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Second class of Joint Task Force Troopers to graduate Basic Leader Course at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba sings Army Song, May 5, at W.T. Sampson Elementary School.

## THE COLOR PURPLE

Ever wonder why a purple dragon is associated with operations security? In Vietnam we discovered that there was overwhelming evidence that a relatively unsophisticated adversary had foreknowledge of our intentions. Counterintelligence couldn't find any indications or information that we had spies, or that classified information was leaked in anyway. This is when the "Purple Dragon" team was formed. They conducted OPSEC surveys in South Vietnam throughout the conflict and made very interesting findings. Some of their conclusions found that our operations were very predictable to the enemy, and that no secret can be kept forever. Because of the success of the Purple Dragon team President Ronald Reagan in 1988 issued National Security Decision Directive 298, formally establishing OPSEC as a national policy.

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# YOUR WORDS CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU

As the Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander's strategic cultural consultant, I would like to point out the importance of the words we use when they are related to the Muslim faith. First, from my 58 years of living on this earth, I have learned that it is much easier to deliver the message if the reader understands the situation. Hopefully, the following analogy will help me explain my point.

Let us imagine what would happen if we randomly gave 100 people from different parts of the world a car that is the same year, model, color, performance, etc. The wear and tear on each vehicle would vary because no two people drive the same. Consequently, some people will drive carefully, while others will drive recklessly with no regard to the posted speed limits and traffic laws.

When it comes to all the possible outcomes for the cars, the questions I ask are, "Should we



blame the operator of the car?" "Can we say the car itself is dangerous?" "Can we say the car is conservative?" The answers to all of these questions would not put the blame on the car because there is a human element involved.

This same concept applies when talking about world events and politics. Words have meaning and it is easy to take mere words out of context. If we are not careful, the enemy will use our words against us as a tool to recruit more supporters for their political greed and gains.

The words Jihad and Jihadist are commonly used in a different context from their actual Arabic meaning, which is the act of striving, applying oneself, struggling or persevering. By describing a terrorist or extremist as a Jihadist, we are generalizing the word and giving credibility to those who do harm.

The use of the expressions "liberal," "conservative," "secular," "extremist" or "political" Islam is not correct. Just as each operator of the car is different, so are the people who practice the

Muslim faith. Some will use it as a tool to get what they want and others will practice it faithfully.

Terrorists use religion as a weapon or a shield when it benefits them, and they use language to pervert Islam and insult the Muslim faith.

Throughout history, religion has divided and controlled people. Talking uninformed about religion gives our enemy more fuel to widen their fields of fire.

JTF GTMO personnel abide by standard operating procedures that promote the safe, humane, legal, and transparent care and custody of detainees. We are in a unique position to share knowledge and use appropriate language that minimizes terrorist credibility.

Article by  
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*JTF GTMO Strategic Cultural Consultant*

## IT'S LIKE COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES



It seems silly sometimes, how people have used the phrase, "That's like comparing apples to oranges," as a way of saying that these two things can't be compared. Obviously, they are both fruit, edible, round, and they both grow on trees. They are also good as a metaphor for comparing two types of people, those who need others and those who do not.

The orange tree is a self-pollinating tree, meaning that it will produce fruit all on its own. The orange tree doesn't need the help

of any other trees to do its job. It is self-sustaining and it can be planted alone and still be expected to thrive. In the same way, some people are self-sustaining and can complete their assigned tasks without the help of others.

The apple tree is a cross-pollinating tree, meaning that it cannot produce fruit without the help of another apple tree. If an apple tree is planted somewhere by itself, it will grow but it will not produce any fruit. In the same way, some people simply cannot thrive on their own accord; they need the help of others in order to complete their assigned tasks.

The simple fact is that while most people can be placed in charge of an assignment we are not all meant to be self-sustaining leaders. There are those who seem to be born to lead and thrive without much input from others. Others are very good at performing tasks when they are part of a team. These people put their hearts into their work, but may need direction or just companionship to achieve their best results.

Yet, there are a couple of simple truths about orange trees. First is, no matter how hard it may try, an orange tree cannot produce apples. While some people work well on their own, in most cases a big project is better accomplished through a team effort where the input of others will become invaluable to the final product. The second truth about orange trees is that while they can produce oranges on their own, when an orange tree does cross-pollinate with other orange trees, it often produces sweeter oranges. In the same way, though an individual may be able to carry out a task alone, they can often produce better results when the input of others is included.

So, the lesson that we can take from the apples and oranges is all of us work better when we include others in our work.

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# MULTIPLE BRANCHES ATTEND COAST GUARD COURSE



Twenty-five Troopers from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard, assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, participate in classroom training during the Coast Guard's Leadership and Management School on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. LAMS is required for Coast Guardsmen to advance from the rank of E-5 to E-6.

Coast Guardsmen, Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba attended the Coast Guard's Leadership and Management School, May 2-6, at the Naval Station Chapel.

The course is designed to develop skills in areas such as communicating effectively, influencing others positively, creating an environment that motivates performance, encouraging personal ethics and promoting teamwork, said Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Alicia Stein, a LAMS instructor assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center.

"We're really big into leadership skills, but more into the personal skills," Stein said. "You have to tune into your people and build that relationship, so that you can know how to motivate them."

Troopers in attendance participated in interactive lectures and group activities throughout the week. One of the most valuable parts of the course was embedding with leaders from other branches and seeing how they operate, said Army Sgt. Spencer Weyant, a Trooper assigned to JTF-GTMO.

"I thought of this as a great opportunity to see things from a different perspective and to interact with the Coast Guard, partner with them and see how they do things," Weyant

said. "The Coast Guard places more of an emphasis on interpersonal relationships. They like to incorporate the big picture into things. No one leadership style is going to work for everybody, but I think people need to be adaptive, and understand when they need to apply certain leadership traits."

Though the course is required to advance from E5 to E6 for the Coast Guard, it is important to always look for leadership courses and opportunities and use them to become a better leader, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Bennett Olsson, a Coast Guardsman with JTF-GTMO.

"I think it's important for us as leaders to continually get training," Olsson said. "We need good leaders in the military so we can carry on our legacy."

During the teamwork portion of the course, the group went outside and did an exercise that involved getting a ping pong ball into a box using only plastic chutes, said Air Force Staff Sgt. Kenya McCoy, a Trooper with the Base Engineer Emergency Force 18 at JTF-GTMO. Everyone had to participate, and they were not allowed to touch or drop the ball.

"It was crazy," McCoy said. "It was chaos at first. You have this random group of people who you've never worked with, but we came together, worked together, figured it

out and got it done."

Courses like LAMS are important to help an individual grow as a leader, said McCoy. Attending courses to continuously get better is the definition of leadership.

"I think having courses like this are important, first of all, to remind us what it means to be a leader," McCoy said. "It inspires you to want to be better as an individual and service member. As leaders, we have people we're responsible for the people we lead, and we have a duty to them. You have to make yourself better before you can expect to get something better from someone else."

One of the main points the instructors wanted to get across to the students is for them focus on the junior enlisted service members, and always make sure they are taken care of, and in turn, they will put forth more effort, said Stein.

"Leadership is situational," Stein said. "As a leader you need to adapt. Leadership is not a one-time thing. You need to keep thinking about it. An important thing as leaders is to reflect and be self-aware by thinking, 'What am I doing to help my people?' rather than 'What are they doing to help me?'"

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Troopers assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo conduct an exercise which requires them to transfer a ball from one point to another using only plastic chutes. The teamwork portion of the Coast Guard's Leadership and Management School took place May 2 to May 6 on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## ACADEMY COMMANDANT SPEAKS TO GRADUATING CLASS

"The Joint Task Force and Detention Group here, you have a hard job," said the Basic Leader Course guest speaker to the graduating class. "I can tell you I have never been more impressed with the level of responsibility that young specialists and sergeants have as they do here at [Guantanamo Bay]."

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis DeFreese, commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, traveled from Fort Bliss, Texas to U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to speak to graduating BLC Class 711-16, May 5, about shaping their leadership skills and following the school's motto: "By Example."

"We have a lot of leaders in the Army," said DeFreese. "You have to look at yourself and determine whether you want to emulate your leader and whether you are a leader worthy of emulation. We talk about lead by example. I know that is part of your motto for your class, but it is more than just saying that; it's doing it in all aspects."

Soldiers, such as recent BLC graduate Spc. Jessica E. Point-du-Jour, are ready to take the training learned and utilize it in their leadership style.

"I feel as though the training received during BLC enabled me to be a well-rounded leader to the Soldiers appointed under me in the future," said Point-du-Jour. "With this training, I will continue to help enforce standards within my unit."

Command Sgt. Maj. David W. Carr, former command senior enlisted leader for JTF-GTMO, approached DeFreese about having the course here for Troopers approximately nine months ago, said DeFreese.

"My immediate response was yes, but then we had to figure out how to make that happen," DeFreese said. "It took about six



Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis DeFreese, commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, speaks to graduating BLC Class 711-16, May 5, about determining their leadership skills and following the school's motto: "By example."

months to figure out who was paying for it, how we were going to do the coordination for it, but it was always something we were going to do; it was always something manageable."

Many JTF Troopers have voiced how appreciative they are to have the opportunity to complete BLC while deployed here, said Point-du-Jour.

"I'm very thankful that the opportunity to complete BLC, while deployed in GTMO, was an option," said Point-du-Jour.

"Not many get an opportunity like this, so you have to take advantage when things like this come along."

In conducting the course at GTMO, which is a joint location, the primary goal is to shorten the backlog for the National Guard and Reserve Soldiers waiting to

attend the course, said DeFreese. He stressed the importance of the commands supporting the efforts to continue the course for the Troopers.

"I was surprised that Adm. Clarke was so passionate about me continuing doing this," DeFreese said. "To hear another service passionate about our young NCOs' education was definitely refreshing and gave me motivation to make sure this happens on a recurring basis."

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U.S. Army Sgt. Shibin Varghese, a Joint Task Force Guantanamo graduate of the Basic Leader Course, shakes the hand of the commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis DeFreese, while receiving his graduation certificate, May 5.



Sgt. Patrick Spaulding, a Joint Task Force Basic Leader Course graduate, receives a commemorative paddle for outstanding leadership, May 5, at W.T. Sampson Elementary School on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# MAKING YOUR MARRIAGE WORK ISN'T EASY



In a world of uncertainties, making a marriage work is hard enough, but when you add in the stresses of military life, not just here, but around the world, the challenges can seem impossible to overcome. Through hard work, dedication, and communication, most marriages can survive the long periods of separation and the strain military jobs can place upon them.

According to an article on [military.com](http://military.com), divorce rates are at their lowest since 2005: 3.1 percent throughout the Department of Defense, Pentagon officials said. The rates have steadily declined since 2011, when they reached an all-time high of 3.7 percent.

To keep the rates in decline, service members can turn to multiple sources to assist families and spouses in need. [Militaryonesource.com](http://Militaryonesource.com) is a one-stop shop for articles and helpful tips on anything service members and their families may need. An article titled, "Balancing Work and Life as a Military Couple," states couples who foresee the challenges of a military marriage and confront hardships with eyes wide open will have the advantage over those with fewer realistic expectations.

Most military couples realize that separation is inevitable, whether it's a deployment, training in the field or military education. Military couples should not expect to be together through every assignment or even at every duty station.

Couples should expect to have to make difficult career decisions. If you are a civilian spouse, you may have to make more

sacrifices than your military counterpart by giving up jobs and friends whenever your spouse is transferred to a new duty station. There may be times when you have to make the choice to be willingly separated for long or short periods of time and times when you may not have a choice.

When you are separated, focus on communication. The [militaryonesource.com](http://militaryonesource.com) article states communication is an essential ingredient of all healthy relationships and a critical skill for couples balancing family and demanding careers.

Great forms of communication are email,

video chat, phone calls and even the old-fashioned letter. Although speaking to your spouse would be preferable in person, any communication is better than none.

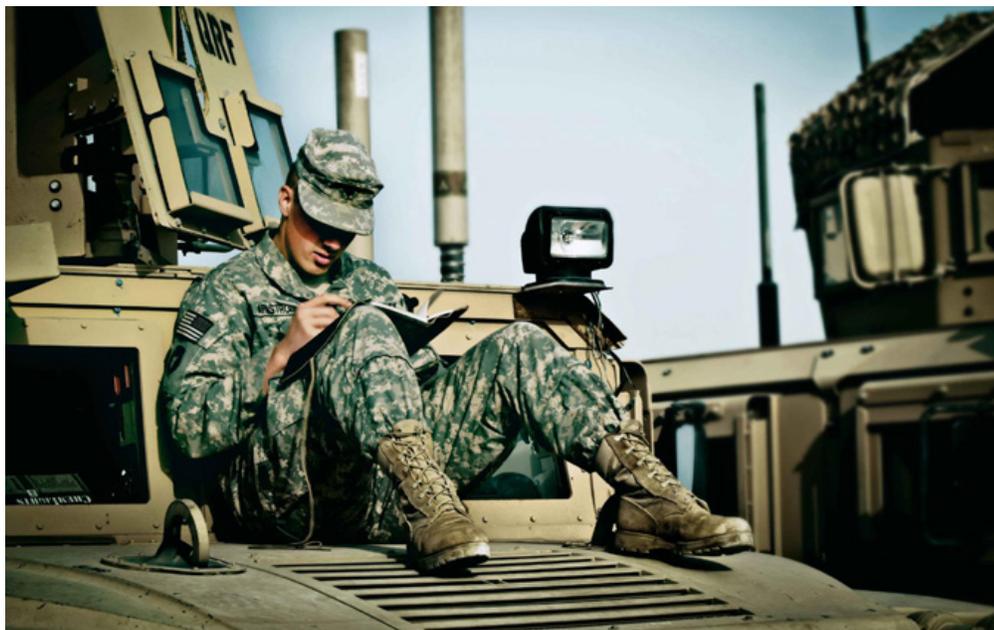
Plan date nights through video chat, watch movies together even when you are apart. Plan surprises for each other, send little gifts or care packages that have something special for your spouse to let him or her know you are thinking of them. Another great way is to be active together; set fitness goals you want to accomplish while you are apart and surprise your spouse with the progress or transformation you accomplished.

If you are still struggling to cope with the separation take advantage of the professional help that is available to you. Military One Source, your installation's family support center, and the chaplain are here to help you with any issues that may arise.

When you are together take advantage of that time. Continue working on your communication skills, so that if you are separated again you know what the most effective form of communication is. Go on dates with your spouse.

Marriage is hard and complicated, but it is also wonderful. Through communication and care, a marriage can outlast the long and arduous separations that come with military life.

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## JSMART SPOT

JSMART HELPER: SOPHIE

# CONTROL YOUR STRESS



Stress is everywhere. Whether you're late for work and stuck behind a 25 MPH gator or lifting 1,000 pounds at the Denich gym, stress is really unavoidable. Stress is so intertwined with our lives, it is important for us to know how to manage and balance out stressors we face every day; this is why we need resiliency.

Resiliency is the ability to withstand, recover, grow and function competently

in the presence of stressors, adversity and challenging demands. Without resiliency, we are like a rubber band stretched so far that we are unable to return to our original form. A key reminder when determining good stress from bad stress is asking yourself, "Is this beneficial to my overall growth as a human being?"

We all have the responsibility to lessen

the negative effects of stress and incorporate functions that physically, psychologically, socially and spiritually enhance our wellbeing. Therefore, take decisive actions that lead towards a solution to your stress rather than inaction that ignores it. Allow yourself time for rest and fun activities.

Keep a positive outlook; visualize what you want rather than what you fear. Look for opportunities for self-discovery, improvement and nurture a positive outlook about yourself in order to build confidence in your ability to solve problems. Make sure to keep things in perspective to avoid blowing them out of proportion. Gain support and encouragement through connection with family, friends and coworkers. Lastly, remember to identify ways that work well for YOU to foster your own resilience.

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# HEALTH

## DON'T LICK YOUR PHONE

What would you rather do, lick a toilet bowl or your smartphone? It is a foul image to place in a person's head, right? Well, let us make it worse: licking the porcelain throne is safer for you than an everyday item such as a phone. We know to clean our bathrooms, kitchens and floors; yet, we often forget to clean other objects such as phones, keyboards, door handles and light switches. These common objects, referred to as fomites in preventive medicine and other medical occupations, can be some of the most dangerous vectors of germs and disease and may be contaminated with infectious organisms and serve in their transmission.

Let me put this in perspective for a moment. Think of everything your hands touch throughout the day, anything from texting on your phone, to opening the locker room door, to kids using school-owned

instruments in band.

Fomites have been known to transfer some very serious illnesses and disease, some of these being recent and deadly epidemics. Fomites had a part to play in the Ebola Virus outbreak in October 2015. In 2007, there was an outbreak of the Norovirus at an elementary school in the District of Columbia. In some cases, fomites were found to be transmitting the virus. Other diseases that can be transferred by fomites are scabies, Human Papillomavirus infections, mumps, viral gastroenteritis and so on.

To help ward off these germs, we have to do much more than use a damp paper towel to open the bathroom door. That's right, cleaning and sanitizing all commonly used areas in your humble abode is the best trick we have here at preventive medicine. Unfortunately, we cannot rid the world of

deadly contagions, yet.

So how exactly do we clean objects we use every day? Let us start with almost everyone's most prized possession, the cell phone. Harsh chemicals are not recommended for this task. Instead, remove excess oil and dirt with a microfiber cloth, use cotton swabs doused in distilled water for the screen and camera and rubbing alcohol for keyboards and hard plastic. It is extensive and time consuming if done correctly. Keyboards are much easier; thank goodness for keyboard dusters. Imagine taking cotton swabs between each individual key. For other surfaces, toys, doorknobs etc., use sanitizing wipes to rid your usable space of disease-causing germs.

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# GTMO RUNNERS GET COLORED WITH FUN

Splashes of color can add excitement to a runner's stride and that is exactly what happened Saturday, May 7, on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as the Color Me GTMO 5K run kicked off from Cooper Field.

Many participants signed up for the event this year including Joint Task Force Troopers, NSGB service members and their families, as well as contractors and civilians. Each person received a pair of colorful sunglasses, a white event T-shirt with this year's logo on it that by the end of the run took on the look of a masterful Picasso painting. This was not a timed race, giving participants the chance to walk, run or jog and have a great time with friends and family.

Color runs have become a popular event in many cities back home, so why not bring them here to the island?

This event is usually held at least twice a year

here on island, and is one of the more anticipated events hosted by the Morale, Welfare & Recreation team according to the MWR website.

Throughout the run, stations were set up by volunteers and service members allowing them to blast the runners with a plethora of different colors, from red to green and all colors in between. Not one person was safe from being splashed with color, from the runners to the volunteers and even the bystanders watching the event take place.

By the end of the run, everyone crossing the finish line at the Windjammer Patio looked like a human rainbow. Each participant was covered in multicolor paint from head to toe. Runners were hugging and taking pictures with one another; children were making colorful piles of the leftover powder on the ground and throwing them at each other while the huge crowd of supporters cheered and laughed at all the colorful participants.

"It was probably the most colorful race I have ever been a part of," said Spc. Cameron Ashley, one of the JTF Troopers who participated in the run.

According to India's history, these types of runs are based off of a Hindu spring festival, Holi, held throughout India and Nepal. It is better referred to as the festival of colors or the festival of sharing love.

If you missed out on this colorful fun run, do not worry; another one is being scheduled by the MWR, so put on your white clothing and get ready to get colorful.

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One of the many Joint Task Force Troopers of the Color Me GTMO 5K run blasts through orange and blue powder here on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, May 7.



Participants in the Color Me GTMO 5K rejoice as they come to the end of the run, dripping in a rainbow of color here on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, May 7.



A Joint Task Force Trooper participating in the Color Me GTMO 5K run, roars with excitement here on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, May 7.



Participants in the Color Me GTMO 5K run pass one of the many color stations where fellow service members, civilians and volunteers shower them with a plethora of colors here on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, May 7.

# CACTUS EXHIBIT BLOOMS AT GTMO NURSERY

Volunteers from Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay invested nearly 400 man-hours in building a low maintenance and low water requirement landscaping example for residents and service members living on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba here.

Over the past four months, a group of approximately 10 Troopers brought a cactus garden from the design phase to near completion while volunteering on Saturday mornings.

When complete, the project will provide Guantanamo Bay residents with an example of xeriscaping, a style of landscaping that does not require a lot of water for irrigation.

"We create all of our own water here at Guantanamo, so because of limited watering, we wanted to be able to show people the beauty of landscaping with cactus and succulents," said Misty Heath, the



One of two cactus gardens at the plant nursery awaits the addition of lawn chairs. When the project is complete, the plants will fill in much of the empty space. The exhibit is intended to provide Troopers and residents with a quiet place to relax and unwind.

Community Garden Coordinator at Nursery GTMO. "Residents can have a pretty yard or beautiful area around their office without having to use a lot of water."

In addition to saving water, the project provides Troopers with a way to give back to the community through volunteer work.

"I didn't want to just sit there and get credit for volunteer hours like some of the (Morale, Welfare & Recreation) events, I wanted to do something that would show our contribution and also help everybody else out," said Sgt. Joshua Douglass, a JTF Trooper. "It's important to help the Navy installation and the people stationed here and there's not a lot of landscaping options, so we figured this would benefit everybody in the community."

The initial project has taken on a life of its own, as

Heath encouraged the volunteers to add their own creative ideas to the garden.

"We plan on building some benches so people can just go sit down and take a load off, relax and take in a good view," said Chief Petty Officer Scott Elmlblad, a JTF Trooper. "It's probably going to be done in the next month because we've got the main part all done and they've got a secondary garden going right now that's nearly finished."

Another benefit of the project is the use of local materials, which saves money compared to shipping in materials from the U.S.

"We transplanted native agave and cactus from different parts of the island through guidance from the Natural Resources Department at Public Works," said Elmlblad. "It may look a little sparse

to some people but the agave will spread out and we take it from different parts of the island for diversity and conservation."

Not all the plants used are natives; however, volunteers did rescue a 500-pound agave plant from a construction site in one of the housing areas, said Heath.

The cactus garden is available for use outside of the nursery's normal operating hours, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"We are only open on Saturday mornings, but if a group wants to come down during the week, they can always contact us and they are welcome take a look," said Heath.

The nursery can be contacted through their Nursery GTMO Facebook page or by calling 2090.

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Master Sgt. Jerry Townsend, a Joint Task Force Trooper, loads rock and coral from a quarry at Cable Beach to fill in the second cactus garden at the plant nursery, April 30. Townsend and other JTF volunteers made more than 20 trips.



Cpl. Tanner Wickam, a JTF Trooper, levels white rock hauled in from Cable Beach to add color accent in the landscaping of the new cactus garden at the plant nursery. The goal of the exhibit is to give Troopers and residents a place to relax and provide inspiration for landscaping around their living quarters.

# HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

# PREPARE

## BASE HURRICANE SHELTERS

JTF - W.T. SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL

JTF - W.T. SAMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JTF - VILLAMAR CDC

JTF - WINDJAMMER BALLROOM

JTF - DENICH GYM

MARINE SITE - MARINE HILL LIBERTY CENTER

MARINE POINT OLD CONSTRUCTION - MARINE HILL LIBERTY CENTER

RADIO POINT - YOUTH CENTER

RADIO POINT OLD CONSTRUCTION - YOUTH CENTER

PAOLA POINT - YOUTH CENTER

DEER POINT - MARINE HILL LIBERTY CENTER

CONTRACTOR MANNED CAMPS - BOWLING ALLEY

OVERFLOW - COMMUNITY CENTER

### Stay Connected When A Hurricane

- Purchase a battery-, solar-, or crank-operated AM/FM radio.
- If the power goes out in your home, you can listen to emergency warnings, hurricane location, and conditions where emergency warnings, hurricane location, and conditions information will be broadcast.
- Both the Defense Media Activity detachment (Radio Office) and the Telephone Exchange have emergency auxiliary power and telephone capability in the event of storm-related major hurricanes.
- Purchase a traditional CORDED telephone without a cord that requires an electrical outlet. It doesn't have to be your own and receive calls as long as the base telephone network requires power to operate.
- Know the Giant Voice tones and emergency numbers. Carry wallet cards and residence stickers / magnets.

### Emergency Resources

- The Emergency Information hotline is similar to the 25 callers at a time. During normal operations, residence INFO (4636)
- Business cards with emergency contact numbers and wallet cards should be provided by your sponsor (installation EM department). Replacements are also available at 3 Housing locations (Main Office, Front Desk Bldg 1, etc.)
- Residence Stickers / Magnets with emergency contact information are also being developed. For residences with stickers, other residences should have them posted on their doors from the housing office or the installation EM department.

### Securing Your Home

**Hurricanes** can form quickly in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

**Contact** the housing office if you will be off-island for more than 72 hours.

**Before You Vacation** - It's your responsibility to secure your house in the event of inclement weather. Do not leave your car at Ferry Landing. **Take** trash cans inside or place in an outdoor closet.

**All** pools, trampolines and toys or any other possible projectiles need to be secured.

**Tables**, chairs, grills, plants in pots and any other outdoor items need to be stowed.

**Organize** your garage because winds will enter the space through the opening at the bottom of the garage door and any unsecured items can damage the structure or vehicle inside.

**If** you live in one of the houses that are designated to go to a base shelter or you are going to a friend's house, you need to secure the items listed above before leaving your home.

### On-Line Hurricane Readiness Resources

#### Ready.Gov

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) - Emergency planning information and tools for all personnel.

#### NFAAS and PAGE 2

<https://navyfamily.navy.mil> - Web-based accountability, assessment and recovery tool for disaster-affected Navy personnel and their families. Ensure your Page 2 is updated.

#### FEMA

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) - Offers information on the range of natural and man-made disasters and guidance for protecting families and their property.

#### National Hurricane Center

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) - Coordinating with the National Weather Service, The National Hurricane Center provides tropical weather analysis and forecasts, in efforts to save lives, mitigate property loss, and improve economic efficiency by issuing watches and warnings.

### Conditions of Readiness

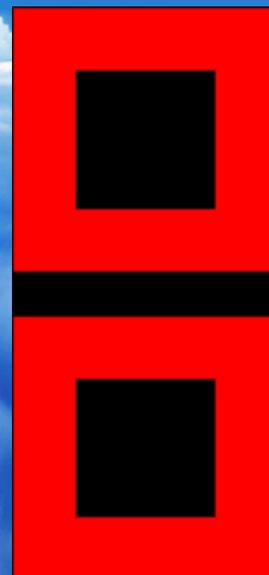
**Readiness Condition V**  
Destructive winds (sustained  $\geq$  50 knot winds) possible within 96 hours.

**Readiness Condition IV**  
Destructive winds (sustained  $\geq$  50 knot winds) possible within 72 hours.

**Readiness Condition III**  
Destructive winds (sustained  $\geq$  50 knot winds) possible within 48 hours.

**Readiness Condition II**  
Destructive winds (sustained  $\geq$  50 knot winds) anticipated within 24 hours.

# YOURSELF



## Plane Approaches

FM radio (and packs of replacement batteries),  
ing to FM 102.1 / 103.1 or AM 1340,  
itions of readiness and any other important  
oGTMO), and the Base Communications  
ry power that will allow uninterrupted broadcast  
d power outages. Power will be secured during  
t an answering machine; ensure it doesn't  
r primary phone, but it will enable you to place  
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Movie and Galley phone lines; it can handle up to  
nts can call in to hear the Giant Voice signals. Dial  
mustering procedures are being distributed to all  
or's command/activity (they can get them from the  
available at the FFSC, the Navy Lodge, or any of the  
670, Leeward).  
act numbers, mustering procedures, and shelter  
n metal entry doors, they should be posted on the  
ic refrigerator door. Replacements will be available  
ment.

## Business (COR) Levels

### Readiness Condition I

Destructive winds (sustained  $\geq$  50 knot winds) are occurring or anticipated within 12 hours.

### Hurricane Post Landfall

All personnel are required to remain in their shelter until NAVFAC completes a Damage Assessment. When Damage Assessment is complete the NAVSTA Commanding Officer will direct "All Clear." Mass Warning and Notification System will be utilized and PAO will update Radio GTMO, Facebook, and the base roller with appropriate information.



## EMERGENCY KIT Supply List:

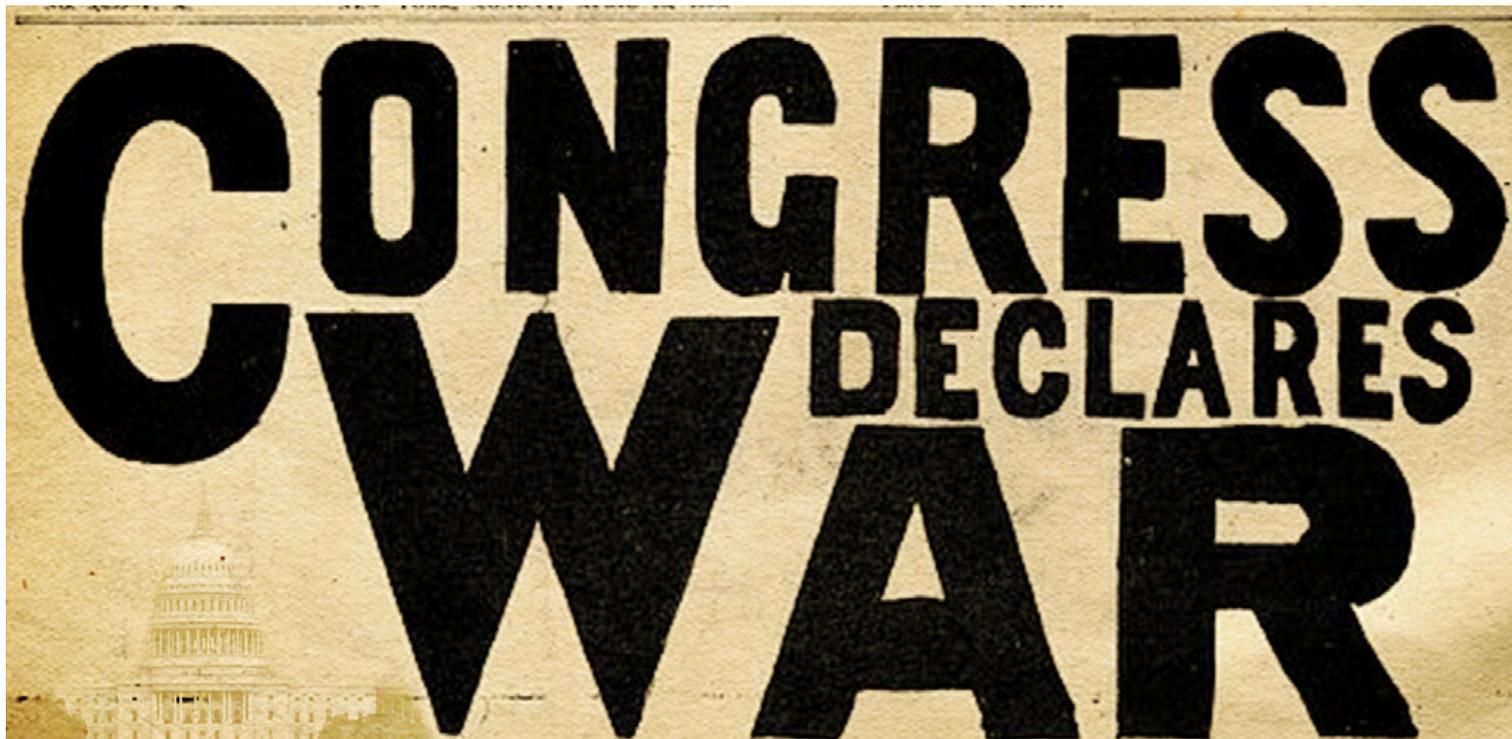
- **Water**—At least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
  - **Food**—Nonperishable food to support everyone in the household for at least three days (include canned goods with low salt and high liquid content.)
  - **Manual can opener**
  - **First aid kit**
  - **Prescription medications**—Enough for at least three days
  - **Dust masks** or cotton t-shirts for every member of the household to help filter the air
  - **Personal sanitation supplies**— Items such as moist towelettes (one container for every two people in the household), garbage bags, and plastic ties
  - **Flashlight**— One for every two people in the household
  - **Battery-powered** or hand-crank radio
  - **All-hazards NOAA** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio
  - **Extra batteries**—Sizes and quantities based on flashlights, radios and other items in kit
  - **Money** (at a minimum, \$100 in local currency, small denomination bills)
  - **Wrench** or pliers for turning off utilities
  - **Local maps**
  - **Family emergency plan**
  - **Your command muster information**
  - **Important personal and financial documents**—Printed copies or electronic copies on a durable storage media such as a thumb drive and stored in waterproof container.
- Additional:**
- **Infant formula**—Enough for at least three days
  - **Diapers**—Enough for at least three days
  - **Food and water for your pet**— Enough for at least three days
  - **Items for individuals with special needs**, such as wheelchair batteries or other medical equipment or supplies
  - **Paper plates**, paper cups, plastic utensils, paper towels
  - **Disinfectant**
  - **Matches** in a waterproof container
  - **Whistle** to signal for help
  - **Sturdy shoes**
  - **Hats and gloves**
  - **Sleeping bag** or other weather appropriate bedding for each person
  - **A weather-appropriate** change of clothes for each person
  - **Coats**, jackets, and rain gear
  - **Fire extinguisher**
  - **Paper** and pencil
  - **Books**, games, puzzles, toys, and other activities for children
  - **Any items** necessary for specific type of disaster and to assist you during electricity, gas, water, and sewage outages.

\*\*\*Additionally, you may want to consider having supplies for sheltering for up to two weeks \*\*\*

For more information please visit: [www.ready.navy.mil](http://www.ready.navy.mil)

# HISTORY

## U.S. DECLARES WAR ON SPAIN



**A**pril marked the 118th anniversary of the U.S. declaration of war against Spain – and the beginning of the Spanish-American War.

Actually, a declaration of war was issued by Congress on April 25, 1898, but Congress made the declaration retroactive to April 22. The quick pace of events during the third week of April 1898 went like this: On April 11 President McKinley asked Congress for war. On April 16 the U.S. Army began mobilization for war.

The Teller Amendment passed in Congress, which stated that the U.S. would not annex Cuba. On April 19 Congress declared Cuba independent from Spain. On April 22 the U.S. Navy commenced a blockade of Cuba and captured their first Spanish ship. Also on April 22, the First Marine Battalion boarded the Auxiliary Cruiser U.S.S. Panther in New York. At 8:00 p.m. the ship pulled away from the dock as the Brooklyn Navy Yard band played "The Girl

I Left Behind Me." The battalion was bound for Key West, Florida.

On April 23, President McKinley issued a call for 125,000 volunteers and Spain declared war on the United States. On April 25th Matanzas, Cuba was bombarded by the U.S. Navy. On Friday, April 29 1898, the First Marine Battalion arrived at Key West where they disembarked to await the arrival of the much larger U.S. Navy transport ship, the U.S.S. Resolute, and for eventual deployment to the shores of Cuba.

These events would lead to the First Marine Battalion's landing at Playa de Este, or Fisherman's Point, on the windward side of Guantanamo Bay on June 10, 1898. More on that topic when we get to the anniversary in June. What is important is to remember that the history of the United States oldest overseas military installation began over 118 years ago.

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## FREE BAND GANG SHUTS-OUT WORLD POLICE



Joint Task Force Trooper Keonte Lucy, a wide receiver for World Police tries to catch Joint Task Force Trooper Rakeem Truss, a receiver for Free Band Gang, May 3, at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation flag football game on Cooper Field.

There are sporting competitions and then there is what *Free Band Gang* did to *World Police* on Cooper Field, May 3, at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation flag football game on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. *Free Band Gang* shut-out *World Police* with a 29-0 win. Both teams are part of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

"We have yet to play with all of our players," said Joint Task Force Trooper Rico Hardnett, strong safety for *Free Band Gang*. "We have different players doing different things and haven't played as a complete team; I would say [that] is our biggest weakness."

Halfway through the first half of the game, JTF Trooper Phillip Moore, a receiver for *Free Band Gang*, scored the first touchdown and extra point of the game. Immediately following, JTF Trooper Rakeem Truss, a receiver for *Free Band Gang*, caught an interception from *World Police* and scored a touchdown.

As the first half was coming to a close, *Free Band Gang* scored their third touchdown and extra point of the game, ending the first half with a 21-0 lead.

"We feel like we have more speed than they do," said Hardnett.

The second half started off with *Free Band Game* intercepting the ball from *World Police* in less than four minutes of the game commencing, with a penalty flag called on the play for an illegal block. The half consisted of several penalty flags called on both teams from illegal procedure to off-sides.

With 10 minutes to go, *Free Band Game* pushed *World Police* into their end zone,

resulting in a safety and earning *Free Band Gang* an additional two points to their score. As the timer winded down, Moore scored his second touchdown of the night, ending the game with a 29-0 win over *World Police*.

"We played pretty well," said JTF Trooper Anthony Burgess, quarterback for *Free Band Gang*. "I feel like we could have played a lot better. We had a bunch of penalties that hurt us a lot but just getting a 'W' against our rivalry team makes me feel good anyway. All in all it was a pretty good game."

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Joint Task Force Trooper Phillip Moore, a receiver for *Free Band Gang*, jumps to catch the ball on Cooper Field, May 3, at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation flag football game against *World Police*. *Free Band Gang* shut-out *World Police* with a 29-0 win.

# MWR 2016 SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

## MONTH / DAY ACTIVITY

May 14	Adult 500 Yard Swim
May 14-15	GTMO Golf Open
May 17-21	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
November 26	Across the Bay Swim
<b>December 3</b>	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.



# 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.

5/13 FRIDAY	5/14 SATURDAY	5/15 SUNDAY	5/16 MONDAY	5/17 TUESDAY	5/18 WEDNESDAY	5/19 THURSDAY
<b>Batman V. Superman:</b> Dawn of Justice R, 8 p.m. Eye in the Sky R, 10:30 p.m.	<b>The Jungle Book</b> PG, 8 p.m. Midnight Special PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2</b> (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>The Boss</b> R, 8 p.m.	<b>Mother's Day</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>Batman V. Superman:</b> Dawn of Justice (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>The Huntsman:</b> Winter's War PG13, 8 p.m.
<b>The Jungle Book</b> PG, 8 p.m. Barbershop: The Next Cut PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>Batman V. Superman:</b> Dawn of Justice R, 8 p.m. <b>My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2</b> (LS) PG13, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Batman V. Superman:</b> Dawn of Justice (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	LYCEUM CLOSED	<b>Captain America: Civil War</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	LYCEUM CLOSED	<b>The Boss</b> R, 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 / EYE IN THE SKY



There are not many times I watch a movie and am so enthralled that I cannot take my eyes off the screen, but Eye In the Sky did just that. The movie is surprisingly accurate in regards to the pressing issue of drones in modern-day warfare.

This British drama is fast-paced, tense and poignant. The storyline takes place over a few hours in different places throughout the world: Nairobi, Kenya, Creech Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Singapore and London. The British military has been tracking a radicalized British woman for six years and had her in their sights at a transient house in Nairobi, Kenya.

The operation to capture the woman, two high-value targets and

a British and American recruit takes an unexpected turn when the group leaves their location, and the capture mission is no longer possible because the group moves to a suburban terrorist house in an area that is home to a group of Al-Shabaab extremists. Everyone involved in carrying out the mission must make the difficult decision of whether or not to shoot a hellfire missile from a drone and into the house before the group departs. However, the strike would almost certainly kill an innocent little girl, Alia Mo' Allim (Aisha Takow), who is selling bread just outside the house.

British Army Col. Katherine Powell (Helen Mirren) and military and political liaison British Army Gen. Frank Benson (Alan Rickman) see it fit for U.S. Air Force pilot, 2nd Lt. Steve Watts (Aaron Paul) to shoot the missile, but they must first get approval from the British Prime Minister, Attorney General, Foreign Secretary and U.S. Secretary of State.

The director of the movie, Gavin Hood, did a phenomenal job of showing what goes into a "kill chain," the decision making process involved in a drone strike.

Most of the movie contains political and moral undertones with heart-wrenching decisions on whether or not to shoot the hellfire missile despite the high chance of collateral fatalities.

The gripping intensity of the movie does not stop after the air-strike decision is made. Quite frankly, up until the last few moments of the movie, I was on the edge of my seat. Another grand slam was the sheer fact that the movie did not hit on one point or another regarding the ethics debate, but it showed every viewpoint.

Eye In the Sky's compelling storyline, tension-filled scenes and excellent acting earn it four out of five banana rats in my book. It is a must-see movie, and one of the last two on-screen roles Alan Rickman played before his death. His performance is gripping and seems to abide by the cliché, "saving the best for last."

*Eye In the Sky is rated R for some violent images and language.*

Movie Review by  
**ARMY PFC. LAUREN A. OGBURN**

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC (NAVSTA Chapel)**

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

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

Sunday\* 0900&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)**

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

**BEACHBUS (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

**CONFIDENTIAL  
 COUNSELING  
 FOR TROOPERS**

The Military & Family Life Counseling Program, known as MFLAC, is an additional mental health counseling for Troopers seeking confidential counseling outside of JSMART or the Chaplain Office. Call x58406 for more information.

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**PARTING SHOT**



SLIDING INTO SUMMER BY JOINT TASK TROOPER JOHN HOUCK FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO FEATURED IN THE PARTING SHOT, PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO: [THEWIRE@JTFGTMO.SOUTHCOM.MIL](mailto:THEWIRE@JTFGTMO.SOUTHCOM.MIL)

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