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COMMAND CORNER

REAR ADM. DAVID WOODS

COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO

Our opinions count! I am reminded of this as the nation observes our political process in action during this election year. It's remarkable: the debates within each party lead to the primaries. The parties' nominees will emerge and be confirmed at their respective conventions. Then in the general election, we the people get the opportunity to decide with our vote for the leader we want to take the reigns of the presidency for the next four years.

You and others before you have served and fought to preserve this right and other rights our great nation affords. I encourage you all to full participate in the process to decide our nations leadership and do not miss the opportunity to VOTE!

Here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, your opinion counts too. There are many ways to ensure your voice is heard: first and foremost, through your chain-of-command. We are made up of a network of leaders with series of responsibilities and authorities. As the subject matter expert at your job, your stellar performance will give you the "street cred" and provide weight to your opinion and suggestions. Give those leaders in your specific chain-of-command the benefit of your expertise by fully developing and discussing your ideas on current procedures and how we can do things better. If you see a problem or something that is distracting from our mission then do not let it persist without comment and/or action. This how the JTF will improve!

Other avenues are available to have your voice and ideas heard. In addition to your leaders and commanders, we have several personnel who are here to

listen to you. They run the full spectrum from our Inspector General (IG) office to our JSMAART professionals to the Family Service Center counselors to our Chaplains. Everyone in these offices are available to allow you to vet your concerns and help you formulate a path for resolution. I encourage you to seek out these professionals and full utilize the services they are trained to provide.

Here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, your opinion counts too. Give the leaders in your chain of command the benefit of your expertise and ideas on current procedures and how we can do things better. Our Command Climate Survey is a way to have your voice and opinion heard.

Also, the suggestion boxes are an option to articulate the "distractions" which need to be removed to enable you to do your job better. This suggestion box is also a means to recognize Trooper performance which may otherwise not be brought to my attention. Many of you have utilized this tool and I welcome your comments. I personally read each one.

Last Friday I sent out an All Hands email announcing OUR Command Climate Survey. Notice I emphasize that it is a survey on the climate in OUR Command. This is another method to have your voice and opinion heard. I ask that you take the half hour to thoughtfully complete the survey online between now and Jan. 27. The results will be compiled and then debriefed with all senior leaders within the command. My plan is to then conduct another series of "All Hands Calls" later in February to discuss the results with all of you. I am, as I hope all of you, are very interested in making this the best command it can be in effectively executing our mission. I truly believe we are each "Honor Bound" to do so.

It may still be a long way until the next national election, but the Joint Task Force still needs your opinion. Submit your "vote" by Jan. 27!



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NEWS FROM THE BAY

Camp America video game tournament

Looking for an event for the gamer in you? Come to the Camp America Liberty Center Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. and pwn your friends in the game of your choice. Whether you're a serious gamer or a n00b, this event is for you. Select the game, establish the rules and play until a winner is crowned. There will be free snacks, prizes and giveaways.

MWR Expo

Are you looking for something new to do on base? Come to Downtown Lyceum on 28 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the MWR Expo. Representatives from the different MWR sections will be there to show you what exciting events and adventures they have to offer. There will be lots of prizes and free giveaways.

Downtown Lyceum craft fair

Want to purchase some treasures and gifts made by local craftsmen? Come to Downtown Lyceum Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Craft Fair. If you want to sell some of your hand crafted goodies, register a table by Jan. 26 by calling the Ceramics Shop at 74795 or 75351.

Free mountain biking

Want to see Guantanamo Bay from a new perspective? Come to the Marina Jan. 28 at 8 a.m. for a mountain bike trip through some of the base's beautiful trails. No bike? No problem. Reserve a bike or register for the trip Jan. 27 by 3 p.m. by calling 2345.

Day fishing

Come to the Marina tomorrow morning for a free fishing trip. The boat leaves at 6:30 a.m. Bait, snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring a pole and bring a friend. Sign up now by calling 2010.

Half price recreation in January

Golf cart rentals will be half price every Tuesday in the month of January. \$5 covers a rental for one person and \$7.50 covers two people.

Additionally, boat rentals will be half price every Wednesday this month. Prices vary based on the boat.

For more information, call 2345.

Tick-tock: it's tax time

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

Hike and cookout

Looking for some outdoor fun? Join Liberty MWR for a hike and cookout tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. The trek starts at the SCS building and goes to the end of the Ridgeline. The Liberty van will then drive the hikers to Windmill Beach for a free barbecue.

Call 2010 to sign up as soon as possible, so enough food can be purchased to accommodate everyone.

GTMO Rock & Roll Half Marathon

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

For more information, call 2157.

Sand volleyball tournament

Grab some friends and some sunscreen and get ready for the coed Blizzard Sand volleyball tournament. The action runs 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. You must be at least 16 years old to join a team.

For more information, call 2113.

Did anything strange happen to you on Friday the 13th?



"Nothing happened, but I am superstitious. I try to avoid black cats, walking under ladders and breaking mirrors."

Senior Master Sgt. Deb Rush



"I went fishing. I don't believe in bad luck, but I didn't catch any fish either."

Sgt. 1st Class George Watkis



"I picked up a lot of superstitious habits. I still don't step on the foul line in baseball because someone told me it was unlucky."

Tech. Sgt. Lonnie Bass



"Nothing really happened. I don't believe in bad luck."

Logistics Spc. 2nd Class Charles Scogins

BOOTS ON THE GROUND



It's worth it: maintaining long distance relationships through a deployment

Starting the new year has given us a lot more than just a few extra pounds to shed after holiday dinners. It was a time to reflect on the year past, bridge broken relationships, and discover ways to mature and grow. Spending the holidays here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo undoubtedly proved difficult for many of us. It was especially hard on those who left significant others back at home.

Long distance relationships were once a rarity prior to the advent of the Internet and significant advances in communication technology. Those who were deployed abroad before us relied heavily on the long anticipated arrival of mail and the unreliability of a telephone. However, as technology has become more dependable, faster, and other forms of communication have emerged, long distance relationships amongst American couples have grown exponentially. A study conducted by the Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships (CSLDR) found that 2.9% of newlywed couples spent a period of six months or longer separated by great distances. That's nearly 3.5 million people! However, just because a larger portion of American newlyweds

have endured a period of maintaining a long distance relationship does not imply that it is easy. As with any type of intimate bond, long distance relationships bring to the table their very own set of unique and complicated dynamics that can easily prove overwhelming to the unprepared.

The CSLDR has found that the biggest issue facing partners attempting to sustain a long distance relationship is loneliness. Though we all have close friends and peers willing to listen to our problems, nothing truly replaces the companionship of a partner.

The second most cited difficulty is, of course, communication. Although you and your partner may have done everything in your power to get in contact with one another, unforeseen circumstances can arise that prevent this. Feeling upset about being less involved in your partner's daily life is also a significant hardship often felt by couples separated for the first time. This, in turn, feeds into once distant fears that your partner may become involved in a traumatic accident, develop a serious medical condition, fall victim to a financial crisis, or worse, become unfaithful. In our absence from the lives we left behind, these speculative fears

and doubts become ever more real. Whereas we are only offered a limited perspective into the events occurring back home, our wild imaginations have a tendency to fill in what we cannot see. Needless to say, should you be prone to assume the worse, it's only a matter of time before your suspicions make themselves known in your conversations with your loved ones.

Long distance relationships present a whole spectrum of new hardships you and your partner must overcome. But it doesn't have to be a negative experience entirely. Using good judgment, common sense, and approaching the entire situation in a positive light can make a long distance relationship just as rewarding and provide the foundations for you and your partner to mature as a couple.

The first step in this process is for you to attempt to normalize the situation as much as possible. Try not to dwell on the difficulties of being away and the great distances separating the two of you. Keep in mind that the world still turns and the days continue to come and go in the life you have left behind.

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XLVI approaches in MMXII

By Army Sgt. Landis Andrews

Defense wins championships. That idiom will be tested this weekend as four teams battle for a chance to play in Super Bowl XLVI (that's 46 for the Roman numerally challenged).

AFC title game
Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots
Sunday, 3 p.m.

Tom Brady and the Patriots have one of the most explosive offensive attacks in the league. He'll have his work cut out for him as he tries to shred a Ravens defense that gave up 30 points once this year. New England's 2011 schedule had one team with a strong defense and they dropped that game to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Pats make a living off of making secondaries look like Swiss cheese, but Baltimore has one of the best safeties in Ed Reed. He has eight interceptions in his last 10 playoff games and will have Brady keeping tabs on his whereabouts on every play.

Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco complained that his team doesn't get enough media coverage. Now he's got the spotlight and will have to prove that his career isn't going to be as stagnant as his past three years have been. Joe Cool was on fire when he came out of the University of Delaware. But

his recent years have only been deployment hot. With Ray Lewis' time in the league coming to an end, the stage is set for Flacco to step up as the next captain of this team. What better way to establish leadership than to defeat the big bad Patriots?

Lewis and the pride of Ball So Hard University, Terrell Suggs, will lead the Ravens to the Super Bowl much like they did in 2001, with defense.

The Patriots might show spurts of brilliance, but they will not be able to establish dominance over this battle-tested squad.

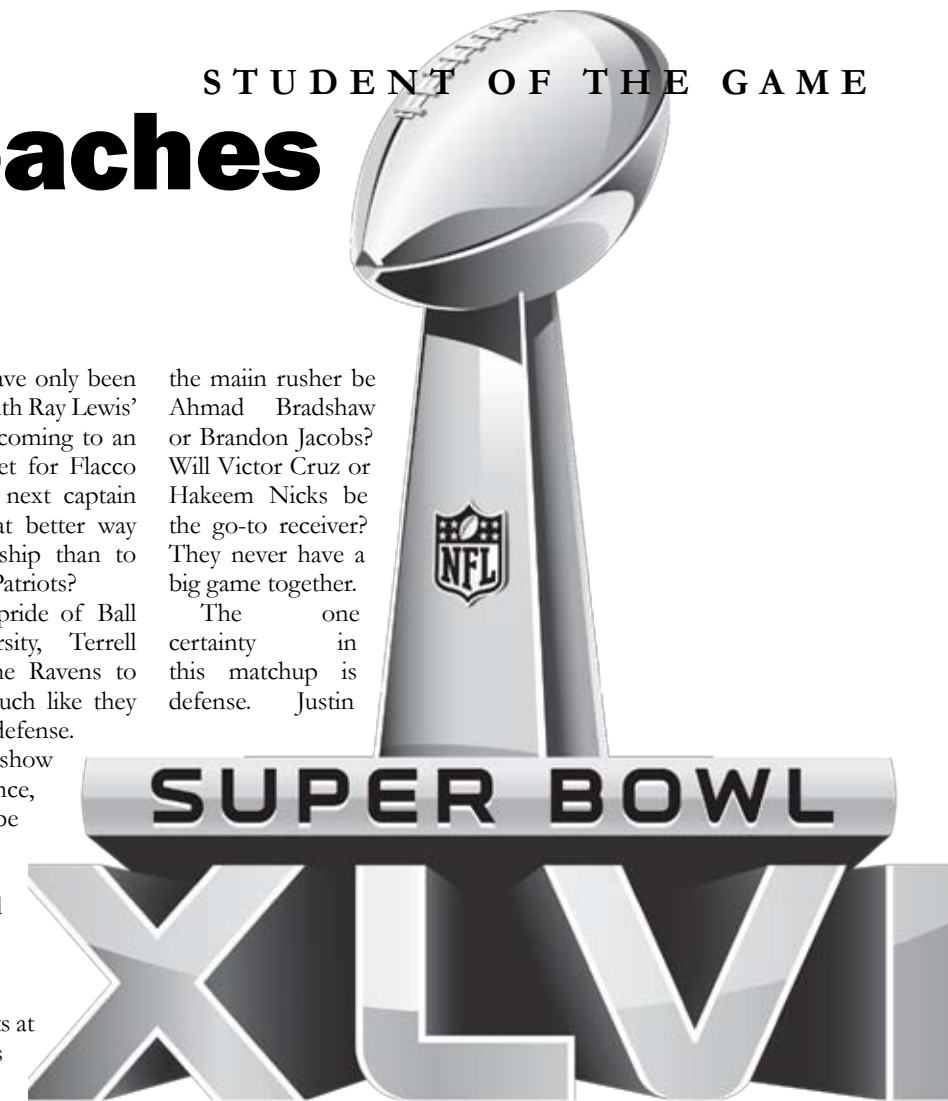
NFC title game
New York Giants at San Francisco 49ers
Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

This is bound to be a hard-hitting battle that goes down to the fourth quarter. The Giants are the most complete team in the hunt, but there are questions that need to be answered on a weekly basis.

Which Eli Manning is going to show up? Will it be the Easy E that got the Giants to the big dance in 2008 or the dumbfounded guy that looks like the person phoning plays into his helmet is speaking Latin? Will the running game show up? If so, will

the main rusher be Ahmad Bradshaw or Brandon Jacobs? Will Victor Cruz or Hakeem Nicks be the go-to receiver? They never have a big game together.

The one certainty in this matchup is defense. Justin



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Tuck, Osi Umenyiora and the rest of the Giants pass rush will be in 49ers quarterback Alex Smith's face like girlfriends on Sunday.

The only way to keep New York's furious pass attack at bay is for running back Frank Gore to establish the run between the tackles and last week's hero, tight end Vernon Davis to get involved early. Giants coach Tom Coughlin won't be able to call so many blitzes, affording Smith

time to throw the ball.

The 49ers will look to continue being the stingiest defense in the league. Linebacker Patrick Willis and company only allowed one rushing touchdown this regular season. The red and gold defense topped the league by only allowing 13.4 points per game. But, this defensive unit doesn't get the respect they deserve and they will be on a mission to prove it to the national audience.

Unfortunately for San Fran fans, Eli Manning's experience will prevail when the going gets tough. His fourth quarter play has been better than any quarterback in history and I plan to see some more this weekend.

Oh, and by the way, a sports column wouldn't be complete without... Tim Tebow.

Ok, I'm done.

PROTECT YOUR INFO! PSEC ALERT

Would you recognize critical information?

Some things are obviously sensitive, like our social security numbers, bank account information and credit card numbers. We protect these so we don't fall victim to fraud and identity thieves. But what else is critical information? Remember COPP: Capabilities, Operations, Personnel, Personal data. We protect our facilities and operational plans, schedules and rosters, procedures, people and work related information. If you're not sure if something is sensitive, treat it like it is until you find out for sure. Don't post things online, or talk about work in non-work places. Once information has been released, you can't ever get it back. THINK OPSEC FIRST!

Welcome, Missouri!

By Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor

Joint Task Force Guantanamo recently welcomed the Airmen of the Missouri Air National Guard's 139th Civil Engineering Squadron.

The 139th serves as JTF's new resident Base Emergency Engineer Force (BEEF) and is currently settling into their new positions.

Maj. Tracy Beattie is transitioning into her role as the BEEF's new executive officer. She said her new job here is to oversee both the unit's products and the leadership of her Troopers.

"We have to be versatile in our job field," Beattie explains. "We are engineers building roads, airfields, HVAC and designing basic infrastructure, while also leading. We also are in charge of prioritizing work. We perform a vetting process on all projects and work requests."

Master Sgt. Randy Smith is the BEEF's facilities manager. His position is to assist Beattie as a work control supervisor, overseeing the budget and maintenance of JTF facilities.

"Generally, we build and control all equipment and parts necessary for the set up and use of a base or facility," Smith said.

Beattie added that BEEF teams are specialized civil engineer units which provide a full range of engineering support required to establish, operate, and maintain garrison and contingency installations.

"The BEEF will support JTF by servicing, building or maintaining structures and electrical loads," said Beattie. "We do have additional projects on the horizon, but our primary responsibility here is to ensure Camp Justice is always in good working order. Think of us as a military version of a public works department for a normal city."

Smith said this new iteration of BEEF isn't really new. The National Guard unit displays a multitude of skill sets, ready for use.

"We bring a lot of expertise in civil engineering with us," Smith said. "Every one of us has a can-do attitude and are happy to join Guantanamo's team."

California Dreamin': outgoing BEEF says goodbye to GTMO

Below: The California Air National Guard's 146th Civil Engineering Squadron (right) turned their Base Emergency Engineering Force responsibilities over to Missouri's 139th CES Jan 12. —photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson



By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

The California Air National Guard's 146th Civil Engineering Squadron completed its duty as Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 474th Base Emergency Engineering Force upon its transfer of authority ceremony Jan. 12.

The 146th arrived in Guantanamo Bay in summer 2011 for a six-month tour, their first mobilization together.

"As the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, our mission for the JTF is to maintain the Expeditionary Legal Complex and Camp Justice," said Air Force Maj. Patrick Shanahan, commander of

the 146th ECES. According to him, the unit's biggest accomplishment consisted of improvements to the Media Operations Center and Camp Justice, which were completed in time for the November al-Nashiri arraignment.

The squadron received ample support from the JTF throughout their tour.

"There are a lot of unique challenges at Guantanamo, and those challenges are overcome when we get a lot of support and cooperation from the other offices," said Shanahan. "We received a lot of support from the entire JTF and that has made this a good experience for all of us."



Above: New BEEF commander Lt. Col. Grace Link accepted the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron guidon from outgoing commander Maj. Patrick Shanahan Jan. 12. Though the two units are from different states, while they are here the Joint Task Force Guantanamo BEEF is always known as the 474th ECES.

—photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

Left: Staff Sgt. Anthony Anderson, 139th Civil Engineering Power Production Technician, records battery readings, including amperage, voltage and cooling temperature, from one of the BEEF's generators.

—photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor

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Pretrial proceedings continue for al-Nashiri

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – The commander of the U.S. detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, defended the new policy that allows government officials to monitor prisoners’ mail during the opening day of pretrial proceedings for the alleged mastermind in the USS Cole bombing.

Navy Rear Adm. David Woods, commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, testified Tuesday in response to a motion by the defense at the military commission hearing for Abd al-Rahim Hussein Muhammed al-Nashiri. Army Col. James Pohl ruled during proceedings at Guantanamo Bay that Woods should explain the policy he instituted last month.

Woods, one of the highest-level officials to testify in a military tribunal, said the new policy balances his responsibilities to facilitate attorney-client communication while also ensuring security, safety, force protection and good order at the facility.

Woods told Navy Lt. Cmdr. Stephen C. Reyes of the defense team the new policy allows

members of a team that reviews detainee privileges to conduct a “plain-view review” of written communications not marked as protected attorney-client information. The review, he said, is designed to ensure this correspondence does not include physical or “information contraband” such as maps of the detention facility.

Woods disputed the defense position that the policy violates client-attorney privilege, or that reviewers must read the material in full to make a determination. He also denied that the policy restricts access between detainees and their lawyers.

One of its benefits, he said, is authorizing guards to search the plastic bins reserved for legal paperwork and correspondence in detainee living spaces. Guards reportedly have found contraband stowed in these “legal bins” in the past.

Woods acknowledged that the policy depends on the professionalism of the privileged review team, as well as their contractual commitments, to ensure their review is conducted properly and ethically. He noted that reviewers, all civilian contractors, must sign



a non-disclosure agreement that bars them from sharing this information, particularly with prosecuting attorneys associated with the case.

The prosecution called the defense’s request for Woods to appear before the court irrelevant to the case because Nashiri hasn’t been subject to mail searches.

However, officials said Pohl’s decision to call him likely was made because what happens in the Nashiri case – the first to go through a revised military commission system – is likely to set the precedent for trials to follow. Army Col. John Head, deputy chief of staff for the convening authority, told reporters the defense’s request likely is intended to institute an across-the-board process that ensures all detainees receive equal treatment.

Nashiri, 47, is charged with “perfidy,” or treachery; murder in violation of the law of war; attempted murder in violation of the law of war; terrorism; conspiracy; intentionally causing serious bodily injury; attacking civilians; attacking civilian objects; and harassing a vessel.

The charges arise out of an attempted attack on the USS The Sullivans in January 2000 and an attack on the USS Cole in October 2000, during which 17 U.S. sailors were killed and 37 more wounded. Nashiri also is accused of involvement in an attack on the MV Limburg, a French civilian oil tanker, in October 2002 in which one crewmember was killed and about 90,000 barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf of Aden. If convicted, Nashiri could be sentenced to death.

Nashiri did not enter a plea during his arraignment in November.

Although the defendant was in the room during today’s proceedings – albeit it out of camera view for remote viewers for most of the hearing – all the activity revolved around the prosecution and defense teams.

Pohl rejected two defense motions: one to allow Nashiri to be unrestrained during his meetings with his legal counsel, and one to establish an enclave – a protected network within the larger Defense Department computer network –

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in an effort to keep DOD from monitoring the defense counsel’s computers and electronic communications.

Pohl dismissed civilian defense counsel Richard Kammen’s argument that defense counsel should be able to meet with unrestrained detainees in locked-room meetings, as representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross are able to.

The current policy requires detainees to be shackled and in an unlocked room during meetings with their attorneys, enabling guards to enter the room and for attorneys to exit quickly in the event of a disturbance, the prosecution noted.

Anthony W. Mattivi, a member of the prosecution team representing the Justice Department, expressed concern that changing the current policy could put the guards at increased risk and said Woods should be the one to make any changes to the policy, not the court. “That’s not his call,” Mattivi said of Kammen. “It’s the commander’s.”

Pohl agreed, ruling to keep the current policy intact.

The judge, however, left the door open for a possible request by the defense for an enclave or other security remedy for its electronic communications in the future, while acknowledging that even material in enclaves is subject to monitoring.

Kammen compared the encryption system the defense now uses to protect sensitive materials to putting them in a locked drawer in an office, then handing the government the key to the drawer and leaving the office door open. “It’s the appearance of confidentiality without the substance,” he told the court.

Lockhart argued that an enclave isn’t necessary because encryption already ensures the maximum security possible for the documents. Pentagon computer security expert Adam Bennett, whom she called to the stand, said it’s virtually impossible for government officials to access encrypted information or open documents – including those used by the defense team – without the password and

encryption software needed to access it.

Both the defense and prosecution, as well as the judge, recognized that all material on DOD networks is subject to routine, noncontent-related screening to prevent viruses and cyber attacks.

In other motions considered today, Pohl granted a motion supporting more public access to court proceedings. Currently the proceedings are broadcast from the court at Guantanamo Bay via closed circuit to three locations in the United States. Two of those sites are here at Fort Meade in a theater and training-room facility. Another, at Norfolk Naval Base, Va., is reserved for families of USS Cole victims as well as crewmembers aboard the vessel during the attack.

Pohl also moved that unofficial transcripts of the proceedings, posted online while the official transcript remains classified, may be referred to by both legal teams

during the trial.

Speaking to reporters after the hearing, Kammen said the defense considered today “on balance, a very successful day,” while acknowledging that some of the motions made could ultimately delay the trial, possibly as far out as 2015.

Kammen called military commissions “at best, a second-class system of justice” and said they are designed to be secretive and provide expedient justice at the expense of transparency and fairness. He added that the defense team today fought for things it wouldn’t have had to in federal court, and accused the government of blurring the line between classified and embarrassing information.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, chief prosecutor for the Office of Military Commissions, disputed Kammen’s charges, noting that the prosecution team in the commissions operates much like prosecu-

tors in federal courts. They play no part in handling defendant’s correspondence or defense attorney’s emails, don’t communicate with facility personnel about contacts with an accused legal materials and aren’t privy to those materials, he said.

Martins said proceedings like today’s are designed to ensure legal issues are resolved in a way “consistent with the fair, transparent and accountable administration of justice under the rule of law.”

Despite the manpower and expense associated with the commission proceedings, Martins said the United States has a responsibility to follow them through. “Not only must we continue to pursue the truth for the surviving family members of victims who have been rendered silent, but we must also pursue it because that is what justice requires,” he said. “A civilized and open society facing very real and modern security threats can demand no less.”



Clockwise from bottom left: Richard Kamman, lead defense attorney for Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri; Command Master Chief (ret.) James Parlier, former command master chief of the USS Cole (DDG-67); and Brig. Gen. Mark S. Martins, chief prosecutor for the Office of Military Commissions address the media in a press conference after concluding a round of legal motions. al-Nashiri is accused of plotting the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 Sailors and wounded 37 others. –photos by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park



“J. Edgar” is Clint Eastwood’s biopic chronicling the complex life of J. Edgar Hoover, the first director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Hoover, believed to have been the second most powerful man in the U.S. at times during his 1924 to 1972 tenure, was well-known as being extraordinarily meticulous. He implemented many basic procedures of the agency, including its centralized fingerprint file system and the use of forensic laboratories to aid in solving crimes. Though commonplace today, these methods were considered revolutionary in that time.

It was only in Hoover’s later years and after his death that he became more of a controversial figure. Rumors persisted that he abused his power as FBI director with his exaggerations of events, reports and supposedly overextended the authority of the FBI for his personal gain. If that weren’t enough, rumors persist Hoover was a crossdresser and closeted homosexual.

Director Clint Eastwood showcases the man for all his strengths and with his faults. He shows Hoover as the consummate professional capable of such brilliance, yet lacked so many social graces, especially with members of the opposite sex. He’s presented as a man with a fierce determination to be right at almost any costs, all the way to executing the alleged Lindbergh kidnapper and murderer Bruno Hauptmann. Though many still believe there was enough circumstantial evidence to the contrary, there was no doubt in Hoover’s mind Hauptmann was guilty of the “Crime of the Century.” In fact, Hoover is depicted in “J. Edgar” as being jealous of the media’s attention to special agent Jack Purvis after Purvis took down the gangster John Dillinger in Chicago. Supposedly, Hoover saw to it that Purvis’s reward for his societal good deed was to be slowly removed from the FBI.

Leonardo DiCaprio does a superb job of conveying Hoover’s thoughts and emotions throughout the picture. He is a man molded by his mother (Judi Dench, “Quantum of Solace”) to be a problem-solver and to excel at what he does. Often, to maintain this reputation, Hoover hides behind facts to project an image of confidence and superiority. Eastwood’s film is more interested in the psychology of the famed FBI director than his actual achievements.

As the film progresses, Hoover endures turmoil over his sexuality. When he confides in his mother that he doesn’t care for dancing with women, she asserts that “I’d rather my son be dead than have a daffodil for a son.” This definitely hampers his budding relationship and attraction to his FBI number two man Clyde Tolson (Armie Hammer, “The Social Network”). The sexual tension between the two men is kept

in check, despite always taking daily lunches, weekends and vacations together. Historically, Hoover and Tolson were often seen in public holding hands. DiCaprio does a nice job of showing a broken man who didn’t know how to exist personally and professionally. He would never have his mother’s consent, nor in the public’s eye, to engage in an open relationship with Tolson. Perhaps that helped the man bury himself so much into his work.

Obviously Tolson loves Hoover deeply, yet that love can never be fully reciprocated. Tolson is loyal to Hoover to his detriment. Hoover’s faithful secretary Helen Gandy (Naomi Watts, “Eastern Promises”) stayed in his service for over 54 years.

Clint Eastwood creates a stirring drama on the man the public thought Hoover was, and of the fears and anxieties of someone at odds with himself. Was he in denial? Did Hoover really experiment with crossdressing as a way to cope with a personal loss? These concepts are explored and the feelings on the screen are compellingly real. You genuinely want to see what happens to this man and see what lengths he’ll go for the FBI and himself. “He’s a mystery man,” director Eastwood said of Hoover. “I still don’t have all the answers on him.”

“J. Edgar” features some of the best age makeup I’ve ever seen in modern cinema. Hoover and Gandy’s aging look absolutely authentic as the film progresses over 50 years. Still, it’s the actors who really sell us on who these characters are at different stages of their lives, and DiCaprio and Watts pull it off nicely. Hammer is excellent as the aging Tolson, but looks like the bedridden old man in astronaut Dave Bowman’s hallucination in “2001: A Space Odyssey” (1968). It’s mildly distracting, but Hammer’s talent is the saving grace.

Visually successful, the film conveys the shifting time periods very well. There isn’t an overabundance of special effects to recreate the past. The naturalistic appearance of the clothes, sets and props are welcome and feel genuine.

“J. Edgar” is a well-made, thought-provoking film. It handles the public image of Hoover while giving us insight into his soul. The film takes us through many decades at the different junctures of Hoover’s life. He left quite a legacy, but it’s hard to say exactly who he really was. Right or wrong, Clint Eastwood’s film does a fine job of putting the pieces of the puzzle known as J. Edgar Hoover together to try to make sense of the FBI icon.

I’m sure there are a few pieces missing, but are we not all flawed in some way? “J. Edgar” tells it like it is.

GTMO Quick Reference

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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

GTMO Religious Services

- United Jamaican Fellowship**
Sunday 11 a.m.
Room B
- Liturgical Service**
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
- JTF Trooper Chapel**
- Protestant Worship**
Sunday 9 a.m.
- Bible Study**
Wednesday 6 p.m.

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

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

	20 FRI	21 SAT	22 SUN	23 MON	24 TUE	25 WED	26 THU
Downtown Lyceum	Adventures of Tintin (PG) 7 p.m. Red Tails (NEW) (PG-13) 9 p.m.	Joyful Noise (NEW) (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Rum Diary (last showing) (R) 9 p.m.	We Bought a Zoo (PG) 7 p.m.	The Muppets (PG) 7 p.m.	Tower Heist (last showing) (PG-13) 7 p.m.	J. Edgar (R) 7 p.m.	Arthur Christmas (PG) 7 p.m.
Camp Bulkeley	Joyful Noise (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m. The Rum Diary (last showing) (R) 10 p.m.	Immortals (R) 8 p.m. Red Tails (NEW) (PG-13) 10 p.m.	J. Edgar (R) 8 p.m.	Tower Heist (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Jack and Jill (PG) 8 p.m.	Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R) 8 p.m.	War Horse (PG-13) 8 p.m.

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



The 525th Military Police Battalion cosponsored the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial run Jan. 14. -photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Louis Batchelor

Army National Guard director Lt. Gen. William Ingram visited Joint Task Force Guantanamo Jan 19. His stop here included a meet-and-greet with members of the Joint Detention Group. -photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kilho Park



The JTF At Shutter Speed

Background: The Missouri state flag now flies over the Base Emergency Engineer Force (BEEF), located at Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Camp Justice. The 139th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) transferred responsibility from the California Air National Guard Jan. 12. -photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson