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BUT NOT

FORGOTTEN

Ten years later
GTMO looks back

COMMAND CORNER

Observances on the 10th anniversary of the cowardly attacks and tragic losses of 11 September 2001 reinforced my pride in our great nation. The attacks undeniably shook our country but also resulted in an awakening of patriotism that has manifested itself in arguably the most professional and dedicated military force in our nation's history. The combination of an all-volunteer force and the fact that we have seamlessly woven together Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen from Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard alike to conduct a truly global war against terrorism has created great synergy. Our relentless pursuit and neutralization of those who carried out the 9/11 attacks and those who would do our country harm is unequalled and awe-inspiring. This effort has been fully supported by a network of dedicated government civilians and contractors. America, our friends and allies are safer because of these positive actions.

The remembrance and memorial events on Guantanamo Bay were stirring, professional and appropriate. I was fortunate to participate in the New York state flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence observed at 8:46 a.m. by our National Guard Soldiers from the great state of New York. The personal accounts by both first responders and Soldiers were riveting. Guantanamo Bay's chief selectees hosted a memorial at the base chapel that was a truly moving tribute to the victims and our great nation. Finally, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's "Run for the Fallen" was expertly executed and had a superb turnout with a real cross-section of the Guantanamo Bay community. Well done to all involved in these commemorations – your efforts made them memorable for all who attended.

While these memorial events took place, a significant number of our personnel continued to do their duty and stand watch. The vigilant and professional execution of their duties is yet another testament to the resolve and resilience that has been the hallmark of our nation since being attacked. These great Americans truly honored the fallen by meeting the expectation to maintain mission focus and not be distracted or deterred. While we memorialize and remember our nation's losses, it is equally important to celebrate



our nation's resolve and resiliency. I am sincerely proud to be an American and honored to serve with each and every one of you! Honor Bound!

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Trooper to Trooper

featuring

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Tuesday September 11, 2001: 8:46 a.m. Flight 11 crashes into the north tower. 9:03 a.m. Flight 175 crashes into the south tower. At 9:37 a.m., Flight 77 strikes the Pentagon. At 10:03 a.m., Flight 93 crashes into a field close to Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Where were you?

When asked to do this week's article about this horrific tragedy, at first I was worried I would not be able to capture the feeling of the event or its aftermath completely. However, speaking to my fellow Soldiers, it became a point of honor to be able to share our experiences and stories. I, personally, was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., working in my office when the attack occurred. I was a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve and immediately after the second plane hit, my cell phone went off. My Soldiers started calling me, asking when and where they needed to report. I called my platoon sergeant and asked the same. Then I called my wife and asked her if she had seen what happened. She was crying, saying yes she had. I asked her to calm down because she was eight months pregnant with our second son. She said she was upset, but also mad because she had just got out in March of 2001. She wanted to be part of the team that would go after the persons responsible for this tragic act. On September 22, 2001, my unit – the 3220th Garrison Support Unit – reported to Fort Stewart, Ga. We were one of the first Reserve units activated for the War on Terror under operation Noble Eagle.

I asked my Soldiers what they were doing during on 9/11. First, let me explain the history of my current unit, the 107th Military Police Company. The 107th was at Ground Zero on September 12, 2001. The unit assisted in the clean-up process and ran multiple posts throughout the greater Manhattan area and the five boroughs. Shortly after that, the unit was mobilized to Fort Drum, N.Y., where they spent two years supporting Noble Eagle. At the same time, I have Soldiers who were in elementary school, junior high and high school. To me, these are the real Vigilant Warriors; these Soldiers grew up with the war in their short-term and long-term memories. As I went around Camp America speaking to my Troopers, I heard of Soldiers whose family members were in New York City in the area of Ground Zero. I have other Soldiers who, at the age of seventeen, volunteered with their local fire departments to go



down and help with the recovery process.

Now let's go to present day: the 107th MP Co. is in the midst of the 10-year anniversary of September 11, 2001. Believe it or not, we have a mixture of experience, from multi-tour combat veterans to young Soldiers who just signed up, eager to do their part in the War on Terror. We as a unit feel pride and a sense of accomplishment by representing the state of New York and our nation during this time, and of the job we have been tasked with here on Guantanamo Bay. In turn, I ask each of you to take a minute to remember what you were doing when the attacks to our nation took place and how it affected you. I also want to say I

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WHO IS TARGETING YOU?
PSEC ALERT

When the adversary targets our information, what is our main concern?

When the adversary targets our information there is a process that is involved:

- 1) They establish a requirement for information.
- 2) They task someone to collect the information.
- 3) Collected information is processed.
- 4) Information is analyzed.
- 5) The final product is disseminated so terrorists or criminals can act on it.

When it comes to OPSEC, the only step that we are concerned with is the collecting of information. This is where OPSEC puts in place countermeasures to mitigate both risk and vulnerabilities to our critical information. So who is targeting you and what information can they collect?

News from the Bay

Stories and reporting by
Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand
and Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Sally Hendricks

O'Kelly's Pub kicks off football every Sunday

NFL football returns to O'Kelly's Pub every Sunday. All Dallas Cowboy games will be shown on the big screen. Monday games will be aired as well.

There was a drawing with more than 350 names entered which enabled the winner to choose what game would always be aired on Sundays. The winner chose to see every Dallas Cowboy's game.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's director of hospitality, Jim Estep, says he can show six different games at a time.

"If there is a Monday game, the Cowboys will be shown on three of the monitors," said Estep. "We have seven monitors so we will be able to show many of the teams."

For more information, call Estep at x55102.

Sign up for MWR's hockey touney - no skates needed

Register by Tuesday for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Hockey Tournament to be held Sept. 24.

No skates are required and gear will be issued at Denich Gym on the day of the event.

Ages 16 and up are welcome to participate. A coach's meeting will be held Sept. 22.

For more information, call x2113.

Tickets now available for HAHA Dinner Dance

The Hispanic American Heritage Association presents the 2011 HAHA Dinner Dance to be held at the Windjammer Ballroom, Sept. 24.

Tickets are available for \$30 a person and

\$55 per couple, every Saturday at the Navy Exchange Atrium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attire for the event is semi-formal or formal. The social hour will start at 6 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Kathi Diaz at x74788.

Turn Off the Television Week hosted by library

Guantanamo Bay's Morale, Welfare and Recreation's library is sponsoring a week of zero television from Sept. 19-24.

MWR's community librarian, Amy Webster, is overseeing the event. It was first discovered by Webster while she was searching on the weblast year for new activities to host at the library.

"It's time to take a healthy break," encouraged Webster. "We did it last year and it was a great success."

This event is the perfect chance to step out of the normal routine, Webster said; a chance to discover life outside of the box.

Throughout the week, there will be three events offered. Monday is Talk Like a Pirate day with pirate crafts at 7 p.m. Tuesday is Game Night and Thursday is Craft Night.

All events are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the library. There will be no organized event on Wednesday evening.

This offers a time to get involved with family and friends, venture outside or just interact with each other, as opposed to sitting in front of a television or computer screen. It might be surprising how much fun it will be!

For more information, call Webster at x4700.

FCPOA hosts carwash at Downtown Lyceum

The Joint Task Force First Class Petty Officer's Association is hosting a car wash

fundraiser, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Downtown Lyceum.

Don't miss it! Donations are greatly appreciated.

New local band to play every Wed. at Tiki Bar

Get out, relax and enjoy some unique music brought to you by local performers, Golden Monkey every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Tiki Bar.

The band's leader Chris Dickson said he's always been involved in music in some form or fashion.

"Music is the international language," said Dickson. "I'm reminded of that each practice because Golden Monkey is made up of Filipino, Jamaican, and American musicians - and one guy from another planet."

Dickson said there's one thing he loves most about music.

"It moves you. It moves people," Dickson shared. "Think about the elements of a song. You have rhythm which moves you physically. You want to move your body, dance, tap your foot, nod your head - think 'Night at the Roxbury.'"

He and Golden Monkey believe they are their own genre of music - a different flavor.

"I'd describe our style as...chillax," said Dickson with a laugh. "We have a light-hearted, feel-good style. We play comfort-food songs like 'Southern Cross' by Crosby, Stills and Nash and 'Have You Ever Seen the Rain' by Cross Canadian Ragweed. We play fresh songs like 'Where the Boat Leaves From' by the Zac Brown Band and 'Never Know' by Jack Johnson.

For more information about Golden Monkey, attend their show any Wednesday night at the Tiki Bar.



Army Sgt. Daniel Puls(left) and Army Staff Sgt. Patricia Conyer (right) perform with the Army band TRADOC Rock in front of Camp America at Bulkeley Lyceum, Friday evening.

TRADOC Rock heats up the Bayview

Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marquis Whitehead

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Band performed on Guantanamo Bay last week at various locations around the base. Better known as TRADOC Rock, the band is made up of ten musicians - two lead singers and eight various instrument players. The band's Public Affairs Officer Sgt. Adam Muller said if it wasn't for the support of his chain of command, this would not have been possible.

"I'd like to thank Capt. Scott McKenzie and Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thompson for all their support and effort in getting us down here to support the troops in GTMO," said Muller.

TRADOC Rock showed exceptional skill as well as versatility as they played not only modern tunes but also classic rock, contemporary pop and requests from enthusiastic listeners.

"It's more than just playing to uplift the spirits of the Soldiers here," Muller went on. "For those who are also fans of music, this is us sharing our appreciation of this piece of music with you so we enjoy it just

as much."

TRADOC Rock travels throughout the country yearly to entertain groups of servicemembers as well as hospital patients and retired veterans. U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Band is comprised of one large concert band that branches off to create various smaller groups such as the Jazz Band, Dixie Band, Brass Quintet and Woodwind Quintet, to name a few.

"Dating back to the early 1600s, there was always a band playing in the U.S. Army," said Muller. "They didn't have a title as of yet but the morale of the troops is always a priority in the Army back then as well as today."

On Guantanamo Bay, TRADOC Rock performed at both movie lyceums as well as the Bayview Club, Thursday night.

At the Bayview, N.Y.P.D. members working on the island gave the band New York Police Department hats and T-shirts to wear during their set.

"It's always good to play for servicemembers," said Muller. "Of course, with the 10 year anniversary of 9/11 coming up, it just adds a little more purpose and gratification for being here."

Marriage seminar teaches communication with humor

Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand

Troopers gathered to hear an informative message about relationships at a marriage enrichment seminar hosted at the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Trooper Chapel, Saturday.

JTF's three chaplains teamed up to present useful communication tools for Troopers. Whether married, single or hopeful, the seminar had something for everyone, including free books and refreshments.

Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Marc McDowell kicked off the event with a presentation about effective communication and emphasized the importance of the "Speaker/Listener" technique taken from the book "Fighting for Your Marriage."

"Don't rebut," McDowell advised, referring to effective arguing methods. "Just show that you have listened by editing out your thoughts and opinions and then giving the person a summary of what they said."

McDowell explained how using the idea of giving the speaker the floor figuratively is actually taken literally in the book. He takes out a square piece of paper symbolizing the "floor."

"This is a great way to have a constructive conversation," McDowell said, waving the piece of "floor" in front of him. "It allows each person their chance to speak, without being interrupted. That's the key - you have control of when you talk and when the other person answers you."

Air Force Chaplain Lt. Col. Gary Bertsch, JTF's command chaplain, spoke about relationship danger signs with an emphasis on humor as he engaged the audience with stories from his 37-year marriage.

"It's humorous, but I use the example of not putting the toilet seat down, which annoys my wife," Bertsch said with a chuckle. "It's something I think everyone can relate to. It gets their attention."

Most importantly, Bertsch advised Troopers to keep giving to their relationships because they take work - lots of it.

"Don't give up, keep at it," said Bertsch, referring to any relationship. "It's ongoing and needs to be nurtured. Have fun, be human and realize we make mistakes and that's part of being human."

Army Maj. Jessica Cranford is like many, deployed away from her husband and children, and said the seminar was a way for her to reconnect with her relationship.

"I'm about halfway through the time away from my family," said Cranford. "It's good to be able to have a refresher and to

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9/11/01-9/11/11

10 YEARS - 10 FACTS

1 Just 45 days after the 2001 attacks, the Patriot Act was passed, making it easier for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to gather information on foreigners and Americans alike. Both the FBI and CIA have since boosted their number of field agents.

2 Surrounded by a canopy of hundreds of white oak trees, millions of gallons of water cascade into the enormous one-acre footprints of the former Twin Towers. The tribute is called "Reflecting Absence."

3 On Sept. 11, 2012 the National 9/11 Museum is scheduled to open its display of 9/11 talismans, including steel from one of the towers, bent from the direct impact of one of the jet aircraft. Other artifacts include the "survivor's staircase," which led many building occupants to safety before the towers collapsed.

4 Planners of the memorial, where the Twin Towers once stood, solicited requests from victims' loved ones for "meaningful adjacencies"—names that should appear together on the memorial. Roughly 1,200 responses came back, asking that a victim's name be grouped with specific colleagues, with family members or with friends who also perished in the attacks.

5 The number of interlocking adjacency requests, both simple and complex, meant that laying out the names by hand would be nearly impossible. So the planners enlisted the help of a complex algorithm built by media design firm Local Projects and New York City-based software artist Jer Thorp.

6 How much can we trust our memories of 9/11? A team of researchers surveyed more than 3,000 people in New York City, and other surrounding cities to find out. The study, done by New York University, is still in the works.

7 Science has revealed the dust from the 9/11 attacks contained cement, steel, gypsum from drywall, building materials, cellulose from paper, human hair, glass fibers and more.

8 In July 2011, an ancient ship dating back to the 1700s and buried as junk two centuries ago in a landfill used to expand a bustling little island of commerce called Manhattan was found and deemed an instant treasure when it popped up from the mud near Ground Zero (see pg. 21 for more details).

9 Investigators developed computer models of how each tower was damaged upon impact, how the jet fuel dispersed, how the fires evolved across each floor, how the structures heated and how they ultimately failed. These simulations of the structures were extraordinarily complex, with the aircraft impact analysis requiring computations to the microsecond.

10 The events of 9/11 can be seen from space through an image taken by the Landsat 7 satellite with the Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus on September 12th, 2001. The day after 9/11, smoke and debris is pictured billowing from Ground Zero.

Special Edition | JTF TROOPERS Boots on the Ground | CHANGED BY 9/11



"I joined the Reserves as a result of 9/11. I feel like I am making a difference to my country."

U.S. Coast Guard
Mechanical Engineer
1st Class Dana Santore



"9/11 has forced us to look at the big picture in relation to our service."

Sgt. 1st Class
Udney Bostic



"I was in the Marines working at Camp Lejeune on 9/11. It changed my life drastically - I get nervous getting on a plane now."

Army Staff Sgt.
Daniel Jones



"The traffic was so bad. I was worried about my uncle because he worked right across the street from the Twin Towers."

Army Pfc.
Loren Annese



"We are there for each other more than ever now since 9/11. I appreciate my country more now and I feel like it unified us."

Hospital Corpsman
2nd Class Jeremy Runnels



"I just joined the military two years ago, but I joined because of 9/11."

Hospitalman
Jeremy Warta



"I was in eighth grade when it happened. I'm more proud to be serving my country. I appreciate more of what I have in my life now."

Army Pvt.
Anthony Reyes



"I appreciate the little things a lot more now. 9/11 was part of the reason I joined the military."

Spc.
Derek Smith



"It helped me with my decision to join the military. It changed my view of different cultures."

Spc.
Spencer Grantham



"I joined a few months after 9/11. It has opened up my eyes and I'm more cautious."

U.S. Coast Guard
Machinery Technician
2nd Class Paul Lehman



"I joined the Coast Guard because of 9/11. I am proud to be in the military and doing my job."

U.S. Coast Guard
Mechanical Engineer
2nd Class Jason Richards



"It motivated me to be a better person. I appreciate my family more. Many of them are in the service."

Hospitalman
Anthony Roberts



Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Bertsch, command chaplain for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, addresses Troopers during a prayer breakfast, Friday morning, held in honor of the upcoming 10th anniversary of 9/11. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kilho Park

JTF chaplains host prayer breakfast in memory of 9/11

Troopers commemorate 10 years in a ‘simple but meaningful way’ says Command Chaplain

Story by Army Sgt. Meredith Vincent

A weekend of events and observances marking the 10th anniversary of 9/11 officially began Friday morning during a prayer breakfast held at the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Seaside Galley.

Chaplains of the JTF came together to host the prayer breakfast, offering a place where Troopers and JTF personnel could find fellowship and comfort on an emotionally charged day.

“The intention was to commemorate the anniversary in a simple, but meaningful service,” said Command

Chaplain Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Bertsch.

Attending the breakfast was JTF Commander Rear Adm. David Woods, JTF Deputy Commander Brig Gen. Samuel Nichols and JTF Command Master Chief Reynaldo Tiong, among many other servicemembers, junior and senior.

“It was great to see so many people come out,” Bertsch acknowledged. “Especially our leadership – I thought it was well-attended.”

Everyday chatter hushed quickly as the mood grew solemn and guests began to

reflect.

“The galley was typically noisy until we began, then it transformed into a place of worship,” recalled Bertsch. “I think everyone was remembering the day in their own way, as we all have different accounts of where we were and what we were doing when the news broke.”

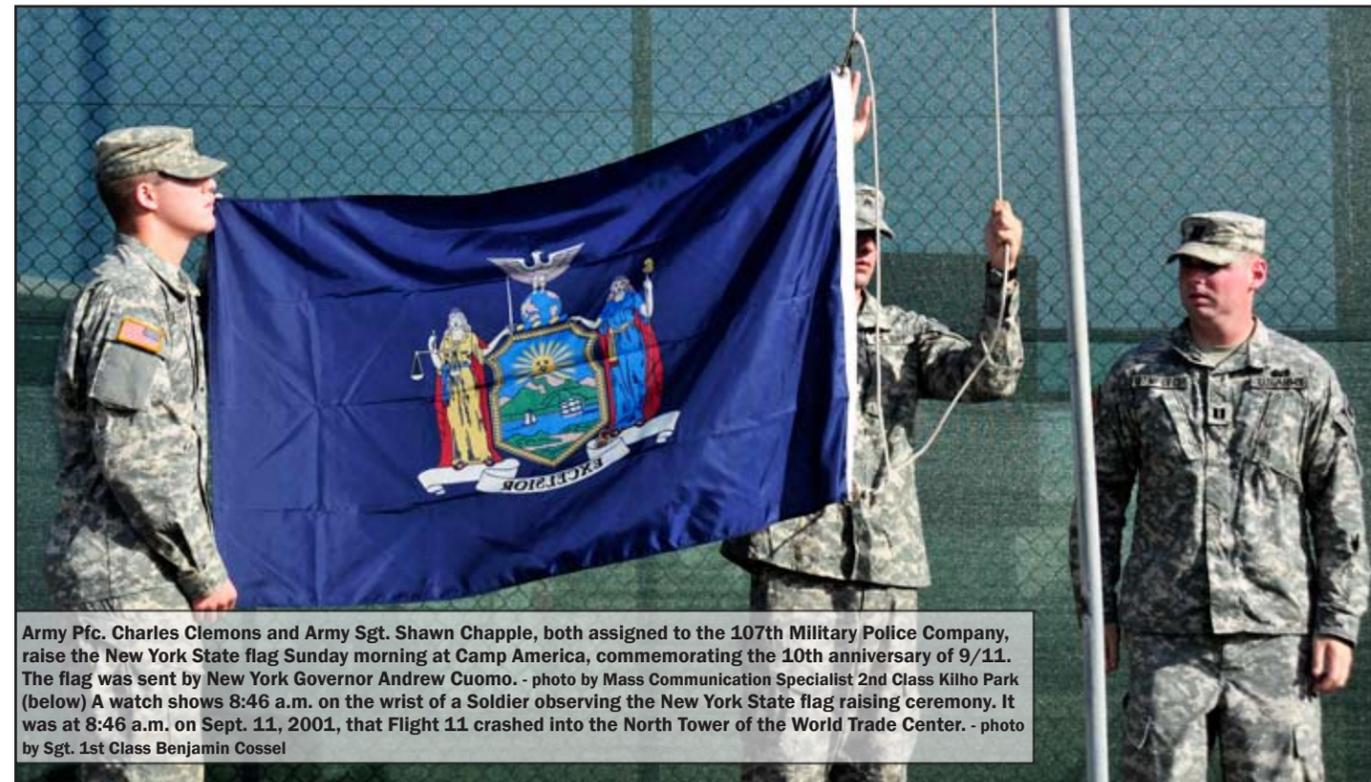
Three JTF chaplains, including Bertsch, spoke during the breakfast. One of them, Army Capt. Garland Mason, spoke of unanswered – but perhaps not ignored – questions.

“In the face of great pain

and great tragedy, we often wonder, ‘Why?’” Mason told the crowd. “And like all ministers and spiritual guides, we often struggle to give a response to this important question and usually come away feeling inadequate. And I suspect that this morning will be no different.”

“But we can’t avoid dealing with the question of ‘why?’” he continued passionately. “The best way we can honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11 is to lead productive and meaningful lives.”

The theme of the morning was “Remember, Reflect and Renew,” said Bertsch, allowing each person time to ponder the events of 10 years ago while taking away something meaningful and spiritual.



Army Pfc. Charles Clemons and Army Sgt. Shawn Chapple, both assigned to the 107th Military Police Company, raise the New York State flag Sunday morning at Camp America, commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The flag was sent by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kilho Park (below) A watch shows 8:46 a.m. on the wrist of a Soldier observing the New York State flag raising ceremony. It was at 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, that Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. - photo by Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Cossel

New York Guard Soldiers raise memorial flag over JTF

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Cossel

Soldiers with the New York National Guard’s 107th Military Police Company held a moving memorial Sunday morning to mark the 10th anniversary for those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The company is currently deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo where they fall under the 525th Military Police Battalion in support of detention operations at the JTF.

Raising the state of New York’s flag over JTF Guantanamo’s Camp America at exactly 8:46 a.m. - the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center - 107th MP Co. commander, Army Capt. Chris Marion said the ceremony held special significance to the Soldiers of the company.

“We wanted to hold an event of remembrance -- something special,” the captain said.

Working with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s office, members of the 107th acquired a flag previously flown over New York’s capital in Albany. The flag, along with a proclamation from the governor was sent to the company.



Prior to raising the flag, Staff Sgt. Frederick Plimpton spoke to the group of assembled Troopers. Plimpton was a New York State Trooper on 9/11 and remembers the moment he knew he wanted join the New York National Guard.

“I was one of the many Troopers from around the state who responded,” said Plimpton, who was working in Rochester at the time. “After about my fifth day patrolling around the area, I was approached by a staff sergeant who asked me what he and his Soldiers could do to help.”

Plimpton, a former Marine, said he was immediately struck by the professionalism and discipline of the Soldiers.

“I knew right then I wanted to join the National Guard,” he said.

Along with Plimpton, approximately 15 Soldiers currently serving with the 107th MP Co. were first responders on the morning of 9/11 and an additional six were with the unit when they deployed to support rescue and security operations at Ground Zero.

“We’re a fairly young unit,” Marion said. “Most of the Soldiers serving with us now were in elementary school on 9/11 and those of us who were with the unit are now senior leaders.”

Amongst the group of guest speakers that included JTF Guantanamo commander, Navy Rear Adm. David Woods,

525th Military Police Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Borrero, a New York native, told the 107th Troopers about his teenage daughter and the sacrifice of the Soldiers standing before him made.

“Most of you wearing this uniform came in knowing what you were getting yourself into,” Borrero said. “You knew that you could find yourself in boot camp one day and the next day be on the front lines. Because of what you do, my 13-year old daughter can take piano lessons ... America is a safer place for everyone because of what you do and I am honored to be standing here with you today.”

After raising the flag, the assembled Soldiers stopped for a moment of silence. Across the faces of near everyone, the memories of 9/11 weighed heavily on the group.

“It’s been an emotional day,” Marion said. “Here we are, where some of the most dangerous terrorists in the world are being held. To be able to raise our state flag here is something that will live on and become another event celebrated by the 107th in the long timeline of this company.”

MY STORY: ★ TEN YEARS LATER ★

Four Troopers share their personal 9/11 experiences

Reporting by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand, Army Sgt. Meredith Vincent and Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Cossel

Electronics Technician 3rd Class David Atkins grew up in Princess Anne, Md. He joined the Navy to travel and served his first three years in Yokosuka, Japan.

Later, he transferred to Norfolk, Va. and is now part of a special 360-man crew aboard the USS New York (LPD 21) – a Navy ship built with 7.5 tons of steel from the remains of the World Trade Center.

Atkins, currently serving as a guard for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, says he remembers being in Contemporary Issues class during his senior year of high school when 9/11 happened.

“We always watched the news in the morning to get on our topic,” Atkins remembers. “I was like, ‘Wow this is breaking news.’ I ran to different classrooms and said ‘Hey, turn on your TV!’ Then we saw the second plane hit. Soon after that, they started getting people out of school. We didn’t know what was going on.”

Fast forward 10 years later, Atkins says it is a surreal feeling to meet people who were actually there that day. His ship sailed to New York for the last two Sept. 11 anniversaries to greet and give tours to victims, families and first responders of the attacks.

“We commissioned the ship in New York,” Atkins shares. “That is when I met a lot of first responders and survivors. We gave them personal tours– it was different seeing their emotion to it. You could tell it meant something to them.”

Atkins says he feels it is part of the crew’s duty to share the ship with the citizens of New York.

“A lot of them wanted to go to the fo’castle [forward portion of a ship],” says Atkins, “because that’s as close as they can get to the bow



**Electronics Technician
3rd Class David Atkins**

of the ship, which is made out of the World Trade Center steel. Some of them would just tremble – it had a big impact.”

Every member of the ship’s first crew, including Atkins, is considered a plank owner and received a plaque with their name on it with a sliver of the recovered World Trade Center steel attached.

The ship’s motto reads, “Strength Forged Through Sacrifice. Never Forget.” Atkins says he won’t.

“I thought a lot about it yesterday,” Atkins admits, referring to the ten year anniversary. “I can’t help but put the pieces together in my head.”



**Sgt. 1st Class
Maribel Barrett**

The smell of smoke coming from a nearby barbeque outside her Cuzco trailer is enough to bring Army Sgt. 1st Class Maribel Barrett back to that day. She leaves the area - sometimes it’s just too much to handle.

“We had just come back from a 7:30 a.m. meeting in that ring,” says Barrett looking up, gazing slowly left, then right as if she is there again. “My mom was scared. We couldn’t get in touch with my sister; we didn’t know where she was.”

“I was looking at the TV when the second plane hit – still on the phone with her – my mom was freaking out and the next thing you know, I felt the building shake.”

Barrett worked in the Pentagon and her sister worked on Wall Street at the time. Their mother sat helpless in their hometown of Hackensack, N.J. while two of her daughters witnessed the devastation of 9/11 first hand.

“The plane hit directly diagonal from where my office was, but we didn’t know what was happening,” Barrett recalls. “Then our phones started ringing.”

One caller informed them the Pentagon was in fact on fire.

“We started evacuating, everyone was trying to call their family,” Barrett narrates sorting through the many flashbacks of that day. “After we got outside, we tried to get accountability, which was really hard because people were in meetings and...” she trails off. “What a mess.”

Barrett and her colleagues gathered a small group together and made their way to the other side of the building. When they arrived it was too late - that portion of the Pentagon had already burned beyond recognition.

“All we could do is sit there and wait - find water and people and try to comfort them,” Barrett says while fanning her eyes attempting to dry the tears. “Looking back, it was difficult. I can close my eyes and sometimes I see it.”

Helpless at that point, Barrett and others eventually walked home. They couldn’t get to their vehicles for days, because they were parked near the crash site.

Eventually, Barrett met up with her family but didn’t hear from her sister until 9 p.m.

“She was stuck in the subway system, phones weren’t working - she was able to get to Cherry street at some point and call my mom from our cousin’s house and say, ‘I’m here and alive,’” Barrett describes. “She was like, ‘Thank God I’m always late for work.’ If she would have caught the earlier train, you never know what would have happened.”

Barrett says nothing could prepare her for the next day – it still haunts her. She and her co-workers were tasked with going back inside to retrieve salvageable documents. They went to work the next day.

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★ REMEMBERING 9/11 ★

On the morning of Sept. 16, 2001, I was sitting in the terminal of San Francisco airport. Five days earlier, the whole world was stood on its head when 19 individuals boarded planes across the country and carried out the worst attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor.

The world had indeed changed.

Like everyone else of a certain age, I remember exactly where I was when I learned of the attacks – I was in the shower, my friend told me to hurry up and come see what was going on. I really didn’t believe it all at first and then slowly, the realization of what happened slammed into me just before the second plane struck the second tower.

“This can’t be happening,” I thought at the time as we stared at the TV screen in disbelief.

Almost a week later, I was looking around the airport waiting for one of the first flights since the national no-fly ban was lifted. My son was just four months old and I was on my way home to see him, I really wanted to see him again, to hold him, to reconnect with something, I wanted my family back.

The scene around me was surreal. National Guard troops fully combat-loaded were walking the airport, with nervous but watchful eyes taking in everything.

People were scared.

The ticket agent at the United booth was just ridiculous - thanking me for flying, taking a few extra minutes, talking to me, being nice. For a change, the folks behind the counter were cordial, the surly DMV-like attitude was gone.

Still, the fear was there.

I tried to read a book but my mind kept wondering, “What if they tried to do it again?” “United flight ... now boarding. First class passengers for flight to Columbus, Ohio may now board,” a headless voice called out over the intercom.

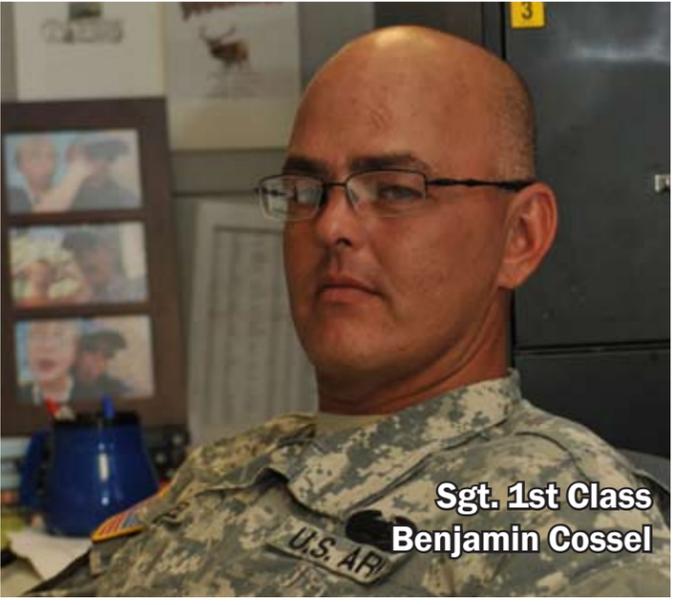
I knew I was getting past the point of no return. I’m not going to lie, I was really leery about getting on that plane. But really, what were the odds?

We boarded the plane. I sat down next to an elderly lady who took my hand as soon as we sat down.

“I’m terrified,” she whispered to me.

“Don’t worry, nothing’s going to happen,” I half-heartedly promised her.

Just before we hit the runway, the pilot came over the intercom. I was half expecting the normal spiel – “Thanks for choosing us, here’s



**Sgt. 1st Class
Benjamin Cossel**

where we’re going, this is the temperature where you’re going.”

Not this time.

“Ladies and gentleman,” the voice from the cock pit started out - even the pilot was nervous.

“I’d like each of you to take a minute to remember what just happened to this country a few days ago.”

His voice cracked and he stopped for a minute to regain his composure.

“I know every single one of you sitting in your seats right now is scared,” the pilot said. “But by being here today, you are showing the strength and courage of America. This is why we will never be defeated and why we are the greatest country in the world. Because we as a people never give up - we keep going, even when we’ve been sucker punched. We keep going.”

He paused, collecting his thoughts.

“Look to your left, look to your right, introduce yourself to the people sitting next to you. Because as we recently learned, these just might be the last people you ever see.”



**Sgt. 1st Class
Paul McKinney**

A police officer for a small city in New York, Paul McKinney was coming off the night shift on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. He and his buddies were grabbing breakfast at a local diner when they heard the news.

“There was a little TV in the diner,” McKinney says. “They turned that on. I looked at my chief and said, ‘I gotta go.’”

McKinney was also a corporal in the New York Army National Guard’s 107th Military Police Company. He called his sergeant, wanting to know when they would be sent to respond.

“By 10 o’clock that morning, 95 percent of the unit had called in asking when and where to report,” says McKinney, who is now a sergeant first class with the unit. “I called a second time and they said we still didn’t have any formal orders. They said, ‘If you want to come in, come in.’”

By the time he arrived to the armory, several other Soldiers from the unit were already there. Without hesitation, they prepared for the call. When it finally came in much later that day, the group began their journey to New York City,

about 250 miles away.

“I remember driving into the city and seeing the smoke rising from where the Towers had been,” says McKinney of their arrival. “The number of people standing along the riverwalk... the blank looks on the people’s faces – the entire city of New York just seemed to be in complete and total shock.”

The unit’s first night was spent on perimeter patrol. It wasn’t until the next day, Sept. 13, that they saw the rubble where the World Trade Center once stood.

“It was numbing,” McKinney says quietly. “It had a surreal quality because you didn’t want to actually believe it was there. But you knew it was, it was right there in front of you. There was no way of denying it.”

McKinney says Ground Zero was one of the largest crime scenes worked on by multiple agencies.

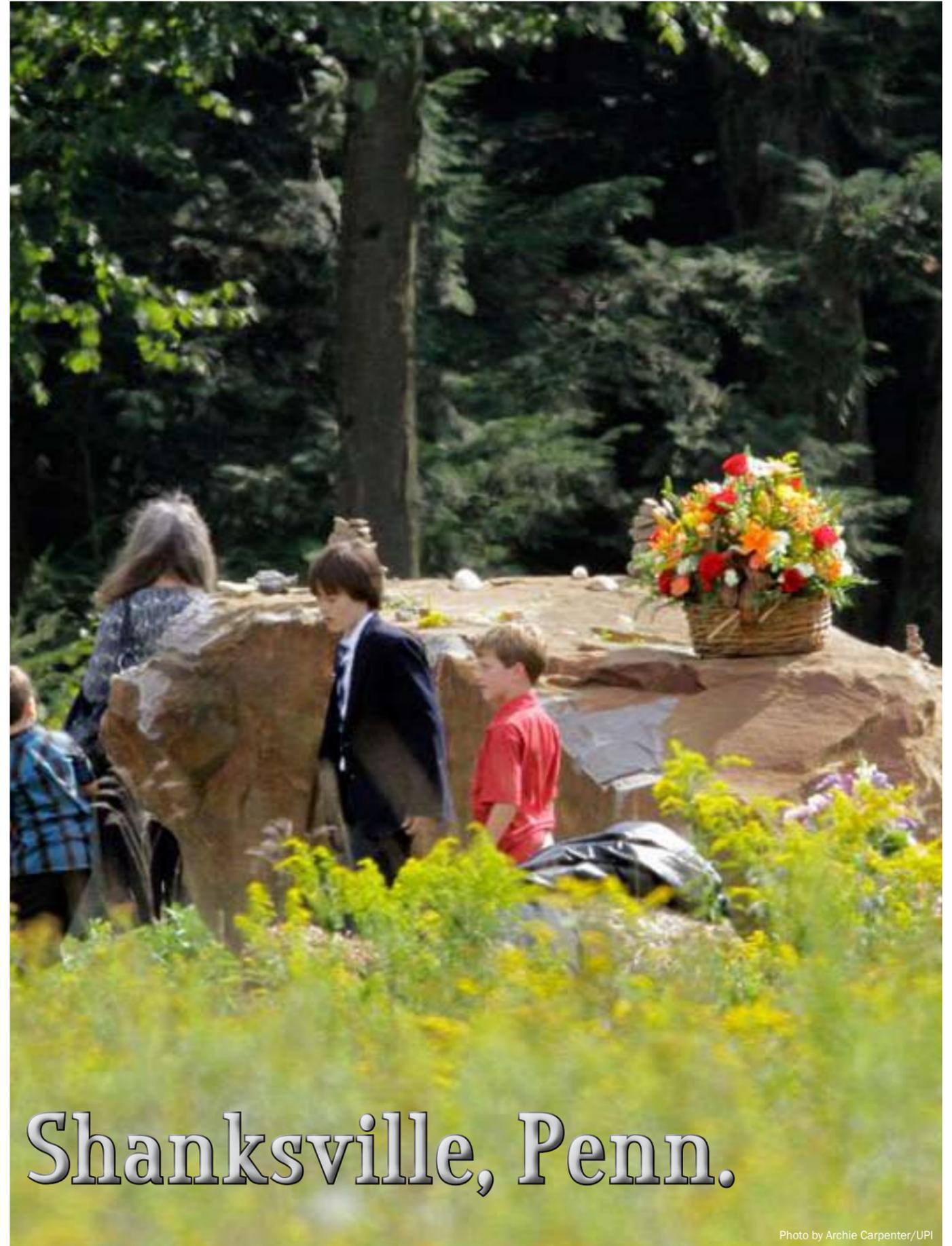
“FBI, NSA – everybody was there. There were so many organizations that came together so quickly.”

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The Pentagon

Photo by Charles Dharapak



Shanksville, Penn.

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★ TEN YEARS LATER ★



(top left) The Naval Station Guantanamo color guard presents colors in the Denich gymnasium, Sunday afternoon, before the 9/11: Run for the Fallen.
- photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

(opposite page) Runners wave American flags as they approach the finish line.
- photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

(bottom left) Marine Corps Security Forces Company Commander Maj. Winston Tierney addresses participants following the MWR-sponsored 5K. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Sally Hendricks

Story by Army Sgt. Meredith Vincent

Denich Gym hosts many fun runs throughout the year. There's been an MLK Jr. run, an Easter run, a Good run and next week there will even be a Pirate run.

But none of those compare to the event that is the 9/11 Run for the Fallen, held Sunday and co-sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Naval Station Guantanamo's Naval Exchange. More than 700 residents – old, young, military and not – squeezed into the walls of Denich Gym to



★ REMEMBERING 9/11 ★

Living It: Run for the Fallen

honor the 10th anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Before participants took to the streets, a ceremony was held inside the gymnasium including the presentation of colors, a prayer and speeches by Naval Station Guantanamo Commander Capt. Kirk Hibbert, and Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commander Rear Adm. David Woods.

Previously held as a 9.11 mile run, this year MWR decided to change things up.

“(We) decided to do a 5K to get maximum participation from the entire community,” explained Jen Norton, MWR fitness director.

“We wanted to invite walkers, runners and supporters to be a part of this very special event. (It was meant to be) not so much about the actual run but about running for a cause. We had families running together, commands running in formation, walkers and bikers.”

The response from the Guantanamo Bay community was overwhelming, said Norton.

“(We) were expecting a crowd larger than the usual 5K, but the turnout was unbelievable,” exclaimed Norton. “The response ... was beyond what we could have expected. Both before and after the

event, the vibe was just a sense of unity and togetherness. Everyone was there for the same reason.”

More than 500 runners showed up for the run; in addition, more than 200 volunteers and spectators were on sight to join in on the effort.

“We had more participation than any event we have done yet this year,” Norton said. “We feel this as a very special event that brought everyone in GTMO together, no matter where they were on 9/11.”

After the 5K, the crowd listened to a heartfelt speech by Marine Corps Security

Forces Company Commander, Maj. Winston Tierney.

“Every single person in this room is Sept. 11,” he told the audience. “Because we live it – we breath it – every day.”

Refreshments, including hamburgers, chips and a specially-made cake, were handed out along with door prizes donated by the NEX. Norton said she was proud of the base for making the run so successful.

“Personally, I never thought it would be so big,” she admitted. “We could never have had such a successful event without the support of the community and the commands.”

★ TEN YEARS LATER ★ Sharing a moment

Story by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand

Troopers from Naval Station and Joint Task Force Guantanamo gathered to remember the tragic events of 9/11, ten years later, at the base chapel, Sunday.

Chief selectees from both sides of the base organized the event to include the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Proud to Be an American" and "America the Beautiful."

"It's really touching," said Chief Select Sonar Technician Surface Michael Spivey. "I didn't have any family directly affected by the events of 9/11, but by sitting up here today and listening to friends and master chief speak about their experience and hearing "Taps," it took me back to being on the ship that morning of the attack."

Spivey said it was an honor to plan such a significant event with his fellow Troopers.

"Coming together to plan something like this that's so memorable and means so much to so many people has been inspiring," he shared. "It touches your heart and there's not much more you can say about it."

Naval Station Command Master Chief J.D. McKinney spoke at the ceremony about his experience during 9/11. McKinney said he had just moved and was on leave when he and his wife happened to turn on the news that morning instead of the country music station while they unpacked.

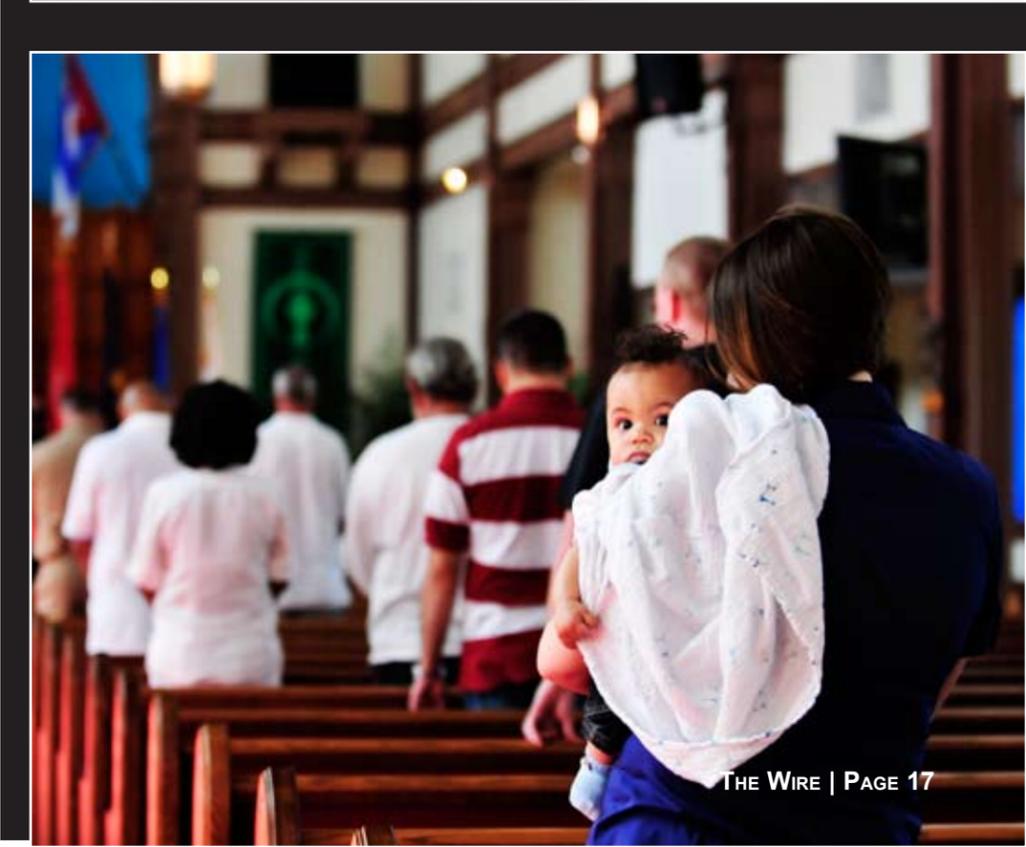
"I knew immediately that this was an act of war," McKinney shared, "and that our nation would never be the same. At that point, I wanted to forgo my leave and get back to my ship."

Other chief selectees read scriptures from the Bible during the ceremony and said the event brought back chilling memories of

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Chief petty officer selectees sing the national anthem during the 9/11 Remembrance Service held at the base chapel, Sunday. (opposite page, top) Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Brandon Wildman rings the bell, honoring those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. (opposite page, bottom) An infant looks on as the congregation is called to a moment of silence during the ceremony. - photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kilho Park



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Photo by Tanya Mitchell

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Ten Years Later: A Nation Reflects



Photo by Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images

FriendsWithBenefits

Army Sgt. Meredith Vincent

Due to unfortunate timing, "Friends with Benefits" cannot help being compared to the Natalie Portman/Ashton Kutcher flick, "No Strings Attached." And that's a bummer, because Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis make a far more arresting and enjoyable duo. Their banter is more genuine, their sparks are sparkier and the dialog - thanks to an R rating - is more frank.

Timberlake is Dylan, a graphic arts designer uprooted from his home in L.A. to a new gig at GQ in New York. Kunis is Jamie, the brassy headhunter who snagged him the job. They meet cute in the airport and quickly become friends as Jamie - and the city - charm Dylan into moving across the country. As they grow closer, both reveal their own particular relationship demons. Dylan is "emotionally unavailable;" Jamie is "emotionally damaged." And the foundation is laid (no pun intended) for a casual, guilt-free sexual agreement.

Sex between friends is no new concept - Harry and Sally explored it well over 20 years ago - so I'm not sure where my generation's sudden fascination is coming from. But apparently it makes for an interesting movie premise, 'cause watching attractive people hook up is never boring. Just look at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

The tickle to "Friends with Benefits" is it spends most of its time making fun of rom-coms. I particularly like the two characters' send up of predictable background music. With a penchant for snappy, pop-culture infused dialog - John Mayor, George Clooney and Captain Sullenberger all get multiple shout-outs - the film takes to task all the over-the-top, unrealistic cliches of every sappy chick flick. And then, in an instant, it falls victim to the



very cliché it is mocking. Bad form.

But before then, we get to see Kunis and Timberlake chatter incessantly about love, sex and everything in between. And man, are they adorable. As Dylan, Timberlake has never been more likable. He's laid-back, funny and refreshingly un-self-conscious. In one of the bluntest and uproariously hilarious sex scenes I've ever seen, Dylan has what must be every man's nightmare - the displeasure of realizing his own inadequacies in bed. The actor more than makes up for the uncomfortable, unfunny bedroom scene he shared with Cameron Diaz in "Bad Teacher" and instead finds comedy gold.

Kunis herself is turning out to be quite a lovely leading lady. Who could've predicted that spoiled, grating Jackie from "That 70s Show" would someday outshine both Ashton



R
109 min.

Kutcher and Topher Grace? As Jamie, she is tough, clever and vulnerable all at once, all the time reeling from the hurt of yet another abandonment but never letting herself step over that line into self-pity. The girl has charm in spades - wit, brains and sass to spare. Ok, ok, I admit it - I've got a tiny girl crush on her. But I ask you - who couldn't?

The entire movie is a riot - there were times when I couldn't see the screen I was laughing so hard. And yet it brings a sweetness I didn't expect. Both Jamie and Dylan have tragic family backgrounds - she battles with a free-spirit mother (sexy cougar Patricia Clarkson, who never disappoints) who won't tell her who her father was and hits on all the men in Jamie's life; he struggles with an ailing father

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Downtown Lyceum	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 8 p.m.	The Smurfs (G) 8 p.m.	Zookeeper (PG) 8 p.m. *last showing*	Horrible Bosses (R) 8 p.m. *last showing*	Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Captain America (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Friends with Benefits (R) 8 p.m.
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Archaeologists explore the newfound remains of an 18th-century ship's stern, at Ground Zero in New York City last summer.



Treasure at site of 9/11 tragedy

Story by Brian Handwerk
Photos by Lucas Jackson/Reuters

The unexpected piece of New York history turned up in the future parking garage of the new World Trade Center, which will eventually feature five new skyscrapers and the U.S. National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

Centuries ago, though—when Lower Manhattan's western shore was farther in—the site was an anchorage in the Hudson River.

"Right now we're standing by the theory that [the ship is] a Hudson River sloop, a merchant vessel," said archaeologist Elizabeth Meade of AKRF, an engineering firm contracted by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The World Trade Center ship "would have traveled up and down the river bringing cargo and people from the city to areas up north and might have gone as far south as the Caribbean."

Others have also suggested that the ship—which was likely deliberately sunk—may have done duty as a British troop carrier during the Revolutionary War.

The stern had been uncovered some 25 feet below street level in July 2010. Scientists quickly saw that its hull had been sliced in half.

They believed the ship's bow, if it still existed, would be on the other side of a 60-foot-tall slurry wall, which stretches from the surface to the bedrock below—a theory that proved correct. Slurry walls allow for the building of tunnels or foundations in areas of soft earth that are close to open water or have a high groundwater table.

The ship was found on what was originally the bottom of the Hudson River, according to AKRF archaeologist A. Michael Pappalardo.

"But within a few years of its sinking, it was buried under 20 feet of fill as they filled in the river to expand Manhattan to the west."

The ship itself was likely scrapped and sunk as part of the project to fill in the river and extend the city, Pappalardo explained.

Even before it was submerged, the boat was in bad shape. The wood shows damage from worms likely picked up in the Caribbean, while the upper deck and other presumably sound parts of the structure appear to have been stripped away before the ship was sunk, he said.

"There is evidence of burning [on the pipes], so we know that they were smoked," Meade said. "They may have been used by the crew on the ship or even by the shipmakers."

"This slip, and most of the slips like it in the area, were garbage-dumping grounds for all the people who lived nearby," Pappalardo said.

The buildings that stood here before 9/11 had relatively shallow basements, which didn't encroach on the buried ship and artifacts, even as surrounding properties were long ago excavated down to solid bedrock.

"It's unheard of to get this kind of opportunity to see an entire city block or two excavated to this depth," Meade said.

"It's really an amazing experience for us, and the last time a ship was found in the city was 1982—so it doesn't happen very often."

The lumber used to make the vessel's hull came from trees cut down in the Philadelphia area no later than the 1770s, according to Columbia University research, Pappalardo said.

The ship has now been entirely removed from the World Trade Center site, and the Port Authority hasn't yet announced what will become of the historic vessel.



(from top) Scientists measure a 32-foot piece of the Ground Zero ship's hull in 2011. (second from top) A person touches a piece of the 50-foot-long World Trade Center ship's bow, found in July 2011. (second from bottom) The teeth and jaw of an ancient horse or cow, found beneath the vessel at 9/11's Ground Zero, may have been crushed as the ship settled. (bottom) Fragments of decorative tiles are among the many artifacts found near the ship at the 9/11 site. Perhaps unattached with the vessel, the shards may have been dumped in the river at a time when the city was literally growing.

The American Superhero: Stand up, tall & proud

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Casey Glass

A bead of sweat glistens on the forehead of the American Superhero as he chokes back emotions while recalling the day when our nation was attacked – 9/11. Standing feet shoulder width apart, chest out, hands resting in the small of the back, the Hero in one fluid motion brings his feet together and stands firmly at attention. “Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, over the land of the free and the home of the brave?” The Hero’s right hand pops a salute and a single tear gently streaks down his strong, clenched jaw. The American Superhero stands tall and proud; in the Superhero realm, there is no room for the “slouched.”

Many of you remember September 11, 2001 just like it was yesterday – the mass hysteria, the disbelief, the anger and the tears. Many of our Heroes decided shortly after that the time had come to help defend their country. If you are determined to stand for freedom, the American way, and truth and justice for all, then you are an American Superhero. If you are dedicated to the service of others and to defend our great nation, you are an American Superhero.

Each day, the American Superhero willfully trudges the trenches of long hours. For some of us, it is sitting hunched at a desk; others protect the perimeter. Superheroes risking their lives in hostile environments and support functions alike have lost one very important characteristic that sets us apart: the stance of pride. The stance we were all taught as young Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen, Marines and Coast



Guardsmen – shoulders back, chest puffed out, looking ahead – posture.

Physical fitness offers the American Superhero strength, flexibility, agility, speed and posture. Among these advantages, posture will remain with you the rest of your life. Besides, who the heck wants to see a Superhero slouched over with a look of inherent defeat on his face? We do accept defeat. We will look forward with pride.

Much of the Superhero’s day is spent with a cover on his head and boots on his feet. The military cover, meant for protection and

a very crucial part of our gear, causes the unsuspecting Superhero to look down instead of ahead. The boots aid in protection of the ankles and toes but they are also literally the equivalent of wearing high heels all day, forcing the Superhero’s hips and knees to over-compensate, thus pushing the entire body forward.

Every Superhero must beware posture can be life-altering. Faulty posture causes a plethora of ailments. Sore backs, aching knees and ankles are just three in a list of

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complaints associated with posture. How does a Superhero correct his defective posture with the obvious culprit being unavoidable? Awareness! Are you aware of your posture? Do you feel yourself falling forward as you look down and hunch over while walking over gravel rock? Do you know you slouch?

Awareness cultivates the first remedy to the age-old enemy of damaged posture. Second, every Superhero has heard the subliminal message how physical fitness improves posture. Guess what? It’s true! Physical fitters tend to stand chest out, feet shoulder width apart with their hands on the hips. Look around the

fitness center next time you fly in. You will see those working on the Superhero body and those maintaining the Superhero body. Notice the difference between the two.

Third, each time you feel yourself slouch over or looking down as you walk across the gravel, think about it and correct it. At first the correction may feel awkward, but eventually you will start looking forward instead of falling down. Remember your body will follow where you eyes lead.

Are you working on that Superhero body? What does your posture say about you? Did you take time today to improve somewhere

in your fitness? Get back to the basics; look forward, your body will follow. Stand up, tall and proud. Remember what you are here for. The American Hero preserves the nation’s future.

For centuries, American children will learn about the day the Towers fell; the day the Pentagon was attacked and the brave passengers of Flight 93 who stood up to terrorists in order to save many lives. I urge you to stand up, tall and proud. Never look back, always move forward and continue to trudge ahead, remembering that you are the greatest nation’s Superhero.

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The rescues, he sadly admits, were few and far between. The last person he remembers being pulled from the debris was a woman.

“I can’t remember her name,” he says as he furrows his brow, trying to reach the memory. “But I remember that day when she was brought out.”

McKinney and his fellow Soldiers were there when former President George W. Bush addressed the city, the nation and the world from Ground Zero.

“That was a moving moment,” McKinney nods slowly, “when he said what he did, about the

Towers and the response that would come from us.”

The unit stayed in the city for approximately three weeks, recalls McKinney. There are scenes he remembers, “shadow memories” he calls them, that still remain.

“The dust was still on the streets, three or four inches thick in places. It was nighttime. They had generator lights but they were spread out which made it even more eerie,” he says. “But you could see the streets... and the shoes. There were shoes all over the place from people who had ran, dress shoes from the people who worked in the Towers... just

littered down the streets. And I remember that probably more than anything else, the shoes. The thought goes through your head, ‘did these people survive, did they get away before the Towers fell?’”

McKinney remembers another dreadful moment, as he watched a line of firefighters walking down the sidewalk.

“They suddenly veered to the left,” he says, cocking his head at the memory of the strange sight. “I didn’t see anything at first and then – there was a baby stroller on the sidewalk. There was nobody, nothing in it. But they (the firefighters) didn’t want to touch

it, they went around it. And that struck me as one of those odd, weird moments. Maybe it was a form of denial or something – if you don’t acknowledge it’s there, you don’t want to know.”

A father of three himself, McKinney says the attacks had a lasting affect on his young children.

“I got to talk to (my daughter) before we left for New York City,” McKinney shares. “And she said to me on the phone, ‘Daddy, why did the terrorists do this?’ My first thought was, why does a nine year old even know what the word ‘terrorist’ is?”

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“It’s like walking through a car wreck and your one mission is to look for documents,” Barrett tries to explain, “but you see everything else. You have to be blind to it because you can’t disturb the area – you know somebody’s picture that might have been on their desk or a piece of a wedding ring you know somebody must have worn.”

It’s still hard to talk about, says Barrett, even 10 years later.

“To be honest,” Barrett concluded, “I don’t think we like to talk about it - not a lot of people that I know do. Every once in awhile, we’ll meet each other and go somewhere for coffee. Amongst ourselves it’s easier – it’s clarity because we all understand. I don’t know if I can truly define it to you.”

Barrett says she struggles with two questions on this day every year.

“I don’t know if we all should have been in mourning yesterday or having a good time instead of remembering – but what is remembering?”

Barrett sat with a cup of coffee Sunday morning looking down at her watch – she can’t help but remember.

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with early Alzhiemer’s and the understanding older sister (Jenna Elfman, where have you been hiding?) who cares for Pops.

Even with the added family tension, “Friends with Benefits” is still frothy, funky fun. Even as they dissect the untruths of romantic comedies right in front of us, we still are aware that Dylan and Jamie are too beautiful, too smart-mouthed, too neatly damaged, to end up alone. And sure enough, after all that, they wind up in the middle of a flash mob, professing their love and living happily ever after. Attractive people suck. Where’s the ice cream?

MARRIAGE cont.

listen to insights on other people’s relationships and marriages.”

Army Capt. Garland Mason, 525th Military Police Battalion chaplain, said marriage is one of his favorite topics to speak about and agrees with Bertsch’s approach to teaching about it.

“Almost everything in life works against your marriage,” Mason explained. “So, if you don’t work at keeping your marriage strong and healthy, the natural tendency is for it to weaken and die.”

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that fateful day. Army Major David Hanson, attached to JTF, felt the same.

“I look upon 11 September as a day in the life of our nation which deserves remembrance, but not muddle and sorrow,” Hanson reflected. “We need to recognize that evil dwells in the world just as does God’s goodness.”

For the conclusion of the ceremony, one chief selectee struck bells, symbolizing recognition of the thousands who lost their lives that day.

“I’m honored to have shared this moment with the chiefs and others,” said Hanson. “We may wonder in this life why God produces the history that we experience, but we trust ultimately that this is for the good of those who trust in him.”

TROOPER cont.

am proud to serve with all of you during these exciting and tumultuous times in our nation’s history. In closing, I thank each one of you for your service to our great country, and to our armed forces and for all the sacrifices you and your families have endured.

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Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Troopers Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers’ Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
Friday 7 p.m.
Chapel Annex
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Room D
Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B

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General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Sanctuary B
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel
GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel



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FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Citizens from all nations gather to pay their respects on Sept. 11.



ENGLAND

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