



Soldiers from the 525th Military Police Battalion load an "injured" comrade into a tactical vehicle during a training session at Bulkeley Field, Jan. 27. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David P. Coleman



Capt. Craig Haynes pins Lt. Cdr. Jeff Laubaugh with the Information Dominance Warfare Specialist device at the Northeast Gate entrance to Cuba, Jan. 20. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jordan Miller



Joint Task Force Trooper Army Staff Sgt. Jamayo Moody keeps in shape during his off time by lifting weights at Denich Gym. — photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John Skrzyniarz



Construction Mechanic Third Class Christopher Covas, removes metal roofing from the demolished Club Survivor bar at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Jan. 22. Covas is assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, from Shreveport, La., deployed to Guantanamo Bay in support of general improvement, engineering, construction and project management. — photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

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Army Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Borrero

525th Military Police Battalion

When you look up Army Core Values, you will find selfless service. Army doctrine defines selfless service as follows: placing Army priorities before your own. You consider the welfare of the nation, your mission and your fellow Soldiers and subordinates before your personal safety or preferences. Selfless service means a willingness to sacrifice for the country, the Army and your unit. This does not mean you forget about the needs of your family or yourself. Selfless service prevents a narrow, ambitious focus on careerism for gain or glory. This value guides you in giving credit where credit is due and sharing your success.

One of my mentors, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ed Dahl, wrote a perfect example of selfless service in his "Take Charge Speech." For some background, this speech was written for a Warrior Leadership Course graduation as young, junior Army noncommissioned officers were getting ready to "take charge" within their respective units after completing this key and very critical course.

Dahl wrote, "Even though we comprise less than one percent of the U.S. population, we exist to fight the nation's wars and win. As an Army, we are in the position most able to make that happen. It takes Soldiers' boots on the ground to make that happen. As NCOs, we underpin everything that is done to complete that mission. Be the key player in everything your unit does and don't be cast aside as a non-player!"

Sergeants, while it's important you graduated from the Warrior Leaders' Course, it's even more important that you now assume the role of NCO leader in your unit. It's vital to execute your pre-combat checks to standard, your pre-combat inspections every time and your troop-leading procedures as if someone's life depends on it — because it will. It means later nights,

see TROOPER, pg. 15.



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COVER: Residents of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay were treated to a Polynesian style luau, Saturday at the Tiki Bar. —photo by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel
Back Cover: Company B, 1/296th Infantry Regiment, 525th Military Police Battalion Sgt. Axel Cardona was the top finisher in the battalion's 15-mile ruck march, Sunday, with a time of 2:08. The march served as a time trial to determine which Soldiers from the battalion would be sent to White Sands, N.M. as representatives in the 22nd Bataan Memorial Death March. — photo by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

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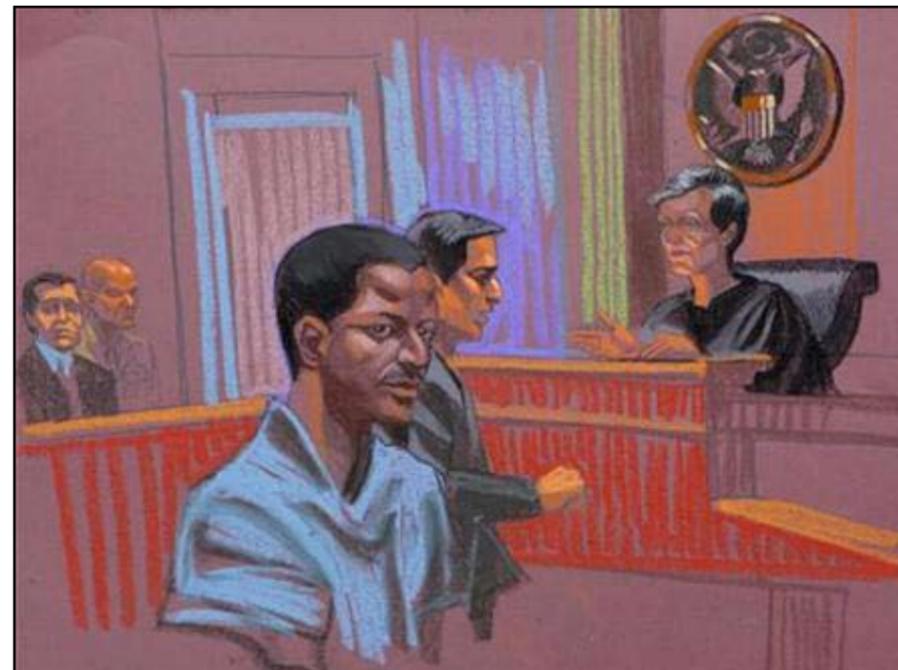
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Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba since 2006 accused of involvement in the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, is depicted in this courtroom sketch of his arraignment, in New York, June 9, 2009. Standing next to Ghailani is Assistant U.S. Attorney David Raskin, the prosecutor for the case. - Reuters photo by Christine Cornell

US Court Sentences Guantanamo Detainee to Life in Prison

Voice of America News Service

The first Guantanamo detainee to be tried in a U.S. civilian court was sentenced Tuesday for his role in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a 36-year-old Tanzanian, declined to speak before New York federal Judge Lewis A. Kaplan sentenced him to life in prison and ordered him to pay \$33 million in restitution.

In a written statement, U.S. attorney general Eric Holder applauded the sentence, saying it showed "the strength of the American justice system in holding terrorists accountable for their actions."

A jury had convicted Ghailani in November on one count of conspiracy while acquitting him on more than 280 other counts stemming from the truck bombings at the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. 224 people died, and thousands more were injured in the attacks.

Ghailani's lawyer, Peter Quijano, had urged the judge not to levy a life sentence, but to reduce his sentence because of what he called torture of Ghailani by U.S. interrogators, and because Ghailani had provided the U.S. with valuable, even life-saving intelligence. But Judge Kaplan was unswayed, and said that whatever Ghailani had suffered "at the hands of the CIA or our government" paled in comparison to the suffering his actions had caused. He said Ghailani could pursue remedies for mistreatment separately.

Eleven victims and survivors of the bombings, many of them from Africa, spoke at the sentencing hearing.

Sue Bartley told of the loss of both her husband, Julian, a U.S. diplomat, and their son

Jay, a college student, in the Kenya bombing. Howard Kavalier, whose wife Prabhi died in the Kenya attack, said he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and hopes that Ghailani knows that the "world regards him as a cowardly infidel." Susan Hirsch, an American, spoke about losing her husband, a Kenyan Muslim whose life, she said, was guided by Islamic ideals of faith, charity and kindness.

Elizabeth Maloba, whose husband was killed, said, "My heart still cries when I think of the lifeless bodies." She said that widows in Kenyan society lacked standing that they could not regain, and told of another woman widowed by the bombing who committed suicide in 2006, leaving behind two small children.

James Ndeda, a worker at the Nairobi embassy, said Ghailani should be sentenced one year for each of those killed, and noted that if someone dies in jail in Kenya, "His grave is chained until the end of the sentence." He said that Ghailani will have an easier life in prison in the U.S. than "some of us" in Kenya. "You can see he is healthier than us," he said, looking at the back of the defendant, who never turned around to face the victims as they spoke.

Ghailani's lawyers maintain that he was never a full-fledged member of Al Qaeda, but a naïve young man who was tricked into buying a truck and explosives used in the Tanzania bombing. A recently unsealed court filing included letters from his former military lawyers describing Ghailani a "calm, gentle, kind person," who is not a jihadist or anti-western, and which say that he "wells up in tears any time he thinks about or talks about those who were injured or killed in the embassy bombings."

Piracy Challenges Maritime Security Off Somalia

Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

Pirates off the coast of Somalia are using bigger vessels to extend their criminal reach in a move that could prompt U.S. Navy forces in the region to intensify techniques for pursuing the lawbreakers, the top naval officer in the region said Wednesday.

Navy Vice Adm. Mark I. Fox, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and the U.S. 5th Fleet, told a group of defense reporters in Washington, D.C. that pirates have begun commandeering large merchant ships and use them as "mother ships" to put smaller boats into operation far from the coast and beyond the reach of the international forces arrayed against them.

"This is the first time we've seen persistent and increased use of mother ships -- up to eight 'pirate action groups' as we refer to them, disbursed throughout the region," Fox said, calling this development a "game changer."

Such groups may include one or two mother ships that travel with a range of dhows, skiffs and other small craft to attack and hijack international commercial vessels.

Fox said the number of pirate hostages rose from 250 to about 770 between September and January. In response to this and to the pirates' evolving capabilities, "we're in a constant process of assessing the way we do our business here."

Defense attorney Peter Quijano told reporters outside the court in lower Manhattan that he was disappointed but not surprised by the sentence.

"Notwithstanding the fact that a jury found Ahmed Ghailani not guilty on all but one of 284 counts, including all of the conspiracy counts to bomb the embassies and all the conspiracy and substantive counts to commit intentional murder," he said, "for the purposes of federal sentencing, on a single count of destroying buildings owned by the United States, a count which does not carry a mandatory life sentence - all those other verdicts are rendered essentially irrelevant."

Quijano said Ghailani feels regret but not remorse. "He feels great sadness for the reality that he engaged in some conduct that helped lead to this," Quijano said, "but he has been consistent all along that he did not know he was engaged in those aspects of conduct which led to these bombings."

Ghailani was captured in Pakistan in 2004, held in CIA custody for two years, and then transferred to the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 2006 to 2009. His acquittal on all but one count in November has caused the Obama administration to shift its plans for terrorism trials back to military tribunals rather than civilian courts.

News from the Bay

GTMO welcomes fresh BEEF from Oklahoma

Joint Task Force Guantanamo now has the Oklahoma Air National Guard as its new "BEEF" on base.

The 161st Civil Engineering Squadron assumed command of the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Jan. 21st.

Within the Air Force are groups of civil engineers referred to as Prime Base Engineer Force teams — or more commonly "Prime BEEF"

Lt. Col. Martin Keiner, commander for the incoming unit, said the primary mission of Guantanamo's BEEF is the maintenance and upkeep of Camp Justice. However, as scheduling permits, other JTF missions may also be tackled.

Keiner said the Oklahoma Air Guard brought 38 engineers of various disciplines. Their specialties range from plumping and electrical, all the way to entomology.

Also serving with the Oklahoma airmen are Air Guard members from Florida, Kansas, Tennessee, Texas, New York and Oregon.

The members of the 161st will serve a six-month tour.

Army Private 1st Class Amanda Russell

Who will be GTMO's "Biggest Loser?"

A 12-week biggest loser competition sponsored by the Morale Welfare and Recreation Fitness group gets underway Monday with weigh-ins at Denich Gym.

MWR Fitness Coordinator Tanya Henigman explained weigh-ins will continue through Feb. 4, at which point the contest begins in earnest.

"Teams have to be comprised of four people and the winners will be determined by the highest percentage of weight loss at the end of the contest," Henigman said, noting there will be two winners, one team and one individual, when everything comes to a finale April 26. Each of the winners will receive prizes for their hard work in addition to meeting their fitness goals.

During the season, competitors can take part in regular nutrition seminars as well as exercises sessions every Friday night.

"The nutrition seminars really are for those competing but we certainly wouldn't turn away anyone who joined us for Friday exercises," said Henigman.

Participants are encouraged to take advantage of a personal trainer session available to them.

"People can chose to go with any workout they want," explained Henigman adding a personal trainer would be available to anyone looking for a customized routine

Making leeway for the come-and-go nature of servicemembers, Henigman said the judges will work with anyone who must leave Guantanamo Bay before the contest ends.

"This really is just a fun thing to be a part of, to make a fitness goal and to be around those who can help motivate you to reach those goals," Henigman said.

Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

Tax-filing assistance available at NLSO

The Naval Legal Services Office is offering assistance in tax preparation by appointment only beginning Jan. 31.

Naval Station and Joint Task Force Guantanamo servicemembers should be aware being deployed here does not qualify them for an extension, said Lt. Courtney Gorden-Tennant, officer in charge of NLSO.

"Unfortunately, this is a common misperception and you do not qualify," explained Gorden-Tennant. "You still must abide by the same timeline as everyone else."

Gorden-Tennant advised individuals bring their current year's W-2, 1099 and information from other income, as well as information for all deductions and credits, last year's tax return and social security cards.

Tax assistance is geared toward mainly active-duty, junior enlisted with simple tax returns who may be doing their taxes for the first time. Activated reservists and Department of Defense civilians with simple tax returns may also be eligible, but Gorden-Tennant said other personnel should consider contacting a paid preparer.

"If you are not retired military or you

have a complex tax return, we strongly recommend you go elsewhere," she said. "A tax professional is likely to know how to minimize your tax liability for the more complicated circumstances."

The legal office continually battles rumors about tax-filing information. One of the most common is that servicemembers deployed here should file their taxes in Florida.

"You should pick a state where you have visited and have some contacts," explains Gorden-Tennant. "Keep in mind, if you file in a state such as Florida and have no contacts there whatsoever, you risk being audited."

For the naval station side, NLSO (building 760) will be open 9 a.m. to 8p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the Joint Task Force side, the Trooper One-Stop Shop across from headquarters will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. These hours are for appointment only.

To make an appointment, call x4692 for the NAVSTA side, and x8117 for JTF.

Spc. Meredith Vincent

Cardona nabs top spot in Bataan march trials

Sgt. Axel Cardona, a member of Company B, 1/296th Infantry Regiment, 525th Military Police Battalion finished the 15-mile Bataan Memorial Death March time trial in 2:58 Sunday, beating the previous top spot of 3:03.

"It's really not a surprise that Cardona did so well," said Company B's 1st Sgt., Melvin Torres. "He's been practicing for a long time and really wanted to do well."

On two consecutive Sunday mornings, (Jan. 16 and Jan. 23) groups of Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers rucked the 15-mile march. The top six finishers will make up the 525th MP Battalion's six-member team and will go on to White Sands, N.M. to compete in the 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March, March 27.

Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

JTF optometry: More than meets the eye

Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

The Joint Medical Group at Joint Task Force Guantanamo provides prevention and treatment of eye diseases to detainees with additional support from Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay.

"The optometry unit's mission is primary and acute care for a detainee's eye," said department head of optometry Lt. Cmdr. Peter Gunther at the naval station hospital. "We offer routine eye exams at the detainee hospital, supply new prescription glasses and treat ocular problems they may have."

The ophthalmology team consists of one optometrist and two opticians. Weekly, the team goes out to screen and treat detainees as necessary. Hospitalman Joshua Ehrhardt is a member of the team, serving as an optician.

"My job is important because I feel that if we are not here they won't be able to see," said



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Peter Gunther, a Joint Medical Group medical officer, examines a detainee during a routine eye care visit, Oct. 27.

Ehrhardt, adding opticians conduct exams and help make glasses.

Detainees who request treatments for eye problems receive care in a timely manner.

"Whether they need corrective glasses, have problems seeing or if their vision becomes uncomfortable, we can go over and see them," Gunther said.

"We treat common eye issues related to diabetes, glaucoma and any injury received before they arrived here, like shrapnel remnants in the eye."

Gunther said his most common cases involve red eyes or injuries received during soccer.

Every week Gunther speaks with the division medical officer to set up consultation appointments

at the JMG for detainees. He reviews medical and ocular history to determine equipment needed typically provided by the naval hospital.

The hospital supplies several pieces of equipment to the medical section of Camp 6 detention facility including a microscope, lens and an auto refractor, which measures the cornea and helps determine the prescription.

"The biggest thing we've done here for detainees is two years ago we installed a lab that contains lenses and frames to create glasses," said Gunther. "If needed, we can produce the eye glasses the same day and bring it out to them."

The optometry team at Joint Medical Group does whatever it takes to maintain healthy vision for all detainees.

"I believe being able to see is essential to living comfortably and having a good quality of life," concluded Ehrhardt.

CIPS training an investment into Soldiers' lives

Story by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry

Members of the 525th Military Police Battalion completed the Critical Incident Peer Support training course, Jan. 21.

CIPS is peer-based training which prepares MP personnel to respond to catastrophic incidents. Soldiers learn how to deal with cumulative chronic stress associated with working in tactical and garrison environments, including correctional facilities, said Donna Ferguson, the course manager and CIPS branch chief.

"We've been going over a lot of different ways to personally deal with stress and how to help peers deal with it as well," said Spc. Matthew Haws with the 189th MP Company

Haws, an internment resettlement specialist, explained this is not the stereotypical suicide prevention seminar.

"This wasn't the traditional death by PowerPoint class," he said. "We studied the brain and the ways each of the different areas is affected by stress and we were taught a variety of methods to ... prevent chemical imbalances that can actually make you physically sick."

In suicide prevention training, military members are taught to check on their battle

buddy if they show signs of depression, Hays added. The issues discussed go deeper and deal with the individual's subconscious

In order to address these underlying issues, one must find the root of the problem, Haws said.

"This is a prevention type of action rather than a reaction to a major incident, such as suicide," explained Haws. "This class isn't about fixing the end result; it is about looking for the cause of stress or a major incident and how to fix it."

Haws said in order to help others, people have to look inward and mend any personal issues they might have.

Another student in the class, Spc. Ashley Street with the 193rd MP Company said, people can predict reactions to different scenarios by looking at their own behaviors.

"You have to focus on who you are and know yourself in order to identify how you are going to act in a specific situation," said Spc. Ashley Street with the 193rd MP Company.

Self-knowledge allows a person to be more available to his or her peers, explained Street.

"This isn't necessarily about dispensing advice or telling people what to do," said

Street. "It's all about learning to be a better person."

Haws said a factor for success is investment into the personal lives of coworkers.

"The key is to build trust and relationships with coworkers in order to show people that you care," said Haws. "This is important because people need to know you can be trusted when they need help."

When friends understand this, they realize they won't be judged for whatever is going on in their lives, said Haws.

"You have to present yourself to people as someone they can talk to when they are feeling low," said Haws. "They will talk to you and not worry about stigmas or have trust issues."

The most important thing is to be invested in the person's life before a critical incident happens, he said.

"This isn't a class that can be summed up in a few words," said Street. "I think it is something that every Soldier should take because it is so imperative to both the Army and the individuals."

Agreeing with Street, Haws said "I honestly believe this class will be an asset to the Military Police Corps and to every MP company."

what lies Beneath

Story by Army Sgt. Benjamin Cosse

Like many who fall under the strong magic of Guantanamo Bay scuba diving, Chris Hileman had heard the rumors of a plane submerged somewhere in the water. A master diver, Hileman volunteered to help on a deep dive class when he learned the wreckage was the ultimate destination. From that fateful dive, a mystery worthy of Sherlock Holmes began to unfold – how did this piece of aviation history end up on the bottom of Guantanamo Bay?

“When you have a bit of the history and context of something, you’re more likely to treat it with respect and take care of it,” Hileman, the current president of the Reef Raiders Dive Club, said explaining his reasons for digging further into the story.

On one of the five dives to the crash site, Hileman took several photos of the plane, a Grumman S2F lovingly referred to by its pilots as a Stoof, from as many angles as he could. The depth of the dive, between 127 and 130 feet, meant the six divers had approximately five minutes worth of air to get what they could and get back to the surface.

“One of the reasons the plane is in such good shape is because it is such a deep dive,” Hileman explained, noting the depth of the wreckage kept many divers away.

Divers must be deep-dive certified before going beyond the 60-foot depth.

After posting the photos in July to a website dedicated to the aircraft, Hileman heard

nothing for months. Then in December, Hileman was contacted by the Stoof’s Pilot Association. The SPA posted the images on their website and in January Hileman received a narrative from retired Navy Captain John Tarn detailing one very bad day at the helm of a Stoof. As luck would have it, not only was Tarn able to solve the S2F mystery he was able to give intimate details — Tarn was one of the pilots involved in the crash.

“We were on a cruise aboard the USS Lake Champlain in April 1959,” Tarn began. “This particular flight took place on the 28th.”

The S2F had flown ashore the previous day, landing at an airfield that today is the location of one of Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s detention facilities. Tarn, a lieutenant junior grade at the time, was flying with Lt. Al Chandler. The two were tasked with getting some flying time to prepare for carrier qualification. Along with the crew, the pilots began a three-hour flight with lead pilot time split between Chandler and Tarn. During Chandler’s time behind the stick, a pilot in a different plane was photographing the event.

“At the completion of the camera shoot, we headed back to base to change seats for my turn,” Tarn said.

Near the 1,100 foot mark the plane suddenly got very, very quiet as both engines quit.

“Chandler set up a glide to the west with a right hand turn into the wind,” Tarn said. “He made a textbook water landing with six-foot waves as a runway.”



Photos provided by Chris Hileman, president, Reef Raiders Dive Club



Tarn’s hatch came forward on touchdown and for the first few seconds his vision was completely clouded by escaping air bubbles.

“I couldn’t see the pilot next to me,” said Tarn.

Evacuating the aircraft onto the wing, Tarn noticed the two crewmen bobbing in the ocean and Chandler in a one-man lifeboat.

“We were midway between our airfield and Leeward Point,” Tarn said, adding the rescue helicopter and crash boat could be seen making their way toward them. When the rescue helicopter arrived, those in the water indicated the crew should be picked up first.

“This turned out to be the hairiest part of the flight,” said Tarn.

The helicopter hooked up one of the crewmen, got the Sailor nearly 20 feet in the air when the hook came undone, plunging the man back into the water. This happened not once, but twice. On the third attempt, the beleaguered Sailor waved the aircrew off. The helicopter crew then picked up the second crewmen without incident.

“By this time, the crash boat was circling us,” Tarn said, but another wrinkle of complication would quickly emerge.

“The crash boat was circling through our parachute lines. When the first class coxen managed to get us all onboard, the parachute lines were wrapped all around the propeller,” he described.

In an effort to free the lines from the

propeller, the coxen gave a seaman a machete and instructed him to cut the lines away from the propeller.

“The seaman wound up and missed, slicing the leg of the coxen,” Tarn said.

As the seaman navigated the boat back to shore, the rescued pilots became rescuers as they patched up the wounded Sailor as best they could.

“It is customary to give survivors a shot of whiskey,” Tarn said of a then Guantanamo Bay hospital tradition. “The other pilot and I looked at each other and gave our shot to the first class (the coxen).”

Hileman knew his mystery was solved.

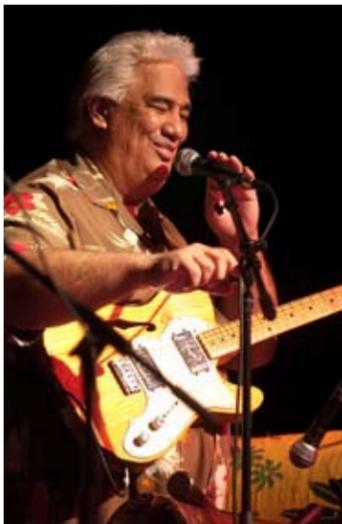
“Based off the Captain’s story and approximate position ... I felt this was his aircraft,” said Hileman.

Tarn was under the impression the aircraft went much deeper than where it ultimately came to rest, a fact Hileman used to judge the Captain’s story.

“Even though he thought it went into 600 feet of water, he was close to the shelf that drops that deep but missed it,” Hileman explained.

Unraveling the mystery, Hileman said he was glad he was able to restore a piece of forgotten Guantanamo Bay history.

“Having it solved means a lot,” Hileman said. “It adds context to the wreck and history to the base that was forgotten. It’s hard to beat a story like that to go with it!”



a dash of *Polynesian* *spice*

Story by Spc. Meredith Vincent
Photos by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel



Audience participation was a key feature during the night's festivities.



A fire dancer with the Lanakila dance troupe heats things up Saturday as part of the Luau hosted by Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department. (top left corner) Nathan Pokipala served as master-of-ceremony as the Tiki Bar played host to Polynesian-style Luau.



No amount of rain could keep the island fever away Saturday evening

as the Tiki Bar hosted a Polynesian Luau, featuring live music, a hula dancing performance and a fire dancer.

The seven-person group made their second journey to Guantanamo Bay over the weekend, a journey they were more than happy to make.

"Military audiences are always receptive and very appreciative," said Nathan Pokipala, owner and performer of the Polynesian group out of Orlando, Fla. "If this is our little two cents to help the cause, then we want to feel like we're a part of it."

Pokipala's troupe originally started 20 years ago in Hawaii but for the past ten years they have been with Universal Studios at Polynesian-themed hotel The Royal Pacific. However, they continuously take their talents on the road, traveling to more than 100 countries. Curiosity got the better of them last year when they decided to venture to Cuba.

"We'd been to 111 countries, and not one of them was Cuba," Pokipala explained. "So we were intrigued and interested. And we're so glad we came, because the people have been so gracious."

The act includes live music from Pokipala, hula dancers and plenty of audience participation. However, said Pokipala, the highlight of the evening is always the fire dancer. As he described the work his performers put in every day, Pokipala said it's just a way of life back home.

"In Hawaii, you're raised to do it," he said with a chuckle. "We've just taken it to the next level and gone beyond what you learn there."

Pokipala takes pride in the work he does, especially for the audiences made of servicemembers and their families.

"Our whole focus is trying to bring the South Pacific to those who are not able to go," he said. "We want to take the audience on a musical, comical and exciting journey."



Along with fire dancers and other entertainers, dancers entertained the crowd with many different Polynesian styles.

Uncertain future ahead for Guantanamo Bay's lighthouse

Structure "eventually will become a safety hazard and have to be demolished."

Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's historic Windward Point Lighthouse and onsite living quarters are in grave danger of entering their final chapter in the history pages of the United States' oldest overseas military installation.

At 60-feet-tall and 107 years old, the primarily steel structure continues to steadily decay after decades of neglect and wear from weather, sea water and insufficient funding.

"The main entrance was secured from further access between 1998 and 1999," said JoAnn King, NAVSTA GTMO Public Works Department procurement technician. "It [the lighthouse] was determined structurally unsound and unsafe by rust and corrosion [crews] shortly afterward and guided tours are no longer available."

Many long-time Guantanamo Bay residents, including King, feel it will be difficult to secure appropriate means to save something that spent the last decade serving

as little more than an ornament.

"The sad thing is we probably will never get the funds to either restore or repair the lighthouse," said NAVSTA Environmental Director Michael McCord, who assumed responsibility for the property late last year. "Eventually it will become a safety hazard and have to be demolished."

Although the lighthouse was condemned, the nearby living quarters remain open to visitors as a museum – showcasing the house itself and various historic Guantanamo Bay artifacts. It too may suffer the fate of its towering neighbor with King noting the

museum is currently closed to the public.

"It's a piece of GTMO history and I have a belief that we should always try to preserve history," said McCord. "We are currently working with the cultural resource folks at NAVFAC [Naval Facilities] Region Southeast and are looking into possible alternative funding streams that can be used to pay for the repair and renovation."

Until then, iguanas make their homes among the nearby boats, the future of the lighthouse remains uncertain and a once shining beacon to the sea may forever go dark.



Photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

Serious Training, Serious Trainer



Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Watson briefs a soldier during a 525th Military Police Battalion training session at Buckley Field, Jan. 27. Watson is the Battalion Maintenance Officer for the 525th, which supports the Joint Task Force Guantanamo mission. — photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David P. Coleman



It is time again for SUDS (Soldiers Undertaking Disabled SCUBA) program to visit GTMO. This is a great program and does some great work for veterans; volunteers will be needed for everything from luggage help, to meals, to beach support and equipment cleaning and more. **You do not have to be a diver to help out** and any and all help is deeply appreciated. Sign up sheets at OE and Reef Raiders. We will have a volunteer meeting on the 8th of Feb at 2000 after the regular Reef Raiders club meeting.

Iguana takes chasing humans to new depths



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trooper focus

Army Staff Sgt. Kitisha Battle-Heyward



When members of the 525 Military Police Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company gathered to discuss ideas to commemorate this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it was Staff Sgt. Kitisha Battle-Heyward who stepped up with the winning idea – a 5K run. Tina Brown, 1st Sgt. for the 525th, credits Battle-Heyward for the success of the event.

"It was an excellent idea to do something different," Brown said. "She started everything, with the t-shirts and programs, and it all just fell into place."

Battle-Heyward, who is the unit resource sergeant, has been in the Army for 15 years. However, she said, that was not always the plan.

"I originally came in for two years, 23 weeks and then I was going to get out," she explained, adding college money was her ultimate goal at the time. "But I decided to reenlist and I'm still here."

Joint Task Force Guantanamo is Battle-Heyward's second deployment, having already deployed to Iraq in 2007. The mother of two is determined to stay ready and motivated during her remaining months here.

"I like to help people," she said. "It gives

me a sense of satisfaction knowing I was able to help another Soldier."

That leadership is noticeable to those around her, said Brown.

"She's very dependable and straightforward," Brown said. "If she has something to say, she says it. She's herself, and it makes her a strong leader."

Apart from her usual duties, Battle-Heyward is also the unit's equal opportunity leader. A large part of her outlook toward fellow Soldiers and servicemembers is to focus on their humanity.

"For me, I try to remember before they put the uniform on, they're still people," she said. "So regardless of rank, it's remembering I was once in their place and how would I want my leadership to interact with me."

"She's an excellent Soldier," concludes Brown. "If she makes a mistake, she admits it and moves on. That's what sets her apart from a lot of Soldiers."

Bullet Bio

Time in service: 15 years

Hobbies: Reading and going to the gym

Inspirations: My kids. They're the main reason I do what I do.

Pet peeves: Lack of organization

Advice to junior Soldiers: Be flexible.

What would you be doing back home if you weren't here in Guantanamo?



"Phone watch at the Naval Special Warfare Center or training for BUDS (Basic Underwater Demolition/Seal)."

Aviation Ordnance 3rd Class David Smith



"Preparing for the Super Bowl!"

Air Force Staff Sgt. Archie Gerald



"Four-wheeling with my family and getting ready to retire."

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Matthew Conner



"Riding my motorcycle in Hawaii."

Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Gedeon Baez

Boots on the Ground

Movie Review

THE GREEN HORNET

PG-13

119 minutes

Rating:



Spc. Justin Pierce

Anti-hero: -noun, a protagonist who lacks the attributes that make a heroic figure, as nobility of mind and spirit, a life or attitude marked by action or purpose, and the like.

From his inception, the Green Hornet emulates this term better than any other super hero. Be it through radio, comics, television or even a new movie, the Green Hornet has always been the hero who wasn't. Giving the Hornet's role to Seth Rogen must have felt like a knee-jerk reaction for director Michel Gondry. Who better to play an unwitting, mildly incompetent hero, than the man who also plays an unwitting and incompetent policeman, witness and security officer? Some may call Gondry's use of Rogen in a role like this type casting; I call it exploiting a natural talent.

Rogen exudes the attitude of an anti-hero right from the start. At 30 years old, the Hornet's alter ego, Britt Reid, is an unemployed party boy living in his father's garage. From any other actor, the sheer sight of this would seem pathetic, but Rogen lends his character's status unwarranted coolness.

Like the Hornet himself, Rogen doesn't get into crime fighting alone. The lovable straight man — and competent barista/mechanic/martial artist — Kato, played



by Jay Chou, backs the Hornet brilliantly. The duo of Rogen and James Franco in "Pineapple Express" lead to unbridled meanderings through woods, farms and inner city streets, but Chou keeps Rogen much more on course. Chou also brings a little humor to the movie in his own way, through a feline aloofness that's really more fun than funny to watch.

Several other minor roles lend to the movie's comedic wealth. James Franco has a

great bit part to kick things off. Lenore Case, played by Cameron Diaz, holds a significant role as Reid's secretary. Diaz unknowingly supplies Rogen and Chou with their crime fighting plan of attack through her vaunted knowledge of criminal behavior. Plan in hand, Rogen and Chou head off to stir up trouble in hopes of reaching their antagonist, a drug lord known only as Chudnofsky.

Played by Christoph Wald, Chudnofsky is

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Downtown Lyceum	Chronicles of Narnia - Voyage of the Dawn Trader (PG) 7 p.m.	Tangled (PG) 7 p.m.	Green Hornet (PG13) 7 p.m.	Morning Glory (PG13) 7 p.m. Last Showing	Skyline (PG13) 7 p.m. Last Showing	The Next Three Days (PG13) 7 p.m.	Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows (PG13) 7 p.m.
Camp Bukeley	Burlesque (PG13) 9 p.m.	Love & Other Drugs (PG13) 9 p.m.					
	Green Hornet (PG13) 8 p.m.	The Next Three Days (PG13) 8 p.m.	Skyline (PG13) 8 p.m. Last Showing	Unstoppable (PG13) 8 p.m. Last Showing	Morning Glory (PG13) 8 p.m. Last Showing	The Tourist (PG13) 8 p.m.	Chronicles of Narnia - Voyage of the Dawn Trader (PG) 8 p.m.
	Love and Other Drugs (R) 10 p.m.	Burlesque (PG13) 10 p.m.					
Clipper Club							
Other Events							

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Movie Hotline - call 4880.

Planning for a fitter future

Spc. Justin Pierce

“Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision is making a positive difference.” -- Joel Barker

Joel Barker may hold more acclaim for his knowledge and advice in business than in the gym, but this quote still offers a good deal to chew on. At the very least, Dr. Barker's words display the necessary correlation between a plan and action where success is the desired result.

Importance of planning aside, actually making a plan can prove to be a tedious endeavor. Setting up a fitness schedule can be particularly difficult. Choosing which muscle groups to work, when and how much is a fairly tricky science. Thankfully, professionals lend us all a willing hand in reaching our personal fitness goals.

Unfortunately, with workout DVDs going for \$100 to \$300, that helping hand may not even seem worth it these days. Never the less, many of these products enjoy a wealth of acclaim in both professional and consumer reviews. If the price still has your pocketbook cowering in the corner, Muscle and Fitness might present a more amenable offer.

Muscle and Fitness magazine has long since decorated the shelves of supermarkets and coffee shops alike, and honestly the covers never really pulled at me from an aesthetic perspective. Aesthetics aside, their website, offers an alternative approach to setting up your workout routine. While this is certainly not an endorsement, I've used their program with a fair amount of success.

Members can sign up to receive a somewhat customized

monthly workout plan. The benefits of the program are really two-fold. Not only can you choose a routine to meet your specific goals, muscle building, cardio, weight loss, etc. but also you can choose a level of proficiency appropriate to your own abilities.

Muscle and Fitness's monthly trainer program also helps keep your workout from going stagnant by changing up the types of lifts, sets and reps. This is probably the greatest asset to the site because now, no matter your familiarity, the site can give you new workouts or methods that weren't even a twinkle in your eye before hand. On top of this, if you're unfamiliar with an exercise in the routine, one click will pop open a window where it's demonstrated as well as described.

The trainer program goes even further, allowing members to set up meal plans, fitness goals and also earn points that can be cashed in for rewards, free supplements etc. In the end, it really does pay for itself. The accountability it places on the members by setting them up with a calendar so they can annotate when they've completed their daily routine is useful and valuable.

Whatever the route chosen, using an outside source to help plan and adjust your workout routine is a great way to apply vision and goals to the action of your daily workouts. Even if you don't follow a pre-made workout routine to the letter, having it around helps keep you on track and evenly balance your physical fitness.

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more butt-chewings and more responsibility. After all, America's sons and daughters are yours for safekeeping! We are the Army's strategic leadership in Soldiers' lives.”

These small paragraphs speak to what it means to sacrifice for one another and for our nation. They speak to taking care of your Troopers regardless of branch of service and seeing

the mission through regardless of how long it takes. This to me defines, in its purest form, the essence of “Selfless Service.”

So my message to the Troopers is that each of you demonstrates this core value every day when you put that uniform on and come to work. From the young Airman, Sailor, Marine or Soldier to the most senior leader on the ground or on duty, we all demonstrate our “Selfless Service” to our nation.

But on a more personal level, you demonstrate your Selfless Service to that shipmate or battle buddy to your left and right by being on time for duty and enforcing policy and procedure even though this could be your fourth, fifth and sometimes sixth 12-hour shift. You are tired, yet you don't quit. You proudly stand your post, complete that final admin transaction or finance paperwork, finish that last counseling or write

that last award for your junior trooper and you don't ask for recognition; you just do it. Once again thank you for what you do and know that each of you have an impact on the Joint Task Force mission. Continue to serve with pride and distinction, but most importantly remember to always serve selflessly. We are all part of the JTF family, a team of teams working toward the same end-state and mission success. Thanks once again.

MOVIE cont.

unfortunately the most disappointing part of the movie. James Franco phrases it best in the first five minutes when he dresses down this flop of a villain.

Casting may be the biggest issue here. Chudnofsky's style of villainy just doesn't mesh

with Wald's brand of evil. Instead of the devious wordsmith and strategist, showcased in “Inglourious Basterds,” Chudnofsky is a flat character of few words brandishing a ridiculous two-barreled pistol.

Flawed casting aside, Wald still manages to hold your attention, and the movie doesn't suffer greatly

for it. Sure, it's not a hero flick at heart, but that never really was the Green Hornet's MO. All in all, “The Green Hornet” is a great movie for a laugh on auto-pilot. There really wasn't anything award-winning in the performances, story or score but it was fun to watch.

When Completing a Visitor Request Package, It's Important to Follow These Procedures

- All necessary forms can be found in the JTF-GTMO intranet page <https://intranet/j1/visitor.htm>

- If your visitor(s) is not on active duty he/she will need a passport. This includes children and babies as well.

- If your visitor request is submitted within 14 days of your visitor's arrival, your package must include a late memorandum.

- If your visitor request is for more than 14 days, your package must include an exception to policy request for the Chief of Staff's approval. You will need to provide justification for a visitor's stay beyond 14 days.

- Your request must be signed by your Department Head, Housing (J4), and the NAVSTA Security Office. Once you have these signatures, bring your visitor request package to the Joint Personnel Center in the Trooper One-Stop. The JPC staff will route your package to the CoS for final approval.

- Once approved, the JPC will notify you to pick up your visitor request.

- Please note, non-Department of Defense ID card visitors must have the signed Air Mobility Command letter to qualify for the DoD AMC rate.

This letter is signed by the CoS. There have been instances where sponsors accomplished the country clearance forms and stopping the process there, which allowed a visitor to arrive. While this seemed like a shortcut, the sponsor and visitor discovered that they had to pay \$800 for the visitor's departure ticket. For substantial savings, as well as proper accounting for all JTF-GTMO visitors, please ensure your visitor request package comes through the JPC.

- While JTF-GTMO supports the visitation program, there may be circumstances where visitation is shortened or not possible, such as for mission requirements, destructive weather, etc. While these circumstances are rare, they may interfere with your visitation.

- If you have any questions about visitation, please contact YN2 Goines, Visitation Program Manager, at extension 8020.



The JTF Chaplain's Office is hosting a JTF Prayer Breakfast at 0700 Monday 07 Feb 2010 at the Seaside galley.

The guest speaker will be Ch, CAPT Ronnie King, USN USSOUTHCOM Command Chaplain

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GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
Chapel Annex
Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist
Sunday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia NI Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel