Storm’s a-brewin’ (with a chance of zombies)

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Your no-kidding guide to hurricane preparedness

Zebras! Conch!
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Don’t mail lithium batteries

Customers may not mail or receive electronic devices containing lithium batteries, including equipment with non-removable batteries, to or from any APO, FPO, and DPO offices. Lithium remains useful, as always, for treating bipolar patients.

For more information about shipping restrictions, call 2156.

You’ll have a ball!

The 237th Army Birthday Ball is scheduled for June 30 at the Windjammer Ballroom. Cocktails will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The menu offers filet mignon with either shrimp skewers or vegetable lasagna. Tickets are $40 for E-7 and above or civilians, $35 for E-5 and E-6, and $30 for E-4 and below.

This is a formal event, and the attire for formal evening wear or black tie. Military personnel should wear dress uniform.

For more information or to buy tickets, call Staff Sgt. Baker at 8586.

Summer dance show

MWR Child and Youth Programs will present a summer dance show featuring performances by Caribbean Energy Dance and CYP dance class participants. The event is scheduled for June 15 at Denich Gym from 6 to 7 p.m.

This is a free show for all ages.

For more information, call 55346.

Father’s Day fun!

Navy Child and Youth Programs will be hosting a basketball and a pool party on June 17. Basketball runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at the paintball range and is open to anyone 10 or older. The pool party runs from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Windjammer Pool. Both of these events are free, and no registration is required.

For more information, call 2005.

Varsity Blues

Looking for softball standout? MWR’s varsity softball team is looking for players just like you, and will be holding tryouts for the team June 16 at 7 p.m. and June 17 at 9 a.m. Tryouts are open to active duty service members 18 years of age and older.

If you are interested, get a registration form from Denich Gym, get it signed by your commanding officer, and return it no later than June 14 at 7 p.m. Do not register for tryouts if you won’t be able to leave the island June 20-23 for the North East Gate tour. For more information, call 2354.

Volunteer everywhere!

Looking to help out your local community for volunteer hours, or just for the warm fuzzies? WTC Sampson Elementary School is looking for volunteers to assist in their summer cleaning on June 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help inventory old furniture and reorganize storage rooms. Come out and build up your volunteer hours. Please contact Master Sgt. Ariez Santiago at ariez.santiago@jtfmgmt.southcom.mil or call 5825 to register.

Let’s go bowling, dude!

Summer bowling season begins June 14. Four-person mixed teams can still join the fun by registering before Sunday afternoon. For more information, call 2188.

Think before you act

The Coalition of Sailors against Destructive Actions is looking for new members! CSADD holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 p.m. in the Windjammer Cafe. For more information, contact RPS Host at Sandy.Hosier@uscg.mil

Help the Red Cross

The Red Cross is requesting volunteer instructors to lend support to the community. If you are a Red Cross-certified instructor, please call the station manager at 2511.

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Command Corner

MARINE SGt. MAJ. SCOTT SMITH

SERGEANT MAJOR, JTF GUANTANAMO

In one word...Wow! I have been on deck for 22 days, and over this short period of time I have found myself completely overwhelmed by the performance of the men and women assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Having had a chance to get around and see the mission that you accomplish on a daily and nightly basis reminds me that we continue to have the premier military force on the globe. There is no other nation on earth that could even come close to replicating the mission that is undertaken by you here at Guantanamo Bay. I am truly proud to be your Sergeant Major!

As your Senior Enlisted Leader, being one of the newest members of this command, I find there is a cretin period of newness, at least in my case. I can only hope that you will it up to the standards of a new relationship, akin to “the first date.” Everything is new and exciting; there are butterflies in the stomach and you can’t wait to see each other... for me anyhow. I am not always sure that you are that excited to see me. And so it goes, as we become more comfortable with one another however, some surprises will still occur — but don’t forget the happy ones!

It would normally be this point in the article where the (new) Senior Enlisted Leader would list his or her expectations of the unit. These could be the dos and don’ts, performance and conduct both on and off duty, and your ability to stay out of trouble and to not bring discredit to Joint Task Force Guantanamo or your service. We must work together as a joint team, and also realize that without the support of the Naval Station we would not be able to accomplish our mission.

But I am not going to list my expectations, because I feel this is information that you already possess. I thought that I would take a crack at your expectations of me.

You expect me to be your voice to the Commander in all issues concerning operations and your quality of life. Mission accomplishment and Trooper welfare are the primary tenets of leadership; we get the job done and we take care of our number one resource; you. You expect me to reinforce the Commander’s intent and relay his policies as they are currently stated. You expect that the Senior Enlisted Leader leads from the front, sets the example both professionally and personally, maintains the standards, and encourages those of you in the command to go beyond the minimum requirements. You expect me to lead, train, mentor, educate, motivate and inspire; counsel in private and praise in public. Most importantly though, you expect me to be a good listener and observer which helps me to understand what it is like to be in your position (your piece of the JTF pie), so I am better able to ensure our mission is accomplished and people are taken care of.

Every unit that you have ever served in has been a family, and JTF Guantanamo is no different. You treat people the way you expect to be treated. In this organization, we treat each other with fairness, fairness, dignity and compassion at all times. We do the right thing, even when no one is looking, so your expectations are identical to mine.

As I learned a few years ago from a very sage Marine general officer: “when it is right, it’s right... when it is wrong, fix it.” My job, your job, and our job is to fix it when it is wrong. I truly look forward to this opportunity to work with and for you as your JTF Guantanamo Sergeant Major!”

Cover: A zombie apocalypse may be the stuff of Hollywood B-movies, but hurricane preparedness is no joke in the Caribbean. Find your guide and list of essential items on pages 10–11.
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**By Pvt. Loren Cook**

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**Zombie Focus**

*Bub the Zombie*

*the boss says*

“Bub’s been responding so well that I let him live… But is he alive or dead? Will, that’s the question nowadays, isn’t it? Let’s just say I let him continue to exist.”

During his life, and he continued to serve in his role by calmly cooperating with Dr. Logan. Bub was directly responsible for many break-throughs in Logan’s work. Unfortunately, Logan was also a metaphor for man’s inhumanity to man, and could only achieve his breakthroughs in studying the inhuman by sacrificing his own humanity. As punishment for his ways, Logan was killed by those whom he was trying to save. When Bub found Dr. Logan’s body, his reaction vindicated Logan’s work. Rather than feasting on the body, he cried over it instead (to the extent crying is possible for a zombie, anyway). Bub then sought vengeance on the man who had killed his only friend. Bub found the killer as he was running away from a ravenous horde of mindless zombies, and shot him with a pistol, slowing him down enough that he was caught by the zombies. Bub then abstained from the ensuing feast; he had acted from a desire for revenge and not from hunger.

That was the last anyone ever saw of Bub. No one can say whence he wandered afterward. What we do know, from Bub’s example, is that even as humans became more savage during the zombie apocalypse, zombies became more human.

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**Bullet Bio**

**Hobbies:**
- Listening to classical music
- Field stripping and reassembling firearms
- Vengeance

**Time since death:** Unknown

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**ZOMBIES ON THE GROUND**

What motivates you to rise from your grave and hunt the living?

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**NEGB, JTF Troopers assume new titles, responsibilities at frocking ceremony**

By Mass Communication Spec. 3rd Class Brian Jeffries

Recently the results for the Navy-wide advancement exam were released, and this week Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion (NEGB) Sailors were frocked, proving their success. Unlike other branches of service, Navy enlisted personnel put on uniforms and assume responsibilities beyond their actual pay grade. It’s considered an honor to be a part of the Navy’s longstanding tradition of frocking.

Those frocked at the ceremony included Seaman Brian Jeffries, who advanced to Petty Officer Third Class; Petty Officers Third Class Thorton Evans, Mark Fierro, Kenneth Maldonado, Jason Matias, Zachary Hackert, Matthew Downing, and Kevin Owens, who advanced to Petty Officer Second Class, and Petty Officer First Class Patrick Craven, who advanced to Petty Officer First Class.

“I’m just very happy to be frocked,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Matias. “I would like to get paid (to E-5), but I’m very proud to wear my new rank,” he added.

Sailors’ pay grades catch up about 1-6 months after focking, depending on how well they do on the exam. The waiting time serves as a probationary period and even though one advances, if nonjudicial punishment comes into play, a Sailor could easily lose two pay grades.

“I’m not really too concerned about having to go through a probationary period,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Fierro. “It makes it mean that much more to wait.”

Though these newly-frocked Sailors will not yet receive the monetary raise, they have assumed the title and increased responsibility in their selected advancement and continue to serve the Navy as leaders in their respective fields.

The advancement exam is administered every six months (March and September) and results come out about three months later.

Above: Sailors wait to be frocked during a focking ceremony at the Bayview June 6. Though they must wait for their pay grades to catch up, Sailors have long considered the additional responsibilities as “frockees” to be an honor. - photo by Mass Communication Spec. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

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**Super Troopers**

Congratulations to the newly-frocked Troopers who recently received commander’s coins!

ET1 Craven
IT2 Downing
OS2 Hackert
MC3 Jeffries
PS2 Evans
AZ2 Mattias
MA2 Fierro
YN2 Owens

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Trooper Focus

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They watched as Thomas passed the JDG guidon to Rear Adm. David Woods, commander of the JTF, who then handed it off to Bogdan, signifying the change of command.

"(Thomas) has done a lot of great things here," Woods said, describing him as his "go-to guy" when the admiral assumed command of the JTF nearly one year ago.

Woods lauded Thomas’ "steady, firm, confident, quiet leadership that we have all seen as his hallmark."

Those in attendance saw the passion that drove Thomas every day as he fought back tears during his farewell speech. Above all, he thanked his family who proudly served and supported him, the Troopers, and civilians, family members of the brigade, the community and the nation every day. "Your commitment and dedication is often unsung, but never unappreciated," he said.

"I have learned a lot during this assignment and have many takeaways. However, my single greatest takeaway is that I have served with heroes," he said. "Heroes who post watch 24/7 in the towers, maverick patrol, QRF (quick reaction force) and at our access control posts fully prepared for the unlikely."

Thomas was also proud to serve with the people behind the scenes as well. He stated that the assistance of the service members and civilians in charge of finance, logistics, human resources, and medical helped his Troopers inside the camps maintain focus on the mission.

This was vital according to him: "Every action in the camps is dissected or scrutinized intensely. One second too soon can be seen as causing a situation, while one second too late can be seen as failure to prevent a situation."

Thomas quoted former President Ronald Reagan: "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world," he said. "The Troopers of JDG do not have that problem. You have made a difference in our nation and our world and I am proud to have served with you."

During his first speech as JDG commander, Bogdan spoke with conviction.

"I promise to strive for excellence in all that I do, and ask only the same in return," he said, adding that he looks forward to working with his new shipmates and is confident that this will be a memorable experience.
Surviving Disasters:

By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

As zombies overran the Downtown Lyceum last week, many Joint Task Force Guantanamo residents fled to their rooms in the Guano Barracks or went back to the Tierra Kay housing area. To the Naval Station’s relief, the film “Zombieland” sedated the undead horde and the crisis was over as night fell.

In the film “Zombieland,” the protagonist Columbus creates a list of rules to follow in order to survive in the post-apocalypse zombie infested world. However, many of the rules can be applied to real emergencies that residents of Guantanamo Bay face such as hurricanes.

The Rules (abridged):

# 7 “Travel Light”
Columbus advises traveling light, carrying only the most essential supplies. When facing either a hoard of the undead or the wind and rain of hurricane, what you carry on you will be a major factor in your safety.

In the event of a natural disaster, J3 has put together a packing list that every resident of Guantanamo Bay should have.

# 12 “Paper Towels”
When facing the undead, things can get pretty dirty and that’s why Columbus advises all survivors to bring along paper towels. In the case of natural disasters, Troopers need to be aware of personal hygiene and have the appropriate items available.

# 22 “When in doubt, know your way out”
As the minority in a zombie world, having a safe escape route can prove valuable when things go wrong. Escape routes can prove just as valuable in a natural disaster, but in addition to knowing where to go it’s important to know when to go.

Fortunately, there’s already a system in place for Guantanamo Bay residents. J3 has designated certain areas as safety zones for Troopers to go when alerted by the siren system.

There are five different siren wails that Troopers should be aware of.

Pulse Wail — General alert to signal Troopers turn on channel 4 for TV or tune the radio to FM 103.1 or FM 102.1 for additional information. This tone is intended as a non-emergency alert.

Alternate Wail — Signals Troopers to take cover. Return to nearest secure location and take cover. This alert will be used when immediate danger threatens such as a tornado or hurricane.

Pulse Steady — Signals all Recover Disaster teams to report to duty. All non-essential personnel remain in Quarter.

Steady — Signals all clear and to resume normal activities.

# 29 “The Buddy System”
Ever notice zombies don’t attack each other? Columbus notes that current thinking supports zombies have a herd instinct which prevents them from attacking each other. Troopers can use this thinking to help each other during emergencies or natural disasters.

When facing an undead hoard or the eye of hurricane, being prepared and following safety guidelines is the best way to ensure your safety.

Hurricane Packing List

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**Vietnam opens sites to joint POW/MIA investigators**

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

The Vietnamese government has fully supported these efforts with personnel and information, said Ron Ward, a casualty relations specialist with the detachment.

The three sites Vietnam opened to explore are in the central part of the country. The first site is in Quang Tri province and involves the crash of an Air Force F-4C Phantom II jet in 1967 with two personnel aboard. The second site is in Kon Tum province and involves the loss of an Army private first class in January 1968 during the Tet Offensive. The third site is in Quang Tri province and involves the loss of a Marine F-4D Wild Weasel aircraft. One of the crew of two parachuted out of the aircraft and was rescued.

A detachment of 12 experts with knowledge of Vietnamese language and history was sent to Vietnam in late December and is being supported by the Vietnamese military.

**Vietnam to be returned to family**

By Spc. Ryan Hadlock

Despising work

You wake up and you hate work. There is no quitting in the military so forget about hating work. If you have exhausted all possibilities of improving your situation at work then think about the cushiness of your job. Think about all the opportunities the military offers, most notably college. Every day leaders are encouraging Troopers to pursue their education. If you have no love for your current occupation, learn a new one. Think about the sweet pay and benefits. Think about the beach.

Despising working out

You wake up and hate working out. The military is working out so forget about being a fat body and embrace being a hard body. Physical training makes you sexy. Physical training adds years on to your life. Physical training gets you promotion points. Find ways around whole gym or hit the gym and embrace the suck. Think about breakfast cake.

Being away from loved ones

Possibly the toughest challenge during a deployment is dealing with being separated from friends, family, and loved ones. Skype can never replicate or replace a big kiss, a little kiss, or a big hug. It can help though. If you have a smartphone phone you can connect with those who matter to you. The key word is matter. Only at GTMO

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Wake up and hate work. There is no quitting in the military so forget about hating work. If you have exhausted all possibilities of improving your situation at work then think about the cushiness of your job. Think about all the opportunities the military offers, most notably college. Every day leaders are encouraging Troopers to pursue their education. If you have no love for your current occupation, learn a new one. Think about the sweet pay and benefits. Think about the beach.
Men in Black 3

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The good news is “Men in Black 3” is an unlikely sequel. The other two “MiB” movies were self-contained adventures and the interest of Will Smith was dropped in favor of staying focused on alien matters only. One (that show also had a “foxy” redhead character named Griffin) was the kind of ensemble that had the tagline “Trust No One” after 16 years, we are still experiencing a small Hollywood trend. I will call it “The Big-Budget Will Smith Fantasy-Summer-Movie.” Sorry for coming up with such a long name for this trend, but it sure seems to ring true. Since 1996’s “Independence Day”, there have been many summers like what I just described. Back then, I did not realize Will Smith would have that kind of staying power. Here are we are 15 years after the original “Men in Black” film hit multiplexes and Will Smith is still going strong. The “Men in Black” film series is loosely based on an early ‘90s comic book series which monitors supernatural phenomena, alien activities and safeguards against alien threats. These premises must have been in vogue in the early ‘90s, as at the same time there was a television series similar in structure that had the tagline “Trust No One” (that show also had a “foxy” redhead character named Griffin). “Men in Black 3” is actually a decent continuation.

The movie opens with the escape of the intergalactic criminal Boris the Animal (Jemaine Clement, “Dinner for Schmucks”) from his 40-year incarceration in the Lunar-Max Penitentiary. He is one volatile, mean and ugly hombre. He is also the last survivor of his conquering race of Boglodites that destroy worlds. He was put on ice in 1969 by Special Agent “K” (Tommy Lee Jones, “Captain America”) at Cape Canaveral during the Apollo 11 launch. In the pursuit, Boris lost his left arm and swore revenge on Agent K at all costs.

The plan Boris has is a fairly simple one: he will go back in time to the events that lead to his apprehension and kill Agent K. To do so would have a catastrophic effect on the future. In the original timeline, Agent K is also responsible for placing a special global shield on the tip of the Apollo 11 module that was activated in orbit to protect Earth from the imminent invasion of the Boglodites. Without Agent K to put the shield in place the world is in one heck of a predicament. Boris the Animal has a run-in with Agents K and his partner Agent J (Will Smith, “I am Legend”) before time-traveling to the past. His parting words to K are “You are already dead. You just don’t know it yet.” How prophetic, as the timeline is changed the moment Boris goes back. The only person unaffected by the changes is Agent J. He is aware of the timeline changes. He did not change with it because he is believed to have been present at the events in 1969. Therefore, we have a time paradox, and it is now necessary for Agent J to venture to the past.

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“Men in Black 3” is special effects laden, mostly involving the various alien races that reside on Earth in hiding. They are creative in appearance and at times surprising in their individual functions. Take Boris the Animal for instance. He is symbiotic with parasitic creatures that live in his palm. Too weird. In keeping with the other films, this one is heavy with goo. Whether it is an alien being splattered or simply goo oozing out of them, the “MiB” movies love their goo. I’m not sure why these movies adhere to this prerequisite. No doubt there is some marketing “goo”-ru behind this.

“Men in Black 3” is a fun popcorn movie. It is light and easy to get into. “The Big-Budget Will Smith Fantasy-Summer-Movie” for 2012 is a goozy good time. By the film’s closure there is new light shed on the K and J dynamic. It’s unexpected and touching. A third movie in a series seldom has originality and heart. This one does.
The Guantanamo Bay community filled the Downtown Lyceum on Tuesday and Wednesday night to consider the “No Zebras, No Excuses” program, which educated everyone in attendance to “notice” and prevent sexual assaults and harassment.

The 90-minute presentation featured skits including a Jeopardy-themed segment to bring the message to the audience in a thought-provoking and engaging show.

Between the skits performed by the ten recent college graduates, speakers were featured including Steve Thompson, director of sexual aggression services at Central Michigan University. After his first interaction with a victim, Thompson went from a career of coaching college football to devoting his professional life to working with victims of sexual assault.

The name “No Zebras, No Excuses” comes from how a herd of zebras will watch as one of their own is attacked and killed by a lion. This inaction is what the program looks to correct.

In one skit, this lack of action comes from friends, and portrays a male service member who drugs a girl’s drink as a friend watches. Later, a room full of friends, after seeing the girl’s condition, lets that same guy take her home where she is assaulted.

Sexual assault happens to one out of three female service members, a higher rate than the general population. Approximately 25 percent of American women will suffer some sort of sexual assault or harassment.

This is not just an issue for women, as it will happen one out six male service members.

The program looks to instill what they call Bystander Intervention Philosophy 101 and in order to reduce incidence of sexual assault Troopers must do three things. First, notice the behavior, and then interpret what they are witnessing, followed by purposeful action.

The solution to preventing sexual assaults is black and white: don’t be a Zebra.

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