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This week we observe an anniversary that has changed each of our lives, those of our family and friends, and that of the entire country. The event that triggers the anniversary was not planned or conducted by us. This event ended a seemingly blissful period in American history and touched every American in many different ways.

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

As the executive officer of the 42nd Infantry Division's Engineer Brigade, I was participating in the J2 portion of the initial mission analysis brief in the beginning of a warfighter exercise. During the J2's presentation, the briefer spoke of how the enemy was going to shape the battlefield by distracting us with supporting attacks on the homeland.

As he spoke, one by one, the generals' aides came into the room, whispered in their ear; both aide and general would leave. Soon it was just staff officers in the room. Finally, the J2 non-commissioned officer in charge explained that planes had flown into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The group of us remaining in the room initially thought that was part of the "play" of the warfighter exercise, but then we quickly found the closest TV and saw for ourselves. The exercise was immediately terminated, to be restarted some time in the future.

As a native New Yorker serving in the New York Army National Guard, and used to responding to calls of assistance from our county and state civilian leadership, we anticipated an immediate call-up of Guardsmen. The problem was that most of the senior leadership was at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. at the same exercise I was at, and the Soldiers and Airmen and Ground Zero were in NY. With all commercial planes grounded, we

called for commercial busses and extended the rental car contracts. I accompanied the 42nd Infantry Division Commanding General and several senior staff members, for our 16-hour-long ride back to NY. During the ride from the heartland to the east coast, we listened to the news and discussed a very uncertain future. Our first concerns revolved around our 1,200 New York City-based Soldiers and Airmen that heard the call to duty and immediately assembled at their armories around the city for immediate response into Ground Zero. Later, we would find that there was an initial out pouring of response support that took several days for

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the civilian leadership and emergency response managers in NYC to sort out. The National Guard, like so many other response agencies and organizations, provided a host of services to the NYC office of Emergency Management as well as other NY state agencies supporting the response to the attacks. The level of support went from a high of several thousand Soldiers and Airmen on duty to a battalion-size force providing security to NYC's bridges, tunnels and airports. To this day, 11 years later, the New York and New Jersey National Guards have Soldiers and Airmen on duty, armed every day, supporting our interagency partners in NYC's John F. Kennedy Jr. and LaGuardia airports.

Who would have thought that the seemingly individual attacks against us in the 20 years prior to that day would culminate in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001? For the past 11 years, those of us in uniform alongside our civilian law enforcement and intelligence partners have made it our business to

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NEWS FROM THE BAY

Mongolian Night is so tasty, it got moved up temporarily

In support of MWR/NEX Customer Appreciation Week, the Bayview Club will close on Sept. 27. Mongolian Night will instead be served on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6-9 p.m.

For more information, call 75604.

Don't get eaten alive!

As the bites on my legs can attest, all the rain we've been having has created ideal mosquito breeding conditions.

If you'd like to see fewer mosquitoes, drain as much standing water as you can, turn over unused containers that can collect water, and do not disturb any mosquito trapping equipment that might be in use.

You can also avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk, wear pants and long-sleeved shirts, and use insect repellent containing DEET.

Mosquitoes can leave more than itchiness. They are also vectors for West Nile virus. If you experience headaches, body aches, and have numerous bites, call 72944. Your health could depend on it!

Safe Ride!

Out drinking? Thinking about driving? Put the keys down! Save your life, the lives of others, and your career.

Call 84913/84781.

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combat terrorism. We at Joint Task Force Guantanamo have a special and important role in combating terrorism by conducting our day-to-day mission in a professional and competent manner. Whether you are involved in detention operations, intelligence collection or support to military commissions, be assured that your role in our mission is critical and we count on you to perform at your best every day. We didn't pick the circumstances under which we work, but we did pick our profession. It is the flawless execution of your day-to-day mission which enables JTF Guantanamo to continue performing in a professional manner every day.

Outdoor Recreation at the Marina

There is also a guided bike trip Sept. 23 at 8 a.m. Register by 3 p.m. Sept. 21.

On Sep. 30, MWR will host the MWR/NEX Customer Appreciation Fishing Derby from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration is free, but act fast and register before Sept. 26! Prizes will be awarded for the longest male and female snook, barracuda, and shark.

For more information, call the Marina at 2345.

Enrich yourself!

CLEP and DSST testing have returned. You can earn college credit for free! Register at www.ccis.edu/guantanamo.

The next test is Sept. 25 from 6-8 p.m. October tests are scheduled for Oct. 13 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 75555.

Welcome, 138th PAD!



The Joint Task Force Guantanamo Public Affairs office recently hailed the arrival of the 138th Public Affairs Detachment, New York National Guard. For those of us representing the 444th MPAD, New Jersey National Guard, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Command Information team.

Thus concludes Volume 13 of The Wire. Platypus 6, out!



Rock the Vote

The Military Postal Service Agency provides free expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking to your local election office. Please stop by the office to have 11-DoD applied to your absentee ballot.

For more information, call the Post Office at 2156.

Swim Fan

Do you think you have what it takes to swim competitively? Does your adrenaline get pumping at the thought of winning?

Well, get ready, because there is an adult 100-yard swim competition at the Marine Hill Pool tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Register at Denich Gym by today if you want the opportunity to be someone great, someone so destined for glory that you're only option is to swim until your fingers touch the wall.

First 45 to register receive a free T-shirt!

Who wants to airbrush?

Learn how to paint with airbrush techniques at the ceramics shop! No registration necessary. Class fee is \$20 apiece. Price includes instruction, paint and one piece of pottery.

Class times are as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 74795.

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Trooper to Trooper

Honor Bound to Vote

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Every day, as I drive to work, my morning starts with the phrase "Honor Bound," followed by the value of the week. The first thing that came to my mind on a recent morning was that this is election year. Thousands of servicemen and service-women serve our great nation with honor. In some form or another, we are bound by a code. A code that was given to us by our ancestors: from the fathers of our country, to those that gave their lives in pursuit of our freedom. This is the legacy that is embedded in our traditions and our way of life. Written in our constitution are these words:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

We as servicemen and servicewomen are the People, and we serve the People of the United States with our selfless service.

I will vote because I want to see the sun shining every day for my children and my loved ones. Because I want to continue living in a country where we are all equals and



living in peace. It is the way I can express my deepest thoughts; protect our culture, traditions and the right of being free. I will vote because I am proud to be an American and because I am bound with honor by those who gave their lives for me. Generation after generation, our profession of arms

maintain the highest values of tradition, honor and duty. My message to you is to remember that the right to vote was given and guaranteed to you and me by those that, like us, proudly served our country. If you haven't registered to vote, do it now. It is your right. It is your choice. Please vote.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Where were you on 9/11?



"I was in eighth grade, at second period English class."

1st Lt.
William Burruss



"I was getting ready for class at college. Before I left, I saw it on the news."

Spc.
Heida Diaz



"I was a sophomore in high school going to math class. Everyone was devastated with what happened."

Equipment Operator 2nd Class
Adam Feeny



"The principal came over the loud speaker and gave us the news. That day is the reason I joined the Army."

Spc.
Christopher Hudson

Monumental move on GTMO

By Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Grant

Temperatures were almost as high as the motivation level of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay residents who recently began assisting local Boy Scout Forrest Welsh with the construction of a new monument commemorating the 1898 Battle for Cuzco Wells.

The monument construction is the Eagle Scout project for Welsh, son of Navy Capt. Thomas Welsh, the Staff Judge Advocate for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

The idea for the new monument was born as the younger Welsh, looking for an Eagle Scout project, learned that an existing monument to mark the historic battle had not only been constructed on the wrong ridge line but also had the wrong date.

"The proper placement of the monument is very important," explained Welsh. "Two Marines demonstrated exceptional courage and answered the call of duty. It is only right that we honor Sgt. Quick and Pvt. Fitzgerald by building a monument on the correct hill. One on which they were willing to die if necessary, in order to save the lives of their fellow Marines."

After a six-mile trek over treacherous terrain in a hot tropical environment where heat casualties were mounting, Quick and Fitzgerald stood silhouetted against the sky, their backs toward enemy fire and successfully called for and re-directed fire support given by the USS Dolphin (PG-24).

The new obelisk monument, made from rebar-reinforced poured concrete, stands eight feet tall from base to tip and is a fitting tribute to Marines whose actions arguably helped prevent the disbanding of the Marine Corps, and instead helped double its size.

Just as the taking of Cuzco Wells was no easy task, neither has the construction of the monument. More than 25 volunteers,



including Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Marines, and members from all branches of service, have participated in the completion of the project.

The construction work ranged from digging a two-foot-deep, four-by-four foot hole in very rocky terrain, to hauling the framing materials and over 500 pounds of cement in plastic buckets up steep, rocky inclines over a distance of about 200 yards.

"On the side of that huge hill, there are no paths," explained Marine Sgt. Rose Coleman, Joint Task Force Guantanamo medical linguist noncommissioned officer in charge. "Everyone had to carry all the cement by hand in five-gallon buckets, because the cement truck couldn't climb the road, and the Bobcat with a bucket could only make it up the road to the entry point where we started the climb."

Welsh handled all the coordination for the project as part of his Eagle project, including soliciting the donation of

materials necessary from local contractors, Burns and Roe (BRDC) and Lakeshore TolTest.

"When we heard about the plans for the new monument we were inspired," said Mark Howard, Lakeshore TolTest supervisor. "We felt it important to not only help Forrest in attaining his goal but to also have Lakeshore TolTest contribute to endeavors that honor the history of Guantanamo Bay by providing all materials and guidance on erecting the monument."

"This project had a two-fold impact," explained Marine Sgt. Maj. Scott Smith, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Senior Enlisted Leader. "First, it was an opportunity to help out a family member of the JTF team in accomplishing his mission of getting his Eagle Scout. Second, as a Marine, being able to experience the hallowed ground of our beloved Marine Corps history... it would be like a Soldier being able to help erect a monument at Normandy."

PROTECT YOUR INFO!

ALERT

Protect your Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Most of us understand that if someone were to have our name and social security number that we would be susceptible to identity theft. What most people don't know is that people finder websites have made it easy to obtain public information like addresses, phone numbers, names of relatives, etc... Before the internet, much research had to be done to gather this information. Now all this information is at the touch of a keyboard. So protect your personal information from people who don't need to know. Use OPSEC to protect your PII.



Increase your net worth with a Thrift Savings Plan

By Spc. Vanessa Davila

I inherited an awful genetic disease from my parents. It's plagued my sister and me our entire lives. It didn't hit us hard until we reached adulthood, and it's been trying to destroy our lives ever since. I can't blame my parents though. I saw it coming and I could have taken measures to reverse its effect, but letting this disease take over was a lot more fun than doing the responsible thing. When you're young, the last thing on your mind is saving for the future and being financially responsible.

I watched my parents' lives slowly deteriorate because of their financial irresponsibility, but I still "charged" whatever I couldn't afford. Get now, pay later right? My parents' quality of life is at the brink of death as they are now heading straight for retirement without a plan as to how they're going to survive without livable income. It took this impending death to finally open my eyes, and also a little sound advice from Walter Barrett, personal financial specialist at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

I made an appointment with Barrett with the intention of asking him to explain the Thrift Savings Plan's new Roth option. We ran an article about the Roth TSP not too long ago but we wanted to reiterate the information because the FFSC is holding classes in September to educate Guantanamo Bay residents about the TSP and the new Roth option. Barrett schooled me on much more than that: he gave me a much-needed financial 101 class!

Your Net Worth

The military offers one of the best retirement plans in the country: serve your country for 20 years and retire with full benefits. The TSP is an optional plan, but just because it doesn't affect your "20 and retire" benefits, doesn't mean service members shouldn't take full advantage of it. If you contribute something, anything, as little as 1 percent of your pay check to a TSP account every year, it's going to increase your net worth. In the simplest way possible, you can calculate your net worth by subtracting your debt from your assets. If doing this leads to a negative number you've got some serious net worth issues. Who doesn't want to be worth something? How much do you value yourself?

I had a TSP account for about five minutes once upon a time when I was a civilian

with the federal government. I never followed up on my money and because as a service member the government wasn't going to match my TSP contributions up to 5 percent, I never gave restarting my TSP account a second thought. I've been in the Army for over two years which means I've wasted over two years not contributing to my net worth.

Thrift Savings Plan for Service Members

Barrett explains that the government doesn't match service members' contributions because of the already existing "20 and retire" plan. Civilians get their contributions matched because the TSP is their only retirement plan. Service members who plan on serving for 20 years can think of the TSP as a perk – one that would be foolish not to take advantage of.

Those



that don't plan on serving for 20 can look at the TSP as a way of securing their financial future. If they go on to work in the private civilian sector where, let's say, a 401K becomes their new retirement plan, the money they contributed to their TSP account isn't going anywhere and it will most likely grow over time. Many private employer plans for retirement also allow participants to transfer their TSP account.

Traditional TSP versus Roth TSP

The meat and potatoes of both versions of the TSP are identical except when it comes to taxes: you pay now or you pay later. Service members' traditional contributions get deducted from their salary before it gets taxed. They won't pay taxes on their contributions until they begin to withdraw their account. Roth contributions are deducted

from service members' salaries after they get taxed so there are no taxes to consider when they become eligible to withdraw their account.

Each plan has its advantages and disadvantages and they are unique to each individual. For example, junior ranking service members might find that the Roth option works best for them because, as junior ranking service members, their salary is smaller which puts them in a lower tax bracket. The logic is that being in a lower tax bracket means service members would be paying less taxes on their contributions; a person usually makes more money the longer he or she stays in the military, therefore when that individual becomes eligible to withdraw his or her TSP account he or she would be paying a lot more taxes on a traditional TSP because of the higher tax bracket.

Logic however doesn't always apply because tax laws can often change.

Barrett says that the government categorizes TSP funds as unearned income – income that you didn't earn through work – therefore it is taxed at a lower rate. It is impossible for service members to know what that rate will be years from now when they become eligible to withdraw their account. A junior ranking service member may opt to open a Roth TSP account thinking she will pay fewer taxes in the long run but who knows – the government could change the tax rate on unearned income and she could have paid fewer taxes by opting for a traditional TSP.

It's an Investment

Service members should always remember that the money they contribute to the TSP, both the traditional and the Roth options, is an investment. Your money is taken and invested in the fund or funds of your choice which means you can lose money if one of your chosen funds doesn't perform.

Yes, it may be risky but you have to take risks with the best things in life. I'm taking the risk; I've already taken dangerous risks with my credit cards and my lack of savings. Now I'm going to take a risk that will actually improve my financial future and help me on the road to financial responsibility. The genetic disease stops with me.

For more information on upcoming TSP and Roth option classes or to receive help assessing your finances call the FFSC at 4141 or 4050.

HONOR BOUND

JTF releases name of deceased detainee

News Release
U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs

MIAMI – Joint Task Force Guantanamo released the identity of the detainee who died on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012. The detainee is identified as Adnan Farhan Abdul Latif, a 32-year-old Yemeni. Latif arrived at Guantanamo in January 2002 and was being detained consistent with the law of war. The detainee's name was withheld pending family notification.

Following the detainee's death, an

autopsy was conducted by a medical examination team from the office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. Autopsy results and cause of death determinations take time, and therefore are not available for release.

As a matter of Department of Defense policy, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service has initiated an investigation of the incident to determine the cause and manner surrounding the death. Additionally, Air Force Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, Commander of U.S. Southern Command, has initiated a Commander's Inquiry into the incident.

The remains of the deceased detainee are being treated with respect for Islamic culture and traditions. Following the autopsy, a Muslim military chaplain, the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Cultural Advisor, and Islamic volunteers from the staff were on hand to ensure the appropriate handling of the body.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo continues to provide safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees. This mission is being performed professionally by the men and women of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Navy Exchange, AAFES won't sell bin Laden raid memoir

By Chris Carroll
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON – "No Easy Day," the memoir by a former SEAL that the Pentagon says reveals classified information, won't be sold in exchanges on Navy or Marine Corps bases, representatives from both services said Monday.

On Sept. 7, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, had announced a similar decision.

"The Navy Exchange does not intend to sell the book "No Easy Day" since it is believed the book contains potentially classified or sensitive information," Navy Exchange spokeswoman Kathleen Martin wrote in an email Monday.

Bryan Driver, a Semper Fit and Exchange Services Division spokesman, said the decision was based on the same reasoning AAFES used. A spokesman for that agency said the Pentagon assertion that the book, which detailed the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, had revealed official secrets was enough reason not to stock it.

"We consider the determinations and statements made thus far by DOD to be authoritative," AAFES spokesman Judd Anstey said Friday. "The Exchange cannot risk taking part in a future dissemination of potentially classified information."

Panetta: SEAL author broke promise to country

By Claudette Roulo
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Military personnel who take part in sensitive operations like the one that took out Osama bin Laden must stand by the promises they made to the United States, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said during an interview broadcast on "CBS This Morning" Tuesday.

"There's no question that the American people have a right to know about this operation. This is why the president spoke to the

American people when that operation happened," Panetta said. "But people who are part of that operation, who commit themselves to the promise that they will not reveal the sensitive operations and not publish anything without bringing it to the Pentagon so that we can ensure that it doesn't reveal sensitive information, when they fail to do that we have got to make sure they stand by the promise they made to this country."

Two issues are involved, Panetta said. The first is that the book reveals sensitive information, he explained, and the larger issue is that the author deliberately chose not to have the book reviewed by the Pentagon before publication.

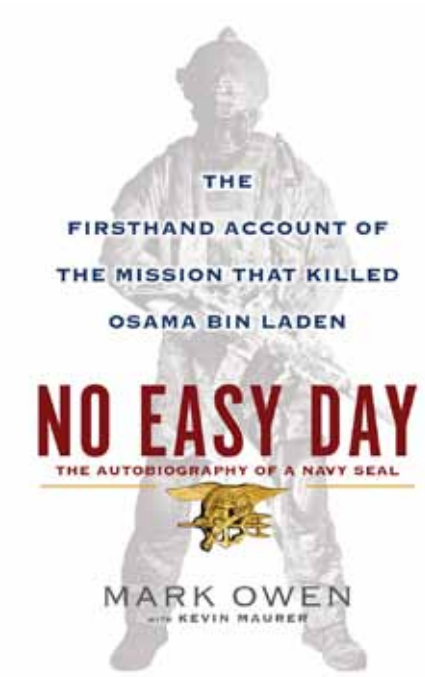
"I cannot, as secretary, send a signal to SEALs who conduct those operations, 'Oh, you can conduct those operations and then go out and write a book about it ... or sell your story,'" he said.

"How the hell can we run sensitive operations here that go after enemies if people are allowed to do that?" Panetta added.

In a letter sent to the publishing company and dated Aug. 30, DOD General Counsel Jeh Charles Johnson explained that Owen signed two separate nondisclosure agreements on Jan. 24, 2007, and that the author has an obligation to "never divulge" classified information.

Owen also signed a "Sensitive Compartmented Information Debriefing Memorandum" following his departure from the Navy in April 2012, and that commitment remains in force even upon leaving active duty, according to the DOD letter.

Amaani Lyle contributed to this report.

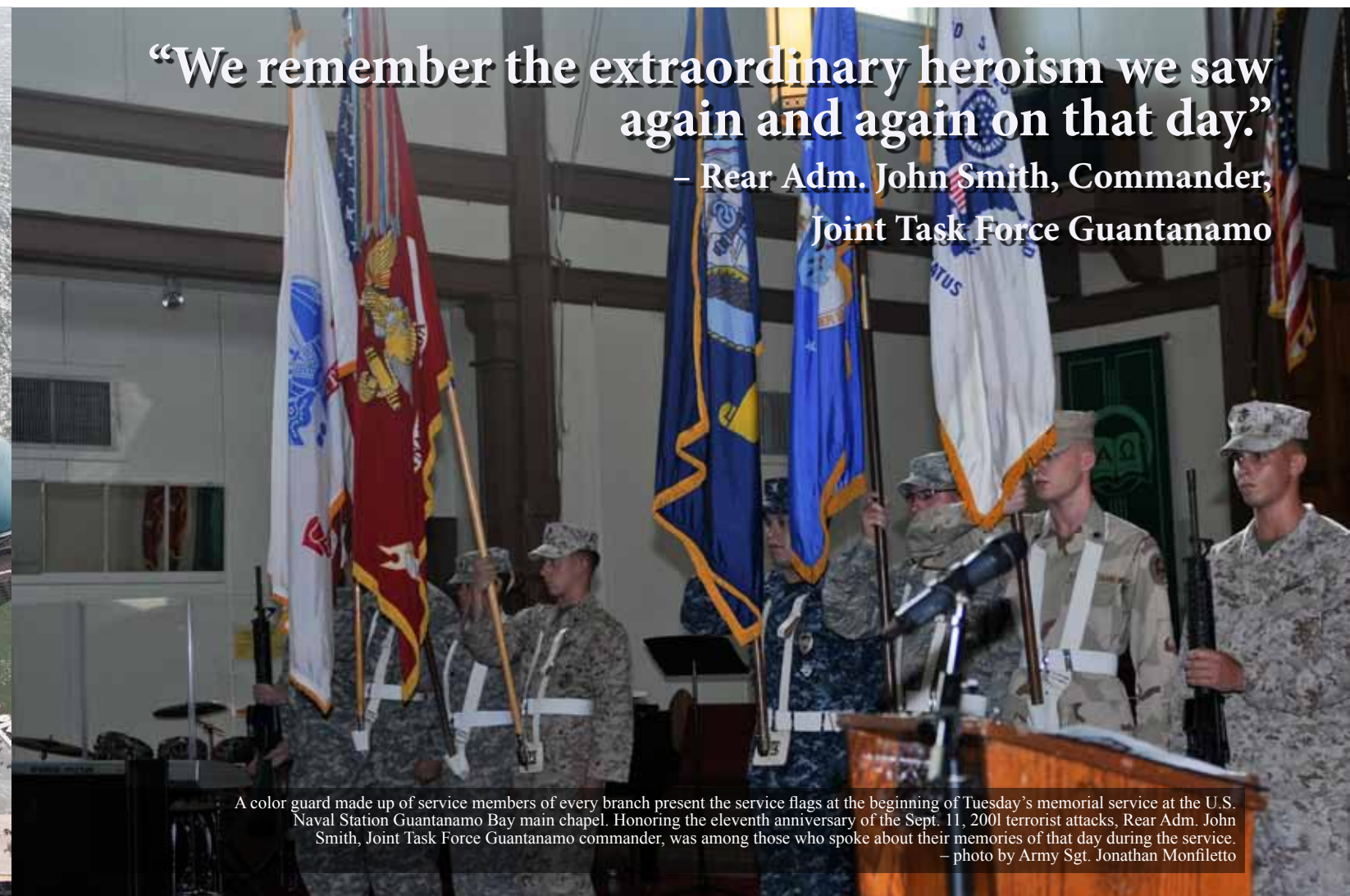


GTMO unites, remembers 9/11



“We remember the extraordinary heroism we saw again and again on that day.”

– Rear Adm. John Smith, Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo



A color guard made up of service members of every branch present the service flags at the beginning of Tuesday's memorial service at the U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay main chapel. Honoring the eleventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Rear Adm. John Smith, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, was among those who spoke about their memories of that day during the service. – photo by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

By Army Sgt. Ryan Hallock

At 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, dramatically changing our lives, nation, and world. The terrorist attacks which followed on the South Tower, the Pentagon, and United Flight 93 proved to the world that the United States of America was under attack.

The buildings that dominated Manhattan's skyline collapsed that day, and in the destruction, thousands of American lives were lost. For many it was a complete shock and a time of terror and fear. For many others it was a call to action. It was a call to defend the freedoms that were compromised when terrorists attacked the nation. That day, many made the decision to raise their hand, don the uniform, and swear an oath to protect this nation.

Service members, their families, and the Guantanamo Bay community gathered together on the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks at the U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Main Chapel for a service of remembrance, reflection, and dedication.

“I remember living in Brooklyn, N.Y., climbing to the rooftop of my apartment

building and looking across the water to the end of Manhattan, where two buildings – the tallest buildings in the world – were reaching for the sky,” said Rear Adm. John Smith, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, during his remembrance speech.

The national anthem resonated throughout the chapel as the audience stood at attention to honor the flag this Patriot Day. It's the flag that symbolizes what our nation has fought for, the outstanding obstacles it has overcome, and the way we prevail at the eleventh hour. Raising the flag over Iwo Jima, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin planting the flag on the moon, and firefighters hoisting the flag above the rubble at ground zero – these moments in our history united the nation.

One thing that Americans and citizens of this world have in common is having a story of where they were early that Tuesday morning in September. Troopers united at the GTMO remembrance and shared their stories of where they were that fateful day.

Anthropology Class

“I was in my freshmen anthropology class,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Mandi Tedeschi, water and fuels maintenance with the Base Emergency Engineer Force (Prime

BEEF).

Tedeschi joined the military in 2005, focused on furthering her education. She remembers on 9/11 being in the classroom at the University of Wisconsin. Her professor entered the classroom and said something she'll never forget.

“All of a sudden the teacher (for anthropology, which studies bones) out of nowhere said, ‘So today they are going to need a lot of anthropologists to identify teeth.’”

Tedeschi's class ended and she walked into the corridor where TVs were showing the news. She left for the day and went to her parents' home where she lived and watched the news with her family.

“Nobody really wanted to say anything; we just stared at the TV for hours, she said.”

Each Patriot Day, Tedeschi remembers all those close to her who were affected.

“It's tough, mainly because now I'm married to a fireman, and I see how it affects him,” she said.

‘I thought it was a movie’

“I remember I was in Manhattan with my nephew, because I was visiting my sister in New Jersey,” said Army Sgt. Jose Maldonado, property book officer with the Puerto Rico National Guard. “I took a taxi

to see the World Trade Center. I never went up because they were so big; I was afraid to go.”

Maldonado was in New York City four days before 9/11. He traveled back to Puerto Rico after visiting with his family. He woke up on the morning of 9/11 and turned on the TV.

“They were showing the first tower getting hit,” he said. “I thought it was a movie. Every channel was showing the same picture, and after five channels, something in my head clicked like, ‘dude that's not a movie, something is going on.’”

Just a few minutes later Maldonado watched the second plane crash into the tower on live TV.

“This means World War III,” he said after seeing the live images.

Brand new Airman

“I was a brand new Airman at my very first base,” said Tech. Sgt. Korrine Kargl, aerospace medical services with the Joint Medical Group. “I'd been there for 30 days.”

She joined the military in 2001 to see the world and has been to Korea, Germany, Croatia, Pakistan, all over Europe, and now GTMO.

Sept. 11, 2001, only 30 days before she

swore the oath to defend the United States of America, Kargl was giving two young cadets their physicals. They wanted to fly F-16s one day, and she was testing their vision. She brought one of the cadets to the waiting room and remembers the television was on.

“I saw smoke coming from a really tall building,” she said. “I didn't know where, and I didn't know why.”

Everyone gathered in the waiting room and watched.

One of the cadets looked to her and said, “I have family who work there.”

She sat down next to him and held his hand; united together during the morning Americans will never forget.

Smith spoke of America's unity during his speech and remembered when President George W. Bush delivered a strong message to the people in America and across the world.

“I can hear you,” said Bush, standing at Ground Zero, speaking through a megaphone and his arm around a firefighter. “The rest of the world hears you, and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon.”

Some of those responsible have heard

directly from the military, and the Troopers of GTMO are charged with the mission of detaining the five who have been charged with plotting, organizing, training, and funding the 9/11 attacks.

“If you don't think your work is valuable, it is,” said Capt. John Nettleton, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay commander, during his remembrance speech. “It means an awful lot to an awful lot of families.”

The last 11 years have brought many changes for the United States and the world. The war in Iraq was fought and ended. Osama Bin Laden was killed. The new World Trade Center complex is under construction and its completion is scheduled for 2013.

Now the nation is at a divide with the upcoming election, but on this day politics hold no weight. This day of remembrance is more powerful than our differences, and it unites people as they gather together to honor the fallen.

“Yes my skyline has changed... but not my faith in humanity nor my faith as an American,” said Smith in his closing remarks. “When I return to New York and look again at the skyline, I'll be remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in New York, in Arlington, and Somerset County, Pa.”

Remembering



Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson

Part of my duties with the 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment was to document what occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 in the area known at that time as “Ground Zero.” As someone who had lived within the shadow of the World Trade Center throughout the 1990s, this was a particularly poignant mission I was about to undertake.

At that time I had been living in Jersey City, NJ, right across the Hudson River from lower Manhattan. I moved to Jersey City in part because of the striking view of the Twin Towers and the other buildings of the World Financial Center, which stood as golden gods in the light of a beautiful sunset; testimony of America’s dominance of the world economy.

Liberty State Park, which lies at the foot of Jersey City along the Hudson River, offered spectacular views as well, and in those beautiful summer weeks prior to Sept. 11 I had taken to jogging along the two-mile promenade which stretches from the old NJ Railroad Terminal in the north to the World

War II statue directly across from the Statue of Liberty in the south, in preparation for the upcoming Army Physical Fitness Test in October. On weekends I would ride my bike along the same route and then stop to sit on a park bench across the river from the WTC to admire the skyline. Sometimes, if you squinted really hard, you could even see the tourists atop the South Tower.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, I made my first descent into Ground Zero in the company of two New Jersey State Trooper sergeants

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and a number of chaplains from the New Jersey National Guard and Naval Militia. The chaplains were there to minister to Guardsmen who had been toiling away on the “pile” since Sept. 13; I was there to document it.

It had been over a week since the Twin Towers had collapsed, and only 5 percent of the rubble had already been carted away, and to me the devastation was overwhelming. It seems a trite phrase, but it is also an obviously self-evident one: words cannot describe the images you see when you are actually there. As I entered the final checkpoint into the actual zoned-off perimeter that had been closed to all but rescue workers and construction personnel, I immediately focused on the towers’ skeletons. Jagged shards of what was once the chrome-colored exterior walls jutted up over 100 feet into the air. I’m sure you have seen those images on television, but without the ability to compare them to people and objects like the huge cranes that were still dwarfed by the debris, it is hard to tell how massive the devastation really was. It covered 16 acres, over five times the area of the

physical training field where we conducted the APFT at Fort Dix, NJ.

As we gingerly picked our way through the ruins, it occurred to me after 30 minutes that the debris-covered area that I was standing on was once a busy street – West Street, which divides the World Trade Center from the World Financial Center. I realized it was a street when I came across the almost unrecognizable ruins of an automobile – completely crushed and split open like a sardine can. The odor emanating from under the ruined car told me that there was still one more soul who would eventually be added to the death toll.

A week earlier that person might have been walking up West Street on the way to a meeting, a route I had used many times on my way from the World Trade Center subway station as I commuted to downtown Manhattan where I worked on the National Guard Counter Drug Enforcement Team. I wondered if I had ever passed that person as I hurriedly made my way to work.

The twin towers were not the only casualties: other buildings completely destroyed included the Marriott Hotel; 4, 5, and 7 World Trade Center; and other smaller buildings. Some of them were still standing, but were completely gutted and burned.

As I come to work every morning here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo and see all the Gators and Mules in the parking lot, they always remind me of a time I was taking a break at Ground Zero. I was resting against a Gator, only to be quietly asked to step aside so that a recovery worker could place a body bag on the back of the vehicle. The worker – a fireman – was by himself because the body bag contained remains, but not a full body.

Every once in a while, all activity would stop and a flag-draped litter would emerge from the “pile,” which held the body of a uniformed first responder who had lost his life while trying to save others. We would all stop and salute as the body was carried to another gator for transport to the temporary morgue, which consisted of three refrigerated trailers that were parked just up the street. Those three trailers probably wouldn’t have held the almost 3,000 victims from 9/11, but they were adequate to the task as most of the victims were vaporized as the towers fell.

As we made our way down debris-strewn streets, it was hard to believe what you were seeing. Over four blocks from Ground Zero stood a deli that had been hit by flying debris. The door was caved in and windows were broken, but the contents inside were undisturbed. Dozens of bottles of olive oil and vinegar stood silently on the shelves, still covered by a thick concrete ash – silent testimony of what had occurred over one week



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson, right, stands alongside 1st Lt. Carmen Lugo-Martinez of the 250th Signal Battalion, New Jersey National Guard. Guardsmen from throughout the tri-state area responded to the disaster for weeks following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

earlier – and eerily reminding me of my tour of the ruins of Pompeii years earlier.

As we walked along I absently tugged at the identity card that I had been issued by the NYC mayor’s office which allowed me into the zoned off area of Ground Zero. I still carry that ID card today, next to my common access card. Whether here at GTMO or especially when I was in Iraq, I would occasionally look at the card to

remind me of why I was there.

Back at Ground Zero, everywhere you looked American flags of all shapes and sizes had been hastily erected, hanging from buildings and light poles. Some were brand new, but others must have been flying on Sept. 11; you could see the rips and holes that must have been caused by flying debris from the collapsing buildings. They reminded me of the flag which flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, the battle-scarred flag that now resides in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. One day the flag from the World Trade Center may reside there as well; another symbol of another kind of war. One that we are continuing to fight to this very day.

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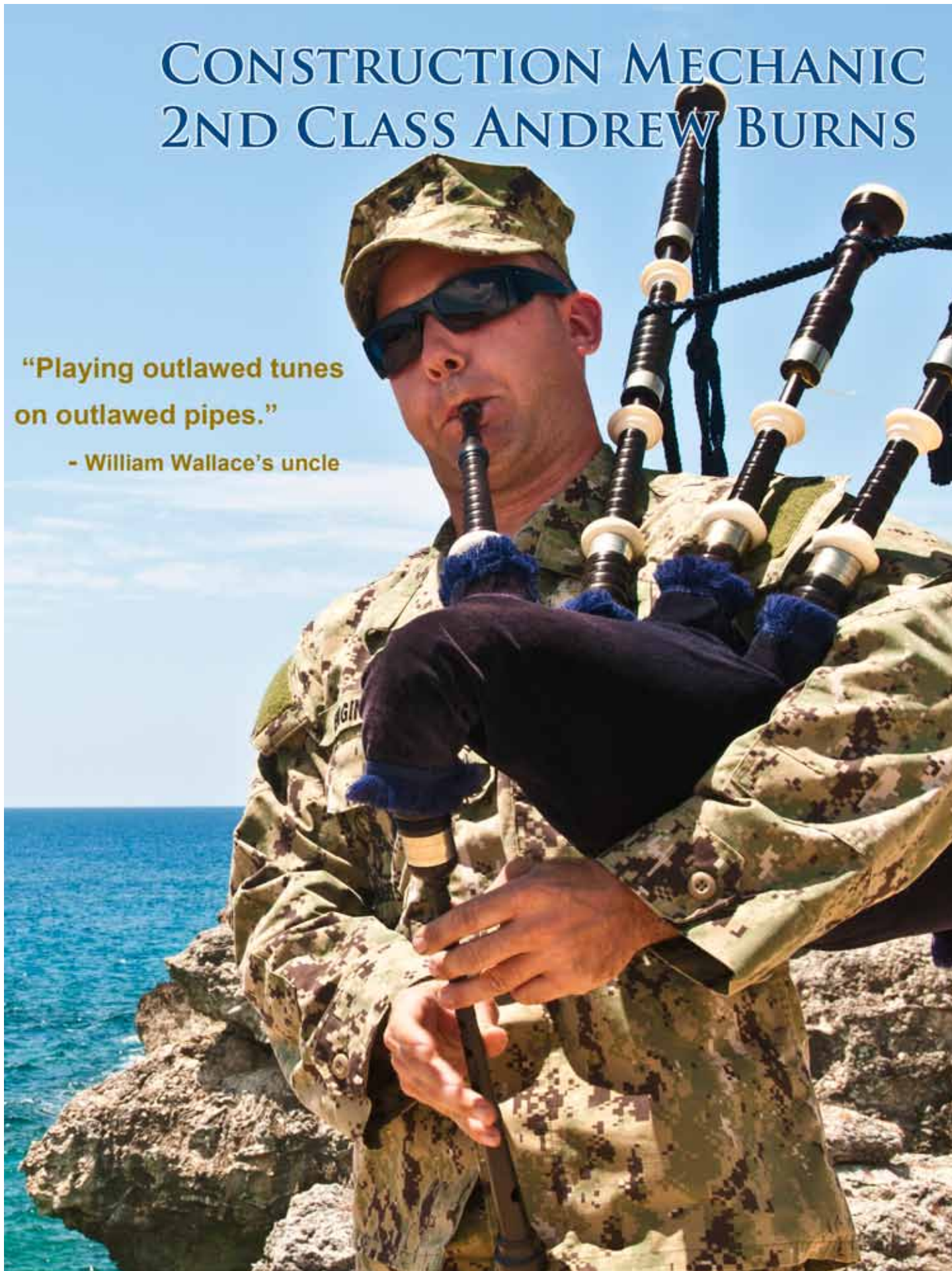


National Guardsmen from New York and New Jersey descended on ground zero within hours of the catastrophe, working together in support of emergency service workers. Paper masks, seen here, were later replaced with industrial respirators as the air quality was judged to be worse than initially thought.

CONSTRUCTION MECHANIC 2ND CLASS ANDREW BURNS

“Playing outlawed tunes
on outlawed pipes.”

- William Wallace's uncle



Trooper Focus



Story and photos by
Mass Communication Spc. Brian Jeffries

Well, first of all, I'm not going to go into a long drawn out introduction to try and build suspense for the actual topic or take you on a winding road of metaphors and similes in order to give the subject more girth or substance. Rather than do all that, I'm going to sailor dive right in. Yes, that's right: hands behind the back, head first, right into the life of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's own Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Burns. So, without further ado, I'm shining the spotlight on a guy who should have one on him more often.

Burns is a construction mechanic (CM) with the 27th Reserve Battalion assigned to the Seabee unit here. Pretty much, when things malfunction on the JTF side, Burns and his crew fix it. Anything from light plants to gators, no task is too big or too small. Fixing things, or being a “wrench turner” as Burns puts it, isn't anything new. He served during his active duty days as a gas turbine system technician (GS) on multiple ships including the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) out of Yokosuka, Japan.

According to Burns, the jump from GS to CM has not been too drastic and he does some of the same things he did at sea. This deployment to Guantanamo Bay is just a piece of what Burns does though, because when he's not serving his country, he serves his community as a firefighter in Boston.

“Best job in the world,” Burns said about being a fireman.

He enjoys his civilian job so much that he tells anyone who gets off of active duty that they should join the fire department as well.

He is perhaps so passionate about his job because he loves what it entails. He loves to help people, and being a firefighter gives him the opportunity to serve his community in a very big way.

“Whenever something goes wrong, people call you,” Burns said. “I 100 percent love to help people.”

Serving the country, check; Serving the community, check. Being a Sailor and firefighter aren't the worst things this 29-year-old veteran from Boston could put on a resume.

“Being in the Navy Reserve is awesome;

I get the best of both worlds,” Burns said in reference to the hats that he wears for his occupation. Supporting America's mission, while also helping those around him, is what Burns says he enjoys the most.

Burns story doesn't end there though. He still has talents beyond his everyday work. When he's not busy trying to fix an engine



or making sure a vehicle is working properly here on island; or when he's not waiting diligently for that phone call or alarm to sound indicating it's time to go save lives back at the fire house in Boston; Burns is settling in somewhere, getting ready to work on his craft of playing the bagpipes. (Records scratching, crickets chirping and whatever other phrases that you want to use to describe the thought of someone playing the bagpipes in their free time who doesn't also wear a kilt.)

The bagpipes are a class of musical instruments using enclosed reeds fed from a constant reservoir of air in the form of a bag. Though the Scottish Great Highland Bagpipe and Irish uilleann pipes have the

greatest international visibility, bagpipes have been played for centuries throughout large parts of Europe, the Caucasus, around the Persian Gulf, and in Northern Africa.

Burns has been playing the bagpipes for four and half years. He got started playing as a way to help out the fire departments in Boston. While the department was trying to put together an all Boston firefighter band, Burns volunteered to help out as best he could, and here we are. Burns said he just kept practicing in order to get up to pace with the rest of the musicians, falling in love with the instrument immediately. Since being a part of the band Burns has had a great time. He has performed in many ceremonies, ranging from funerals to firefighter graduations.

“I volunteered because I just wanted to help. I didn't know it would become a thing,” said Burns.

If you're ever cruising around Seaside Galley around lunch time and hear the classical sounds of “Amazing Grace” bellowing out of a bagpipe, then chances are you're listening to Burns practicing. He is constantly trying to stay on his game and improve his skills while being away from his band while on deployment.

In addition to playing the bagpipes to help pass the time at GTMO, Burns constant urge to help others has sparked a new interest. He is currently trying to formulate a group of people to help raise money for people who suffer from muscular dystrophy.

There are over 40 different types of muscle related diseases. Burns has decided to head up this project and wants everyone to keep an eye out for flyers and other indications of when and where fundraisers will be held. Also Burns is searching for anyone willing to help out. Some of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go to a summer camp that provides services so that kids with muscular diseases can enjoy the same summer camp activities and experiences those kids without have.

Even though Burns is far from home, he has not let that stop him from doing what he enjoys. Perhaps Burns can be an inspiration for others to be a positive influence in every aspect of their lives.

LT's GTMO Kitchen

By Army 1st Lt. Amelia Thatcher

It don't GTMO better than delicious noms! If you are so blessed as to have a kitchen or know someone who will let you borrow theirs, it doesn't hurt to take a night off from the galley and detox with some creative home cookery. Of course, be safe and keep an eye on the oven, don't put forks in the microwave, and know the proper cooking time and temperature for meats and poultry products. Cooking can be a creative outlet and de-stressor, will make you indispensable for unit events (wait a sec...), and more attractive to people everywhere (yeah!). Please every party! Appetizers are the way to go. Try one or both of these favorites (some people mix them together) at your next gathering. Canned ingredients are listed for convenience and ease of portioning; fresh ingredients may be substituted in equal amounts. Stay tasty, GTMO!

- Two 8-oz packages cream cheese (switch one or both with Neufchatel cheese, if lower fat deliciousness is the goal)
 - Half a cup ranch dressing
 - One 8-oz package blue cheese crumbles
 - 8 oz. buffalo wing sauce, or to taste
 - About 20 oz. canned chicken
- Prep time: 25 minutes

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all the ingredients together in oven-safe dish, cutting the cream cheese into pieces to melt. Heat for five-ten minutes or until cream cheese can be stirred in. Add more buffalo sauce or more ranch until it reaches that perfect shade of pinky-orange semiliquid awesome. Stir again and heat for 5-10 more minutes until bubbly-hot.

Pico de Gallo

- Three cans Rotel brand diced tomatoes, partly drained
- One medium-to-large onion (depending on how oniony you like your pico)
- One medium-to-large jalapeno (depending on how face-meltingly hot you like your pico)
- Cilantro, salt, vinegar, and lime juice to taste

Prep time: 15 minutes (I hate picking the dog-gone cilantro leaves, but I hate eating the stems even more. If you don't mind stems, feel free

to chop them instead and cut your prep time in half.)

Empty the tomatoes into a large bowl. Add finely chopped onion and jalapeno. Add about a teaspoon of salt, a tablespoon of lime juice, and two tablespoons of vinegar. Mix well. Pick the leaves off about half a bunch of cilantro, mix well into the pico. Taste-test with scoopy chips and add more cilantro, salt, vinegar, or lime juice to taste. Chill in fridge for about an hour before serving.



CABLE BEACH

Story and photos by Spc. Vanessa Davila

Barely two hours after the sun rose on Guantanamo Bay, service members around the island congregated on Cable Beach to attack the litter. On a Sunday morning, when many of GTMO's residents were probably sleeping in and recovering from a late Saturday night, dozens of service members showed up to participate in the first ever beach brigade. With trash bags, gloves, and neat contraptions to help them pick up trash, volunteers braved the heat, with some



eventually abandoning the neat contraptions in favor of their hands.

"The beaches are a big part of the community here," said Army Capt. Thomasina Scudere, one of the volunteers. "We want to make sure everyone's safe and can enjoy them when they have free time."

With the Naval Station taking up a mere 45 square miles of land and water, there isn't a whole lot to do around the small island. What there is to do often revolves around the water and GTMO's beaches.

"I use the beach a lot, so I figured I'd just give back and try to clean up as much as possible, because I do see a lot of garbage when I'm here using it," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Ross.

For some volunteers, being awake and on the beach early on a Sunday morning wasn't much of a stretch.

"I love doing this. I do it on my off time too, you know come over to the beach in the mornings," said Sgt. 1st Class Monica Salamiiyile. "So when they brought up the idea of cleaning it up, I said 'yeah, let's go for it.'"

The cleanup was organized by Morale, Welfare and Recreation



CLEANUP



(MWR) as part of the Liberty program.

"Liberty is the single, unaccompanied, active duty enlisted program. It's the E-1 through E-6 program," said Stephen Prestesater, MWR community activities director. "Anyone who is on this base that is here unaccompanied, they are all more than welcome to come participate in the Liberty program."

When the volunteers were finished, MWR treated them to a cookout as a thank you for their hard work.

Check with MWR for a list of additional Liberty events happening throughout the month. Prestesater said there are many more beach brigades to come.



BETWEEN WAR AND WORK

By Army Sgt. Dani White

While working in the military, many of us may have worked with a fellow service member who made the work environment feel hostile and uninviting. It can become a slippery slope when either a couple of individuals or the whole group cannot work together. "There's a hesitation to work together. People rotate very quickly, so you might be with individuals that you have not been working with for very long," said Lara Tur, education services facilitator for the Guantanamo Bay Family and Fleet Support Center. "For other reasons people have been working together a very long time, and there might be some animosity there." For several months, the GTMO FFSC has been offering a class called "Working with Difficult People" at their main facility and to individual commands when requested. The hesitations that Tur has noticed from people that have attended the class come from the lack of trust in the group. Another issue is how we communicate. "People react very quickly to things that are coming at them," Tur said. "People get very defensive, and they want to protect so they react." Her biggest advice to people in a difficult situation at work is to think before you talk. "Taking a moment to absorb the situation before we react to the situations when we are working with other individuals may give us an indication of what is really going on," Tur suggested. "I know what I want at the end of the day, but I may not know or understand what the other individual wants at the end of the day. It is about helping people focus on the thought that everyone has the same goals, and helping them work together with those individuals to come to the same understanding."

This will be the first time that Tur will give the class at the FFSC's JTF satellite office.

"This is a voluntary class, so people might bring with them stuff they want to ask questions about," said Tur. "Maybe things that they are seeing in their work environment; things that they are identifying with or an area that they just want to ask questions about."

One of the topics covered during the class is different personalities you may deal with everyday. The class will also cover how to adjust to these different personalities to help create a peaceful work environment.

"This is not just for the military in general; it is for life in general. These skills can be applied in personal family situations; how you are working with people," said Tur. "It isn't looking at it in a negative aspect, but trying to draw a person's positive traits so when you have different communication styles, you can work together and achieve the same goal."

Tur and the FFSC offer more classes to help individuals at GTMO deal with issues that they may have at work, with themselves or at home. These courses cover anything from working on marital problems to dealing with stress.

Classes given at the JTF satellite office have limited seating and are based on a first come, first serve basis.

People interested in coming to any of the GTMO FFSC Life Skill Classes are encouraged to call the FFSC main office and reserve their seats.

"The classes can be requested by individual command if they call our main office at 4141 and ask for the Life Skill Classes," advised Tur.

So in the long run, avoid being like Peter Gibbons in Office Space: doing anything in your power to avoid going to your work place.

Try attending one of the FFSC's classes to improve your situation!



The fog of love

By Navy Lt. Jeremy Selitto
Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Chaplain

Early one fall Saturday I drove out to the venerable Peaks of Otter in Bedford, Va. It was dark, and I wanted to scurry up the 4,000 foot mountain to catch the sunrise. I made it in time for the sunrise but was treated to a sight I was not expecting. The valley below was shrouded in a thick fog which covered most of the mountain as well. As I sat on the rocky outcrop I watched as the fog began to move slowly and steadily. I never thought of fog moving in that manner. From above it appeared like an ocean tide, ebbing and then flowing. It would ebb down a bit and, to my surprise, flow up slightly. Down and up, out and in, the fog flowed from the mountain to the valley. Eventually, it was gone. I did not know what to make of the fog at first. I knew only that I saw something profoundly new.

Love has some similarities to that mountain fog. According to www.weatherquestions.com, fog needs the right conditions if it is to appear. When the right conditions end, so does the fog. For love to appear, the right conditions are also needed: the right mix of personalities, timing, shared experiences, etc: and when the right conditions end, so goes love. Like that fog, it can ebb and flow. When we fall in love we can't see our partner's flaws any better than I could see the valley. However, then the fog of love ebbs away and we, for some reason, no longer feel love. We don't feel loved and

we don't feel like loving our partner. Their flaws get on our nerves and they claim the same about us. Then we deploy and the feelings diminish further. We feel less and less attracted to them. The right conditions for love's fog seem to be ending.

What often happens next is, instead of cultivating the right conditions that continue to attract our spouse to us and us to our spouse, we stop. We stop and only look for that feeling again and sometimes find it in another. Rather than forgive mistakes, overlook faults, and foster the growth in our spouse, we have increasing concern for our own happiness and desires.

Somehow we fall out of love. Or do we? Psychologist and author Dr. Dorothy Tennov would say differently. She would say we fell into and out of infatuation. In her research she found that the "in love" or infatuation period lasts an average of 18 months before the "fog" lifts. Thus, what we often enjoy initially is infatuation and then worry when it diminishes. We think we are falling out of love.

As a Christian, I have found in Jesus an example for cultivating the right conditions for love. In Him we see that love is not a feeling, although feelings can result from love. Love is an act of obedience. Love is a response to truth. Jesus showed love in that He gave His life for the object of His affections. He did not have warm fuzzy feelings about dying on the cross. In response to the mistakes and faults of the world, He offered forgiveness and the ultimate inconvenience: death. He was not happy to die, nor did He

desire the experience. As a demonstration of His heartfelt commitment to the world, He gave all of Himself.

A heartfelt commitment is not easy. If it were easy, the Scriptures would not have to command us to love our spouse. As a Christian, I show heartfelt commitment to my wife and create the right conditions for love when I am patient and not thin-skinned, when I consider her feelings above my own, or when I make her a higher priority than my own happiness. I wish I always wanted to do those things and did them consistently. But I do not. However, just like I don't always feel like doing many of the tasks I should – physical training, eating right, getting out of bed, and shaving on a day off – I still do them. Obedience dictates my actions, not how I feel about them.

SELF ASSESSMENT:

Use these questions to evaluate the conditions of love in your relationship.

1. What have you done this week to communicate love to your spouse/loved one?
2. What words have you used/gifts have you given/actions have you taken this week to create the conditions to attract them to you?
3. If you are willing to take a bullet for them or run into a burning building for them, what lesser acts of inconvenience are you willing to take on for your spouse?
4. What mistakes need forgiveness or faults need overlooking?

ONLY AT GTMO by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brett Custer



Movie Review

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100 min.

SEEKING A FRIEND
FOR THE END OF THE WORLD



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Kyle Steckler

I'm an optimist when it comes right down to it. I can't help it. I believe that if the world were faced with certain death in 21 days, I would at first be confused. Confusion would give way to sadness, maybe then to despair, after which I'd transition to anger. Following anger though: peace, tranquility, maybe even happiness. I believe that I'd find my way through the darkness to embrace the end. I'd do more, love more, and simply live more; assuming I can avoid the complete and utter chaos going on everywhere else. Faced with three weeks to live, my guess is society would pretty much shut down entirely.

In "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World," writer and director Lorene Scafaria asked me very politely to ask myself this question; what would you do if you and the rest of the world only had three weeks left to live?

This movie had me at "hello." Imagine that in the movie "Armageddon", the attempt to blow up the asteroid on a collision course with Earth completely failed. That's where "Seeking a Friend for the

End of the World" opens; our protagonist, Dodge (Steve Carell, "Crazy, Stupid, Love"), sits in his car with his wife listening to the radio broadcast informing the world that the mission to save the planet from the asteroid "Matilda" failed. All seems lost. Then, after a quick glance at her husband, Dodge's wife promptly gets out of the car and literally runs away.

Faced with impending death, Dodge doesn't change his routine up too much. He continues to go to work as an insurance salesman, fights the language barrier with his overly-optimistic and possibly naïve housekeeper, and in general, watches as those around him devolve into the people they've been all along.

Amid the chaos and confusion, Dodge meets his neighbor Penny (Keira Knightley, "Never Let Me Go"), who is still kicking herself over not flying home to England before flights were grounded. She offers to help Dodge find his first love. He offers to take her to someone who might have access to a plane.

The obligatory road trip wasn't one I was expecting. Just when I thought the movie was going to tread down all too familiar territory, it mixes it up all over again. The trip introduces the pair to an

onslaught of strange and interesting characters and off-kilter situations. What truly surprised me, however, was how much of an engaging, unannoying love story Dodge and Penny's journey ends up being.

Carell reminded me why I love his movies. He plays the broken man in this dark comedy as if it were a true tragedy, with only the occasional, quick one-liner to bring it all back again. Knightley, in my opinion, steals the show. I felt as if she was truly allowed to explore the character of Penny and bring a good portion of herself to the screen. The two share an onscreen chemistry that I never would have expected.

"Seeking a Friend for the End of the World" started too slowly for me. I would have liked to have seen Penny and Dodge's friendship and adventure start just a bit earlier. However, the story of how it's never too late to live, love and forgive grew on me as the story progressed, and it got more than a few honest laughs out of me in the process. I saw the ending coming from a mile away, until that ending didn't come. After the credits rolled, I couldn't help asking myself, "how did we get to this point?" Ultimately it didn't matter; it was quite a ride getting there.



GTMO Quick Reference

Caribbean Coffee & Cream – 77859

Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 1-10 p.m.

Jerk House – 2535

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Fri. & Sat. 5-10 p.m.

Bowling Center – 2118

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Marine Hill: Mon.-Th. 11-12 a.m.
Fri. 11-2 a.m., Sun. 9-12 a.m.

Tierra Kay: Sun.-Th. 7-12 a.m.
Fri. & Sat. 7-2 a.m.

Camp America - open 24 hours

Pirate's Cove

Th.-Sat. 7 p.m.-12 a.m.

Cuban Club – 75962 (call ahead!)

Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

McDonald's – 3797

Mon.-Th. 5 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 5 a.m.-2 a.m.
Sun. 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

Windjammer Cafe

Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 5-10 p.m.
Sun. 5-9 p.m.

O'Kelly's Irish Pub

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Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.
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NAVSTA
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Daily Catholic Mass
Tues.-Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.

Spanish-language Mass
Sunday 4:35 p.m.

General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.

Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.

Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.

Chapel Annexes

Protestant Communion
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Room B

Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Room D

LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Islamic Service
Friday 1 p.m.
Room C

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