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**A taste of home for some, a taste of new
culture for others (with free recipe cards!)**

CAPT. PATRICK RABUN

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Joint Task Force Guantanamo will once again host a military commissions event during the upcoming week – and will receive more than 100 visitors. These will include court officials, lawyers (prosecution and defense), media, victim family members, and other observers. Many of these guests have been to Guantanamo Bay several times over the past few years, yet some will be first-time visitors. All will be intently focused on the court proceedings: in this case, a series of motions hearings which will pave the way for a trial.

As hosts, we play a key role in supporting the military commissions process. Primarily, we serve to resolve any issues which could detract from the legal proceedings. Essentially we provide logistics, security, and support. Although that might sound simple, it requires a great deal of teamwork. So I want to describe some aspects of the teamwork we'll need to demonstrate.

Advance planning and rehearsals help define the coordination required by all participants. In order to effectively coordinate our various responsibilities, we need to understand not just our individual roles, but also how our actions impact the overall process. This situational awareness is key – particularly because the visitors “expect” each of us to be able to help. This doesn't mean that each of us must have all of the answers to any potential question. But each of us should be able

to quickly contact someone who can help. In order to do that, we all need to know each other – and know who does what. We want to avoid anyone on our team being asked for assistance from a visitor, and not know who to contact.

Each of us knowing our individual job has not been an issue. Indeed, during the Nov. 9 al-Nashiri arraignment, it was

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impressive to see how professionally everyone conducted their duties. But arraignments are very straightforward. As we progress into the motions hearings we'll need to be able to flex quickly to a changing demand. This responsiveness requires each of us to have a big picture view of the interactions between the various members of our team.

For example, if a motions hearing goes into recess, and a court official needs to move from the Expeditionary Legal Center (ELC), an ELC security guard could be asked about what routes or means of transportation are available. Saying “I don't know, because that's not part of my job” is not the desired response.

Bottom line: military commission events will continue to get more complex and less pre-defined. We need to prepare ourselves to adapt to various changes and schedule revisions. Take the time to understand how each part of the team depends on each other. We performed superbly during the arraignment, and want to continue to provide outstanding support.

Cover: Morale Welfare and Recreation's “Cooking from Around the World” class Jan. 10 featured Jamaican cuisine. Volunteer chefs cooked curry goat and Johnny cake, a famous fried bread treat. “Cooking from Around the World” plans to showcase a different culture's foods each month, with Lebanese dishes coming up next. –photo by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa



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Pre-separation counseling

Are you about to separate from the military? Go to Bulkeley Hall Auditorium Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. and make sure you get the required pre-separation counseling you need. This counseling will be held every third Thursday of the month.

For more information, call the Command Career Counselor office at 4812.

Night fishing Jan. 13

Bring a fishing pole to the Marina on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. for a free fishing trip for unaccompanied active duty servicemembers. Bait and snacks are provided.

Reserve a spot by calling 2010.

Winter sports coaches' meeting

Are you signed up for winter soccer or basketball? Make sure a team representative attends the coaches' meeting on Jan 17. The basketball meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. and the soccer meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 2113.

Half price recreation in January

Golf cart rentals will be half price every Tuesday in the month of January. A rental for one person is \$5 and \$7.50 for two people. Additionally, boat rentals will be half price every Wednesday this month. Prices vary according to the type of boat.

For more information, call 2345.



MLK Jr. run/walk

Come to Denich gym Jan. 14 at 7 a.m. for the Martin Luther King Jr. run/walk event hosted by MWR and the 525th Military Police Battalion. Registration will be held the day of the event and the first 100 people to register will receive a free t-shirt.

For more information, call 77262.

GTMO Rock & Roll Half Marathon

MWR will host a half marathon Jan. 28 at 7 a.m. with musical acts and cheering sections every mile. Registration is \$25 per runner and runners must register by Jan. 20. There will be no same-day registration. This event is open to anyone 16 years and older.

For more information, call 2157.

Lionfish Derby Challenge

Hit the beaches on Guantanamo Bay at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 21 for the Lionfish Derby Challenge. Join the competition with a donation of \$20.

Prizes will be given for biggest lionfish, smallest lionfish, most lionfish caught and other categories. The scoring station will be open from 2 to 4:40 p.m. at the Marina.

Money donated will go toward the Seabee Ball. For more information, call 4805.

Girl Scout Beach reopens

Tomorrow marks the official reopening of Girl Scout Beach. All recreational activities, including diving, snorkeling and swimming, are now permitted.



Sand volleyball tournament

Grab some friends and some sunscreen and get ready for the Blizzard Sand volleyball tournament. The tournament will run from Feb. 18-20. Register your team (four to six people) by Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

There will be a coaches' meeting Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Players must be at least 16 years of age.

For more information, call 2113.

Tax season begins

Tax season is here. W2s are now available via myPay. Don't wait until the last minute to get your taxes filed.

Post office closed

The Camp America post office will be closed Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MLK Jr. memorial march Jan. 16

The Guantanamo Bay Black History Organization will hold their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. march Jan. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Marchers will meet at the Windjammer and proceed to the naval station main chapel. Carol Leaphart of Fleet and Family Services is the guest speaker for the event.

For more information, call 78086.

Bowling meeting

The next bowling league meeting will be held Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the bowling alley. Participation does not require a full team.

For more information, call 2511.

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Trooper to Trooper

failure is not an option!

SENIOR CHIEF KEVIN DOUCETTE

J4 SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

“Failure is not an option.”

How many times have you heard that statement? If failure were one of your options, would you choose to fail? I don't think you would, and neither would I. No rational person would choose to fail. The statement “failure is not an option” implies that your two options are success and failure. So if we've established that no one chooses to fail, why do we sometimes fail anyway? We fail to advance, we fail to do our best, we fail to plan for retirement, we fail to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to us, and we fail in so many other ways. We fail because of poor choices we make in life.

I really feel that life is about choices. We don't overtly choose to fail; we succeed in life by making good choices and fail when we make poor choices. Life isn't as simple as declaring, “I want to succeed,” and it happens. There are many choices, opportunities, and circumstances along the way that determine the course of our lives. We were all born with free will. We are all adults and we are free to make big boy and big girl decisions about how we live based on the choices, circumstances and opportunities given us.

Most of us are working our way through this life without the benefit of a trust fund or great wealth, or else we may choose to be somewhere else doing something else. Each of us made the choice to join the military and we enjoy the benefits and endure the sacrifices freely. Now that we've established that we are all here because we chose to be here, what are we going to make of it? The American people, our family, our friends,



and our brothers and sisters in arms expect that we are making good choices regarding the privilege to serve in the United States military.

Let's talk about advancement or promotion. What choices have you made to better your opportunity for advancement? Do you spend your time going to movies, the beach, or drinking or do you choose to spend your time preparing for your advancement? I'll offer the observation that those among us who have advanced or promoted to the highest ranks in their respective service have made choices that led to their advancement. They chose not to fail; rather, they chose a course of action that led to success. They chose wisely and they made sacrifices that led to their success. I submit to you that there is no failure in reaching for E-9 and peaking at

E-6. Put forth the honest effort and make the hard choices in the attempt. The failure is not in choosing to make the attempt, to make the sacrifice, to put forth the effort to make the reach to “be all you can be.”

I could go on and on about the choices we make regarding physical fitness, financial fitness, higher education, fidelity, nutrition, and so on. Let me close with this thought. We can't always control what happens to us but we can control how we react to those circumstances. We have the opportunity, the right, and the obligation to make choices about whether we are going to make good choices that better our station in life and put us on the path of success or poor choices that leave failure as our only option.

I pray we all make good choices in 2012 and beyond!



STUDENT OF THE GAME

Tebow is my homeboy

By Army Sgt. Landis Andrews

Chicken may know best, but I think I know a little something. I think I can prove to you that Tim Tebow, quarterback for the Denver Broncos, and his success is not a product of divine intervention. ESPN, Yahoo! Sports and any other company trying to make an advertising dollar off of him is offering an ark load of evidence against my case, but have fai—I mean, trust me.

Let's start with the most recent piece of kindle. I'm not talking about your poor excuse for an iPad. I'm talking about the wood that is keeping this Tebow bush burning.

In the unlikely victory over

the Pittsburgh Steelers, Tebow threw for 316 yards. What is his favorite Bible verse? John 3:16. Did you flip your lid? Well, turn it back over because it gets better. The Mile High Messiah completed 10 passes, which means he averaged 31.6 yards per pass. Your eyes aren't deceiving you. That's 316 again. Lids may now be flipped.

That's not all. The Steelers offense had the ball for 31:06. Don't mind that stupid zero. It's just a place holder. Opposing quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, normally as cool as a cucumber, threw an interception on 3rd and 16 giving everlasting—sorry, new life to the Broncos' Super Bowl hopes.

An additional piece of

evidence for divine intervention came when it was reported that Demaryius Thomas, the receiver who scored the overtime touchdown, was running 13.6 miles per hour the moment he made the game winning catch. Ok, it's not quite 316, but it's too close to ignore.

Can all this be coincidence? Could it be our 24-hour news cycle, viral video, Twitter-trending society taking an insignificant occurrence and overdoing it? We would never do that. Just ask Justin Bieber.

Maybe I can't say, with any amount of certainty, that Tim Tebow isn't Jesus. But, what I do know is that Tebow is my homeboy.

With religious views as subtle

as a four-star flag officer serving chow, Tebow has people of all ages and races hitting their knees in exaltation. Passengers on the Tebow Bandwagon who sing his praises call themselves “Believers.” And, the lack of spiral on most of his passes leave spectators saying, “Oh my God.”

Whether his success is attributed to reading the Bible or the playbook, his results are undeniable. He takes public beatings from men much larger than he is in the name of his passion: a Super Bowl win. And, riding this wave of emotion, if he doesn't get the ultimate win this year, headlines in Denver will undoubtedly read, “Timmy wept.”

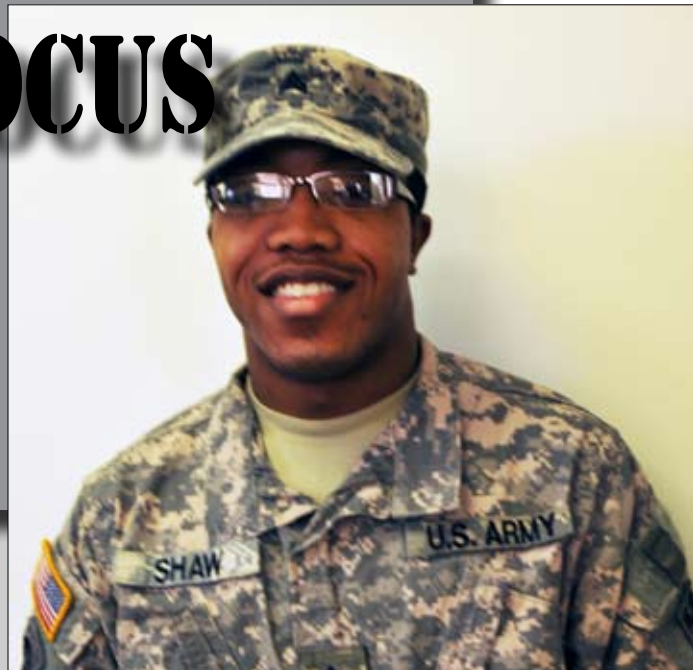


Don't send work related material to personal email accounts!

Free email accounts are a great thing to have when used properly. Have you ever wondered why they are free? Those companies make money by signing up as many people as possible, not by providing secure email. Other companies spend millions of dollars to thwart hackers. Do you think free email websites do? Don't send sensitive or work-related material via personal email accounts because they are not secure. USE OPSEC!

TROOPER FOCUS

By Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor



Sgt. DeAnthony Shaw is all business when it comes to tending to junior Troopers, especially when it comes to their educational future. The Michigan native promotes educational responsibility and believes Troopers should take ownership of their future educational endeavors.

for a while, but you have to be your own biggest fan and career promoter.”

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Wendy Mathisen is Shaw’s divisional officer. She said Shaw’s level of professionalism is rivaled only by his pursuit of knowledge and his mentorship to other Soldiers.

“I’m very impressed with the level of education Sgt. Shaw is pursuing,” Mathisen said. “He is a fantastic example to junior Soldiers in the respect of educational programs and opportunities in the Army.”

“Regardless of your branch of service, or even if you are National Guard or Reserve, make the most of the opportunities and situations put in front of you,” Shaw said. “The Army puts a lot of emphasis on the Soldier as a warfighter, but there should be more awareness about the educational opportunities out there.”

Shaw, a reservist, holds a bachelor of arts in paralegal studies. He has recently applied to law school programs. Shaw said taking advantage of resources afforded to him by the military is what has brought him this far, and he believes every Trooper can find a similar program of interest to pursue.

Shaw is Joint Task Force Guantanamo J-4’s Property Book Office NCOIC. He takes care of Army equipment and believes, and believes JTF Troopers should take just as good care of their careers and educational futures.

“There are too many resources at your disposal not to use them,” Shaw said. “You don’t want to do four or more years in the military and waste this benefit. I know college is not for everyone, but there are also trade schools out

there that are ready and willing to train military (personnel) for success, whether you choose to get out after this term or stay in for a whole career.”

Shaw implores junior Troopers to take a proactive approach to their professional and educational careers while they are still young. He said Troopers should want to have intangible skills and experiences alongside their military tenure.

“The information we are afforded here is valuable,” Shaw said. “We can parlay this information in other venues. Educational opportunities are out there, no matter who you are.”

BULLET BIO

Time in service: 9 years

Hobbies: Basketball, reading, watching movies

The boss says: “He is highly motivated and does an all-around fantastic job for the J-4 Property Book Office.”

Advice to junior Troopers: “As you look forward, don’t forget to look back. Take care of your fellow Troopers.”

What advice would you give to someone new to the island?



“Get out of your room and find something to do!”

Pfc.
Jonathan Williams



“There are plenty of extracurricular activities.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class
Kacey Nyberg



“Go to Morale Welfare and Recreation events.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class
Leroy Smith



“Take full advantage of what is offered to you here.”

Sgt.
Jamie Colvin

BOOTS ON THE GROUND



From left: Chaplains Lt. Tung Tran and Lt. Larry Jones recently arrived to the Guantanamo Bay community. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor

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Naval Station Guantanamo Bay recently welcomed two new chaplains to the community. Lt. Larry Jones and Lt. Tung Tran are taking the helm of naval station facilities supporting NAVSTA personnel, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers, civilians and their families.

Chaplain Tran is Naval Station Guantanamo Bay’s new resident Catholic priest. This is Father Tran’s first tour, coming from Naval Chaplain Corps School. The Pontifical North American College graduate feels he can identify with all of Guantanamo Bay’s audience, and hopes to be of service to the general populace.

“There is nothing new under the sun,” Father Tran said. “The only thing I can supplement Team Guantanamo with is a renewed expectation and a fresh face. I feel very comfortable here. I am a young priest, but I am ‘old school.’ I think I have something to offer young and old here.”

Chaplain Jones hopes to strengthen the programs already in place at Guantanamo Bay. Coming from USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) Jones believes the current structure of the divinity program here is good and wants to reinforce the spiritual guidance provided.

New Guantanamo chaplains provide fresh faces to faith

JTF Command Climate Survey available online

By Rear Adm. David Woods

JTF Guantanamo Commander

All commands should conduct a Command Climate Survey at least annually.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo is no exception, despite the rotational nature of our manning. In completing the survey, you will have the opportunity to provide opinions on many “serious issues” that you believe warrant attention. Your thoughtful response will be key to the completeness and integrity of the results. The survey will ask you to provide demographic information such as your rank, race, and sex. Demographic information is used to ensure we have a proper representation of participants. No attempt will be made to identify you, so please respond openly and frankly.

In addition to seeking your opinion about human relations and unit cohesion, your perceptions are valuable because they give me and other key leaders insight into the general climate of our entire command. For your answers to be useful, you must be honest. Do not tell me what you think I want to hear, or say what others might say; tell it as you see it. Even though the majority of questions are common to every military command, you’ll notice that the final 15 questions are specifically tailored to highlight conditions at JTF.

I need you to complete the survey no later than Jan. 27. If you’re busy now, you have two weeks to find a half hour that is less hectic. Again please be thoughtful and don’t rush through the survey. You should set aside about 25 minutes in order to have adequate time to write comments for some of the short-answer questions. You only need to complete the survey once. To begin the survey you must connect to the Internet. The survey can be found at the following site:

<https://www.deocs.net/user/login/login.cfm>

Once you log in, you’ll be asked for an access code. Consult your chain of command for this code.

If you have questions concerning the survey, the point of contact is Capt. Kristine Espinola at 9717.

Thank you and your opinion counts!

MSST San Diego teams up with Marines for training exercise

By Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park

Background: The United States Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) San Diego and the Marine Corps Security Forces (MCSF) Company simulate the egress of injured personnel onto a Coast Guard fast boat during a casualty evacuation exercise. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park

It's not quite 3 a.m. and all is quiet at the Coastie boathouse in Guantanamo Bay. The air is dense and salty and the stars sparkle like a handful of diamonds thrown into the night sky. The night crew of U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Security Detachment San Diego are diligently cleaning and maintaining their weapons and gear trying to get through another night. An infomercial about tile caulk can be heard on the television in the background when the phone rings.

"MARSECDET, how may I help you, sir/ma'am? What is your location? What is your frequency? What's the precedence? Special equipment? How many..."

The Marine Corps Security Forces Company (MCSFCO) has just called in a standard nine-line medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) request. The phone is put down, the waterside duty officer (WDO) is notified and a flurry of activity engulfs the boathouse.

Within 30 minutes, two 25-foot transportable port security "fast boats" are deployed and the quiet waters of Guantanamo Bay give way to the

wake and roar of the engines cutting through it at 40 knots.

MSST San Diego and MCSFCO spent the final week of 2011 conducting progressive training evolutions, testing expeditious reactionary time for insertion and extraction; mobilization; testing communications and researching and testing site locations. The MSST and MCSFCO team concluded a final exercise tying all training elements into one real-world scenario.

"The scenario put my Marine casualties at the farthest point from the Coast Guard boathouse to the fence line for the worst possible scenario," said Marine Corps Capt. Christian Ensign, Fleet Anti-Terrorism Section 3 (3rd FAS), platoon commander. "The timely and effective treatment of my Marines is priority and the MSST San Diego gives us the quick response and significant flexibility that we need in our area of operations."

This was the first time MSST San Diego had a chance to work with MCSFCO since arriving in Guantanamo late last fall.

The importance of getting the mission done

safely, properly and expeditiously are the contributing factors to successful interoperable missions here.

"We always do a risk assessment before we get underway," said Petty Officer 1st Class

Jared Campbell, the lead coxswain (boat driver and crew leader) for the MSST.

"We mitigate certain risks and evaluate the situation. My responsibility is the safety of the crew, passengers and the boat. Getting there safe is my top priority."

Lt. Jg. Jorge Teller, Waterside Division Officer for MSST San Diego, thought the entire process was a success.

"It went extremely well," he said. "We found some gaps in the system and corrected them and now we're establishing a standard operating procedure with the Marines."

Would you like some Johnny cake?

By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

The smell of spicy curry and fried bread filled the small kitchen in the Marine Hill Liberty Center. The head chef for the evening's meal was Paul Johnson, a Morale Welfare and Recreation assistant who hails from Jamaica. Johnson taught fellow volunteer chefs how to prepare dishes from his home nation.

"My mom is a chef so I learned a lot from her," said Johnson. "We made curry goat, a salad, a fruit drink and Johnny cakes."

Jan. 9's "Cooking from Around the World" featured Jamaican food. Many Troopers had to step out of their comfort zone to try the different dishes that were prepared.

Curry goat, a traditional Jamaican dish, is prepared with onions, crushed garlic, thyme, curry powder and various other spices and pressure cooked to tender perfection.

"It was a different experience," said Sgt. 1st Class Meta Bailey. "I never had goat before. It was similar to beef but had a more pungent taste."

Although cooking a successful Jamaican meal was the primary goal, it was the insight into a different culture that was the highlight of the evening.

"Through preparing and eating a Jamaican meal, I tasted their traditions," said Lance Cpl. Tyler Truesdale. "This was a great introduction to the Jamaican culture."

This is the second iteration of the monthly "Cooking from Around the World" program; last month's dishes were Filipino.

"Our goal is to get Troopers out of their rooms and involved in the community, while introducing them to cultures of the people on base," said LaToya Stewart, the program's Morale Welfare and Recreation assistant.

Since this is a community event, Liberty finds volunteer chefs from the community.

"We tell people what culture we are going to highlight, and most people know somebody who is a capable cook," said Chief Petty Officer Mike Ferrell, a United States Navy Chef and the volunteer head chef for the program. "Once we identify the cook, Jill Lynch and I meet with them and go through menu development, recipes and how to teach a class."

Members of the Guantanamo Bay community are able to step into the kitchen and be a head chef for a night.

"We want to give other people a chance to come into the kitchen, develop a menu and teach them how to cook on a large scale while at the same time share their culture with everybody," said Ferrell.

Ferrell explained that the recipes had to be quick and easy, so Troop-

ers would be able to replicate them at home.

This was not the first time Troopers had the opportunity to learn how to cook on island, but this event had a different approach than in the past.

"Before, chefs did a lot of the cooking and everybody just watched," said Ferrell. "We wanted to change that. We wanted engagement from start to finish."

Continuing to provide new cultures and dishes to sample, "Cooking from Around the World" will feature Lebanese cuisine next month.

"It's been a hit. Students in the class say this is the best-kept secret in Guantanamo Bay," said Ferrell. "We are totally invested in this program and hopefully this year we'll get to experience 12 cultures from Guantanamo."

Johnny Cakes

INGREDIENTS

3 c. flour
½ c. cornmeal (optional)
3 tsp. baking powder
1 ½ c. water
½ tsp. salt
Oil (for frying)

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix dry ingredients together.
2. Add water a little at a time and knead dough. Dough should be soft but not sticky.
3. Pinch off golf ball-size pieces and roll into a ball.
4. Heat frying pan; add oil (keep at low temperature).
5. Put each Johnny cake in frying pan. When brown, flip to other side.
6. Remove from pan when each side is golden brown.

Jamaican Curry Goat

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. goat meat, cut in ½ inch pieces
1 medium onion, diced
3 crushed garlic cloves, 1 tsp. thyme
3 pieces green onion, ½ tsp. curry powder, for seasoning meat
1 ½ tsp. curry powder, for cooking
3 ¼ c. water
1 tsp. corn starch (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Season goat meat with salt, pepper, and thyme. Mix well and marinate in refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
2. In a coated pot on medium/high heat, sauté onion and garlic.
3. Add the pepper and curry powder and cook about two minutes until thick.
4. Add ¼ cup water and cook on medium heat for 5 minutes. Keep stirring.
5. Raise heat and add goat, stirring to coat the meat. Cover and simmer.
6. Stir every few minutes for about 25 minutes, remove lid and turn up heat. Gradually add 3 cups of water. Bring to boil, turn heat to low.
7. Cover and cook for about 2 hours, stirring every 15 minutes. If needed, turn up heat or stir in corn starch to thicken gravy. Be careful not to burn.

Jamaican Homemade Fruit Punch

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. carrots
1 lb. grapes
1 small pineapple or 1 qt. pineapple juice
4 limes or ½ cup lime juice
¼ lbs. ginger
1 qt. water
2 c. sugar or to taste
Ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash carrots, fruit and ginger. Dice in small pieces to fit in blender.
2. Add to blender with a cup of water. (Do not overload blender)
3. Blend for 3 minutes.
4. Have container and fine strainer ready. Pour puree into strainer and squeeze out as much juice possible. Discard pulp.
5. Cut limes, squeeze into a container and add to juice with sugar.
6. Mix until all ingredients are combined.
7. Serve over ice.



Left to right:
Army Sgt. Bill Allen squeezes limes for Jamaican homemade fruit punch. Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicholas Fleischhauer prepares Johnny cakes for frying. Sgt. 1st Class Meta Bailey stirs the goat curry before putting in the final ingredients. Fleischhauer and Bailey finally get to eat after preparing traditional Jamaican dishes. Chief Petty Officer Mike Farrell pours Jamaican homemade fruit punch for "Cooking from Around the World" volunteer chefs.
—photos by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

Ten Years Later

By Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Grant

Five JDG leaders look back on their first deployment

Background: Camp Delta, which once housed several hundred detainees as Camps 1-4, now contains administrative offices and the detainee library, medical clinic, and classrooms.
—photo by Mass Communication Spc. Kilho Park

Jan. 11 marked 10 years from the time Camp X-Ray was reopened in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, and began the evolution to the camps we have today. For five of the Joint Detention Group (JDG) staff currently serving their second deployment here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, the changes from 10 years ago are evident.

In May 2002, these five 170th Military Police Battalion Soldiers arrived as members of the 178th Military Police Company. They guarded detainee single-cells and lived in tents. They ate MREs and hot chow served from Mermite containers. They look back at that time now and are impressed with the improvements made over the last decade.

“It is certainly a different perspective for all of us,” explained Sgt. Maj. Callie Leaver, the JDG operations sergeant major. “We were much lower in rank then.”

Maj. Jonathan Adams, the JDG executive officer was 1st Lt. Adams, a platoon leader and duty officer. Now-Sgt. Maj. Leaver was Staff Sgt. Leaver, a guard staff noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC). Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Conwell, the detainee admin NCOIC was Sgt. Conwell, a guard.

Sgt. 1st Class Antonio White, the JDG detention operations and detainee movement NCOIC was Spc. White, a guard. Sgt. 1st Class Martin Sullivan, the JDG advance search team NCOIC was Spc. Sullivan, a guard who arrived a month later than everyone else because he still needed to finish basic combat training.

“The (current) headquarters building didn’t exist,” said White, “and the J3 conference center was a horseshoe-shaped building that had a laundry facility in it. We all did our laundry there.”

The soldiers noted that the living conditions

improved for everyone at the Joint Task Force: not just for the detainees, but for the guards as well.

“The Cuzcos didn’t exist,” White explained. “It was all SEAhuts. We actually helped tear down the tents which the guards lived in near Camp X-Ray.”

The Trooper housing that started off as tents next to Camp X-ray transitioned to SEAhuts, which were located in what is now the Joint Task Force area of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Since then, housing areas have expanded to include Camp America, the Cuzcos and Bay Hill trailers, and Tierra Kay and Windward Loop housing areas.

“MWR has definitely improved too,” Sullivan explained. “When we were here the first time, the bike trails weren’t here; now we’ve got Trail Blazers improving them.”

“We weren’t able to get to the other side of the island very much,” he added. “There weren’t any (MWR) Liberty centers like there are now. There was very limited Internet, about three or four computers with a sign-up sheet and a 30-minute limit. No cable was available in the housing either.”

One thing that surprised all the Soldiers on their second arrival here late last year was the knowledge that none of the detainees were actually housed in Camp Delta anymore.

“When we were here the first time, Camps 1 and 2 had just been finished, and 3 was still under construction,” Adams explained. “Detainees were still being transferred when we got here. Camp 4 was under construction when we left.”

The construction of the state-of-the-art facilities which comprise Camps 5 and 6 allow the guards to do their jobs in a air conditioned environment now. Camp 4 was replaced by

Camp 6 as the communal camp, and the JDG Soldiers agreed that the positive change in detainee behavior is largely due to the communal living. Unlike the 2002-era Camp Delta they guarded, today’s detainee population lives in an 85 percent communal setup.

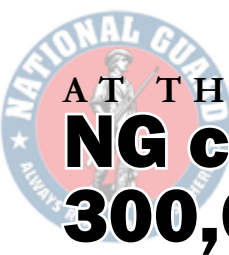
In addition to the everyday outdoor recreation center, detainees in communal living have 24-hour access to fresh air and privileges including television and movies, Xbox and Playstation, reading material, and the opportunity to eat and pray together.

“There wasn’t a climate-controlled environment back then,” Sullivan said. “Everything was outdoors. If you were working in the blocks, you were for the most part in the elements. There might be a little shade for a break, but you were outside.”

“We worked roughly 10-12 hour days, three days on, two off; and four on, two off,” said White. “Every other month we would rotate working on the block to working detainee movement, and monitoring. There were only two blocks that had air conditioning. Most of the time you were out in the sun, in the heat and the rain.”

So, in addition to the controlled climate, an advantage guards have today is less detainee/guard interaction. The communal living allows detainees to shower, enter recreation areas, and go to prayer and eating areas without needing escorts.

“The reasons for detention seemed a lot more clear back then,” Adams said. “We were all still raw from 9/11. This is still a necessary function, but to say clearly what the future of Guantanamo detention ops might be is difficult for the guard force. But the one consistency we have had as a guard force is the safe care and custody of the detainees.”



AT THE READY

NG completes more than 300,000 Iraq deployments

By Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. – On Dec. 18, 2011, when the final U.S. troops crossed the Iraqi border into Kuwait, the National Guard had deployed more than 250,000 Guard members in support of the war.

Already participating in combat operations in Afghanistan, the National Guard lived up to its motto of “Always Ready, Always There,” and answered the call in January 2003 to send troops to Iraq for the beginning stages of what would later be known as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Serving side-by-side with their active duty counterparts until the last Guard member came home, the Army National Guard de-

ployed 222,485 Citizen-Soldiers for a total number of 259,467 deployments.

Providing air support missions throughout the world for Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, the Air National Guard deployed 34,243 Citizen-Airmen, successfully completing 44,882 deployments.

During those more than 300,000 deployments by the Army and Air National Guard, Guard members back in America answered the call and served on the home front - fulfilling the National Guard’s domestic mission.

The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – retired Navy Adm. Mike Mullen – said more than once in 2010 and 2011, “We would not be anywhere close to where we are in terms of our execution of mission without the National Guard.”

ON THE WING

USO connects families through reading

By Tech. Sgt. Vernon Cunningham

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Deployment can be hard on a family. It can be even harder for a service member who would normally read their children a bedtime story but are not around to do so. However, the Pat Tillman Memorial United Services Organization here offers a service to help close that gap.

The program is a cooperative effort between the USO and the federal nonprofit organization United Through Reading. It allows overseas personnel to read to their loved ones back home through recorded video.

Cathe Ganley, the United Through Reading coordinator here, said the mission of the USO is to lift the spirit of the troops overseas or away from their family.

“One way we do that is by providing some of the comforts of home,” she said. “Some of these comforts include free phone calls to home, free computers and free WiFi. With the United Through Reading Program, we record service members reading a book and send both the book and DVD home to the states so the children, mom, dad, grandma or whomever can read with them whenever they want.”

USO patrons can bring their own book or choose from the selection provided. They can read for up to 30 minutes while being recorded. Afterwards, USO personnel will package and mail the book and disc.

Ganley said the Pat Tillman Memorial USO sends 60 to 100 packages to families in the U.S. every three days.

Master Sgt. Daniel Fish, deployed from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, took the opportunity to read to his two daughters.

“It’s a little more personal than me just reading a book over the phone,” Fish said. “My youngest daughter is in an accelerated reading program, so now I have a good reason to use the program and read with her.”

Master Sgt. Santiago Belen, deployed from the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, read a book in English and the second book in Spanish to his two children. Belen has also shipped DVDs via United Through Reading program.

“It’s another way which the USO has given us to reach out to our families back home,” Belen said.

ON THE DECK

Pirates captured in Arabian Sea

From Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs



A U.S. Navy Sea Hawk helicopter provides support during the USS Kidd’s counter-piracy and maritime security operations. –U.S. Navy photo

ARABIAN SEA – Forces assigned to the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group rescued an Iranian fishing vessel from pirates in the northern Arabian Sea Jan. 5.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. local time, an SH-60S Seahawk from guided-missile destroyer USS Kidd (DDG 100) detected a suspected pirate skiff alongside the Iranian-flagged fishing dhow Al Molai. Simultaneously, a distress call was received from the master of the Al Molai claiming he was being held captive by pirates.

A visit, board, search and seizure team from Kidd boarded the Al Molai and detained 15 suspected pirates who had been holding a 13-member Iranian crew hostage for several weeks. The Al Molai had been pirated and used as a “mother ship” for pirate operations throughout the Persian Gulf, according to members of the Iranian vessel’s crew.

The pirates did not resist the boarding and surrendered quickly.

“The Al Molai had been taken over by pirates for roughly the last 40-45 days,” said

Josh Schminky, a Navy Criminal Investigative Service agent aboard the Kidd. “They were held hostage, with limited rations, and we believe were forced against their will to assist the pirates with other piracy operations.”

According to members of the Kidd boarding party, the Iranian crew said they were forced by the pirates to live in harsh conditions, under the threat of violence with limited supplies and medical aid.

“When we boarded, we gave them food, water, and medical care,” said Schminky. “They had been through a lot. We went out of our way to treat the fishing crew with kindness and respect.

“After securing the ship and ensuring the safety of all persons on board, we began distributing food and water to both the crew and the suspected criminals as is our standard practice in counter-piracy operations,” said Schminky.

see PIRATES next page

IN THE FIGHT

Comics 4 Heroes auction to aid Wounded Warrior Project

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Hines

2nd Marine Division

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – What do Marines have in common with Spiderman? The answer is simple: they both helped inspire the creation of a new kind of charity event taking place aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. This particular event combines the love of comic books with the desire to help wounded Marines.

“I call it Comics 4 Heroes,” said Sgt. Jacob Smith, a scout squad leader with Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and founder of Comics 4 Heroes. “I take blank-covered Marvel comic books and get them into the hands of artists who create their own rendition of the character from the comic book they’ve chosen, which will be auctioned off. All proceeds will be going to the Wounded Warrior Project and a program called Stiggy’s Dogs.”

The Wounded Warrior Project provides help to injured service members with unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs, while Stiggy’s Dogs partners military veterans with rehabilitated shelter dogs. Stiggy’s Dogs was started by the mother of a Navy corpsman who died in Afghanistan during 2nd LAR’s last deployment, which made it personal for Smith.

“During our last deployment we lost six Marines and sailors from LAR and had a number of injured, so I have a lot of friends who are involved with these programs,” said Smith.

Although the program is in its early stages, Smith says he has had a great response from the artists who are taking part.

“I was instantly interested in the idea,” said Cpl. Mark-Anthony Marshall, tech support chief for Headquarters Company, 2nd Marine Division. “The fact that I could use my art to help the wounded Marines was what really sold me on the idea.”

The Marines currently involved with the program learned about Smith’s Comics 4 Heroes through word-of-mouth and come from many different units across Camp Lejeune.

Although Smith claims he isn’t so much an artist as he is a collector, he puts his confidence in the abilities of the numerous artists who are kind enough to donate their time and efforts to this worthwhile cause.

“I would love for more Marines to get involved with the program and use their artistic skills to help,” said Smith.

The first Comics 4 Heroes auction will take place May 5 at Fanboy Comics in Wilmington, N.C.

MISSION FIRST

Rules restrict political activity by DOD personnel

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials are in the process of issuing regular election-year guidance to remind military and Defense Department civilians that they’re subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Several sets of rules help to protect the integrity of the political process, DOD officials said. DOD Directive 1344.10 applies to members of the armed forces, whether they serve on active duty, as members of the reserve components not on active duty, as National Guard members in a nonfederal status and military retirees.

In addition, the Hatch Act applies to federal civilian employees, and employees also are subject to widely published DOD guidance that discusses participation in political campaigns and elections.

These rules are designed to prevent military members’ or federal civilian employees’ participation in political activities that imply – or even appear to imply – official sponsorship, approval or endorsement, officials said. The concern, they explained, is that actual or

perceived partisanship could undermine the legitimacy of the military profession and department.

That’s not to imply, however, that military members and civilian employees can’t participate in politics. In fact, DOD has a longstanding policy of encouraging members to carry out the obligations of citizenship, officials said. DOD encourages its military and civilian members to register to vote and vote as they choose, they said. Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues.

However, officials emphasized, they can do so only if they don’t act as – or aren’t perceived as – representatives of the armed forces in carrying out these activities.

Beyond that, the list of dos and don’ts differs depending on whether the employee is a member of the armed forces, a career civil service employee, a political appointee or a member of the career Senior Executive Service, officials said.

Military members, for example, may attend political meetings or rallies only as spectators and not in uniform. They’re not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any of-

ficial capacity in partisan groups or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions. They also are barred from engaging in any political activities while in uniform.

Most civilian DOD employees, whose political activities are governed by the Hatch Act, are permitted to be active in and speak before political gatherings and serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups, officials said. These activities, however, cannot involve fundraising.

Civilian employees also are permitted to manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

There are, however, exceptions to this, including but not limited to Senior Executive Service.

While the dos and don’ts concerning political activity may vary, the basic tenets hold true for all DOD employees.

The bottom line, officials said, is that they should steer clear of any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating DOD or the military with a partisan political activity, or that “is otherwise contrary to the spirit or intent” of the rules described.

Afghan announcers broadcast peace

By 1st Lt. Cammie Quinn
Paktya PRT Public Affairs

PAKTYA PROVINCE, Afghanistan – In an area with an illiteracy rate of approximately 70 percent, radio communication can be critical when sharing news and current events in Paktya province of Afghanistan.

The Paktya Provincial Reconstruction Team recently partnered with local radio announcers in the unveiling of “Caravan Radio,” an Afghan-run radio station, focused on providing timely and accurate information to provincial residents.

Alwal Jan Taniwal, Latifullah, Wakil Ahmad Hamdar and Javed Dardman are Caravan Radio announcers at a station that has grown in popularity since first airing one month ago.

“Our most popular program is a call-in segment, with more than 500 callers each night,” Alwal Jan said. “We receive endless song requests, poetry submissions and general questions from our listeners.”

The announcers use a radio system provided by coalition forces, known as a “radio in a box” or RIAB. The RIAB is an organic, self-sustaining radio station complete with the necessary components to transmit voice and music at 300 watts.

“The coverage of the station is dependent on the terrain of

the area,” said 1st Lt. Eric Ozburn, the Paktya PRT information operations officer. “Despite the rugged mountains prevalent in Paktya, the (announcers) voices can be heard in a 50-kilometer radius.”

“In the coming months, a new tower is scheduled to be erected, expanding Caravan Radio’s reach even farther,” Ozburn said.

During Taliban rule, music was restricted from radio stations. Now, playing music for Afghans gives a sentimental joy for one announcer, as he recalls the first time he and his brother heard music playing from a radio.

“It was exciting,” Latifullah said. “My brother and I were surprised, happy and laughing. Since that day, we no longer are in fear of listening to the radio. The Taliban can no longer keep music from us.”

The announcers said their goal is to maintain a positive message of peace for their audience, in order to counter the negative, threatening words the Taliban frequently release.

“Our messages focus on peace and reconstruction,” Latif said. “Through our radio station, Afghans learn peace is attainable through cooperation and support of the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.”

New law eases airport screening for troops, PCS’ing families

By Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama signed a bill into law Jan. 3 to streamline airport screening procedures for service members and their families traveling on official orders.

The Risk-based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act gives the Transportation Security Administration six months to develop and implement a plan to expedite screening services for service members on orders and in uniform and, “to the extent possible, any accompanying family member.”

The act, in part, calls for the agency to establish standard guidelines for the screening of military uniform items, such as combat boots.

In a statement released Jan. 4, agency officials said they’re in the process of reviewing options for these new procedures in consultation with the Defense Department.

Even before this law, the agency had several measures in place to aid troops through the screening process. For example, troops in uniform with a military identification card aren’t required to remove their boots or shoes unless they set off an alarm, according to the agency’s website.

The agency also seeks to accommodate family members. Families who would like to accompany a deploying service member to the boarding gate or greet them upon their return may receive passes to enter the secure area of the airport, the site said.

Family members, agency officials advise, should contact their air carrier representative at the airport for local procedures.

The agency also expedites the screening process for Honor Flight veterans, and partners with the Defense Department to expedite screening for wounded warriors and their families. The Honor Flight Network organization transports veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials.

Also aimed at expediting screening procedures, the agency is testing a new program at the airport in Monterey, Calif. In mid-November, troops traveling out of Monterey Peninsula Airport began presenting their DOD identification to a document checker for card-reader scanning.

The pilot program is designed to test the technology to verify service members’ status. If successful, it could pave the way for service members to be included in the agency’s expedited screening program, agency officials said, enabling them to use special lanes at participating airports to pass more quickly through airport security. These expedited procedures could involve not having to remove their shoes, belt and jackets or their laptops from bags.

Programs such as this one strengthen security, officials said, explaining that separating out low-risk people, such as members of the armed forces, allows the agency to focus its resources on travelers who present a higher risk.



by Army Maj. Jon Powers

Goals: Scoring in the game of life

There is something about a New Year’s Eve that brings out the optimist in all of us. Maybe it’s the brand new calendar, wrapped in cellophane and filled only with possibility. Or is it the permission to stop beating yourself up and turn your back on the mistakes and wasted opportunities of the year gone by?

Either way, the large majority of us express this moment in a similar way. We create New Year’s Resolutions, or simply said, set goals. Goals define how to fill our empty daily planner or to not waste another chance at success. These are goals to make us look, feel or act like the person we truly want to be. But sadly, most of us are terrible at keeping goals. This leads to another New Year’s Eve champagne toast to yet another set of goals, this time we really, really mean it!

We are told goals must be tangible, manageable, measurable and sustainable. However, the first concept you need to know is a goal is not a plan. Good plans require balance, and are realistic in their demands on your time, energy and resources. If you can enlist support from others, do it. Share goals with coworkers, family and friends. Be there for them and they will keep you on track as well.

Understand yourself, grasshopper. Are you a procrastinator? It’s ok; many of us are. You

have to include this trait in your goal setting plan, and not just by placing the red “X” on the calendar method. Define stops along the way to be sure you stay on the correct path. Very large goals must be broken down into smaller sections and given their own timeframe. The procrastinator in you will wait until the last minute to act. If the planned interim goals take that into account you can be your old procrastinating self and still hit the mark. As the interim goals come and go, hey look at you...you are succeeding with your goal setting. Nothing succeeds like success!

There is infinite power in the word “now.” When you think about the next thing you should, don’t let yourself think “later.” Do it now. Pick the phone and make that call now. Get out of your chair and shred that paper now. Call your college and request your transcripts now. Close Facebook and write the article now...like I did. Anything can be accomplished with effort and it will be done much sooner if you start now. Do not accept weak excuses. Be firm with yourself. Say, “Self, you are being a pathetic whiner. Do it now and be done with it!”

Action is a habit. Practice taking action when a thought occurs to you and you will slowly erode your desire to procrastinate. Goals are much easier to attain when you do something,

doing nothing results in, well, nothing getting done. Funny how that works.

A quick pseudo-scientific Google research project revealed 75 percent of us miss our goal by the second week of January. Half of the exciting New Year’s resolutions are forgotten by June. Only one in 10 goal-setting superstars meets or exceeds their own expectations by year’s end. If someone told you there was a 10 percent chance of winning the lottery you would play. But when there’s a one in ten chance of being a better, happier person for the rest of your life, you throw up their hands in defeat? Come on.

Goals are not something to take lightly, saved just for that three...two...one...moment of yearly celebration with a drink in hand. Make goals a part of your morning routine or nightly prayers. They can define your life, and if they are well planned and pursued diligently, goals are guaranteed to bring more champagne happiness than any New Year’s party. So this year really, really mean it and make a plan to meet your goals. I bet you a bottle of bubbly you’ll be glad you did.

For more guidance on how to stay on track throughout the year, consult the Fleet and Family Support Center and their pamphlet on “Effective Goal Setting,” available at JSMART.

PIRATES cont.

The pirates were detained on the Al Molai by the Kidd boarding party until the next morning when they could be transferred to the USS John C. Stennis where the matter will be reviewed for prosecution. The pirates currently remain on the Stennis.

“The captain of the Al Molai expressed his sincere gratitude that we came to assist them. He was afraid that without our help, they could have been there for months,” said Schminky.

Piracy is an international problem that requires an international solution and a threat to all mariners. The presence of U.S. Navy ships in this region promotes freedom of navigation and protects the safety of those who transit the sea.

The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group is conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

ONLY AT GTMO by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor





By Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

An immortally bad film, Henry Cavill (as CGI-abdominal'd Theseus) and Freida Pinto (as hair extension'd Phaedra) lament recent career moves.

IMMORTALS

Over the last decade, there has been a substantial increase in live-action CGI-heavy hyper-reality movies. The film "Sin City" (2005) is an example of how this kind of picture is made right. That movie offered up a great story, interesting characters, and great visuals with enough balance to play off each other to successfully create a fascinating world in one of the most engaging films of the emerging genre. When it's done wrong, all these elements are squandered and the whole picture caves in under its own weight.

"Immortals" is another gladiator type film trying to cash in on the success of Zack Snyder's "300" (2007). It opens in Greece with the dirty-rotten good-for-nothing King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler") attacking and pillaging holy sites. He is seeking the mighty Eprius Bow, a supernatural weapon lost by the gods somewhere on Earth during a battle with the Titans. Hyperion kidnaps the virgin oracle priestess Phaedra (Freida Pinto, "Slumdog Millionaire") to help in his diabolical quest to gain the Eprius Bow and conquer all of Greece.

Standing in the way of Hyperion's blitzkrieg for Greek dominance is the peasant Theseus (Henry Cavill, next year's Superman in "Man of Steel"). For a young man of limited means, he has a Charles Atlas body and unparalleled combat skills. It also helps being the illegitimate son of the god Poseidon and in Zeus' good graces, who in the guise of a wise old man (John Hurt, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows") has mentored Theseus on the art of war and how to fight. Apparently in ancient Greece, chiseled good looks and combat skills will increase your earning potential!

Theseus is alone when he begins his campaign against Hyperion. Eventually Theseus accrues allies to aid in his quest. There is no shortage of battles as Theseus thunders on to take down his man. All these fight sequences consist of various stabbings,

spearings, beheadings and other acts of mass carnage. Judging by their inadequacies, Hyperion's minions obviously had combat training at the same school the Star Wars imperial stormtroopers had theirs. Theseus liberates the exquisite Phaedra and she has visions of his fate and destiny. She can see the importance of Theseus' life and helps him to achieve what he set out to do for the good of her people.

There's no denying "Immortals" is one of the most visually stunning films in recent years. Through CGI and elaborate sets the backdrops, locations and set dressings are rich in complexity and beauty. You're actually able to enjoy looking at them, an exception to the tendency of modern films to have the frame race around like a gerbil with ADD. The costuming is top notch. Who cares if the wardrobes are historically accurate or not? They just look cool.

However, apart from the eye candy, "Immortals" doesn't give you anything else. Characters with hard-to-pronounce names seem to show up at random and then vanish. Why were they even on the screen at all? Like models on a runway, maybe they were there only to showcase their exotic costumes.

I also couldn't help but wonder why all of Greece appears to be carved alongside a cliff thousands of feet in the air. Characters are shown strolling along the edge without the slightest regard to gravity or without fear of plummeting to the rocky shoreline of the ocean thousands of feet below.

I don't think "Immortals" will generate the kind of business or word of mouth interest in the movie the studio was hoping for. It's incoherent and almost torturous to watch. The story is fragmented at best. But one thing is for sure, it will look great on Blu-ray. I'm sure the home theater aficionados will be pleased with it. Maybe that's all "Immortals" is good for. It sure isn't good for anything else.

GTMO Quick Reference

Bayview Club - 75605
Wed.-Fri. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sun. & Holidays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bowling Center - 2118
Mon.-Fri. 6-11 p.m.
Fri. 6 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sat. 1 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sun. & Holidays 1-11 p.m.

Caribbean Coffee - 77859
Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 1-10 p.m.

Jerk House - 2532
Sun.-Th. 5-9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 5-10 p.m.

KFC and A&W Express - 75653
Daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

MWR Liberty Centers - 2010
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-12 a.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-1 a.m.
Sun. 9 a.m.-12 a.m.
Sat. & Holidays 9 a.m.-1 a.m.

Library - 4700
Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sun. & Holidays 12-9 p.m.

Pizza Hut - 77995
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 12-9 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.

Windjammer Club - 77252
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Windjammer Sports Bar
Mon.-Th. 5-9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.
Sun. 5-9 p.m.

Safe Ride - 84781

NAVSTA Main Chapel

Daily Catholic Mass
Tues.-Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.

Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.

General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.

Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.

Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.

Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A

LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

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

Islamic Service
Friday 1 p.m.
Room C

United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Room B

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B

For other services, contact the NAVSTA Chaplain's Office at 2323.

GTMO Religious Services

JTF Trooper Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Bible Study
Wednesday 6 p.m.

For more information, contact the JTF Chaplain's Office at 2305.

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Downtown Lyceum	Alvin & the Chipmunks (free popcorn!) (G) 7 p.m. Immortals (R) 9 p.m.	In Time (last showing) (PG-13) 7 p.m. J. Edgar (NEW) (R) 9 p.m.	Puss in Boots (last showing) (PG) 7 p.m.	Tower Heist (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Twilight (PG-13) 7 p.m.	The Rum Diary (R) 7 p.m.	Jack and Jill (PG) 7 p.m.
Camp Bulkeley	Tower Heist (free popcorn!) (PG-13) 8 p.m. J. Edgar (NEW) (R) 10 p.m.	The Rum Diary (R) 8 p.m. Mission: Impossible (PG-13) 10 p.m.	In Time (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Immortals (R) 8 p.m.	We Bought a Zoo (PG) 8 p.m.	War Horse (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Twilight (PG-13) 8 p.m.

Call the movie hotline at 4880 or see the MWR GTMO Facebook page for more information.



Renovations made to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay's primary care clinic will improve services to all residents here, including Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers. From left to right: JTF deputy commander Brig. Gen. James Lettko, Naval Station commander Capt. Kirk Hibbert, JTF commander Rear Adm. David Woods, and Naval Hospital commanding officer Capt. Richard Stoltz cut the ribbon Jan. 9. The renovations include more treatment rooms, an additional exam room, extra storage areas, and separate office space. —photo by Stacey Byington, U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general of U.S. Army South, visited Joint Task Force Guantanamo and members of the 525th Military Police Battalion Jan. 10. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park



The JTF at Shutter Speed

Background: The halo-ringed moon over Guantanamo Bay late on Jan. 6 lasted only half as long as the full scientific explanation, but was beautiful nonetheless. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park