Renovating the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Putters mini golf course here.

They have 150 to 200 volunteer hours invested in the mini golf course project, volunteering after work throughout the week and into week-ends to make sure it was completed by the April 22 deadline, said Jones.

For this volunteer project, MWR supplied all the materials, and BEEF 18 used their knowledge of engineering to add new obstacles to the course.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kenneth D. Wright, the vehicle maintenance noncommissioned officer-in-charge for BEEF 18, added his creative touch by incorporating the MWR Putters logo with a hand-cut shape of the island of Cuba into the greens on the first hole and the BEEF 18 logo into the greens at the 18th hole.

"It's one of those projects where you honestly get a sense of accomplishment at the end," said Wright.

"The fact that we can actually sign the unit's name to it so everyone will know we did this is nice because it is a legacy thing to us."

MWR sponsored a recognition event for BEEF 18 by playing a round together on the course to test it out before opening, said Elizabeth Leonard, the MWR fitness facility manager here. Leonard looks forward to working on many more projects with the BEEF and thanks them for their hard work.

Members of BEEF 18 plan to utilize the putt-putt course here during their free time, and hope other members from the community will enjoy it as well.

"I like mini golf and this is something I



feel like will really benefit a lot of people," said Jones. "I would go pay to come out here, but when you hear that it is free, how can you beat that? I hope it is a booster shot to the community and adds to the quality of life here at Guantanamo."

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Senior Airman Manuel Acuna and Staff Sgt. Kenya McCoy with BEEF 18 volunteered during their day off to cut the new greens for the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Putters Mini Golf course, April 9, on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Tech. Sgt. Kenneth D. Wright, the vehicle maintenance noncommissioned officer-in-charge for BEEF 18 here, places the BEEF 18 logo into the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Putters Mini Golf course's 18th hole, April 9.



# 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.

4/29 FRIDAY	4/30 SATURDAY	5/1 SUNDAY	5/2 MONDAY	5/3 TUESDAY	5/4 WEDNESDAY	5/5 THURSDAY
<b>Mother's Day (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m. <b>Eye in the Sky (New)</b> R, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Midnight Special (New)</b> PG, 8 p.m. <b>10 Cloverfield Lane</b> (LS) PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>Batman V. Superman:</b> Dawn of Justice PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>The Jungle Book</b> PG, 8 p.m.	<b>The Mirade from Heaven</b> PG, 8 p.m.	<b>The Perfect Match</b> (LS) R, 8 p.m.	<b>The Huntsman:</b> Winter's War PG13, 8 p.m.
<b>Midnight Special (New)</b> PG, 8 p.m. <b>Barbershop:</b> The Next Cut PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>Mother's Day (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m. <b>Eye in the Sky (New)</b> R, 10:30 p.m.	<b>10 Cloverfield Lane</b> (LS) PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>The Perfect Match</b> (LS) R, 8 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>The Divergent Series:</b> Allegiant PG13, 8 p.m.

Call the Movie Hotline @ 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook for more info. \*Concessions at Bulkeley are closed until further notice Stay classy, GTMO! No alcohol or tobacco at the Lyceums.

\*Want to write a movie review for The Wire? Send your movie review to: [thewire@jftgmo.southcom.mil](mailto:thewire@jftgmo.southcom.mil)

## MOVIE REVIEW / THE HUNTSMAN: WINTER'S WAR



Mirror, Mirror on the wall...I would break that mirror and get seven years of bad luck before having to watch this movie again. This film is trying to blend films from the likes of Willow, Lord of the Rings and Frozen into one frigid, far-fetched and frivolous fairy-tale.

*The Huntsman: Winter's War* is a prequel to the 2012 fairy-tale Snow White and the Huntsman. The Ice Queen Freya (Emily Blunt) unites with her sister queen Ravenna (Charlize Theron) and together they try to take over the Enchanted Forest and harness the power of the magic mirror, but that is not what happens.

The only two that can stop this from happening are the Huntsman, Eric (Chris Hemsworth) and Sara (Jessica Chastain) his secret lover.

These two were the best-of-the-best

"Huntsmen" in Freya's army until she caught them falling in love, which is the queen's one rule, "forever harden your hearts to love." Freya convinces Eric that Sara was killed by her army before exiling him out of her kingdom.

Seven years pass, and a war begins to brew when Snow White's magic mirror is stolen. The Huntsman realizes that he must find the missing mirror before it falls into Freya's evil hands.

The Huntsman sets off on a fairy-tale journey with his dwarves and eventually reunites with his lost love Sara and two more comedic relief dwarves who I believe helped save the movie from being a total bore.

The rag-tag group sets through the Enchanted Forest to find and destroy the mirror before it can get into the hands of the evil foes.

There are computer generated imagery battle scenes that are just good enough to keep you watching, and the dwarves have some decent jokes; for some, that will make the movie a worthwhile watch.

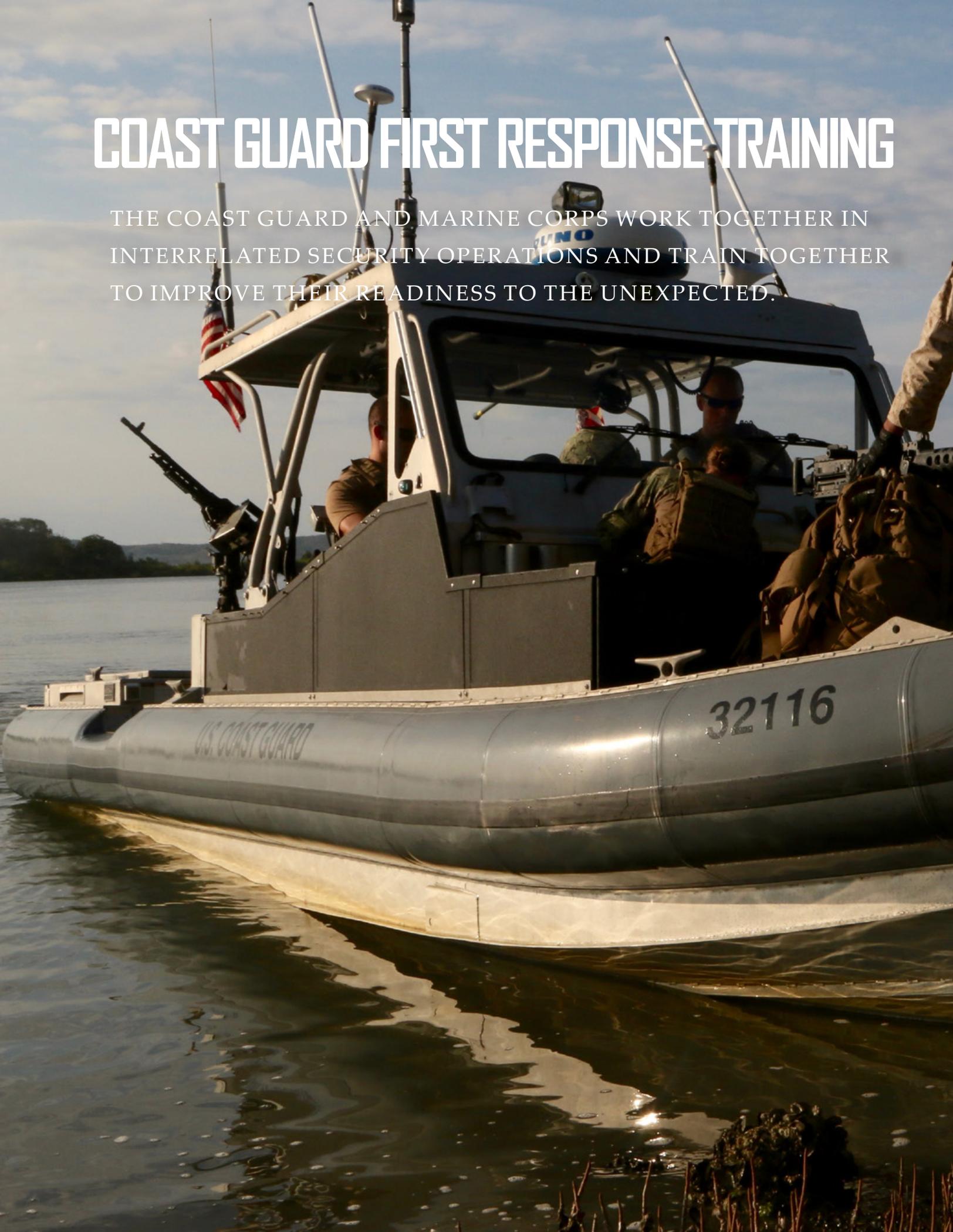
The film was barely entertaining enough to keep me occupied until the end, and the opening narration with Liam Neeson made me want to think the film was going in the same direction as his previous film Taken, and for that I give this movie two banana rats out of five.

*The Huntsman: Winter War* is rated PG-13 for fantasy action violence and some sensuality.

Movie Review by  
**ARMY SGT. MATT YOUNG**

# COAST GUARD FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING

THE COAST GUARD AND MARINE CORPS WORK TOGETHER IN INTERRELATED SECURITY OPERATIONS AND TRAIN TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THEIR READINESS TO THE UNEXPECTED.





**A**t all hours of the day, one can look out into the waters surrounding U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and identify one of the Coast Guard's 32-foot Transportable Port Security Boats. The Coast Guard patrols the bay's Southern and Northern Boundaries protecting and securing it from the unexpected, which can come in many forms and at a moment's notice. Such an event was simulated by the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps Security Force Company here, April 26, as a drill designed for both the Coast Guard and Marines.

"Tonight's drill was a joint-operational drill that simulated a Marine injured by falling off a Marine outpost tower," said Coast Guard Boatswain Master Chief Jordan Gere, assistant boat chief here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo. "The aspect that we mainly provided was a transportable boat. In order to get the injured personnel from the trauma site to where medical attention would be, the base's Naval Hospital, we needed to get them there as fast as we could. And we provide the fastest platform here on the island."

A typical schedule for a Marine guard will consist of eight hours in the tower, sixteen hours on call and eight hours given to rest, said Marine Staff Sgt. Esteban Jauregui, a gunnery sergeant for the MCSFCO. The Marines conduct continuous security operations along the shore side perimeter and the direct waterside approaches between NAVSTA and Cuba.

"A Marine has to be trained in every aspect of the mission," said Jauregui. "They have to know the intricacies of working with the supporting agencies here on

base, just in case, they are that person that has to make that call, and they will know how and when to make it."

The security patrols conducted on both land and water support the primary mission of Anti-Terrorism Force Protection within the naval defense sea area of GTMO.

"Any time we get to participate in a drill like this, they are very beneficial, and we get a lot out of them," said Gere. "We learn how we can change or improve something with the way we run our standard operating procedures. Every time we do a drill, we're critiquing the different areas of how we can become more efficient. We don't want an emergency to happen and that to be the first time we go through one of these drills with interagency."

The Coast Guard and MCSFCO also conducted another Marine insertion exercise, on April 26. During this exercise, 54 Marines were transported by two Coast Guard TPSB to a beach drop zone, in order to conduct tactical operation movements.

"There are a number of different assets where we all work together in an interagency," said Gere. "If it's a drill like this or if we are doing a detainee movement or commissions, all different parties work together with different overlapping roles to prevent anything from being overlooked. We have already built those relationships, so when we meet in a real-world scenario; it's not for the first time. We have already developed communications, so we can work better together in the future."

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# “A MARINE HAS TO BE TRAINED IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE MISSION”

- MARINE STAFF SGT. ESTEBAN JAUREGUI



*A Coast Guardsmen prepares to dock a Transportable Security Boat at Marine Hill, during a Marine Insertion exercise at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 26.*



Marines from the Marine Corp Security Forces Company here, leap in an amphibious tactical approach during an insertion exercise at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 26.



The Coast Guard transports simulated injured Marine from a designated medical evacuation point to medical attention, during a exercise at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 17.



A Marine with the Marine Corp Force Security Company here, sets up his defensive fighting position during a joint-training exercise with the Coast Guard April 26.



The Coast Guard stationed at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prepares their 32-foot Transportable Port Security Boat to conduct joint-training with the Marine Force Security Company here.

# MWR

## 2016 SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

### MONTH / DAY ACTIVITY

May 7	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
June 4	Max Performance Games
June 11	JPJ 5 Miler
June 18	Youth Summer Splash
June 25	Power Lifting Meet
June 27	Soccer League starts
July 2	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
August 6	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.
September 3	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
October 22	Glow Run
October 29	Zombie Run
November 5	Olympic Triathlon
November 19	Max Performance Games
November 24	Thanksgiving Half & 5K
November 26	Across the Bay Swim
December 3	Power Lifting Competition
December 9	Army vs. Navy Game
December 23	Jingle Bell Fun Run
December 24	Holiday Basketball Trnmnt.

For questions contact the G.J. Denich Gym at x77262.



## ARCH ANGELS HOLD PERFECT RECORD



Jimmy Gunn, a guard for the Shottas, goes up for the shot and scores two points against the Arch Angels at G.J. Denich Gym, April 19, on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Morale, Welfare & Recreation basketball league playoffs continue as two teams faced-off on the court at G.J. Denich Gym at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 19, as the Shottas were defeated by the Arch Angels, 38-31.

The Arch Angels with no losses to date, wanted to keep their perfect record. The intense start of the game led to three quick fouls, including one at the tip-off. The two teams played against one another previously in the season, ending in a win for the Arch Angels.

Dominique Wilkerson, point guard for the Arch Angels, claimed the secret to their perfect season was a strong defense.

"Defense is what distinguishes us from other teams," said Wilkerson. "Anybody can come out here and play offense, but it is all about the defense you bring out on the court. If at the end of the day you bring defense, you will win."

The Shottas had more of an offensive game plan, to take care of the ball and not have any turnovers, said Jerome

Perry, point guard for the Shottas.

With seven minutes left in the first half, Shottas were leading 8-16. Arch Angels called a timeout to regroup. The short pause worked in the Arch Angels favor, as they came back out on the court and took the lead for the first time, 17-16, with three minutes to go.

In the second half, the Arch Angels came out stronger and more confident. Also, the intensity between the teams remained high causing an increase in fouls from both teams.

"It was a good game," said Perry. "Had bad calls and a lot of turnovers, but we should have done better."

Though both teams had many unnecessary turnovers and fouls, they were both quick to recover; however, the Arch Angels recovered quicker, moved faster and outscored the Shottas in the final minutes of the game.

"We don't feel like we brought our best game but we still got the win," said Wilkerson. "I am just happy to be able to play here and play with everybody else in the military from all different forces. I think it is a great thing."

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Members of Shottas try to block shots made by the Arch Angels at G.J. Denich Gym on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 19. The Shottas were defeated by the Arch Angels, 38-31.

## 2016 GTMO GAMES MAKE A BIG SPLASH

A messy morning was starting to unfold for the 2016 GTMO Games, here, on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 22. However, the rain held off just long enough for the competitions to begin.

"This is the first time we have held an event like this," said Religious Program Specialist, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brittney Lampkin, one of the event coordinators. "Morale Welfare Recreation helped provide the equipment for the events and we had a lot of help from JTF Troopers who volunteered their time to not only cook the food, but also set up the events and referee the games."

The GTMO games kicked off with a softball game of the E5s vs. E7-E9s followed by the E4s vs. E6s.



Service members play against each other in a game of Ultimate Frisbee during the GTMO Games April 22, 2016 at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A variety of other activities took place including two children's bounce houses, blow up jousting for the adults and sumo suit wrestling. The jousting allowed the adults to dual until the last person on the pedestal remained

standing and claimed victory. The sumo suits allowed the participants a chance to go head to head attempting to force the other person out of the ring.

Service members teamed up to play Ultimate Frisbee, tossed the football around and played soccer, even as the rain came down. The rain did not hamper the participants from having a little fun. "We all just need a day to relax and



Service members get the chance to pie the faces of their peers during the GTMO Games April 22, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It turned out to be a popular event at the GTMO Games.

have fun with each other and have a good time," said Lampkin.

Volunteers and MWR workers helped facilitate the event by grilling burgers, sausages and chicken, as well as hand spinning cotton candy and making delicious funnel cakes.

"Events like this are important because it builds moral and brings people together from all branches of service, as well as different ranks," said Staff Sgt. Juan Jackson, a JTF Trooper and volunteer.

When asked why he chose

to volunteer, Jackson said, "I chose to volunteer here today to work toward my goal of receiving the Volunteer Service Medal, and I am looking forward to participating in some of the events as well."

Throughout the morning to early afternoon, it rained intermittently. Eventually, the thunder started to roll in and officials had to call the games.

However, this was not before the pie in the face event was complete. Sailors organized this event to raise money to cover some of the external expenses for the annual Navy Ball. It turned out to be a popular event at the GTMO Games and netted the Sailors over \$1,500.

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay organized the 2016 GTMO Games said this will not be the last time an event like this is organized. They hope to have more service members and families participate in and show their support for future events. Also, organizers would like the sun to make an appearance next time.

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### MWR KICKBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Flying Monkeys	13-1
02	Kicking Balls	11-3
03	Confusions	11-3
04	Ballsagna	10-4
05	Iguanamo	9-5
06	Cyclone Enforcers	9-6
07	BEEF	9-6
08	Blue Ballers	8-7
09	EWA	7-8
10	GTMO Latinos Plus	4-10
11	Ballz on Fuego	4-11
12	Ball Kickers	4-11
13	Mountain Maniacs	3-12

### MWR FOOTBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Confusions	3-0
02	Phoenix	3-0
03	Article 112	2-1
04	Free Band Gang	2-1
05	It Don't Matter	2-1
06	World Police	2-1
07	MWR Censored Us	1-1
08	Delta	1-1
09	El Chapo	1-1
10	Flagnastics	1-2
11	The Buckeyes	0-3
12	BEEF	0-3
13	Empire State	0-3

### MWR SOFTBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Empire State	3-0
02	MisFits	3-0
03	Screaming Guerillas	2-2
04	Trap Lordz	1-1
05	Gatekeepers	1-2
06	Unified Ballers	1-3
07	BEEF	0-3
08	Article 112	4-0
09	Warning Track Power	3-1
10	GTMO SWAT	3-1
11	Blazing Saddles	2-2
12	GTMO Bandits	2-2
13	Cross Level	1-3
14	Iguanamo	1-3
15	HHC 525 Spartans	0-4

### MWR ULTIMATE FRISBEE

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Judisc League	8-1
02	Netflix & Chill	8-2
03	The Ice Men	6-4
04	Disclexia	4-5
05	Ridisculously GL	2-8
06	Catch Em's	1-9



# HISTORY

## COLUMBUS VISITS GTMO



A famous visitor landed at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay 522 years ago this week. Christopher Columbus, on his second voyage of exploration, dropped anchor in this bay April 30th, 1494. Taino fishermen preparing a feast for their local chieftain greeted him at what is now called Fisherman's Point (Windward Ferry Landing).

The historian and author Washington Irving described Columbus' arrival in *The Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus*:

"The entrance was narrow and winding, though deep; the harbor expanded within, like a beautiful lake in the bosom of a wild and mountainous country, covered with trees, some of them in blossom, others bearing fruit. Not far from the shore were two cottages built of reeds, and several fires burning in various parts of the beach gave signs of inhabitants... There were great quantities of fish, utias (sic) [hutia – banana rat], and guanans (sic) [iguanas]; some suspended to the branches

of trees, others roasting on wooden spits before the fires."

Columbus named the bay Puerto Grande, which means "large port" in Spanish, but the Taíno name for the bay, Guantánamo, is the name that stuck

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## REP. CURBELO VISITS GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE



"This week I visited the US Naval Station Guantanamo Bay – a critical military and national security asset serving key roles in the war on terrorism, drug and migrant interdiction, and as a strategic forward base for the Atlantic Fleet. Every day approximately 7,000 US military personnel and contractors

go to work at GTMO to keep our country safe and advance our national security interests in the Americas and throughout the world. I had the privilege of meeting with Captain Culpepper, the base commander, who briefed us on the base's preparedness to assist with major migrant events in the Caribbean. This is important considering the significant increase in Cubans fleeing from the island over the last year. I also met with Rear Admiral Clarke who serves as Commander of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo. The Joint Task Force (JTF) is working professionally and diligently to provide safe, humane, legal, and transparent care and custody of detainees. I was able to inspect the detention facilities, and I was impressed with efforts to treat the detainees with dignity and respect. Our young men and women in uniform do an extraordinary

job of representing our country, sometimes under very difficult circumstances in this theater. The men and women of Naval Air Station Guantanamo, the Joint Task Force, and the Marines who protect the base perimeter deserve the admiration, appreciation, and support of the American people and this Congress. I thank my colleague from South Florida Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for leading our visit to GTMO, and I urge all of my colleagues to work to protect and strengthen this critical military asset."

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**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 0900&1900 Annex Room 1  
*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 1930 Call JTF Chaplain for location\*

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

Monday 1900 JTF Troopers' Chapel  
 Wednesday 1800 JTF Troopers' Chapel  
*Holy Smokes* Friday 1800 Plant Nursery  
*Game Night* Saturday 1900 JTF Troopers' 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



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