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TROOPER TO TROOPER



Integrity

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Integrity, a primary core value of the Air Force, and Army is comparable to the core value of Honor celebrated by the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. The Air Force views Integrity as an essential personal trait defined as, "The willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking." It is the "moral compass"—the inner voice; the voice of self-control; the basis for the trust imperative in today's military. It is much more than a minimum standard for us to abide, it is a lofty goal only to be achieved by continued determination and dedication to doing what is right any and every time without fail.

To quote former Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall, the first woman to head one of the country's military branches, "Core values make the military what it is; without them, we cannot succeed. They are the values that instill confidence, earn lasting respect, and create willing followers. They are the values that anchor resolve in the most difficult situations. They are the values that buttress mental and physical courage when we enter combat. In essence, they are the pillars of professionalism that provide the foundation for military leadership at every level."

Growing up our parents, family, and community, through actions and mentoring, instilled in each of us a sense of right and wrong. These value traits became the foundation of our personal principles used to make constructive choices for the rest of our lives. Similarly, the Core Values of our respective branches of service also create an unquestionable moral rubric, which if lived by ensures that all decisions, no matter how important or trivial, will be decided properly and without compromise. The ability to consistently make proper decisions allows us to be unsurpassed in mission completion and excellence here in the Joint Task Force.

All troopers must remember that they are living, breathing representations of their particular branch of service, and at the same time a member of the Joint Task Force. Being a trooper adds an extra layer of significance to all decisions, as no one wants to do any action that they will later regret and which will disgrace not only themselves,



but their branch of service and the Joint Task Force as a whole. Alexander the Great once said, "Upon the conduct of each, depends the fate of all." Though this quote was said thousands of years ago, it has never been truer than here in the Joint Task Force. We must exemplify, through the integrity of our actions and the quality of our deeds, that we are unquestionably here to serve our mission, our fellow trooper and our country as a whole.

Integrity, the willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking. The value that reminds us that completing a mission without moral compromise is just as important as the mission itself. ★

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COVER:

Army Capt. John Barbee goes up for a catch during the Army Navy game at Cooper Field in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Dec 11. The Navy team won the game 18-15. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes

BACK COVER:

Members of the Company B, 1/296 Infantry Regiment of the Puerto Rico National Guard patrol the perimeter around Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Dec 8. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes

When It Comes to WikiLeaks ... Just Say No



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

Julian Paul Assange is the spokesperson and editor-in-chief for WikiLeaks, a whistleblower website that has been making headlines. Assange has won many awards, including the 2009 Amnesty International Media Award, and was named one of "The World's Most Influential Figures" by New Statesman magazine. He is currently in custody in a U.K. jail after his arrest by British police for a sex-crimes warrant in Sweden.

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WikiLeaks is a hot topic in the news lately with near wall-to-wall coverage on all the major news outlets. The Joint Task Force Detention Group, JTF Guantanamo and its detainees are also frequent targets of WikiLeaks information releases.

According to a Wikipedia citation, "WikiLeaks is an international new media non-profit organization that publishes submissions of otherwise unavailable documents from anonymous news sources and news leaks."

The Department of Defense has officially condemned the site, issuing guidance to all military members, federal employees and contractors about accessing WikiLeaks and the released information. So what does this mean for our troopers and operations here in JTF Guantanamo?

Defense Department officials are directing military, civilian and contractor personnel not to not the WikiLeaks web site. Official DoD guidance states WikiLeaks information is potentially classified. Unauthorized access to the site runs the risk of introducing classified material to unclassified systems.

Despite rumors and speculation, information released by the WikiLeaks website still requires handling appropriate to its classification. The subject information was not "declassified" by an appropriate authority and therefore requires continued safeguarding by federal employees.

"Classified information, whether or not already posted on public websites or disclosed to the media, remains classified."

warn DoD officials. "(It) must be treated as such by federal employees and contractors, until it is declassified by an appropriate U.S. government authority."

In addition to the guidance provided by the DoD, agencies around JTF Guantanamo also have specific ways of handling cases regarding troopers accessing the WikiLeaks website.

"All personnel assigned to JTF-Guantanamo are required to sign a non-disclosure agreement which defines the requirements of protecting classified material, whether written or stated," cautioned JTF Guantanamo alternate security manager, Paige Durrett. "Any violation of this agreement will result in possible jail time, cash penalty and loss of security clearance."

Military members could also face disciplinary actions under Article 92 of the UCMJ if they access or download data from WikiLeaks, said Navy Lt. Gilbert Saenz of the Staff Judge Advocates office.

"In addition, we will conduct an inquiry to determine the extent of the situation and what other possible UCMJ violations may have occurred," Saenz said.

The documents being released all fall under the category of 'sensitive information' — even if they are not classified — and therefore should be given the same protection as other data protected using operations security. The 'need to know' principle should be used. Not only is it a violation of UCMJ and policy, it's just common sense.

The bottom line -- do not access Wikileaks from any personal, government or MWR computer. ★

Fluff, Fold and a Bit of Courtesy

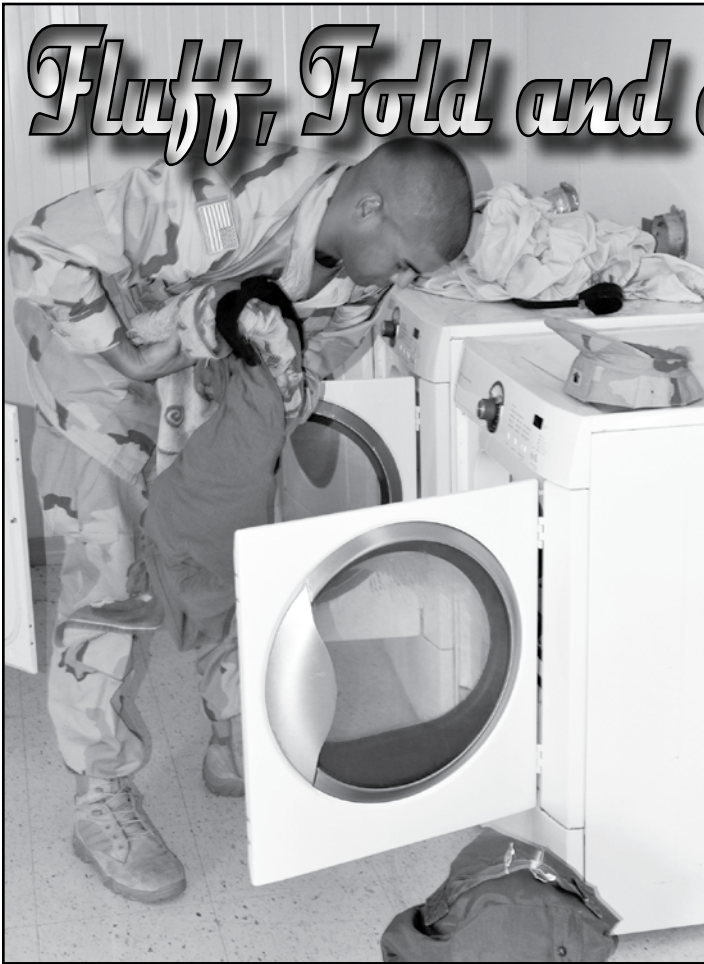


photo by Mass Communication 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins/The Wire
U.S. Coast Guard Petty officer Third Class Robert Mundo, places his wash load into the dryer at the Cuzco Barrack's laundry room, Dec. 2. Mundo is assigned to Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) 91114 Miami.

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Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers living in the Cuzco Barracks have a responsibility to maintain a clean environment inside the laundry room.

"The Joint Task Force works hard to give our troops the best facility that we can in terms of quality of life," said JTF Command Master Chief Scott A. Fleming.

Broken washers and dryers, missing door handles and misplaced items are just some of the issues regarding the laundry facilities. In addition to the damage, cleanliness can be a problem. Lint papers and overflowing garbage cans add to the mess while dirt and water spill on the floor.

During recent all hands calls, subpar conditions of the laun-

dry facilities was raised by several Troopers. JTF Guantanamo commander, Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson acknowledged issues do exist but senior leadership was working to fix any problems at the facilities. Harbeson then noted proper maintenance and cleanliness of trooper laundry rooms was a two-way street, a notion reinforced by Fleming.

Fleming explained whilework was being done to improve laundry facilities their wasn't an expected quick turn around time for the fixes due to personnel shortages in his department.

"We are researching a better grade of products designed to handle the constant demand," Fleming said.

Fleming then reiterated the need for mutual respect when one uses the washers and dryers.

"It is important for troops to respect others and to demonstrate the right amount of care while using the machines," Fleming said.

"This same manner will eventually prolong the life of the equipment, and for others to use it afterwards."

A common practice is for an individual to remove laundry from the machine, not knowing who it belongs to, but residents should not take offense to this action. There are many other individuals in the Cuzco working different hours and duties. To prevent further frustration Troopers should monitor the time a load is placed in the machine using your watch and check frequently until they are done.

Key steps to ensuring reliable working machines are to remember to shut the door properly before starting the machine. To prevent spilling of water from the washer, monitor the amount of clothes you place in. Too much clothes or detergent in a washer – liquid or powder – will greatly contribute to water leakage. This also applies to the amount of clothes you place in the dryer because too large of a load requires more time to dry, or

clothes will dry disproportionately.

The laundry rooms are located at the front of J Block and rear of E and I units. The machines are quick and easy to use and to power on or off. There are mops and brooms inside the laundry room for use as needed.

"We will get the facilities fixed no questions asked, it's our job," Fleming said. "We are increasing supply for the JTF Troopers and we certainly want people to have access to the washers and dryers. Just show simple courtesy."

We all benefit from a clean laundry room. Let's keep Guantanamo and our living quarters clean so we can enjoy the beautiful sunshine and beaches.

If there are maintenance issues or problems please report it. There are usually two designated block captains on each housing unit who are E-7 or above. Or you can contact the Cuzco's maintenance office located on D Block or JTF housing office facility manager Army Sgt. Maj. Rivera Jacques at extension 3145.

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Feeding Gators and Mules

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Army Staff Sgt. Arturo Emmanulli from Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) refuels his Mule vehicle while Army Spc. Migdalia Torres annotates in the fuel log the quantity of fuel dispensed. The newly refurbished Gator and Mule fuel station provides a convenient service to troopers in Camp America.

The Joint Detention Group S-4 acquired control of a newly refurbished fueling station exclusively for Gator and Mule vehicles in Camp America, Nov. 18.

The fuel station has a maximum capacity of 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 1,000 gallons of mogas with the convenience of servicing two vehicles simultaneously. Estimated reutilization costs for the fuel station is \$17,000. Fuel is dispensed from a standard fuel nozzle and trigger with a lever on each pump. This lever is to be moved into the on position to begin the process of transferring fuel.

“I enjoy providing a service to JTF troopers and their Gators,” said Puerto Rico Army National Guard Major Orlando Velazquez, assistant officer in charge of JDG S-4 Supply of the 124th Military Police forward detachment.

The new fuel station provides a convenient refueling point for all Gators and Mules within the JTF compound. After each customer dispenses fuel into their vehicle, Spc. Migdalia Torres of JDG S-4 annotates the quantity, vehicle number, type of fuel and organization. Proper record keeping is important to maintain control of fuel supplies.

“It’s a challenge to maintain the records of the fueling station,” said Torres. “The fuel station is a big responsibility because of the everyday service checks and dangers of gasoline.” Fuel spills can damage the environment by contaminating the soil and creating a potential fire hazard. Fire extinguishers are available on site and, as with any emergency, fuel spill or hazardous materials, 9-1-1 is called and a unit is dispatched from the nearest fire station.

“I’ve learned the importance of this fuel station and protecting the environment,” said Velazquez.

The station is replenished by a service truck. After a month of operation, supply officials are assessing how often this needs to occur. The Maytag civilian contractor has primary responsibility of delivering the gas to the fuel station from their storage facility at the request of JDG S-4 personnel.

The hours of operation for the fuel station are 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Monday thru Saturday. Torres is the main point of contact for the station at extension 3206 and located on the right side of Windmill beach road near the JTF Guantanamo Troopers chapel. ★



The Origin of Facebook

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Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history, all because of a social network named Facebook.

“The Social Network” is the story of the rough and arduous journey Zuckerberg and his group of ‘friends’ went through to create this gangbuster of a site.

Zuckerberg is played by Jesse Eisenberg who really captures the awkwardness of Zuckerberg.

Throughout the movie, Zuckerberg comes off as a bit arrogant, but what do you expect from a man who scored a perfect 1600 on his SAT’s.

The entire idea of Facebook evolves from a drunken night of blogging. After breaking up with his girlfriend, Zuckerberg returned to his dorm room to consume a few beers and blog about the night’s events, which he does all night.

Simultaneously he gets an idea to hack into each individual dormitory file at Harvard, retrieve photos of each female and create a website allowing people to rate which woman is more attractive. In order to create the actual website, he is given an algorithm by his best friend Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield) who is seen

writing the algorithm on Zuckerberg’s bedroom window.

FaceMash.com is online the entire time Zuckerberg is ranting and raving digitally until the server is shut down. In six hours FaceMash.com registered more than 22,000 users, an astonishing number.

After doing such a feat while slightly intoxicated, Zuckerberg gains some serious notoriety. Unfortunately, Harvard University notices as well and he is placed on six months academic probation.

After receiving his sentencing, Zuckerberg is approached by Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss (Armie Hammer), wealthy twin brothers who have an idea. They propose Zuckerberg become the programmer for their website, Harvard Connection.

At this point, I became slightly skeptical of whose side to be on. Harvard Connection called for students who possess a Harvard.edu email address to sign up to meet and communicate online. Facebook calls for social networking on a much higher scale than just Harvard.

Another thing that begins to happen is a change in framing. The movie begins to flow from the past to the present. It goes between two current lawsuit depositions: Zuckerberg v. Winklevoss and Zuckerberg

v. Saverin, Zuckerberg’s best friend.

What occurs in the next few scenes really brings the movie together and you begin to understand exactly why Zuckerberg’s best friend sues him. There is a slight soap opera feel to this movie with all the backstabbing and scheming going on between characters, but despite it all you never grow hatred toward Zuckerberg.

The movie really shows the lack of social skills Zuckerberg had. However, with this missing character trait we would have no Facebook and more than 500 million people worldwide would not be able to connect at the click of a mouse.

“The Social Network” is a breath of fresh air that deviates from a 2010 filled with action flicks and animated movies. This film really helps you understand the hard work put into bringing a vision to life. I recommend watching “The Social Network;” it just may give you an idea of your own. ☆

PG-13

120 minutes

Rating: ★★★★★

A New Home for J-4 and J-8



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After several months of renovating the old Naval Base photo lab by Joint Task Force Engineering, Naval Facilities and local contractors, J-4 and J-8 were presented their new building during a ribbon cutting ceremony, Dec. 10.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commander Navy Rear Adm. Jeffery Harbeson and J-4 director Navy Cmdr. Joseph Greenwood cut the ribbon together at the main entrance signifying the opening of the new building. The building that once housed the Naval Base photo lab was not designed for office space, resulting in obstacles such as several darkrooms, poor ventilation systems and chemical burns throughout the floor.

Wood floors, erected walls and new paint are some of the renovations visible from inside the new building. New furniture such as desks, chairs and cabinets are present in many offices.

The renovation is the result of JTF Engineering, NAVFAC, and local contractors working together. The work began on July 4, with renovations completed on Dec. 1. The new office building has space for 20 offices for J-4, J-8 and 410th Contracting personnel.

“The new building will provide a much cleaner working environment than the previous building,” said J-8 director Marine Major Colon Rose. “We are very excited to move back into our newly renovated office spaces,” said Greenwood.

J-4 and J-8 offices were temporarily located at the Office of the Administration Review for the Detention of Enemy Combatants during renovations.

Army Lt. Col. Patricia Charles, deputy commander of J4 said, “The new offices will be conducive in doing our mission by increasing work efficiency.”

(Above) Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commander, Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson (second from the left) and J-4 Director Navy Cmdr. Joseph Greenwood cuts the ribbon together for the opening of the newly renovated J-4 and J-8 office building, Dec. 8. (Right) J-4 Director Cmdr. Joseph Greenwood (right) goes over one of the many sections inside the newly renovated J-4 and J-8 office building with Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commander Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson, Dec. 8. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss.





photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry/The Wire

Petty Officer 3rd Class Tamara Ferron, a hospital corpsman, escapes the clutches of Private First Class Tiffany Byers in the Army/Navy flag football game.



Photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes/The Wire

Seaman Melanie Fabre (30) runs the ball during the Army Navy game at Cooper Field.

Army/Navy Female Flag Football Game ~ Dec. 11, 2010



ARMY - 9



Navy - 0



Photo by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward/The Wire

Members of the Army's female team pose with the trophy after winning their Army vs. Navy flag football game.



Photo by Senior Airman Gino Reyes/The Wire

Army Staff Sgt. Chavon Salter (42) goes up for a pass during the Army Navy game at Cooper Field in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr./The Wire

Navy Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Quincy Davis flees a tackler during the Army vs. Navy flag football game.



photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry/The Wire

Petty Officer 2nd Class Johnny Abner, an Engineman, launches the football to a teammate in the men's Army Navy football game.

Army/Navy Male Flag Football Game ~ Dec. 11, 2010



Navy - 18



ARMY - 15



Photo by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward/The Wire

Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson receives the championship trophy from the coach of the male Navy team after winning their Army vs. Navy flag football game, Dec. 11 (18-15).



photo by Mass Communication 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins/The Wire

Joint Task Force Army Capt. John Barbee (13) runs the ball during a game against the Navy at Cooper Field.



Boats on Parade

Army Spc.
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Cpl. Lisa Graff, an administration chief, decorates a boat participating in the Holiday Boat Parade Dec. 11, 2010. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent

The holiday spirit was in full bloom Saturday night as residents of Guantanamo Bay descended on the MWR Marina for this season's Holiday Boat Parade.

The parade has been a holiday event for almost 15 years, said Cory Geiger, outdoor recreation director for MWR. This year, there were twenty boats participating, an increase from 14 in 2009.

"We pushed it hard this year," said Geiger. "We did a lot with marketing. We've got a whole new crew pretty much of managers who've been on the island over the last year, so we've been doing much more programming especially on the outdoor rec side."

The marketing paid off, according to Gail Ward, systems administrator for J-6. She saw a sign for the parade and decided to sign up. "I started asking people around work, 'Do you guys want to decorate the boat?' and pretty soon I had thirty people wanting to decorate this boat," explains Ward. "Now I have a waiting list!"

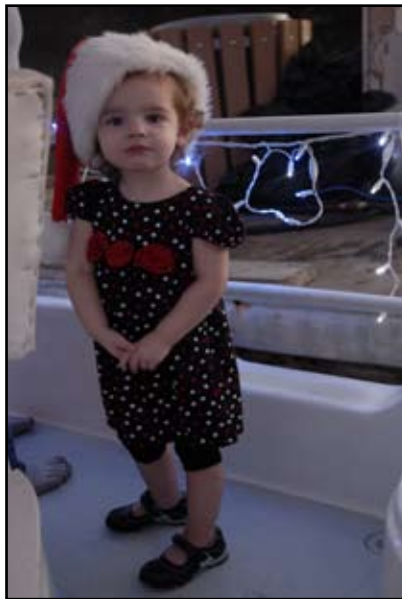
Todd Jordon, an information assurance specialist with J-6, was one of the lucky few that boarded Ward's boat when the time came to set sail. Jordon is a returning resident to GTMO; he lived here previously from 2004 through 2009.

"I used to work for MWR so I'm trying to get back into the mix of things and have some fun," he said. "We're just out here trying to get into the holiday spirit. I've been to seven of these, it's good times."

Participants arrive to decorate their boats around 3pm. They have roughly three hours before the parade kicks off to be as creative as they can with Christmas lights, trees, bows, etc. There are prizes at the end for boats.



Julia Salois, 9, holds Braelynn Clark, 6 months, next to their families' boat during the Holiday Boat Parade, Dec. 11, 2010. Braelynn's two older brothers also helped with the decorating. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent



Alexia Davenport stands next to her mother in a boat during the Holiday Boat Parade at the MWR Marina. The MWR hosts many family events during the holiday season. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent



Participants begin to show up to decorate their boats at the MWR Marina, Dec. 11, 2010. The MWR has been hosting the Holiday Boat Parade for close to 15 years. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent



Gail Ward, a civilian Systems Administrator for J6, stands aboard her decorated boat. Ward encouraged so much enthusiasm for the project, she eventually had to turn volunteers away. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent

deemed the best decorated, but most people just want to have fun.

"This is what GTMO is all about, community involvement," said Capt. Monty Bible, Joint Medical Group commander and commanding officer of the United States Medical Hospital. "This is a hometown environment. There are people who have been here for quite some time or have left and come back. It's quite the close-knit community with very friendly people."

Geiger is hoping that the boost in participants this year is a forecast of future involvement.

"We're bringing new things all the time," encouraged Geiger. "Keep an eye out because there's a lot going on. People complain a lot of not having a lot to do, but if you like being outside, we have stuff for you."



Members from the Base Emergency Engineer Force admire their decorations during the Holiday Boat Parade. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Meredith Vincent

Belly Dancing Brings Exotic Flair to PT

Those in attendance Sunday were treated to a special guest

**Army Staff Sgt.
Benjamin Cossel**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Think military PT and invariably one's mind will drift to long runs, plenty of push-ups and sit-ups until your abdominal muscles feel like they are ready to explode. If you're looking for something beyond the normal one-two-three PT grind, make your way to the Marine Hill Fitness Center Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. and if you have the courage, give belly dancing a whirl.

"I love to dance and this seemed like a good workout and a chance to learn about other cultures," said Petty Officer Second Class Traci Walker.

Walker, a Sacramento, Calif. resident, said the session was harder than she expected but it was only her first time taking the class - her friends convinced her to give belly dancing a try.

"It was a whole body workout," said Walker, who works at the JTF Guantanamo Joint Intelligence Group. "I'm feeling it everywhere."

Sunday's class held a special treat for those in attendance. Renowned belly dancing teacher and certified fitness

instructor Amira Mor made the journey from her home in Fort Lee, New Jersey to Guantanamo Bay to bring her love and experience of belly dancing to the island.

An instructor at the Broadway Dance Center in New York, Mor has taught her unique style of belly dancing to such stars as Britney Spears and worked with the likes of Sting, John Mellencamp and the Spin Doctors in addition to making appearances in several movies and television shows.

"Of course this is a fantastic workout," said Mor. "I would recommend belly dancing to everyone: male, female, Army, Marines, everyone,"

Mor added sumo wrestlers often add elements of belly dancing to their normal workout routines.

"Anyone can do this," she said. "And the results are amazing."

Turning to show off her back, Mor displayed a rapid series of dance sequences. The muscles in her arms, shoulders and back rippled with a fluid grace and the explosive power of a lioness as she moved to the rhythm of a mental soundtrack.

"That's the look you get from belly

Professional belly dancer and certified fitness instructor Amira Mor made a special appearance Sunday at the Marine Hill Fitness Center to instruct students on different belly dancing techniques. Mor was brought to Guantanamo Bay by the class' regular instructor, Al Elbanna. A group of nearly thirty service members and contractors gather at the fitness center every Sunday, from 4 to 6 p.m. for regular lessons. During her class, Mor stressed the health benefits by incorporating belly dancing into a regular fitness routine.

photo by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel/The Wire

dancing," she said as a smile spread across her face.

Mor's visit to the island began with the class's normal instructor Al Elbanna. A civilian contractor, Elbanna came to Guantanamo Bay nearly two years ago. Palestinian by birth, Elbanna said a love of his adopted country and a desire to serve brought him here.

"Amira has really inspired me to dance," Elbanna said of his desire to bring Mor to the island.

"I first saw Amira when I was 14-years old at the Middle East Club in New Jersey," Elbanna said. "I was completely amazed at how one person could so freeze a scene."

Elbanna explained the process



of getting Mor to Guantanamo Bay was fraught with challenges.

“There were several background checks ... the logistics of everything ... just lots of hard work to make this happen,” Elbanna said.

“They needed to make sure I was who I said I was and had all the proper certification to be an instructor,” Mor explained.

Mor, an Israeli born to Iraqi parents, and Elbanna both commented on the unusual nature of the two working together.

“This, dancing, this is our passion and it’s one way to bring people together,” Mor said. “Only in America would a Palestinian be bringing in an Israeli to teach dance.”

Added Elbanna, “And it happened right here in Guantanamo Bay.”

In addition to the physical aspects of dancing, Mor said there is another, often overlooked side.

“Only in America would a Palestinian be bringing in an Israeli to teach dance.”

— *Amira Mor*

“This music we play and dance to, it’s very emotional and passionate,” Mor said. “There becomes a whole mind, body and soul connection, it’s very therapeutic.”

For those perhaps a little reticent about belly dancing

in front of other people, Mor offers a series of training DVDs at her website, www.amiramor.com.

But, if you’re ready to dive in and give belly dancing a try, Elbanna said he is always looking for more students.

“Everyone is welcome,” he said. “And we’re always looking for more students. You’ll find us here every Sunday night.” ☆



Hitting it Hard to Stay in Shape

photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David P. Coleman/The Wire

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba – Marine Sgt. Samuel B. Griffin, the Embark Chief for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, hits the punching bag at the G. J. Dennich Gym Dec 3. Griffin, who has served in the Corps for five years, is exercising to stay in shape and promote his health and wellness.

Boots on the Ground

How do you plan to spend Christmas at GTMO?

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John Sullivan



“Hang out with some friends.”

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ayanna Wright



“Skyping with my son.”

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Demiko Kippers



“Christmas Dinner at the Chief’s Mess.”

Army Spc. Anthony Spires



“Exchanging presents with friends.”

Three Perspectives

Army Capt.
Eric Bey

JTF Guantanamo Chaplain

I heard a great analogy on perspectives from the former 1300 Gospel Service pastor through the current Gospel Service lay leader that I would like to share with you. It goes like this; generally speaking, there are three approaches that people take when it comes to scripture. The first is the person that looks at the ocean and admires its beauty but for a myriad of reasons stops short of enjoying it any further. They are in the same boat as all of the people who hate the ocean and find nothing intriguing about it. Then there are people that will venture out and get wet. They swim, body surf, or boogie board, even possibly snorkel. Finally, there are those who enjoy everything the ocean has to offer because they scuba dive.

In this analogy, the ocean is the Word of God, the people are really just people and their interaction with the ocean is how they approach the Bible.

There are those who dismiss the Bible altogether and want nothing to do with it. They believe that it was authored by man and is therefore flawed and chock full of contradictions. They can't see that every piece of literature that they have ever read falls into that same category. They will speak out against it though they have never read it. Then there are those who recognize that within the Bible there are narratives with great teaching points, beautiful poetry, and most accurate historical accounts. However, beyond that they don't put a lot of stock in it.

Then there are those who know some of the Word. They acknowledge it to be the Word of God. They can quote parts of it and hold it apart from all other literature. These are the people who would believe that they are okay with God because they perhaps have read the scriptures. They are only mildly interested at what the Bible has to say. Their relationship with God is as superficial as their knowledge of the scriptures. They are truly no better off than the first group.

Then there are those who recognize the vast ocean of knowledge and wisdom to be gleaned from the Scriptures. They acknowledge the authorship to be God's and therefore, perfect. They immerse themselves in it, letting it cleanse them as they go deeper and deeper. It nourishes their souls. They hear the message of the love letter from God. They find what our inner beings long for, fellowship with God. They find love, acceptance, forgiveness, mercy, grace, instruction, examples, and knowledge of God's plan of salvation, meaning and purpose in living.

All of these groups enjoy of the oceans bounty. They all refresh and nourish themselves from its wealth of food. They all enjoy the videos of what lies beneath. But most do so unknowingly, some only superficially. But there are those of us who do it intentionally and with abandon.

A quick poll of these groups will reveal that those who have the greatest quality of life, joy and happiness are those who have humbled themselves to acknowledge God.

Where to do you fit in? Which type of person are you? You think about that!

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
Chapel Annex
Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Christo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service

Sunday 11 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project
Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel

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