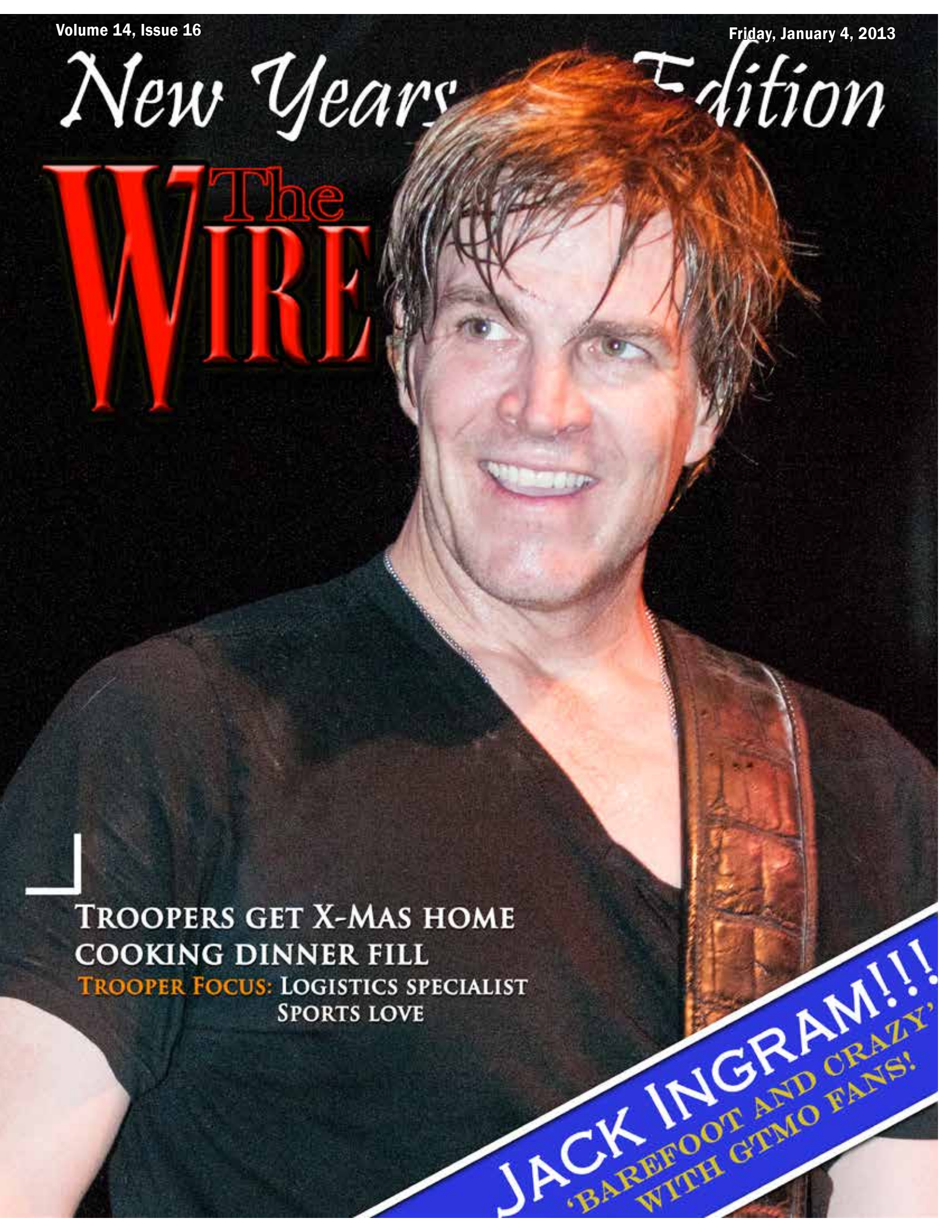


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# COMMAND CORNER

REAR ADM. JOHN W. SMITH JR.  
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Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a chance to enjoy the holiday season here in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and are ready for a busy 2013. The new year offers a time for both reflecting on the year that was and looking forward to the year ahead.

The greatest thing that happened to me in 2012 was taking command of Joint Task Force Guantanamo on June 25. Being in command of great troops and carrying out an important mission is the ultimate honor I can imagine. I'm proud beyond words.

I took command just over six months ago, and it seems like yesterday. Where has the time gone? And what does six months mean?

As I wrote in my first Command Corner article, we are in a constant state of rotation. Some units roll in and out together, others come and go as individuals. And while some civilian employees and contractors have been here for years, most JTF personnel are now here for a nine-month tour.

Do the math. That means over half – HALF – of the JTF has reported after June 25.

How do we manage this level of turnover and keep doing things right? Simple. We do things by the book, and if we can't, or it doesn't make sense, we stop and get the chain of command involved. It means our standard operating procedures – our SOPs – are a way of life for us.

Our SOPs have been refined over almost 11 years. They are the how-to guide for carrying out our mission to provide safe, humane, legal and transparent care and

custody of detainees, collect intelligence and provide support to the Office of Military Commissions.

Every step in each SOP is there for a reason. Can some steps be skipped? Think of it this way: Can you drive a car without a seat belt? Sure you can. It works great until you get in an accident. Like the seat belt, many SOPs are there for situations that MAY happen.

We are in a constant state of teaching, learning, reviewing and refining our procedures.

***They [SOPs] are the how-to guide for carrying out our mission to provide safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees, collect intelligence and provide support to the Office of Military Commissions.***

While we require strict adherence to procedures, we want and need your feedback. If you encounter an SOP that really doesn't seem to make sense, take it up with your supervisor and help come up with a better way to do business.

What else can you do to make 2013 a success? Maintain your personal readiness by eating right, hydrating, exercising, and getting enough sleep. Look out for your shipmate, battle buddy or wingman who may be fatigued, stressed or distracted. We need each other, and luckily for us, we have each other. Together, we can continue to carry out this important mission.

And while you're here, embrace new opportunities! Whether it is diving, snorkeling, fishing, hiking, exercising, studying for advancement, taking college classes, or learning a new skill or hobby, we are in one of the finest duty locations in the world, with a great support system to make our off-duty time enjoyable, healthy, productive and rewarding. Try something new!

Here's to a great new year – Honor Bound!



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# JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO

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# NEWS FROM THE BAY

## 10 mile trail run

Runners, are you looking for something a little more challenging than a 5k? Morale, Welfare, and Recreation is hosting a ten mile trail run on Saturday, January 26. Runners will start and finish at Christmas Tree Hill and the rest of the route will given the morning of the run. Pre-register at the Denich Gym.

## Martial arts

Do you want to learn martial arts? Denich Gym is now offering Jiu Jitsu classes. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are classes for ages 13+ and are held at 8pm. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday are for ages 7-12 and are held at 5pm. Register at Denich Gym by January 15. Call 77262 for pricing and information.

## Comedy club

Having a bad day? Need a few laughs? Have no fear, the GTMO Comedy Club is here! The MWR will be hosting the GTMO Comedy Club Saturday January 12 at the Downtown Lyceum. The show is open to ages 16+, under 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Parental supervision is recommended. The show is free and starts at 7pm.

## JPJ Hill

If you're thinking about running up John Paul Jones Hill, don't think about taking your camera. You can run JPJ. You can hike JPJ. However you may not take photos or video past the No Photo or Video sign.

## Fitness classes

Is getting in shape one of your New Year's resolutions? MWR Navy Fitness can help. They are offering a variety of classes at the Marine Hill Fitness Center. Some of the classes available are zumba, cardio kickboxing, group cycling, and many more. For a fun new ways to get in shape, contact MWR Navy Fitness at 77262 or 2285 or 2113. Check your GTMO Life calendar for the complete list of fitness classes.

## Arts and crafts

The MWR Arts and Crafts Center has reopened! They are offering pottery-making, airbrushing, and woodworking classes to all GTMO residents. For more information or to sign up for a class call 74795 or 75237.

Don't forget this weekend's Beach Brigade! Participants will be going to clean Girl Scout Beach, Saturday at 9 a.m.



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# Life of Pi

Movie Review

PG  
126 min.



By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Davis Jr.

I remember the first time I saw the preview to this film. My family and I were going to see "The Bourne Legacy." We had arrived to the theater early enough to see the movie quizzes that usually play before the previews. I really wanted to relax and enjoy seeing Jeremy Renner's acting performance and Tony Gilroy's progression as a director, so I briefly left the theater in an attempt to put my son, who was 12 months old at the time, to sleep before the movie started.

After about 20 minutes of him watching people in the lobby and paying no mind to my rocking and light humming, I decided to give up and go back into the theater. As I walked back to my seat, I found it very difficult to take my eyes off the screen because of the visually pleasing images that escaped from the film projector and the beautiful score that catered them. Those pieces of images were to a film called "Life of Pi."

Academy Award-winning director Ang Lee, who is well known for directing movies such as "Brokeback Mountain" and "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon," directed this motion picture.

The film is about an inquisitive and spiritual young man, Pi, who survives a disaster at sea and has an epic and magical journey of adventure and discovery with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

This visually striking film, based on a novel by Yann Martel, stars an up-and-coming actor named Suraj Sharma. "Life of Pi" is actually Sharma's first feature film, and he plays the role of Pi Patel in his young adult years. In the film, Pi is depicted as a five-year-old, an adolescent, a young adult and an older adult who appears to be in his mid to late 30s. Irrfan Khan ("The Amazing Spider-Man") plays the role of older Pi.

Other supporting actors include Adil Hussain ("The Reluctant Fundamentalist"), who plays Pi's father Santosh, and Tabu

("Khuda Kassam"), who plays the role of Pi's mother Gita. Santosh is a dignified zookeeper and nonreligious person who works hard for his family, and Gita is a vegetarian and loving woman who is always concerned about her family.

The film starts off showing visually appealing images of exotic animals throughout the opening title sequence. As we see slithering snakes, tall bears and lots of other funny looking animals that I have no clue of what their names are, we hear older Pi talking about his younger years. We finally see the adult Pi cooking and talking to a guy who we soon realize is a writer. Pi tells him that he was born in a zoo and also shares how his spiritual curiosity enabled him to be a Christian, Muslim and Hindu all at once.

The transitions from shot to shot and scene to scene in act one are done beautifully showing Pi talking to the writer and showing what his life was like in the zoo growing up with his older brother, father and mother.

Pi was teased a lot in school but very smart for his age. Outside of school, he practiced his many religions and showed a love for his father's animals. He showed a special curiosity to his father's tiger, Richard Parker. Looking at the tiger's eyes, Pi was convinced that Richard Parker had a soul and believed he could somehow communicate with him. However, Pi's curiosity for the 450-pound carnivore became a bit dangerous and ignorant when he attempted to feed him a piece of raw meat out of his scrawny little hand. Pi's father grew concerned and thought it was necessary to teach Pi a lesson and show him how powerful and dangerous Richard Parker could be.

Continuing to narrate his story to the writer, Pi expressed what his first love was like, but also how it was cut short because he and his family had to move. Pi and his family set sail across the Pacific Ocean on a ship with all of their animals, but a violent storm disrupted their journey. Pi's eagerness

in seeing the strong waves managed to get him separated from his family and tossed on a 20-foot lifeboat with an injured zebra, a hyena, and an orangutan. Surviving the storm and being ocean bound, Pi's journey soon becomes more dangerous when Richard Parker pounces out from the boat's tarpaulin.

Pi's adventure, soul searching and experience with God begin as he sails on the Pacific with a hungry tiger.

The majority of the film's setting takes place on the lifeboat in the middle of ocean, but the amazing visual effects and Pi's fight for survival keeps the audience engaged. Seventeen-year-old Sharma's acting ability and visual effects supervisor Bill Westenhofer ("The Golden Compass") help make "Life of Pi" a great and a somewhat believable film.

There are many times in the film where Richard Parker looks like a real tiger. It kind of does look like the tiger has a soul when you look into his eyes. I've seen many movies where the computer-generated imagery (CGI) looks very noticeable, but you cannot tell in this film. You can also expect to see many sea creatures to include huge whales, dolphins and flying fish. With great CGI in a film, you don't mind suspending yourself in disbelief.

The beautiful fish quickly become food for Pi and Richard Parker when they face starvation. Those fish sure looked real to me when they were eating them. Pi comes to be a hunter, all the while keeping the tiger's stomach full to prevent himself from being the tiger's meal.

Pi spends many days and nights on the lifeboat finding himself and God and sharing his life with Richard Parker. Pi's story is an amazing one. Some characters in the film think his time spent with a hungry tiger named Richard Parker in the middle of the ocean is one of a tall tale, and others think it's an amazing one with an act of God. You will just have to find out how real his story is when you watch this film.

I give this film four banana rats.

# Resolve to be financially wise in 2013



By Lara M. Tur  
Education Services Facilitator  
Fleet and Family Support Center

With the New Year rapidly approaching, it is a great time to do a self-check on our finances...and discover if we need to make some adjustments for the New Year. Military Saves offers five resolutions to get you started. Remember: Start small and think BIG! Five Resolutions to Get You Saving in the New Year:

1. Save for Emergencies - Having an emergency savings fund may be the most important difference between those who manage to stay afloat and those who are sinking financially. In a recent survey, only 49 percent of families said they had extra funds (not including lines of credit) available to pay for an unexpected expense of \$1,000. Don't find yourself unprepared in 2013. How to do it: Save a Portion of Your Tax Refund.
2. Get Out of Debt -

The best investment most borrowers can make is to pay off consumer debt with

double-digit interest rates. How to do it: Find places to cut your spending so that you can pay down your debts faster. 3. Save for Retirement - Participate in the Thrift Savings Plan. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a retirement savings and investment plan for Federal employees and members of the uniformed services,



including the Ready Reserve. It offers the same types of savings and tax benefits

that many private corporations offer their employees under 401(k) plans. Plus the TSP now has a ROTH option. How to do it: Start with as little as 1 percent of your pay. Don't forget to have your spouse or family member save for their retirement as well.

4. Make Savings Automatic - set-up a discretionary allotment using myPay. These savings will provide funds for emergencies, future consumer purchases, home purchase, school tuition, or even retirement (also see Tip #3). How to do it: You can use an allotment to automatically transfer funds from your pay into a savings account. Saving automatically is the easiest and most successful way to save.
5. Deploying? Take advantage of the Savings Deposit Program. A total of \$10,000 may be deposited during each deployment and will earn 10 percent interest annually. How to do it: Visit the finance office at your deployed location (or home base for information) to begin saving.

Have more questions? Not sure where to start? Additional tools and resources regarding these resolutions (and

# GTMO teaches motorcycle safety to riders

Story by Spc. Raechel Haynes

Have you ever wanted to learn to ride a motorcycle? Do you think it's dangerous? What if you could learn in a safe and controlled environment? You can. There are motorcycle safety courses offered all over the United States and at military bases around the world, even Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Troopers have the opportunity to learn motorcycle safety during this free class.

GTMO provides a safe environment for Troopers to learn to ride a motorcycle. The GTMO Safety Office, working alongside the Cape Fox Company, provides the Motorcycle Safety Basic Rider Course. The motorcycle safety course is a requirement for any Trooper who wants to ride a motorcycle on base. It is not only base policy, but a Department of Defense (DOD) requirement.

"The course is mandatory for all active duty service members who ride," Safety Officer Victor Padilla said. "The refresher course should be taken every two to three years. The class is also available for DOD civilians, as long as they have endorsement from the states."

For now, the class is only available to service members and DOD civilians, but Padilla said if family members want to ride on base, they need to have a civilian license. The class is limited to only six spots and is full for this upcoming class. The small class



size is due to the contract with the Cape Fox Company.

"The company only sends one instructor, and they cannot handle more than six students," Padilla said.

While this class may be full, Padilla said they try to host the class once every three months. Interested Troopers who would like to take the class have a little more time to purchase the items they will need. Participants are required to provide their own bike, riding gloves, helmets, and other



required personal protective equipment.

The GTMO motorcycle safety course is a little different from the course in the states.

"The course is similar to the course in the states, but we have a smaller range," Padilla said. "We can only offer the beginners course. In the states, they have the advanced classes, which mean more training and bigger ranges. We don't have the ability to build

a bigger range."

In the states, riders are told not to bring their own bikes to the course for insurance purposes. The safety office is unable to provide motorcycles for the participants as they only have one motorcycle available to them, and it is used by the course instructor.

"We work on a budget," Padilla explained.

Participants must either purchase or borrow a motorcycle to take the course here in GTMO.

The class will be held from Jan. 9-10. The motorcycle safety course's training range will be set up in the parking lot of the Downtown Lyceum. The class is broken down into classroom learning and practical application.

"The first day of class, they will be here [in the safety office] for classes and instructional videos on motorcycle safety and from here we'll go out to the range," Padilla said. "Half of the course is in the classroom and half of it is on the range."

Padilla encouraged prospective participants to be careful in choosing a motorcycle to ride. As with any training in the military, safety is key. Participants should choose a bike carefully so they don't start out on one that is too powerful or too heavy for them to learn on safely.

"We hope to keep this program because it is important to service members," Padilla said. "This class teaches them proper motorcycle safety and readiness. People get killed on motorcycles all the time. We [offer this class] to make it better, make it safer for service members to ride."

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# JANUARY 2013



**The Liberty Program** is open to unaccompanied active duty personnel only. To sign up for events call 2010 or e-mail libertygtmo@yahoo.com  
*Schedule subject to change.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Jan 1 ..... **LEARN DETAILS OF MUSIC VIDEO COMPETITION**

Wednesday, Jan 2 ..... **BOWLING**  
FREE BOWLING AT MARBLE HEAD LANES 1800-2100



Friday, Jan 4 ... **NIGHT FISHING**  
MARINA • 1800

Saturday, Jan 5 ..... **BEACH BRIGADE**  
GIRL SCOUT BEACH • 0900

Sunday, Jan 6 ..... **CERAMIC SUNDAY**  
CERAMICS SHOP • 1300



Tuesday, Jan 8 ..... *Got the day off?* **DISC GOLF**  
DISC GOLF COURSE • 1000

Wednesday, Jan 9 ..... **BOWLING**  
FREE BOWLING AT MARBLE HEAD LANES 1800-2100

Thursday, Jan 10 ..... **COOKING CLASS: Not Your Mother's Cream Sauce Pasta**  
CBQ KITCHEN • 1800

Friday, Jan 11 ..... **PING PONG TOURNEY**  
CAMP AMERICA LIBERTY • 1800

Saturday, Jan 12 .. **TUBING TRIP**  
MARINA • 1300

Monday, Jan 14 ..... **OUTDOOR VIDEO GAME COMPETITION**  
T.K. LIBERTY • 2000

Tuesday, Jan 15 ..... *Got the day off?* **KAYAK**  
MARINA • 0800



Wednesday, Jan 16 .... **BOWLING**  
FREE BOWLING AT MARBLE HEAD LANES 1800-2100

Thursday, Jan 17 **TEXAS HOLD'EM**  
MARINE HILL • 1800



Saturday, Jan 19 ..... **DAY FISHING**  
MARINA • 0630

Tuesday, Jan 22 ..... **TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNEY**  
MARINE HILL • 1900

Wednesday, Jan 23 .... **BOWLING**  
MARBLEHEAD LANES FREE • 1800-2100

Thursday, Jan 24 **DOMINOES TOURNEY**  
CAMP A • 1900



Friday, Jan 25 ..... *Got the day off?* **DISC GOLF**  
DISC GOLF COURSE • 1000

Saturday, Jan 26 ..... **KAYAK TO THE CAVES**  
FERRY LANDING BEACH • 0800

Monday, Jan 28 ..... *Got the day off?* **PAINTBALL**  
PAINTBALL FIELD • 0900



Tuesday, Jan 29 **8-BALL POOL TOURNEY**  
MARINE HILL 1900



Wednesday, Jan 30 .... **BOWLING**  
FREE BOWLING AT MARBLE HEAD LANES 1800-2100

Thursday, Jan 31 ..... **LASER TAG**  
PAINTBALL FIELD • 1900



# Liberty helps Troopers feel at home with holiday dinner



Liberty Program Manager Katie Stanley points out the different foods available to a Trooper who is fixing himself a plate at the Christmas Day dinner held at the Camp America Liberty Center and hosted by Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation. While the Liberty Program provided the ham, the families of the MWR management team and the Joint Task Force Guantanamo chain of command donated the side dishes, desserts and other items for the dinner.

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

In the middle of the room is a long table with a big, carved Christmas ham. A lasagna and all sorts of side dishes – sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cole slaw, pasta salad, beans, and much more – surround the ham.

A smaller table holds all kinds of desserts – a variety of cookies, cakes, and pie. A few or just one at a time, Troopers come up to the long table, grab a plate and plastic silverware, and take some dinner, dessert, and a drink.

In one corner of the room, a group of Troopers is gathered around a large-screen TV to watch the traditional NBA Christmas games. In another corner, Troopers are sitting at computers to use Skype or Facebook to keep in touch with family back home or just peruse websites.

Also around the room, another group of Troopers is huddled in front of another large-screen TV playing a baseball video game, while another Trooper is reading and another is also watching TV.

It was the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation Liberty Program's Christmas dinner at the Camp America Liberty Center on Christmas Day had all the feel of a traditional holiday

dinner at home with family for the Troopers of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. The only thing missing, at least physically, was their family members.

Liberty Program Manager Katie Stanley said the ham was provided by the Liberty Program, but all of the side dishes and desserts were prepared and donated by volunteers from around the base.

"Everything else – the sides, the desserts, the drinks – were provided by the families of the MWR management team as well as the spouses of JTF [chain of command]," she said, noting the wife of Army Brig. Gen. James Lettko, the JTF deputy commander, was among the command wives to prepare a dish for the Troopers.

As Troopers came back to the table to refill their plates or throw their plate away, Stanley said the Liberty Program employees enjoy helping the Troopers feel at home even when they are far from home.

The program also hosted a Thanksgiving dinner in November, also at the Camp America Liberty Center, and holds a variety of events to give Troopers activities to do in their off time.

"It's nice to be reminded of your purpose here and directly see it," Stanley said of the Christmas dinner. "We always just get a positive reception. To know we're directly

impacting the frontline warms our hearts a bit."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Vernon, of the 602nd Military Police Company, was one of the Troopers impacted by the Christmas dinner. He said he enjoyed being able to eat the foods he would eat if he had been at home sharing Christmas dinner with his family.

"It was a very nice dinner," he said. "I appreciate the touch of all of the homemade casseroles. I appreciate everyone's effort, just to be remembered at the holiday. These are the kinds of things we eat a holiday meal at home."

Earlier in the day, Vernon said, he Skyped his family, and they had just finished their own dinner so it felt like he had been a part of their meal after all.

"It was nice to be able to enjoy a traditional holiday meal," he said. "It was very nice."

That morning, Vernon said he enjoyed a round of golf on Christmas for the first time at GTMO's golf course.

"We just appreciate the effort everyone puts into making us feel appreciated," he said, reiterating his thoughts on the Liberty Program's dinner. "We always appreciate their time and effort. We appreciate their appreciation."

While the MWR team provided a

Christmas dinner for Troopers who were away from their families for the holiday, MWR employees were also away from their families at the same time.

Stanley said helping put on the Christmas dinner for Troopers and witness their appreciation helps her and her co-workers cope with also being away from their families for the holiday.

"Being able to be involved makes it OK to be away," Stanley said. "Our families are appreciative of what we are able to do. It's kind of nice to bring a family to the Liberty Center."

The Christmas dinner on Christmas Day was the culmination of the Liberty Program's 12 Days of Christmas, in which the program provided a holiday-related event for single, unaccompanied Troopers each day leading up to the big holiday.

"It was crazy," Stanley said. "There was an event every day for 12 days ... That was fun to be able to provide entertainment and make sure people are entertained."

By the time most Troopers had their fill, Spc. Angel Fernandez, of the 755th Military Police Company, was just walking in to grab himself a plate of the food available for Christmas dinner.

While he prepared to partake of the Christmas food, Fernandez said he also enjoyed the Liberty Program's Thanksgiving dinner.

"It was pretty good," he said. "That's important for everyone to have. Especially this year when we're away from home, they make us feel at home."

Fernandez said he had a chance to talk to his family on the phone earlier in the day. While he missed them and wished he could be with them, he said seeing the food laid out for Christmas dinner made him smile and gave him an enjoyable holiday.

"I just feel happy," he said. "When I see the little things like this, they make me happy."



A group of Troopers watches a basketball game while eating their food during the Liberty Program's Christmas dinner at the Camp America Liberty Center on Christmas Day.

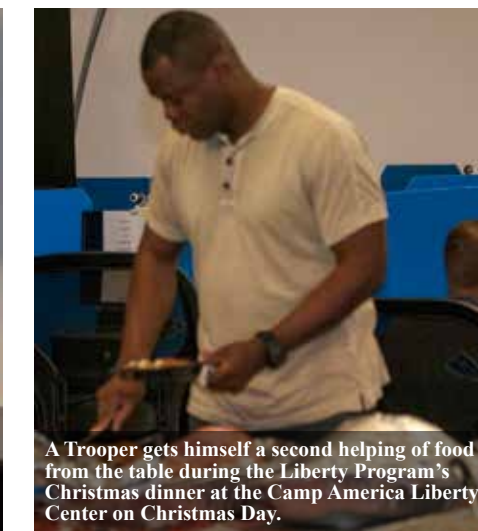
an event every day for 12 days ... That was



Two Troopers use the computers at the Camp America Liberty Center to keep in touch with their families on Christmas Day while enjoying their dinners provided by the Liberty Program.



Two Troopers play a baseball video game while enjoying their meals at the Camp America Liberty Center during the Liberty Program's Christmas dinner on Christmas Day.



A Trooper gets himself a second helping of food from the table during the Liberty Program's Christmas dinner at the Camp America Liberty Center on Christmas Day.

# Jack Ingram's rockin' New Year's Eve

## Country star helps Troopers ring in 2013 at GTMO MWR celebration



Country singer Jack Ingram, right, jams with his band mates, lead guitarist Kevin "Frenchie" Sciou, left, and bass guitarist Robert Kearns, middle, at the end of a New Year's Eve concert Ingram gave for Troopers at the Tiki Bar Monday night. The performance was part of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation's New Year's Eve celebration that also included a balloon dropping on stage and a fireworks show over the bay.

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

At lunchtime on Monday, the chances of a Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation's New Year's Eve celebration going off without a hitch appeared to be on the slim side.

First, the skies over GTMO were looking gray and cloudy and rain was sprinkling down over the base. Second, country singer Jack Ingram – the night's musical entertainment – had a cold.

With the concert set to be hosted outdoors at the Tiki Bar, one could only wish for the rain to go away and hope the night brought better weather. For Ingram's part, the singer said he would make the show go on.

"I feel terrible," Ingram said during an interview at the Seaside Galley Monday afternoon where he sported a bottle of cold medicine on his lunch tray. "I'll be all right.

I'm just trying to take it easy today, but I've felt worse and played shows, so I'll be OK."

And the show did go on.

With clearer skies at the Tiki Bar and, perhaps, a clearer head for Ingram, the singer delivered crowd-pleasing performance of his signature country songs before a packed crowd of New Year's Eve revelers.

Ingram came out on stage donning a fake black cardboard mustache and a black cardboard hat that said "Happy New Year," items provided to the revelers by MWR staff. He also wore a black leather jacket and sunglasses but quickly shed both of those.

Throughout the nearly two-hour performance, Ingram played his most well-known songs, including his no. 1 hit "Wherever You Are" from his 2007 album "This Is It" and his most recent hit "Barefoot and Crazy" from his 2009 album "Big Dreams & High Hopes."

He also played lesser-known but equally

crowd-pleasing songs from albums he released before becoming a radio sensation, and he even played some new songs. He also paid homage to a couple of his idols with covers of Waylon Jennings and Jerry Jeff Walker songs.

The highlight of the set may have been when Ingram sang "Barefoot and Crazy" and first took off his black cowboys and put them on top of a microphone stand. With Ingram barefoot, things got crazy from there as the bass guitarist took off his boots and even a few fans took off their shoes and tossed them up on the stage.

When Ingram and his band mates finished their set about 15 minutes before midnight, the crowd awaited the dawn of the new year MWR officials counted down from 15 seconds and then released balloons from the top of stage, while fireworks started going off over the bay and people wished each other a happy New Year.

Monday night's concert actually was Ingram's second time traveling to GTMO to perform for the Troopers here. He said he came here in 2009 as part of a United Service Organization tour that lasted about a week and showcased Ingram and other artists at different venues around the base.

"I had a good time," Ingram said of that visit. "That's why when you guys called me this time, I said, 'Oh yeah, let's go back.' In fact, we still stay in touch with some people that we met on base last time."

His interest in performing for service members started when he began visiting Walter Reed Army Medical Center every time he passed through Washington, D.C. He began talking to USO representatives, but with three young children at home, Ingram wasn't quite ready for a tour of Iraq.

"We said, 'Where can we go that would be of use and be helpful and entertaining while also being relatively safe?'" he said. "This [GTMO] seemed like a good place to go, and we had such a good time here."

When he first visited GTMO, Ingram said it was at a time when the base and its famous detention facility were getting a lot of attention and negative press. Getting to see GTMO up close and put a personal touch on it was a good experience for him.

"It was nice to just come and realize that's just politics and these are real people here that are sacrificing for their country and

making sacrifices for their family," Ingram said. "It was nice to be able to make it a little bit more personal instead of just talking heads on TV."

This time around, Ingram said he looked forward to celebrating New Year's Eve and ringing in 2013 with his fans in the military, and he said he was struck by the holiday displays he and his band saw when they arrived at GTMO on Sunday.

"It was a trip to see all the Christmas lights driving around the base last night," he said, though a green Christmas with warm temperatures is nothing new for the Texas native. "It makes total sense to me ... I've never had a white Christmas."

Ingram's New Year's resolution may be to release a new album, something he hasn't done in nearly four years.

"It's about time, isn't it?" he said. "It's been since 2009. I've been recording a bunch. I'll probably have a new record out this year ... There's some stuff I'm really proud of that's brand new that I've worked up with the band. It's really cool. It's time to make a new record. That's for sure."

Though now may be the time for a new album, when Ingram achieved radio success with two major albums after 15 years of working up to that, he said then was the time to back and focus on more important things.

"I was working so hard and so long to get to that point, and it was time for me to

take a little breather," he said. "Not a break. I still toured. I just kind of took my foot off the gas a little bit. I've got three young kids at home, and I wanted to spend a little time with them."

While Ingram wants to be a country music success, he said he knows what he is good at and what works because of the career he had before he got on the radio. At the same time, being there for his children – ages 10, 8 and 6 – is more important than the hits.

"You get to a point in your life, maybe everybody does it, when you realize, 'I've got skills that nobody's going to take away,'" he said. "I want to have songs on the radio, but I can't go back and be a father again with my kids."

As 2013 dawned, Ingram was wrapping up his second tour for the Troopers of GTMO and looking ahead to releasing a new album while continuing to perform military-related shows.

As a musician who has spent a lot of time on the road trying to make it big, Ingram, like service members overseas, knows about being away from family and chasing one's dreams. For the Troopers of GTMO, he offered a piece of advice for that.

"Figure what you do well, and do that," he said. "There are so many things, especially in the military and in the music business, that you can't control. Do what you do well. Keep your head down, and keep dreaming."



Jack Ingram strums his guitar and sings one of his signature country songs for the Troopers of GTMO while bass guitarist Robert Kearns supports him.



Lead guitarist Kevin "Frenchie" Sciou rocks out with Jack Ingram for the Troopers of GTMO toward the end of Monday night's New Year's Eve concert before the balloon release and the fireworks show.

# Mister Sports and Fitness

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class  
Javier Martinez

## Trooper Focus



Story and photos by Spc. Brian Godette

Any apt Trooper stationed here at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay will tell you that in order to make the best of your time here and not be overcome by work, you should focus on doing something you love.

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Javier Martinez took that advice and ran with it, figuratively and literally in many cases.

Martinez lives, breathes, plays and embodies sports fitness both at home and on deployment. During the course of his nine-month deployment, of which he has just one month remaining, he has participated in almost every organized sports team GTMO has to offer.

"I've played for the championship kickball team, the championship ultimate Frisbee team, the second-place flag football team, the softball team and the basketball team," Martinez said.

Martinez, who was born in Madrid, Spain, said surprisingly one of the few sports he hasn't participated in was soccer, the national sport of Spain.

For many Troopers, GTMO's Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports program has provided many opportunities to get actively involved in a wide variety of sports. The intention behind the MWR sports program is not only to provide extracurricular activities for Troopers and the GTMO community, but to foster a strong sense of staying in shape and active fitness.

That is an idea Martinez is all about.

"If you're single, you want to be able to pick someone up looking nice. If you're married, you don't want to lose your wife because you're not looking nice," Martinez said with a smirk.

Though it might be a joke, that is a

statement Martinez has lived by since coming to GTMO.

"I've lost 16 pounds since I got here," he said. "I wanted to lose all the bad stuff to build myself back up. I got here weighing 226 pounds, and my goal was to get to 205, which I did, and then build it back up to a healthy

for incoming Troopers. If you set a goal, you have something to work towards, match and accomplish. Martinez set his goal and focused it around what he is most passionate about – sports and fitness.

"I can't just sit in my room and rot all day," he said. "I go to the gym, I stay involved and I'm into Xbox heavy, top three games being NCAA 2013, Madden 2013, and NBA 2k13. I also won the championship for my fantasy football league, so that's money in the bank. I'm a sports guy. If I wasn't in the Navy, I would want to be in sports management."

Staying involved in community activities is a major factor that can help any deployment move along faster and bolster Trooper morale.

While extracurricular activities are surefire ways to keep a Trooper positive during deployment, dedication and hard work at your military-specific job is integral as well, according to Martinez, and can sometimes lead to other opportunities.

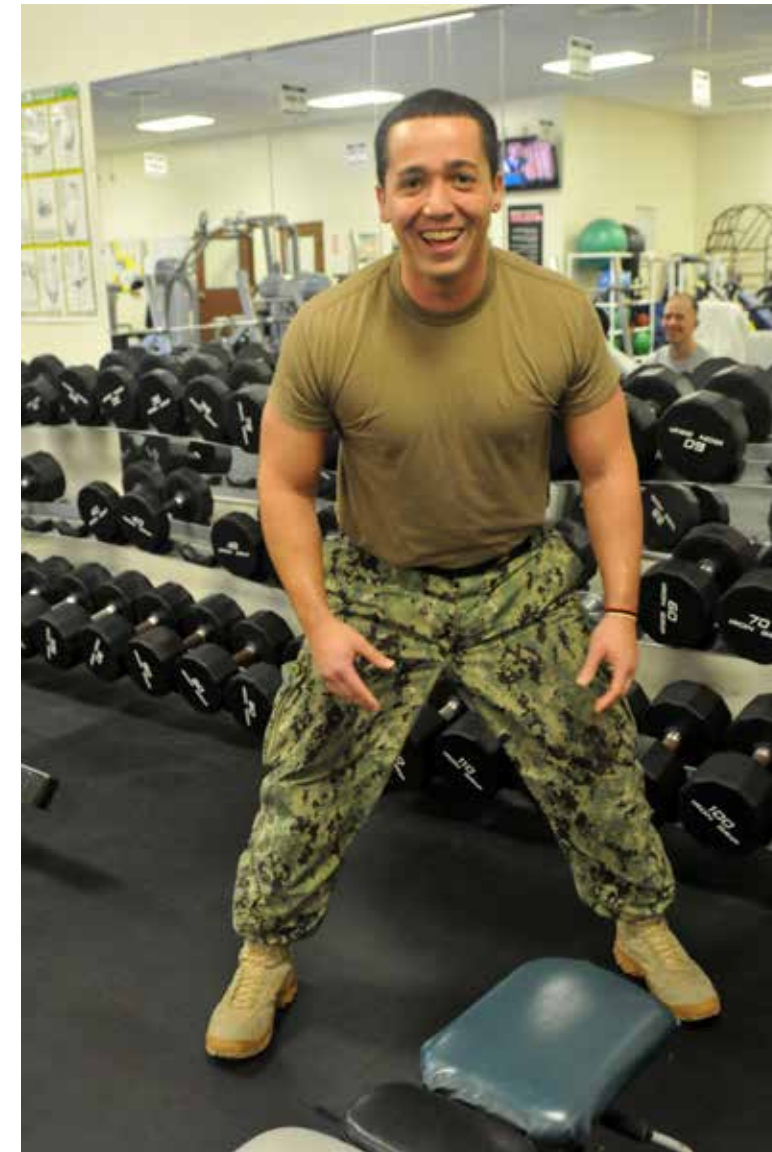
"I work at the JTF Camp America post office as a supervisor," he said. "I process all incoming and outgoing mail as part of my job there and provide awesome customer service. Working at the post office, though, I get to meet a lot of people, and that's how I originally got involved with the MWR sports team. Someone asked if I wanted to play and I said sure."

Those were humble beginnings for what turned out to be a deployment-long love affair with sports for GTMO's Mr. Sports and Fitness, who

likes to mention he has eaten four chickens a day since the start of his deployment.

"That's over 800 chickens now."

Those are reasonable math calculations – 960 to be more accurate – from the active lifestyle of a sailor who set a goal and remained true to his passion.



# 'Jam' and Eat

at Windjammer Ballroom

during the closing  
of Goldhill Galley  
from Dec 26 - Jan 27

First 350 Troopers with meal cards or military ID cards will be served a balanced, nutritious meal consisting of two entrees, potatoes or rice, and choice of two vegetables and a dessert.

And courtesy of the

**GTMO Morale, Welfare, and Recreations,**

the Windjammer Ballroom will open with an additional hot buffet with drink station, Mon - Fri from 1100-1230.

**\$7.99 for two meats, two sides, vegetable + beverage.**

**\$7.00 for pre-made salads**



## JTF chaplains mark Christmas Eve

The Joint Task Force Guantanamo Trooper Chapel worship team plays a song during the Christmas Eve Worship Service held at the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum on Dec. 24. The service was organized by the chaplains of JTF GTMO and also featured performances by the W.T. Sampson High School band and chorus.

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfletto

Just as a group of shepherds and angels gathered under a bright star to witness the birth of Jesus Christ so long ago, a group of Troopers and civilians gathered under a nearly full moon at the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum on Christmas Eve to celebrate that birth.

The Christmas Eve Worship Service was organized and hosted by the chaplains of Joint Task Force Guantanamo and also featured musical performances from the W.T. Sampson High School band and the JTF Trooper Chapel worship team.

"We are thankful for the chance to partner with the JTF in giving this performance," said Daniel Freeman, the school music teacher. "It is our pleasure to display the students' work over here today."

The school band played three songs before the service began, including "Five Christmas Favorites," a song that sample five popular Christmas carols. The worship team then officially opened the service with a rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Air Force Lt. Col. Daniel Zulli, the JTF GTMO deputy command chaplain, gave the welcome and the invocation and used the moment to pay tribute to the teachers and students killed in a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

"Let's remember those folks, and let's remember our friends and family back home," he said.

Zulli also delivered the Christmas dialog, in which he recited a line and the audience recited another line in return. Then he read Bible passages from the books of Isaiah and Micah, both of which contain prophecies of the coming of the Savior.

Before Navy Lt. Shanna Gary, the Navy

Expeditionary Guard Battalion chaplain, read the story of Jesus' birth from the gospel of Luke, the worship team sang four more songs. Those songs were "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "The First Noel."

The gospel from which Gary read told of how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for the census, and while there, Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable and laid him in a manger. At the same time, angels came from heaven to proclaim the good news to shepherds, who in turn traveled to Bethlehem to see the child.

Navy Capt. Daniel Gard, the JTF GTMO



Navy Capt. Daniel Gard, the JTF GTMO command chaplain, delivers the Christmas message at the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

command chaplain, reflected on that passage in his Christmas message. He told the audience that the world looks for love and peace that can be found only through the baby born on that night in Bethlehem.

"You see, that child is love from heaven for that child is God," Gard said. "In him is all the love you and I could ever need. We come to a stable with a baby and what we find is a savior. We go to the manger and find his love. We go to the manger and find his peace."

Gard also told the audience that the world is full of conflict – and JTF GTMO stands as a symbol of that conflict because of the detention facility here – though the people of the world just need to remember what happened on that first Christmas and to find love and peace.

"We're here because we live in a world that doesn't know peace," he said. "Peace is found at Bethlehem. The Christ child is God's peace ... Where we are, there the Christ child is. Where the Christ child is, there is peace."

In closing, Gard told the audience he wished for them to find love and peace through Jesus Christ at Christmas and know it year-round.

"That's my prayer for you, that you may know the peace and love of the babe of Bethlehem," he said.

Army Capt. Brady Frederick, the 525th Military Police Battalion chaplain, closed the service with a Christmas prayer and the Lord's Prayer, while the worship team played "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World."

The W.T. Sampson High School chorus also performed three selections, including a soloist who sang "White Christmas," and then the audience dispersed to spread the Christmas cheer and good news like the shepherds did so long ago.



# Santas Christmas Classic: Intensity Through Golf



Story and photo by Spc. Cody Campana

Early Sunday morning, 30 residents of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay assembled at the Yatera Seca Golf Course.

With hazy, rolling hills at their side and dew-laden grass amidst their feet, the teams of two to three golfers were there to combat each other in the Santa's Christmas Classic Golf Tournament.

Nine treacherous holes stood between each team and victory, but two particular holes stood out as most challenging.

"The most difficult holes of the first nine are holes three and four," said Tim Baugh, the outdoor recreation director. "They are par fives, which means it takes an average of five shots to get to the green and sink the ball in the hole from the tee box."

Though the tournament was a team competition, Baugh said the winner was based on an individual's score.

"It's true best ball, which means you play your own ball all the way to the hole and take the best score," he said.

The rules were simple, but like Spartans in a phalanx, each team had to work together if they wanted to win and avoid a disastrous game.

Teamwork was necessary to compete, yet proficiency in the sport was not.

"You can come in not knowing what you're doing and learn how," Baugh said. "I recommend that you come out to the driving range a few times before you head out for the course just so that you get a feel for the clubs and how far you're hitting the ball."

Many had entered the tournament that day, but few would walk away with the sweet taste of glory upon their lips. Along with the tasteful victory, the champions of the Christmas Classic would walk away with treasures that would have the rest in envy.

"We are giving away two packs of 30 golf balls to the first-place team, two water



First Sgt. Chris Fick, with the 189th MP Co., lines up a shot during the Santa's Christmas Classic Golf Tournament Sunday.

bottles to the second-place team, and two golf towels to the third-place team," Baugh said.

The prizes and the glory stood before all on the course, and the treasures only made the warriors of the greens seem more anxious and more conscious of their competition.

"There were some moments where I really didn't know what to expect, but we pulled through and got it done," said Spc. Daniel Huey of the 428<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company. "It was very intense."

Huey and his teammate, Spc. Alex Miedema, also with the 428<sup>th</sup> MP Company,

competed aside one another with humility and respect for their adversaries who may have had much more experience on the course.

"This is my third time coming out here to golf," Huey said. "So far, this is a really nice course and it gives us something to do on our days off."

Through the intensity and good humor of the athletes, some here have come to call the tournaments Yatera Seca "combat golf."

"It was fun and we had a good time, but we didn't play the best," said Huey. "There were a lot of good golf balls lost out there."

# INSPECTOR GENERAL

Article by Col. Jerry Tait, III Corps and Fort Hood Inspector General

One thing that will never change in the Army is the fact that all Soldiers have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

Treating Soldiers with the proper respect they deserve may directly influence how well they perform their duties.

Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, directs that all Soldiers will be treated with dignity and respect.

Improved unit readiness, better morale, greater commitment to unit and mission, increased trust and unit cohesion, and treating others as they should be treated are essential in our Army.

Unfortunately, the Inspector General's Office frequently receives complaints from Soldiers who report being mistreated or disrespected by their leadership.

In many instances these Soldiers had committed some type of offense and were about to be, or had been, punished for that offense.

Regardless of their culpability or of the disciplinary actions planned, these Soldiers are still entitled to be treated with dignity and respect.

Consider a Soldier who tests positive on a urinalysis, receives a Field Grade Article 15 and is waiting to be separated from service.

During this pre-separation period, it is inappropriate, and a violation of AR 600-20, for anyone to intentionally degrade, humiliate or disgrace this Soldier by calling him a "dirtbag," "druege," or any other derogatory word.

He or she is still a Soldier and, until officially separated, must be addressed accordingly within Army customs and traditions by his or her rank and last name. Also, having Soldiers do anything with the intent to publicly humiliate them, such as announcing their illegal drug use in front of a unit formation, is improper and in violation of AR 600-20.

The IG Office also receives complaints from Soldiers who have not committed an offense but nevertheless believe their supervisors consider them to be "bad" Soldiers.

They feel singled out for menial unit details or possibly receive negative counseling statements for no apparent reason. Often times these Soldiers complain of verbal abuse by their leadership.

They are constantly harassed by unit members or leadership, and at times, they may be subjected to verbal threats of physical violence. Yelling, using degrading comments, profanity, and verbal threats may in fact be a violation of regulation – not to mention, they are not effective methods with which to correct a Soldier's behavior or improve duty performance.

Profanity is prohibited by JTF Command Policy 39, Use of Indecent and Offensive Language. Abusive behavior and/or improper punishment may be serious enough to be considered cruelty and maltreatment. These actions could be in violation of Article 93 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice resulting in adverse action being taken. Remember, show dignity and respect for everyone. This includes the AWOL Soldier who returned and is waiting to be chaptered.

## DIGNITY AND RESPECT

"The discipline which makes the Soldiers of a free country reliable in battle is not to be gained by harsh or tyrannical treatment.

On the contrary, such treatment is far more likely to destroy than to make an army." -Maj. Gen. John Schofield

It would be wise to remember Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield's Aug. 11, 1879, address to the United States Corps of Cadets, as quoted in FM 6-22:

"The discipline which makes the Soldiers of a free country reliable in battle is not to be gained by harsh or tyrannical treatment."

On the contrary, such treatment is far more likely to destroy than to make an army.

It is possible to impart instruction and to give commands in such manner and such a tone of voice to inspire in the soldier no feeling but an intense desire to obey, while the opposite manner and tone of voice cannot fail to excite strong resentment and a desire to disobey. One mode or the other of dealing with subordinates springs from a corresponding spirit in the breast of the commander.

"He who feels the respect which is due to others cannot fail to inspire in them regard for himself, while he who feels, and hence manifests, disrespect toward others, especially his inferiors, cannot fail to inspire hatred against himself."

When in doubt about the appropriateness of corrective training or disciplinary action and about dignity and respect, use the above mentioned resources, your chain of command, or consult with your Staff Judge Advocate. The IG is another resource because we are truly here to help. For more information, call the Inspector General at 8339.

# Trooper to Trooper

## The spirit of the core values

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JOEL BURKHARDT  
WEAPONS CHIEF  
PORT SECURITY UNIT 311

From our first day of basic training, we are taught and expected to know our core values. Each branch of the military has defined its core values, and those words were put together to help define how we will conduct our missions, enhance our mental skill sets and define our attitude.

Coast Guard -- honor, respect, devotion to duty  
Marine Corps and Navy -- honor, courage, commitment

Army -- loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage

Air Force -- integrity, service, excellence

It is becoming clear that joint operations are the way ahead for our combined military, thus it would make sense that we are familiar with the core values for each branch of the military. Think of the core values as something more than words to memorize.

Think of them as lifestyle cues, and understand how these words can shape the decisions that we make, the attitude that we carry and the life that we live. Each value is the linchpin that holds our services together, and all the values fit together forming the five pillars of excellence that are our combined services.

“Honor, courage, commitment, respect, devotion to duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, excellence.” The combined core values of all five branches of the military. These are the words that define us. However,



made the U.S. military the best in the world. The spirit in the core values can carry us wherever we are and in whatever endeavors we take part in. The spirit of these words can guide us in battle and can shape our destinies whether we remain in the military or not. The true spirit of these words has been forged in the fires of history and has been tested over and over again.

I am certain that if I asked 10 Troopers to tell me what the core values mean to them, I would get 10 different answers but of the 10 different answers the spirit would be the same. We know what these words mean, and when I say honor, respect and devotion to duty (the Coast Guard core values), I know exactly what I am expected to bring to the table.

I have no doubt that each one of you feel the same way, so look at these words again, and as you read them think about the spirit of the words -- honor, courage, commitment, respect, devotion to duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, excellence.

these are only words that we memorize. The spirit of these words is what, from my viewpoint, should linger with us.

It is the spirit of these words that has

Ask yourself what these words mean to you, ask yourself if you have been living up to the core values in everything that you do.

As a leader, you should be.

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<b>Downtown Lyceum</b>	Les Miserables (NEW) (PG-13) 7 p.m. Lincoln (Last showing) (PG-13) 10 p.m.	Red Dawn (NEW) (PG13) 7 p.m. Killing Them Softly (NEW) (PG13) 9 p.m.	Flight (Last showing) (R) 7 p.m.	Wreck It Ralph (PG) (Last Showing) 7 p.m.	Skyfall (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG13) 7 p.m.	Life of Pi (PG) 7 p.m.
<b>Camp Bulkeley</b>	Red Dawn (NEW) (PG-13) 7 p.m. Killing Them Softly (NEW) (PG13) 9 p.m.	Les Miserables (NEW) (PG-13) 7 p.m. Lincoln (Last showing) (PG13) 9 p.m.	Skyfall (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Flight (last showing) (PG-13) 7 p.m.	The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Wreck It Ralph (last showing) (PG-13) 7 p.m.	Jack Reacher (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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

## GTMO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

For more information, contact the NAVSTA Chaplain's Office at 2323 or the JTF Chaplain's Office at 2309

### NAVSTA MAIN CHAPEL

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

#### Vigil Mass

Saturday 5 p.m.

#### Mass

Sunday 9 a.m.

#### Spanish-language Mass

Sunday 4:35 p.m.

#### General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.

#### Gospel Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

#### Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.

### CHAPEL ANNEXES

#### Protestant Communion

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Room B

#### Pentecostal Gospel

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

#### LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m. Room A

#### Islamic Service

Friday 1 p.m. Room 2

### JTF TROOPER CHAPEL

#### Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.

#### Bible Study

Wednesday 6 p.m.

## GUANTANAMO BAY BUS SCHEDULE

All buses run on the hour, 7 days/week, from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Camp America :00 :20 :40  
Gazebo :02 :22 :42  
NEX Trailer :03 :23 :43  
Camp Delta 2 :06 :26 :46  
KB 373 :10 :30 :50  
TK 4 :12 :32 :52  
JAS :13 :33 :53  
TK 3 :14 :34 :54  
TK 2 :15 :35 :55  
TK 1 :16 :36 :56

West Iguana :18 :38 :58  
Windjammer/Gym :21 :41 :01  
Gold Hill Galley :24 :44 :04  
NEX :26 :46 :16  
96 Man Camp :31 :51 :11  
NEX :33 :53 :13  
Gold Hill Galley :37 :57 :17  
Windjammer/Gym :36 :56 :16  
West Iguana :39 :59 :19  
TK 1 :40 :00 :20

TK 2 :43 :03 :23  
TK 3 :45 :05 :25  
TK 4 :47 :07 :27  
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### PROTECT YOUR INFO!

## ALERT Complacency...

The military commissions are a time of increased focus at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo and for all personnel and base residents. The military commissions are very important and have required much preparation and planning. While the commissions are in session, many visitors will be on island taking part in the commission proceedings. We must remember OPSEC in these times and use the "need to know" principle. Don't talk about work outside the workplace or in unsecure areas. Protect sensitive information. Keep everyone safe and our operations secure. USE OPSEC!

# SAFE RIDE – 84781

*Happy Holidays*

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*Seasons Greetings*

