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## GTMO COMEDIANS GET OUTRAGEOUS

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# COMMAND CORNER

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I remember when I was a private, we performed tasks as instructed and we did them this way or that way. As time continued and years went by, the term “old school” came into the conversation as to how we used to do a task or a mission.

As service members continue in their career, they start to compare their generation to the generation that is enlisting to serve their nation, just as we were compared so many years ago. I have always been fond of terming the new generation as the “Nintendo generation.”

I use this term because Nintendo was something new to me at the time I realized I was getting old. When I grew up, we did not have video games other than “Pong.” Moreover, even with that game, I had to go to a friend’s house to play.

Now, with so many advances in technology, the “Nintendo generation” is considered “old school.” So, what is the newest generation? The iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire, PS3, Xbox generation? I do not know, but the new generation seems to hold more technological power in its hands than what was used in 1981 for the first space shuttle launch.

As generations continue, we must compliment each generation that is serving its nation. Just because Troopers do not use “old school” techniques does not mean that their ways are less effective.

Respect looks different to individuals, and generational differences influence our concept of respectful behavior in our services. A Trooper can easily stop listening once they perceive that their input is discounted. Teammates who do not listen to each other do not perform at their best, and this leads to mission degradation and/or failure.

I embrace the different generations that serve our nation, and I am amazed what multiple generations of experience can bring to

the fight. Each generation offers unique ways of looking at a problem through its eyes and its own unique way to solve it. When multiple generations look at the same problem and synergize their efforts, the results can be astronomical.

All have heard the “half empty, half full” saying. This has to do with your approach to a problem. If you believe that there is too much of an age difference between the generations and we can’t work it out, this invites defeat. However, if you believe that we do have a big age range but we all want and need to succeed, this invites the positive and leads to mission success.

Another way to look at generational gaps is with technology. We do not see 5 1/4-inch floppy disks, a green monochrome display on our monitors or the old rotary dial-up phones within our offices.

If we still depend on obsolete equipment, then we too become obsolete. If you belong to an older generation, you may be resistant to newer technologies but may have the experience that exceeds changes in technology. Even though you have worked with older technology, principles you learned might still be adapted to the new technology.

Samuel Langhorne Clemmons (aka Mark Twain) summed it up great: “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

We may listen to different music or wear completely different styles of clothes and march to the beat of a different drum, but in the end, we serve our nation proudly. Together, we accomplish great things as a Joint Task Force that speaks from many different generations. Take the time to listen to each generation. In the end, you can only learn something from one another.



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# NEWS FROM THE BAY

## One-mile swim off

Swimmers looking for a challenge can sign up at the Windjammer or Marine Hill pools for the adult one-mile swim off. The swim off will be held Saturday at the Marine Hill Pool from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the event is free to enter. Swimmers can sign up at the Windjammer or Marine Hill pools or call to sign up at 2205 or 77919.

## Fitness classes

Looking for a new way to workout? Navy Fitness and MWR are providing Step Fusion classes every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Marine Hill aerobic room. They also offer water aerobics classes at 10:30 a.m. at the Windjammer pool. Enjoy getting in shape with these fun fitness classes. For more information or to sign up, call 2113.

## Military spouses

The application period for the 2013 Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Military Spouse Fellowship is now open, and applications are due by midnight on March 31. The program is open to current or surviving spouses of active duty or retired service members. For more information, visit [www.saveandinvest.org/military.center](http://www.saveandinvest.org/military.center).

## Easter speedball

MWR is hosting the Easter Egg 7-on-7 Speedball Tournament at the Ground Zero paintball course. Players must provide or rent their own equipment and paintballs. The tournament will be held April 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. This event is open to all ages. Players must register by April 3. To sign up, call 2345.

## Marathon volunteers

MWR needs singers and cheerleaders to fill the GTMO Marathon cheer stations on April 13. Cheer stations will be placed at each mile of the marathon route to support runners. MWR is seeking volunteers to support the participants. Volunteers can call for more information or to sign up at 2113 or 77262.

## Easter brunch

The Bayview will host an Easter brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a visit from the Easter Bunny from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$14.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children ages 6-11. The menu includes pineapple glazed ham, baked mahi mahi, a steamship round carving station, an omelet station, and much more.

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**Photo Of The Week**  
by Evan Clark

## ONLY AT GTMO by Army Sgt. Brian Godette







By Army Staff Sgt. Michael Davis

Moving swiftly in and out of the rows, leaving trails of contraband, running down the aisles, screaming their war cry and confusing the enemy by deploying in scattered formations - Naval Station Guantanamo Bay vigilant kiddies take over the Downtown Lyceum Friday night.

Their main mission: seek and annoy adults as they watch "The Croods."

"The Croods" tells the story of the world's first prehistoric family road trip. This comedy adventure is a film the whole family can enjoy. It's colorful, energetic and, for the most part, isn't corny. You can't help but fall in love with most of the animated family members.

There's a ferocious, animalistic baby and a tireless grandmother/mother-in-law, and there are many other fun, exotic characters in the movie that the family comes in contact with.

Eep (voice of Emma Stone, "Gangster Squad"), the oldest daughter in the cave-man family, explains how her family became one of the few to survive the rough conditions in their prehistoric time.

They were able to survive because of her husky and strong father, Grug (voice of Nicolas Cage, "Stolen"). He protects them by fighting off animals twice his size, but he keeps them safe mostly because of his strict and paranoid ways. He forbids them from leaving the cave and warns them that if they go out exploring and become

inquisitive about 'new things,' they will DIE.

"New is always bad, never not be afraid," the neophobic caveman said, explaining his one and most important rule.

They all listen to him and drink the Kool-aid, so to speak, because they have been safe thus far, but there is one family member who wants to go out and chase the sun - Eep.

Eep's curiosity causes her to rebel against her father's views, and when she leaves the cave on her own, she comes face-to-face with another person - an intelligent cave boy name Guy (voice of Ryan Reynolds, "Safe House").

Eep becomes intrigued by Guy's independence, his exciting way of living and the fact that he is able to create fire.

Guy departs but shares some important information with her before he leaves. He tells her that their world is heading toward destruction. "I call it, 'the end,'" Guy said, as his pet orangutan-like animal emphasizes the seriousness with a small tune with its mouth.

When Eep is reunited with her family, they express their concern, but the sobs



and lectures are cut short because 'the end' of their world has just begun. Their first idea Grug has gets crushed, literally, as their cave gets caved in with boulders. The Croods family has no choice but to swallow their fears and take on a new world.

The film transitions into the plot of the story. The new world is colorful, visually appealing and definitely different from the dark cave the Croods were used to. They face some of their worst nightmares but get help from Eep's new friend, Guy.

The rest of the family becomes intrigued with Guy's innovative ideas as well, but Grug becomes as stubborn as he can be and does his best at keeping Guy and Eep separated.

The family's adventure with Guy, or should I say their road trip, is very exciting, hilarious creative - giving much credit to the directors, Kirk De Micco ("Space Chimps") and Chris Sanders ("How to Train Your Dragon").

"The Croods" was very funny and had an amusing sense of humor.

Although in the first quarter of the film I was not attracted by the drawings of the characters, I managed to disregard Eep's illustrated heavyweight, mix-martial-arts-fighter form of body and her family's interesting features.

As the movie progressed I came to accept the directors' vision and the fact that the visuals for this film are very different than the animated films we are used to.

I very much enjoyed this film. I give "The Croods" four banana rats.

MOVIE REVIEW



(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Ivan Wolshlager, Spc. Kaylee Jones, Spc. Joshua Fisher, and Spc. Spencer Schatz (absent Spc. Austin Hunsaker), Soldiers from the 428th Military Police Company, 525th MP Battalion, completed the Bataan Death March in White Sands, N.M., earlier this month and placed first in the co-ed, heavy, category. Their category required a 26.2 mile march while carrying a 35-pound ruck-sack; the team finished with a combined time of 39 hours, 15 minutes, and 27 seconds, which gave the entire team an average time of seven hours, 51 minutes, and six seconds.

## 525 Soldiers win in the Bataan Death March

Story and photo by Spc. Chalon Hutson

Earlier this month, several Soldiers from the 525th Military Police Battalion went to White Sands, N.M., to compete in the Bataan Death March. They represented their battalion and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay during the 26.2 mile ruck-march in commemoration of the Americans service members who were forced to march through the Philippines during World War II.

A combination of five Reservists and one active duty Soldier, from the 428th MP Company, won the team co-ed, heavy, category of the march. The winners include Spc. Austin Hunsaker, Spc. Kaylee Jones, Spc. Joshua Fisher, Spc. Spencer Schatz, and Staff Sgt. Ivan Wolshlager. The heavy category required that all team members carry a 35-pound rucksack.

The team was selected from several of the top finishers in GTMO's Bataan Death March, which was held in January. This march was 15.6 miles and acted as a tryout for the national competition in New Mexico.

In White Sands, N.M., the entire team finished with a combined time of 39 hours, 15 minutes, and 27 seconds, which gave the

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entire team an average time of seven hours, 51 minutes, and six seconds. They also finished within eight seconds of each other, meaning that they stuck together during the entire 26.2 mile march.

"It was tough, but really rewarding," Jones said, the only female on the team. "It helps show how close the team was; we really stuck together the whole time."

Jones said that some of the other teams would have individuals take off ahead, and leave the rest of the team behind. The entire team agreed that wasn't what they were going to do.

"When one fell behind or was hurting, we all tried to motivate each other," Fisher said. "There were a lot of people on other teams who just gave up... The experience helped us bond."

Before enduring these hardships, they realized training was necessary, after GTMO's Bataan Death March, in order to prepare themselves for the real march, which was almost 11 miles longer than the first.

"We did a lot of running, a lot of leg and back exercises," Wolshlager said. "We did a lot of ruck-marching to practice, as well."

Wolshlager said that there were many

teams who would start jogging for a while, and then have to take a break and lay down for few minutes. His strategy for the team was different.

"The real story of the death march, if they stopped, they were killed," Wolshlager said about the American service members who were forced, by the Japanese, to march 80 miles through the Philippine jungle in 1942. "We didn't stop at any water points; we would just grab some water and keep moving... We thought it was important to just keep moving."

Wolshlager said that as they finished, he didn't think that they were in first place, until they received the results. He also said it was pleasing to see much of his command congratulate the team as they walked off the ferry, as they returned to GTMO.

Many members of the team had the opportunity to meet some of the surviving members of the original Bataan Death March, while in New Mexico. Then during the race they worked together, and kept marching, emulating the strength of those who marched in the Philippines. Their strategy and determination helped them come in first place.

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# Budget cuts restrain MWR's ability to host events at GTMO

Story and photo by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

The sequestration hitting the federal government is also affecting how Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation can host concerts and events around the base.

MWR's community activities director says the local organization will do its best to continue providing entertainment for Troopers, focusing on local programs and performers when possible.

Performances that were already booked before sequestration went into effect will take place as scheduled, but Community Activities Director Stephen Prestesater said future performances must be fully funded by sponsorship.

"It's not looking good for special events," he said, noting he plans his calendar months in advance so a few concerts were already set in stone. "Sequestration hit, of course, so the first thing that always gets pulled in a budget cut is fun."

Prestesater said GTMO MWR is unique in that it has a Community Activities department to coordinate activities for service members in an isolated area, but that department is taking a hit with a loss of funding.

But, Prestesater said, the idea behind cutting MWR-funded entertainment was to preserve money for more essential programs for Troopers, such as the fitness centers, library, and other facilities.

"Those are staying afloat, and in order to do so, some things have to be sacrificed," he said.

Though Prestesater said he can still move forward with events that already booked, some items – such as a return trip for the band Poor Man's Poison – had to be given up because MWR can no longer pay for travel under the budget cuts.



The Nashville, Tenn.-based country band Scarletta performs at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Downtown Lyceum in December during a USAA-sponsored, GTMO Morale, Welfare and Recreation-hosted concert. Performances such as this will become fewer in number due to sequestration-driven budget cuts, as such events now require sponsorship dollars to happen. MWR also cannot pay to transport celebrities, meaning most future entertainers will have to come out of Florida.

***"MWR is doing everything it can to insure that we're still bringing you the best in what we can, whether it be entertainment, programming, or even facility hours."***

***-Stephen Prestesater,***

***GTMO MWR community activities director***

That means MWR can only bring in entertainers if they can be brought in on the C-12 that flies between GTMO and Naval Air Station Jacksonville, so the acts would likely have to be Florida-based.

"Luckily, we've already established communication lines with many different agencies around the Orlando and Jacksonville area," Prestesater said, noting MWR here works with its regional office in Florida to book acts. "As long as we pick them up on the C-12, we're able to get them in."

He said MWR will continue with two concerts next month, featuring Something Distant and the Dirty Gringos, as well as appearances by Hollis Wilder of "Cupcake Wars" and former NFL coach Brian Billick for a live sports talk radio show.

Past that, though, Prestesater said MWR is working to solicit corporate and local sponsorships to fund future entertainment. One such company is USAA, which supported a December concert by the country band Scarletta and with which GTMO MWR has a yearlong deal.

"We're working with multiple different agencies trying to find [sponsorship], whether it's local or corporate sponsorship," Prestesater said. "USAA happens to be one of them. We are working with other agencies currently to see what we can do."

He said MWR is also working with the USO to sponsor GTMO's annual 4th of July fireworks show, and he added GTMO has acquired a significant amount of funding in commercial sponsorship to support events such as concerts and provide prizes for runs and other programs.

"The gym will be able to still have runs and pass out medals, or they might have prizes. Liberty will still be able to have events where they have prizes," Prestesater said. "These programs will still exist and be able to give out something to you due to our commercial sponsors."

While MWR is looking to extend its agreement with USAA and work with the USO, Prestesater said the organization is also seeking partnerships with local agencies on base and major corporate entities in Florida.

Though Troopers won't get to see as many large events as they're used to, Prestesater said MWR will begin focusing more local programs, such as expanding events at the craft shop and seeking out local entertainment.

Prestesater said he would like to put together a house band, similar to the GTMO group Genius Kong that performed until the lead singer left the island, that could perform shows at different venues around the base.

"We know they exist on the island. Of course, it's really trying to find the time that everyone can work together," he said. "It'll be open to everyone from contractors to active duty, anyone who wants to participate."

With a few ideas going around to keep Troopers provided with entertainment, Prestesater said he appreciates the GTMO community's patience during a difficult, trying time.

"MWR is doing everything it can to insure that we're still bringing you the best in what we can, whether it be entertainment, programming, or even facility hours," he said.

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# GTMO COMEDY



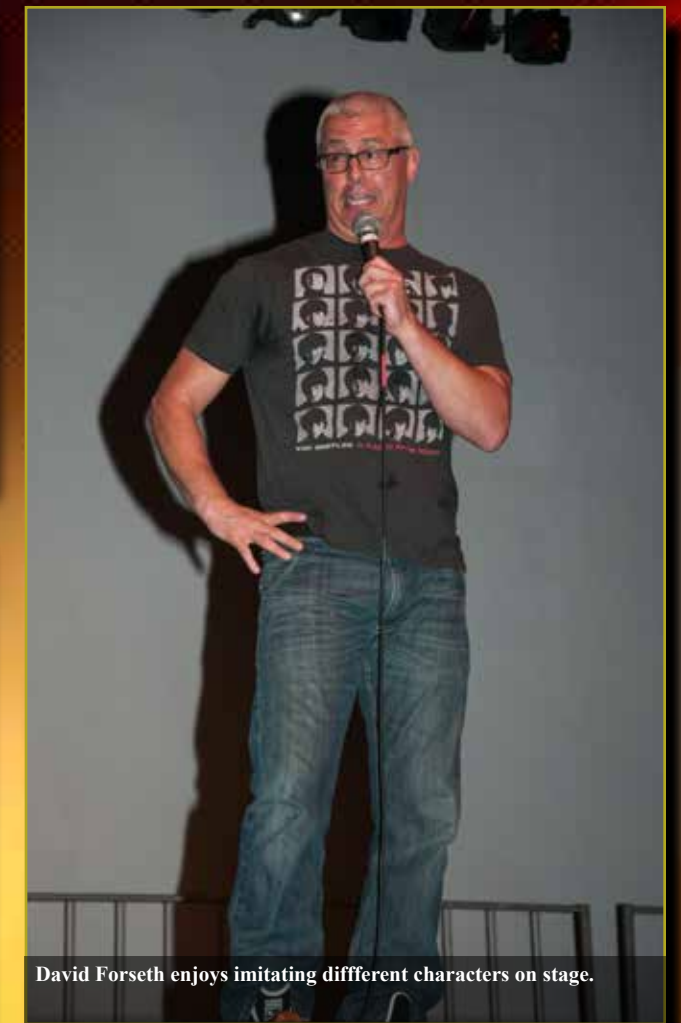
(From left to right) David Forseth, Justin Berkman, Mark Serritella, Luchana Gatica and Johnny Cardinale take a bow after the show.



Luchana Gatica gets the show started as the first comedian on the stage.



Johnny Cardinale gets the audience involved in a sing along.



David Forseth enjoys imitating different characters on stage.

Story and Photos by Spc. Jessica Randon

From Los Angeles, Calif., to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, five fabulous comedians brought good vibes to the GTMO community on March 20, as they entertained the crowd with an awesome stand-up comedy show.

The comedy show featured Mark Serritella, Justin Berkman, Luchana Gatica, David Forseth, and last but certainly not least Johnny Cardinale. All of these comedians have performed together on other Armed Forces Entertainment tours covering areas in the Middle East from Lebanon to Turkey. After visiting the Bahamas and Greenland the next stop on their most recent tour was our stage here at GTMO.

Luchana Gatica was the first comedian to hit the stage. Gatica was the only female comedian on this tour and she held her own at the comedy show,

dishing out plenty of single-female jokes that had the audience on the edge of their seats. Gatica is an actress and writer from Los Angeles playing most recently in a new television series titled *East Los High*. Following Gatica was Justin Berkman.

Justin Berkman delivered his stand up like a poet. He didn't make his words rhyme, but he ended every sentence with a high note so as to ensure we all had high anxiety by the time he was finished. Berkman focused a lot of his jokes around females as well, except his focus was on reminding us that we are not princesses or any type of royalty, so we should really stop behaving as such. Berkman definitely gained a stable fan base with his views. Following Berkman was Mark Serritella.

Serritella, a Los Angeles based actor, writer and stand-up comedian, has been acting and performing stand-up comedy for the last 12 years and has been featured in more than 20

independent films, commercials and internet videos. Serritella considers his comedy to be full of social satire, which he did by involving many of the audience members. After Serritella came David Forseth.

At first glance, you might not be too familiar with this man. But it's not the first glance that will draw you in, but more so the sound of his voice. Forseth is a well known actor, writer and comedian but is best known for his voice-over in video games ranging from 2010's *Red Dead Redemption*, to more recently, the voice of Lieutenant Riley in *Prototype 2*. His role with voice-overs definitely carries over into his stand-up comedy as he becomes very animated when on stage, while also telling stories and sharing his own life experiences to thrill the audience.

Johnny Cardinale was the final comedian on stage. He was the one who put together this star-studded group of comedians, after being contacted

by Armed Forces Entertainment requesting to do these tours for service members.

Cardinale himself performs for shows ranging from Chelsea Lately and Jimmy Kimmel Live to the Game Show Network and TV Guide Channel. Cardinale, who will be making his Hollywood debut this year in *Bobby Khans Ticket to Hollywood*, entertained GTMO residents with classic stand-up comedy and an arrangement of song parodies that had the audience singing along.

Knowing that these comedians are not strangers to performing for service members, it was interesting to find out why they continue, why they love performing for the military.

"To have the opportunity, outside a normal comedy club environment, where your entertaining random drunk strangers, to actually use our skills for good and raise and lift the moral of troops. - it's definitely more

meaningful" said Berkman.

While Berkman enjoys the difference in the environment, Forseth explained why performing for service-members has a bit more of a personal meaning to him.

"My cousin was a ranger... he's still working with the Navy, so it's a huge honor to come and give back to you guys and say thanks for your service and all your hard work," Forseth said.

This is one of the many comedy shows that has been brought here to GTMO. But there is no doubt that these were great comedians who definitely got the job done.

There's a saying out there about how laughter is one of the best medicines. Well if that's the case then it can definitely be said that the GTMO community got a good dose of feel better last Wednesday, thanks to this awesome group of comedians. Live, laugh, love and laugh some more, the motto to last a life time.



Johnny Cardinale demonstrates an astronaut walk.



# BEEF WINS GTMO BASKETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP!

By Sgt. Ferdinand Thomas



(Above) 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen (BEEF) pose with the GTMO Basketball League championship trophy after defeating the Vigilant Warriors. (Top Right) BEEF Troopers and fans cheer deep in the second half as their team continues to pull away toward the win. (Right) Senior Airmen Larry Hampp attempts a layup during the championship game against one of the Vigilant Warrior players.

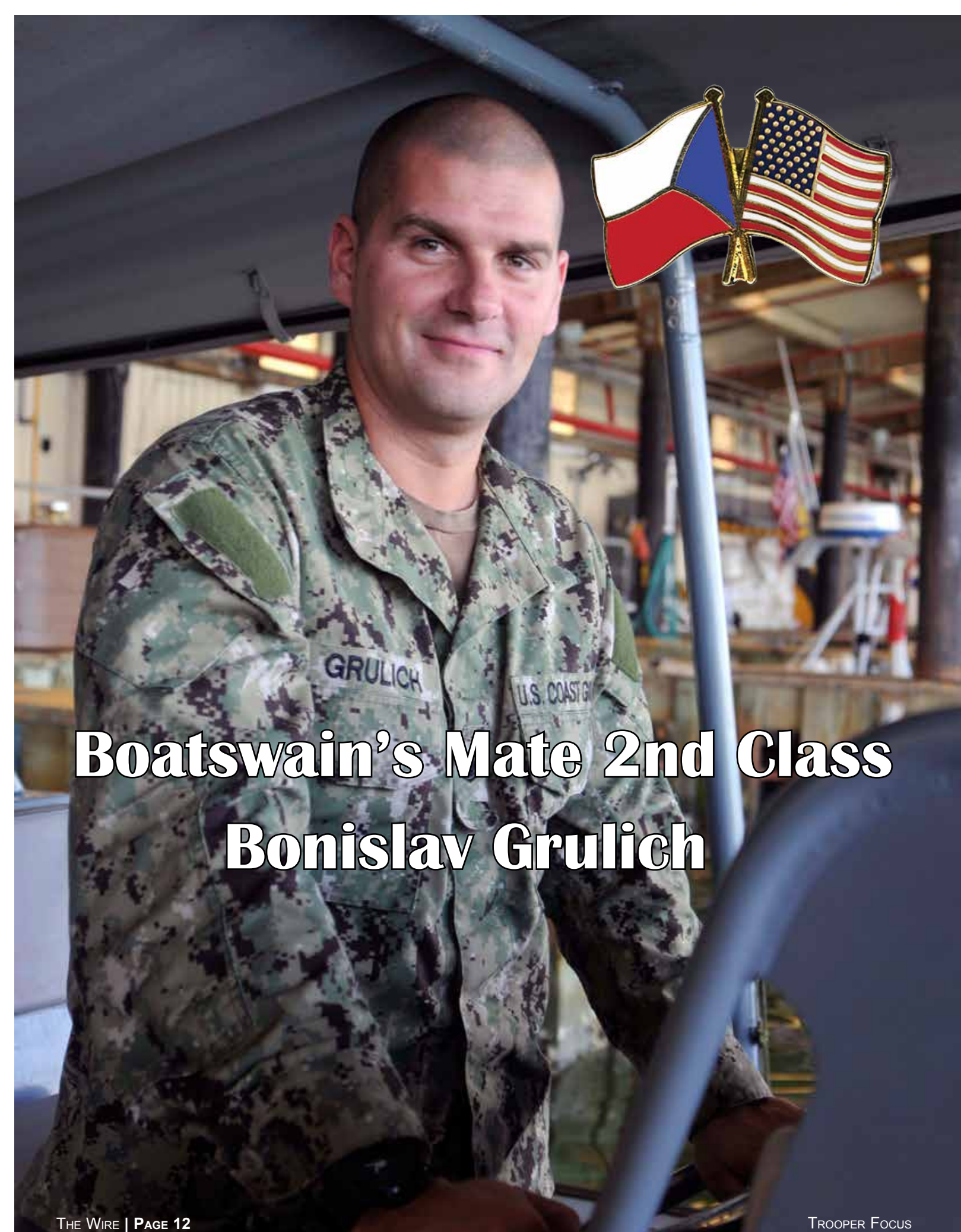


The 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, also known as the BEEF, won the Guantanamo Bay Morale Welfare & Recreation Basketball League championship March 19th defeating the 525th Military Police Battalion's Vigilant Warriors 44-41.

Roars echoed through the gym after each scored basket. The game stayed close throughout the matchup but the BEEF stayed focused on the prize trophy and edged out a win.

They finished the regular season (19-1) with only one loss to the Filipino Ninjas.





# Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Bonislav Grulich

# Trooper Focus



Story and photos by Spc. Raechel Haynes

At some point or another, most of our ancestors went through the process of becoming American citizens. Some even went on to serve in the military. Imagine what it must have been like for them. Imagine where they came from and the reasons that they came to America.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Bonislav Grulich doesn't have to imagine because he has done it. Grulich is a former citizen of the Czech Republic and a former member of the Czech military, where he served as a shooting instructor.

"Growing up in the Czech Republic was very similar to growing up in the United States, but it [started out] very different," Grulich said. "I grew up during my first 10 years when the Czech Republic was still communist."

Czechoslovakia split in 1993 to become the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and in March 1999, the Czech Republic joined NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Grulich joined the Czech army in 1999.

"The Czech military is very small, so it's a bit different from the U.S. military," Grulich said. "We only have an Army, Air Force, and small Special Forces."

Once, he came to the United States for a visit but found reasons to stay.

"I'd never thought about staying in the United States," Grulich said. "I was in school studying business and economy, so if I had stayed, I probably would have found a job at a bank. I took a break from school, and I came here to visit my friends in San Francisco, went to San Diego and met a girl who became my wife. That's how I ended up staying."

Grulich stayed and became a citizen. On the encouragement of

a friend, he joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 2008.

"A friend of mine is active duty Coast Guard, and he told me a lot of great things about [it]," Grulich said. "He introduced me to it, and that's why I chose this branch."

During his time in the Coast Guard, Grulich has been deployed three times. His first deployment was to Kuwait in 2009. His second deployment brought him to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, and he has come back for his third deployment.

"I've been deployed here twice, and each experience was different," he said. "I was here last year. The first time, I was deployed with active duty Coast Guard. I didn't know anyone in that unit. This time, I'm deployed with people I know and am friends with."

The military can give Troopers a wide variety of experiences, and Grulich is no exception.

"The last three years out of four and a half I've spent on deployments," Grulich said. "Four years ago, we deployed to Kuwait. We were at Camp Patriot. Kuwait is [a desert] and completely different than GTMO. There

is nothing to do there but go to the gym and GTMO is like a tourist resort in comparison."

GTMO may not be his toughest deployment, but Grulich still takes his job seriously as a member of Port Security Unit 311. As the head of his crew, Grulich ensures that the team is in their best shape and maintains their readiness.

"I'm a tactical coxswain," he said. "I'm in charge of a small boat and my crew. We [patrol] certain areas to make sure they are secure."

Whether he is patrolling the waters around GTMO or off duty, Grulich uses his experiences to improve on everything he and he crew do.

"Simply put, what sets him apart is his exemplary devotion to duty and his love of service," said Master Chief Petty Officer Wayne North, senior enlisted leader of PSU 311. "Grulich has demonstrated not only his technical skill as a tactical coxswain but an unwavering dedication to getting the mission done, despite the hazards and obstacles he may come across, and all while keeping a positive attitude."







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# GTMO bids farewell to head JTF chaplain, celebrates his success

Story by Army Sgt. Jonathan Monfiletto

The former Joint Task Force Guantanamo command chaplain, Navy Capt. Daniel Gard, said the only problem he had with his job during his nine-month tour was that the JTF chain of command was “always three steps ahead of me.”

As part of his duties as command chaplain, Gard advised the command element and brought to them new ideas to help the Troopers, whether through counseling programs, spiritual services or other aspects.

But, Gard said during a farewell breakfast for him in Gold Hill Galley at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay on March 20, when he brought his ideas to the commanders, they had often already thought of it.

“I don’t think I’ve ever worked for a command that is as involved with their people as this command element is,” he said. “They’re always thinking about the Troopers.”

The command element showed that they care about their chaplain too, at a celebration attended by Army Brig. Gen. James Lettko, the JTF deputy commander, Marine Sgt. Maj. Scott Smith, the JTF senior enlisted leader, and various JTF and NAVSTA chaplains and assistants.

Lettko acknowledged the storms Gard weathered, sometimes literally, in his nine months here, including hurricanes Isaac and Sandy, military commissions, and a presence in the camps. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, the general noted, can be seen in the new Trooper Chapel that is being built.

“That will be part of your enduring legacy as you leave here,” Lettko said, joking that JTF-GTMO might even name the new building after Gard. “We appreciate everything you’ve done.”

Another part of Gard’s legacy is that he



Army Brig. Gen. James Lettko, Joint Task Force Guantanamo deputy commander, presents a commemorative plaque and coin to Navy Capt. Daniel Gard, who served for nine months as JTF command chaplain. Gard was honored at a farewell breakfast last week both for his service to JTF and his upcoming promotion to rear admiral. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Michael Davis Jr.)

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*- Navy Capt. Daniel Gard, former JTF command chaplain*

will leave GTMO as Capt. Gard but will become Rear Adm. Gard soon after he returns to the United States, Lettko said.

“Admiral select in the Navy Reserve is a big, big deal,” Lettko said, noting Gard achieved the rank through his diverse deployments and assignments. “That’s a testament to your dedication to your service.”

In a separate interview, Gard said he joined the Navy not to climb a ladder and eventually become admiral but to be a pastor to his fellow service members.

“That’s what I’ve always tried to do, and I’ve loved every minute of it,” he said. “My prayer and hope is that I’ll be a faithful servant in that role and make possible ministry to our Troopers around the world. What it’s all about are the troops.”

Still, achieving flag officer status is a recognition that humbles Gard and an opportunity that he appreciates.

“It’s an incredible honor,” he said. “My colleagues in the chaplain corps are an amazing collection of people, and so many

that have been considered for this position could easily have been chosen. There’s not a weak link among them.”

After he completes what he called “admiral boot camp,” Gard will pin on his new rank Oct. 1 and then serve temporarily as deputy chaplain of the Marine Corps before moving over to the Chief of Chaplains Office.

That is quite an accomplishment for a man who said he originally planned to stay in the Navy for four years, but when he reached his 10-year mark, he realized he had forgotten to get out. But, he also realized he was still having fun and figured he would “keep doing this as long as God lets me do it.”

At his farewell breakfast, Gard thanked his JTF and NAVSTA colleagues for their service to Troopers, for which they often don’t get to see the end result.

He recalled a petty officer 3rd class he counseled early in his career who was struggling with some issues and thinking about getting out of the Navy. Years later, at a ceremony for new chief petty officers, he saw that same sailor – now as a chief petty officer.

Gard used that story to remind his colleagues that they can and do make a difference in the lives of Troopers.

“Never underestimate the importance of what you do,” he said. “I just want to thank you very much for what you do.”

Gard, who left GTMO on Saturday, called the end of his tour a bittersweet moment because he gets to see his family again, but he also has to leave all of the people he has met.

“I want everyone here to know that, as their chaplain, they’ve been in my prayers, and as I leave Guantanamo Bay, they will remain in my prayers,” he said. “It’s been my greatest honor to be a part of this. I’m more proud of having served JTF than I am of making admiral.”



# WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Single or married, mothers or not, women are essential to the military's success.

From "Women in the Military: A Guide for Success"  
Channing Bete Company

## Servicewomen share common goals

- A sense of mission – to defend our nation and maintain world peace
- Professional growth – to maximize opportunities for training and advancement
- Personal growth – to be healthy and happy, and to reach their full potential

## Setting Goals

The military offers more than 4,100 unique jobs. Opportunities for women vary in the different branches of the service. But overall, women serve in a wide range of units and roles. Women are now an important part of military operations and peace-keeping missions. And the number of female officers is now about equal to the number of male ones.

To set professional goals and take charge of your future you may want to create a chart and write down three of your professional goals, the skills and knowledge to reach each goal, the resources – both people and programs – that can help you toward each goal and the steps you can take to get started.

## What will you do after the military?

Right now, it may be impossible to imagine life other than the military. But it's important to use your time as a servicewoman to prepare for the future. One of the military's best benefits is that you will enter the civilian workforce as a highly trained, disciplined and experienced job candidate.

## Consider

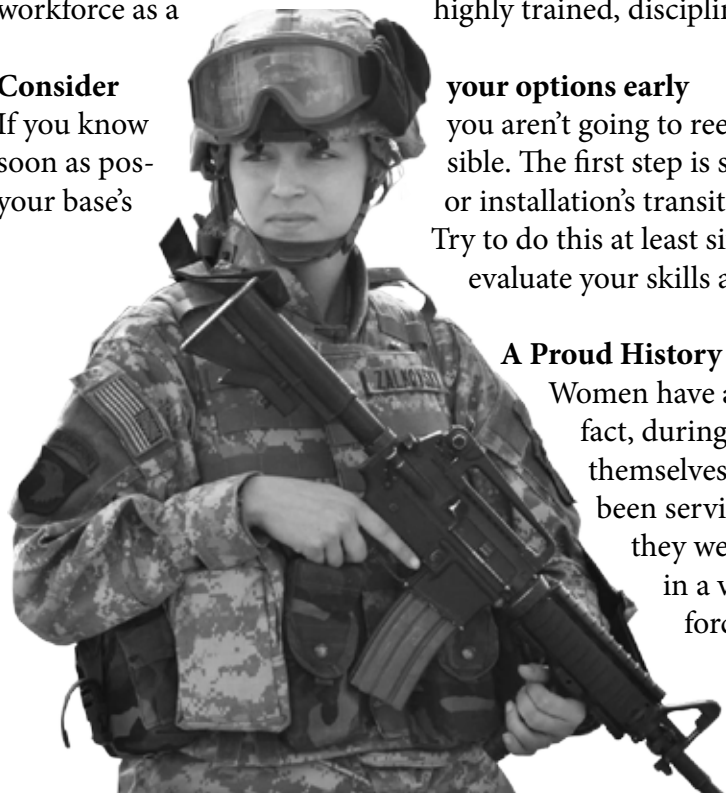
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## your options early

you aren't going to reenlist, you should start planning for a civilian career as soon as possible. The first step is scheduling a preservation counseling appointment at or installation's transition office, which is usually located in the family center. Try to do this at least six months before separation. A counselor will help you evaluate your skills and explore civilian careers.

## A Proud History

Women have always contributed to this nation's armed forces. In fact, during the American Revolution, some women disguised themselves as men in order to be Soldiers. Officially, women have been serving in the military since 1901. But until World War I, they were recruited only as nurses. After proving themselves in a variety of noncombat roles in all branches of the armed forces during World War II, women became eligible for permanent assignments in active duty forces. Since then, women have continued to serve with distinction and gain new opportunities.



# GTMO SAYS...



Who is your favorite female entertainer and why?



**Kate Hudson**

"She's an awesome actress."

-Spc. Paige Ugorowski,  
177th Military Police  
Brigade

**Charlaine Harris**

"She's very creative and the author of the True Blood series. Her books are whimsical and very entertaining to read."

-Air Force Staff Sgt. Sierra  
Whitaker, J-4 Strategic  
Mobility Office



**Amy Lee**



**Keke Palmer**



**Charlaine Harris**



**Kate Hudson**



**Keke Palmer**

"Keke Palmer is hot and around my age too. I'll probably never see her in my life, but I could wish right?"

-Army Pfc. Gerald Austin,  
177th Military Police  
Brigade

**Amy Lee**

"Even if a lot of folks think the songs are depressing I could probably listen to her voice all day."

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd  
Class Casey Miller,  
J-2 Signal Detachment





# Trooper to Trooper

## What were they thinking?

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER  
PAUL KEOUGH  
PORT SECURITY UNIT 311

Everyone who uses Facebook, Twitter or blogs, or even just has a cell phone nowadays, has read or seen something sent to them and thought, "What the heck were they thinking?" The widespread use of social media is seen everyday – people texting, taking pictures with the phone and keeping connected with friends and family members. But, what seems to go unnoticed by the majority of the public are the repercussions felt by the misuse of social media.

The conviction of two high school football stars in Steubenville, Ohio, is just the most recent case to highlight social media's impact on society. In this case, the brutal sexual assault of a young girl was not only recorded by a cell phone camera, but the subsequent text messages were used to identify and convict the two rapists. The Ohio Attorney General is now convening a grand jury to continue the investigation into the actions of others who spread images of the victim and failed to report the crime or aided in obstructing the investigation.

Situations like the one in Steubenville may be rare but unfortunately are on the rise. Cyber bullying has been on the rise for some time, and it is not just limited to school-age kids. Adults engaged in heated child custody and divorce cases have sent inappropriate messages or posts, only to find them later used as evidence against them. The old saying that we are our own worst enemy seems to be truer now than ever. Another problem we face is the immediate barrage of information that may lack credibility but tends to incite us. As a result of fictitious posts or texts, many people have fired off a reply only to regret it later when the erroneous information is

discovered.

While our smart phones allow us to capture memorable moments that would have been missed in years past, it also can create problems down the road when we snap an inappropriate photo of someone or are the recipient of one. When there is a party where alcohol is consumed, some hosts take the keys from guests who appear intoxicated so they don't get behind the wheel, but no one thinks about the dangers of cameras being pulled out to capture our lapses in judgment. Later on, those embarrassing images make their way around the office and we pay the price for our well documented actions.

Don't get me wrong – I am not a hater of social media. I use Facebook to stay in touch with the things going on back home, and I get amused at the comments and images posted by my friends. But, as with everything else, with the good comes the bad. The phrase "we are so connected that we are not connected" seems to ring truer each and every day. Hardly a day goes by that I do not see someone texting away despite the fact they are surrounded

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by others with little "real" interaction going on between them.

We all know about the dangers of "driving while impaired," but it seems a great deal of us are unaware of the equally fatal "posting while impaired." Whether it is fueled by alcohol or emotion, there are words and images that are posted only to be regretted later. Remember that whatever is posted on the internet, texted or sent as an image to another person can be retrieved, despite it being deleted by the recipient. Once it is out there, it is out there for all to see.

All of us should be mindful that inappropriate postings and texts can be obtained and used to determine eligibility for security clearances, promotions and employment. Ask yourself this before posting or texting: If my (insert parent, spouse, CSM/CMC/CCM or minister) was to see this, would it cause me embarrassment or trouble? If the answer isn't a quick and unequivocal NO, then don't do it.

Just as we are taught with weapons, keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the decision to fire. The keyboard or send button can be just as deadly to your life as that weapon.

|                 | 29 FRI  | 30 SAT  | 31 SUN                               | 1 MON   | 2 TUE   | 3 WED   | 4 THU  |
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| Downtown Lyceum | Snitch (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 8 p.m.<br>Dark Skies (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 10 p.m.       | G.I. Joe: Retaliation (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 8 p.m.<br>Safe Haven (PG-13) 10 p.m. | Side Effects (R) 8 p.m.              | U-571 (PG-13) 8 p.m.  | Bullet to the Head (Last showing)<br>(R) 8 p.m.   | Midway (PG) 8 p.m.  | Warm Bodies (Last showing)<br>(PG-13) 8 p.m. |
| Camp Bulkeley   | G.I. Joe: Retaliation (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 8 p.m.<br>Safe Haven (PG-13) 10 p.m. | Dark Skies (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 8 p.m.<br>Snitch (NEW)<br>(PG-13) 10 p.m.       | Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 8 p.m. | CLOSED<br>Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed. | CLOSED<br>Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed. | CLOSED<br>Note: Concessions at Camp Bulkeley are also closed every night until further noticed. | Oz the Great & Powerful (PG-13) 8 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

#### 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.

## GTMO BUS SCHEDULE

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

| Bus              | #1  | #2  | #3  |  | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |  |    |    |    |    |
| KB 373           | :50 | :10 | :30 |  |    |    |    |    |
| Camp Delta 1     | :52 | :12 | :32 |  |    |    |    |    |
| IOF              | :54 | :14 | :34 |  |    |    |    |    |
| NEX Trailer      | :57 | :17 | :37 |  |    |    |    |    |
| Gazebo           | :58 | :18 | :38 |  |    |    |    |    |
| Camp America     | :00 | :20 | :40 |  |    |    |    |    |

## GTMO Beach Bus Schedule

Saturdays and Sundays only

| Location                         | Run #1 | Run #2 | Run #3 | Run #4 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Windward Loop/<br>East Caravella | 0900   | 1200   | 1500   | 1800   |
| SBOQ/Marina                      | 0905   | 1205   | 1505   | 1805   |
| NEX                              | 0908   | 1208   | 1508   | 1808   |
| Phillips Park                    | 0914   | 1214   | 1514   | 1814   |
| Cable Beach                      | 0917   | 1217   | 1517   | 1817   |
| NEX                              | 0925   | 1225   | 1525   | 1825   |
| Windward Loop/<br>East Caravella | 0930   | 1230   | 1530   | 1830   |
| SBOQ/Marina                      | 0935   | 1235   | 1535   | 1835   |
| Return to Office                 | 0940   | 1240   | 1540   | 1840   |

# SAFE RIDE – 84781

### PROTECT YOUR INFO!

## ALERT Cyber criminals want your information

Don't give it to them. Make sure you safeguard your passwords. Don't use the same passwords or login names for multiple websites. Don't use obvious passwords such as names of pets or children. Do not use birthdays or social security numbers as passwords either. Make unique and strong passwords for all of your online accounts. Don't make it easy for cyber criminals to access your accounts or personal information. Don't let thieves steal your information. Use OPSEC!





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