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Midway remembered

GTMO recognizes anniversary of famous battle

JDG hosts brigade run

Soldiers celebrate Army birthday



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OF THE WEEK

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Joint Medical Group



Cover photo: This year's Army Ball, hosted June 7 by the Joint Detention Group, carried the theme "Victory through Alliance." The evening events, decorations and honored traditions focused on the anniversary of D-Day and the sacrifices made by all of America's fallen heroes.

Photo by Staff. Sgt. Carmen Steinbach

Liturgical Protestant service

A Liturgical Protestant service is now offered at the Chapel Annex in building 763, room one, Sunday mornings at 9:30. The service conducted by new Joint Task Force Guantanamo command chaplain, Navy Cmdr. Tom Taylor, features traditional hymns, prayer in the style of the Book of Common Prayer and an open Communion.

Spruce up that resume

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Photo by Army Pvt. Kourney Gimmes/ The Wire

Col. John Bogdan, commander of the Joint Detention Group, leads the JDG under the JDG flag hung from a fire truck ladder during a brigade run at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay the morning of June 6. The run's intent was to raise Soldier awareness of the Army's 239th Birthday and promote esprit de corps throughout the brigade.

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Room 1

Iglesia ni Kristo

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Leeward 0800/1000/1200/1400

UTILITY BOAT

Windward 1530/1730/1830/2000/2230
Leeward 1600/1800/1900/2030/2300



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TRANSPARENT



Variations of courage

By Army Brig. Gen. Marion Garcia

Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo

This week, we've been remembering D-Day:

"You got to understand that you can't let the fear control you; you have to do your job regardless of the fear, and we all did it. That's what we had to do and we did," said Jim "Pee Wee" Martin, who jumped into Normandy on D-Day.

Any Game of Thrones fans out there?:

"Bran thought about it. 'Can a man still be brave if he's afraid?'"

'That is the only time a man can be brave,' his father told him."

My favorite character of courage is a goofy critter known as the Cowardly Lion, from an old book called *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. He seems to be afraid of everything; he says he is afraid of everything. But his actions are something else indeed: he leaps across a wide chasm, time and time again, carrying his



Brig. Gen. Marion Garcia

The importance of loyalty

By Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy Beard

MARSECDET command master chief

When you think of strong leaders, you probably think of people who are decisive, bold, confident and fearless. Good leaders have all of these qualities, however, how many good leaders are loyal to the organization in which they serve?

I don't have a clear answer to the question. I do know every great leader has a duty to support and defend the subordinates under his or her charge. Loyalty is a quality that can take years to build and only seconds to destroy. Once that loyalty is destroyed, you may never have an opportunity to regain it.

Throughout my career in both the military and law enforcement community, I've learned the value and importance of loyalty by following a few simple concepts:

- Never throw anyone under the bus. As a leader, you must direct praise to your team members and protect them from criticism. A time may come when you must talk to a team member about a misstep, mishap or declines in performance. A leader first and foremost should address these issues behind a closed door.

- If one fails, we all fail. It is imperative to instill in your team the belief that

every Warrior on the team is as important as the next. Always make it a point to include everyone in the celebration of success. Lastly, never blame any one person on your team for a failure. The next time you have a success, publicly thank the people in lower-level support roles for their contributions to the team and mission success. Remember: one team, one fight.

- When you speak to your people, be as real as possible. Don't ever lie to them. Loyalty is built on trust. If your people don't believe you're being forthcoming with them, they won't trust you to have their back when it is warranted. Sometimes your subordinates may not like what you have to say, however, they will all know you are being honest, thus you will gain greater respect from them in the long run. Collec-

tively come up with a solution to the issues that arise and figure out problems as a team.

- Pull aside someone who has had a bad day and give that person ten minutes of your time. Make it clear that he or she still fits into the team. Your team should know you are there to support them outside of the mission.

Bottom line up front: Leadership is a privilege and an honor which we must earn every day.



Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy Beard

companions across – even though he is afraid of falling. He holds off two monsters – of which he is very frightened - while his companions make a bridge to make their escape. Afraid of the woods, he goes off to hunt for food for himself and Dorothy (if only she'd accepted his offer).

Then, in the Emerald City, the Wizard gives him a big clunky medal called "courage." For the rest of the book, the Lion ceases to be a character of courage and becomes instead a bit of a bully, overly ready to fight.

Brave companion or bully – what will you be?

NEWS FEED

HAGEL: BERGDAHL RECOVERY CONSISTENT WITH U.S. LAWS, VALUES

By Jim Garamone, Staff Writer, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- June 11, 2014 -- The recovery of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl from the Taliban was fully consistent with U.S. law, U.S. interests and the U.S. military's core values, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told the House Armed Services Committee today. The secretary assured the committee that he would not sign off on any decision that wasn't in the best interests of the United States. "The prisoner exchange was done legally, with substantial mitigation of risk and in the national interest of our country," Hagel said.

BREEDLOVE: NEW AFGHAN PRESIDENT WILL BE WILLING PARTNER

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr., Staff Writer, American Forces Press Service

DEAUVILLE, France -- NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe expressed confidence the new Afghan president will be a willing partner in making better opportunities for his people, which begins with signing the bilateral security agreement that would allow U.S. forces to remain in Afghanistan beyond the year's end. Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, who also commands U.S. European Command, spoke to American Forces Press Service last week while he was here to participate in the commemoration of the D-Day invasion's 70th anniversary. The general said he is "extremely confident" that Afghanistan's new president will sign the agreement. The winner of the election will be announced July 22.

OBAMA SIGNS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL BILL FOR PUERTO RICAN UNIT

By Jim Garamone, Staff Writer, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- President Barack Obama signed a bill today awarding the members of Puerto Rico's 65th Infantry Regiment -- the Borinqueneers -- the Congressional Gold Medal.

The medal recognizes the contributions and extraordinary heroism of the men of the regiment, who served during a time of segregated units.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Steinbach/The Wire

Army Capt. Benjamin Neeley, commander Alpha Troop, 3-89th Cavalry Regiment, prepares to knight Army Lt. Col. Richard Ball, recipient of the Honorable Order of St. George at the Army Ball June 7.

MP commander knighted

Story by Staff Sgt. Carmen Steinbach

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A tradition etched in a mixture of legend and history, the U.S. Cavalry and Armor Association's award, the Honorable Order of St. George, was created in order to recognize the very best tankers and cavalymen amongst its members. During this year's Army Ball, held Saturday, Army Lt. Col. Richard Ball, commander of the 93rd Military Police Battalion, became the most recent recipient of this prestigious honor.

"Army Lt. Col. Richard Ball, having been recognized for honorable service to armored cavalry, is hereby admitted as a distinguished knight in the order of St. George Bronze Medallion," read Army 1st Sgt. Jason Barton, with the 3-89th.

As Ball knelt to receive his knighthood, Army Capt. Benjamin Neeley, commander, Alpha Troop, 3-89th Cavalry Regiment, touched the tip of the saber to each shoulder. "I do hereby knight thee into the Honorable Order of St. George Bronze Medallion," said Capt. Neeley. "Arise Knight and be recognized."

Neeley then presented Ball with the 1865 cavalry saber for his successful command of a cavalry unit over the last eight months here at Joint Task Force GTMO, all the while demonstrating the qualities synonymous with this award and the traits St. George represents: bravery, dedication to the faith and decency. Even though he is a military

policeman, and not a calvaryman, Ball was selected for this honor because his leadership contributed to the success and support of a cavalry unit.

For him, the knighthood holds a special meaning.

"My father spent 22 years as an armored cavalryman," said Ball. "He passed away about three years ago and I'd like to think he would have been tremendously proud that his son received this. I grew up learning about what it means to be a Soldier, the Army values, and leadership by watching those cavalrymen. It definitely had a strong impact on my life."

According to the Cavalry and Armor association, "Nestor of Cappadocia," later to be renamed St. George, stood against the emperor's call to destroy all Christian churches and sacred writings of the faith. For his defiance, he was imprisoned, tortured and later executed. In the 12th century, more than 1,000 years after his death, townsfolk in a small Italian village claim to have seen him appear and defeat a dragon that had been tormenting them. His heroic image became a symbol of good triumphing over evil and the valiant bravery of mounted warriors.

Out of all the saints, St. George is unique as he is the only one portrayed as fighting mounted. His name has been linked to cavalry forces around the world.

WORLD CUP 2014 WEEKLY UPDATE

Story by Capt. Jesse Manzano

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With the festivities and the opening game behind us, it's time to talk about Team USA and its prospects in this World Cup. Without having played its first game yet, Brazil 2014 is already proving to be a challenging tournament for American soccer.

Despite a solid victory on its last friendly match against fellow World Cup qualifiers Nigeria, Coach Jurgen Klinsmann hasn't exuded much optimism about his team's odds in Brazil. With comments about Team USA having "no chance to win the cup" in recent weeks, the unassuming Klinsmann's only focus this year seem to be on lowering expectations for his team's participation.

There is no question that having to face two of the world's best soccer teams in the group phase - Germany and Portugal - leaves Team USA little room for error, if they hope to make it to the next phase. Ghana, the fourth team in Group G, is not an easy rival either.

The U.S., however, is not the only country facing some existential questions this World Cup. England's squad has been written off by most of its fans already, while the country's sports journalists have been talking about the team's "inevitable failure" for weeks.

There is nothing inevitable during the 90 minutes of play, especially during a World Cup. The lineage and history of some teams has no bearing on the final score. The fact is that history starts anew every game. For that reason, if Team USA can maintain the same level of play it showed in the game against Nigeria during its first three World Cup matches, don't be surprised if you find yourself wearing that USA Jersey longer than anyone, including Jurgen Klinsmann, expected.

USA Group Matches

- Monday, June 16 vs. Ghana at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 22 vs. Portugal at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26 vs. Germany at noon



Story by Sgt. David Kirtland

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“Edge of Tomorrow” is a science-fiction action movie that feels like an archival World War II film, but don’t let that fool you. This movie has its share of jaw-dropping action scenes and a ton of modern day special effects that movie-goers have grown accustomed to. Based on Hiroshi Sikerazaka’s novel “All You Need is Kill,” the film is an engaging action experience accompanied by timely comic relief.

The film takes place amidst a global war effort against an invading alien force. The unlikely hero, Army media relations officer, Maj. William Cage (Tom Cruise) is more comfortable talking about battle than actually being involved in it. Cage finds himself thrown into the front lines of a D-Day style

invasion and into the defining battle that is expected to turn the tide of war.

Cage is killed within minutes of the brutal assault and awakes to find himself in a time-loop in which he relives the same fearsome battle again and again. With the guidance of war hero, Rita Vrataski (Emily Blunt), and lots of time, Cage becomes a seasoned warrior. Using the experience gained through trial and error during multiple resets, the pair formulates a plan to destroy the hive-controlled aliens.

The film does have some inventive storytelling but a predictable ending. I give “Edge of Tomorrow” four banana rats for its well-crafted humor and enough eye candy action scenes to keep the audience entertained.

Moms Night Out: Just a date gone wrong



Story by Spc. Nancy Mizell

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A nice quiet dinner at a dimly lit “aura” conscious, over-priced restaurant is my idea of a nice date. For three overwhelmed mothers, Allyson (“Grey’s Anatomy’s” Sarah Drew), Izzy (Andrea Logan White) and Sondra (Patricia Heaton), what I just described is what they picture as the perfect “Moms Night Out.”

When it turns out that Allyson made dinner reservations for the wrong evening, she thinks their night is ruined until a baby goes missing. What else is to be expected when you leave children with their fathers for a few hours, right? With the help of a gentle giant named Bones (Tracy Adkins) this group of mothers goes on a goose chase for a baby while the fathers are on a goose chase trying to find their wives.

In theory this would be hilarious, but in reality it only gets a few chuckles. The comedy was headed in the right direction by giving a wholesome, yet realistic, message about life not being perfect but took a wrong turn by giving a slightly sexist and non-realistic message about today’s gender roles. If you think my review of this film is scattered just wait until you see the movie, that’s if you think it’s worth your time. “Moms Night Out” made me want to stay in and for that I give it two banana rats.

Love Thy Neighbor - It’s harder than it looks

Story by Sgt. Christopher Vann

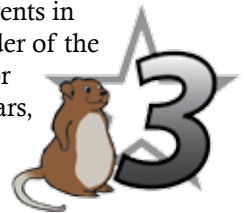
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While not an award winning movie, “Neighbors” accomplishes its mission of providing laughs. Seth Rogen continues with his typical ad-libbed style humor with help from Zac Efron and Dave Franco.

While humorous, the film lacked any distinguishing depth. Mac (Rogen) and Kelly (Rose Byrne), new parents in their mid 30’s, must battle with Teddy, the leader of the new fraternity next door. When Mac’s pleas for Teddy to keep the volume down fall on deaf ears, Mac and his wife decide to take care of things themselves.

Rogen does what he normally does: drugs, wise cracks and showing off his shaggy-bear appeal (i.e. his body). Rogen gives a real performance as a father and husband, momentarily reliving how fun the crazy old days were, who ultimately decides, that stuff was all in the past and these college punks must be dealt with by whatever means necessary.

Neighbors is rude, brash and delightfully offensive and the movie depicts college life in comedic fashion. The movie gets three banana rats; just dont bring the kids.



Run celebration

JDG commemorates the Army's Birthday



Story and photo by Pvt. Kourtney Grimes

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"It's always a good day when you start off with a run," said Army Col. John Bogdan, commander of the Joint Detention Group.

Sweat dripped as colors flew through the streets of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay as the Joint Detention Group conducted a brigade run June 6. The morning run's intent was to raise Soldier awareness of the Army's 239th Birthday and promote esprit de corps throughout the brigade.

"Very few times we get together as a brigade," said Army Sgt. Killian. "Just a small run can have ripples of positive effect."

With an understanding of the busy schedules of the JDG Soldiers, Killian sees that bringing together those who work at the Joint Task Force isn't an easy task but the response doesn't go unnoticed.

Aside from being a morale booster, the run brought to attention the birthday of our Army which made for thoroughly motivated Soldiers.

"Don't forget we are celebrating the Army's birthday and

the anniversary of D-Day today, and it's all about being Soldiers this week," said Bogdan. "Walk around loud and proud; show some attitude."

While the JTF leadership is proud of the Army history that sets us apart from foreign militaries, they make sure to share that knowledge with their Soldiers. Killian has seen this enthusiasm to teach first-hand in the past, as well as the day of the run.

"My first sergeant is big on history and days that pass, the anniversary of D-Day and anything that is significant to remember those that went before us in order to understand what they did and why they did it so it gives us a clearer picture of where we're going, what we're doing and why we're doing it," said Killian. "It doesn't mean we need to do the same thing they did but we need to understand the circumstances and the thought process they used and why they used it because without that, you're just walking blindly."

During the run, Killian remembered what makes remembering these momentous days in history so important.

"Like my first sergeant would say, 'without history we would be lost to repeat ourselves time and time again.'"

NOW SHOWING

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
CAMP BULKELEY DOWNTOWN	How to Train Your Dragon 2 <small>(New) PG, 8 p.m.</small> Edge of Tomorrow <small>R, 10:15 p.m.</small>	Million Dollar Arm <small>(New) PG, 8 p.m.</small> Neighbors <small>R, 10:15 p.m.</small>	Mom's Night Out <small>PG, 8 p.m.</small>	Brick Mansions <small>(LS) PG13, 8 p.m.</small>	The Other Woman <small>(LS) PG13, 8 p.m.</small>	X-Men: Days of Future Past <small>PG13, 8 p.m.</small>	The Amazing Spider-Man 2 <small>PG13, 8 p.m.</small>
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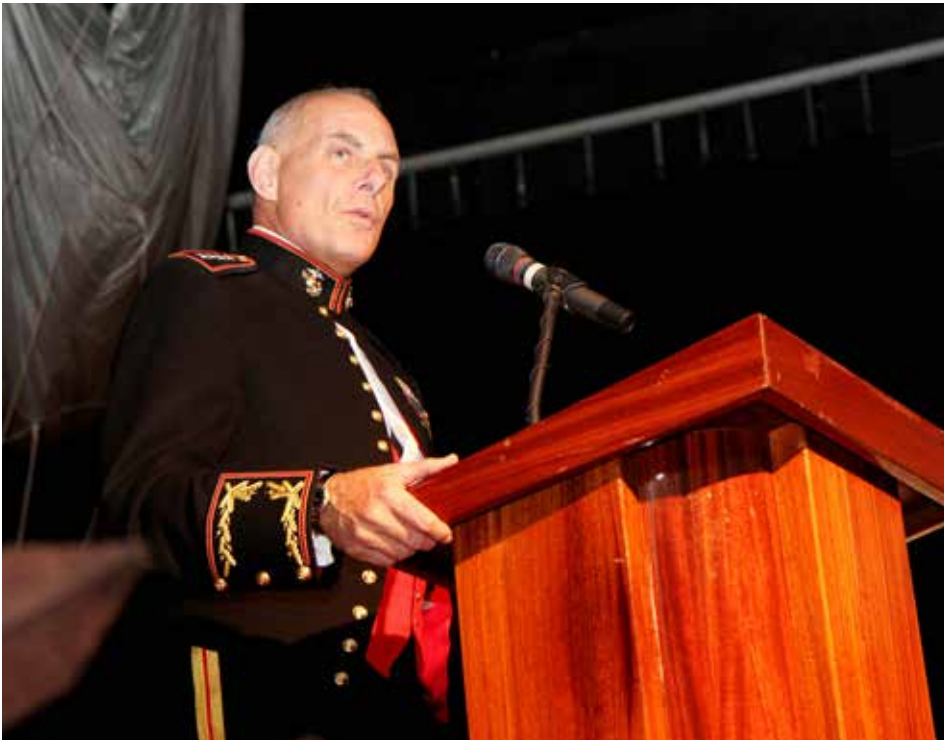
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Stay classy, GTMO! No ALCOHOL or TOBACCO at the Lyceums!

Joint Detention Group hosts

239th Army Birthday Ball

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Carmen Steinbach
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Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, commander of U.S. Southern Command spoke to attendees of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's annual Army Ball, held June 7, 2014 at the Windjammer ballroom. The event celebrated the Army's 239th birthday, as well as honored the 70th anniversary of D-Day.



As guests entered, they were transported back to the era of World War II. The evening customs performed during a traditional military banquet were strategically designed to pay homage to the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, as well as recognize all that the Army has accomplished since its birth 239 years ago.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Joint Detention Group hosted the ball Saturday, June 7 in the Windjammer Ballroom.

"We take this year's ball theme from the pages of that history on the D-Day landings in 1944," said Army Col. John Bogdan, JDG commander. "The theme 'Victory through Alliance' has its roots in the alliance of nations that banded together and

fought that war (WWII), but tonight it has a deeper meaning, as we consider the alliance of our Army with its sister services, most notably as we serve here today beside our brothers and sisters of all services in this Joint Task Force."

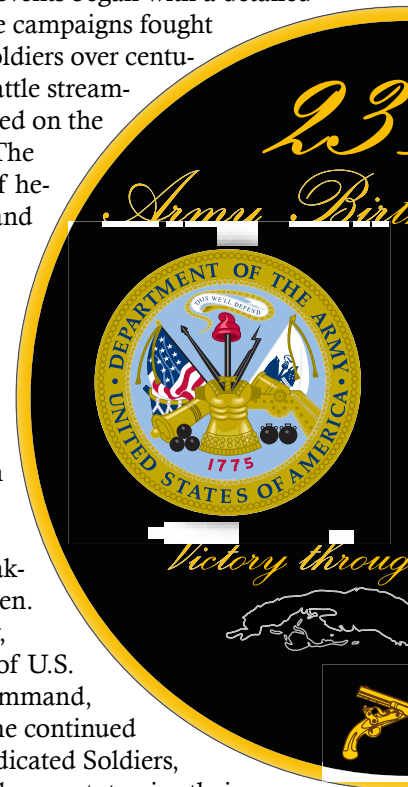
The main events began with a detailed history of the campaigns fought bravely by Soldiers over centuries, as the battle streamers were placed on the Army Flag. The lengthy list of heroic actions and battle strategies further emphasized the Army's ability to meet their mission: to fight and win the nation's wars.

Guest speaker, Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, commander of U.S. Southern Command, focused on the continued resolve in dedicated Soldiers, both past and present, to give their all for American freedom. He began with the story of an Army infantryman with the 82nd Airborne in the Battle of the Bulge, who refused to allow the enemy past his point.

"The price in this war was high, terribly high. Your losses, our Army's losses were horrific... but it had to be done. There was no other way. Men filled with that kind of recklessness, with that kind of hate for all that is good in our world, simply have to be crushed," said Kelly.

He went on to remind everyone in the room that this nation is still at war, and might be for sometime in the future.

"It is not in our power to end this war, but simply to fight it until our murderous enemy who hates us with a visceral



disgust for everything we stand for either gives up or is convinced that he cannot win.”

Kelly continued that the latest opposition that is still being fought against terrorism, “is as dangerous as any opponent we have ever faced in our history. He is more complex than we have ever fought, fights by no accepted rules of conflict, and for no goals that anyone that is rational and decent, regardless of their religion could ever understand.”

His speech concluded detailing the heroic actions of another Soldier who served his country until the day of his death during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

Army Sgt. First Class Paul Smith climbed into an unprotected position, manned a .50-caliber machine gun, and drew enemy fire away from his troops.

His heroic actions allowed his fellow Soldiers to move forward, to even move forward in their lives, surviving the battle due to his ultimate sacrifice. His brothers will never forget his actions, and the Army should never forget the actions of Soldiers like him and of the historical lineage, etched in tradition, courage, honor and glory that the men and women of today’s fighting force still emulate today.

“It is what men and women like you do,” said Kelly. “You are, I believe, the finest this nation produces. You should be proud of who you are, of what you do for your country, for our people, and



Army Brig. Gen. Marion Garcia, Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s deputy commander, along with Army Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Borlin, Joint Detention Group’s command sergeant major, prepare to fulfill the tradition of cutting the Army birthday cake with the youngest member of their fighting force, during GTMO’s Army Ball, held June 7.



During the Army’s 239th Birthday Ball hosted by the Joint Detention Group, a detailed history of the campaigns fought bravely by Soldiers over centuries was read as the battle streamers were placed on the Army Flag.



as long as men and women like you are willing to step forward our America will be safe and continue to serve as a shining beacon on the hill for generations forever into the future.”

To Army Sgt. Ryan Padgett, a member of the Army Ball committee and a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 525th Military Police Battalion, the evening’s events symbolized more than a night of celebrating another candle on the Army’s cake, instead it became about celebrating

one another - Soldiers past and present and the camaraderie they share.

“The Army is like a family, especially in this kind of environment and being away from your normal group of family and friends,” said Padgett. “When we take time like this to think about the Army birthday cake, our history and the Soldiers that have fallen, it makes me really appreciate the men and women that I serve with everyday.”



Wreaths were tossed into the world's oceans and seas around the globe as the U.S. Navy remembers the Battle of Midway, one of the Navy's most iconic battles in its storied and proud history.

Battle of Midway remembered

Wreath ceremony commemorates 72nd anniversary of one of the greatest naval victories in history

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"Today we remember the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. And in remembrance, we honor those who valiantly served in the Pacific ... the code breakers and the thousands of others who, on that day, told the world that we are a nation willing to fight for truth, justice and our American way," said Navy Lt. Baron Miller, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's deputy chaplain.

Along with naval stations around the world, GTMO paid tribute to the spirit of WWII's Battle of Midway Wednesday, June 4 by laying a wreath into the water at Ferry Landing during a ceremony to commemorate the brave Service members who fought in one of the Navy's greatest victories.

On June 4, 1942, just six months after the infamous ambush on Pearl Harbor,

the Japanese were planning to take the island of Midway, located in the North Pacific Ocean.

Largely due to code breakers, who were able to figure out the date and time of the attack, and the Japanese underestimating the U.S.'s ability to react, Japan suffered a great defeat that changed the tides of the war, despite outnumbering the U.S. forces.

"Many great historians refer to the Battle of Midway as an incredible victory and a miracle," said Navy Capt. John R. Nettleton, GTMO's commander. "After all, the United States, with only 26 ships, took on 159 ships of the imperial Japanese navy. At that time, the Japanese were on top of the world [and] had yet to suffer a setback. By any standard, our brave forces were outclassed and

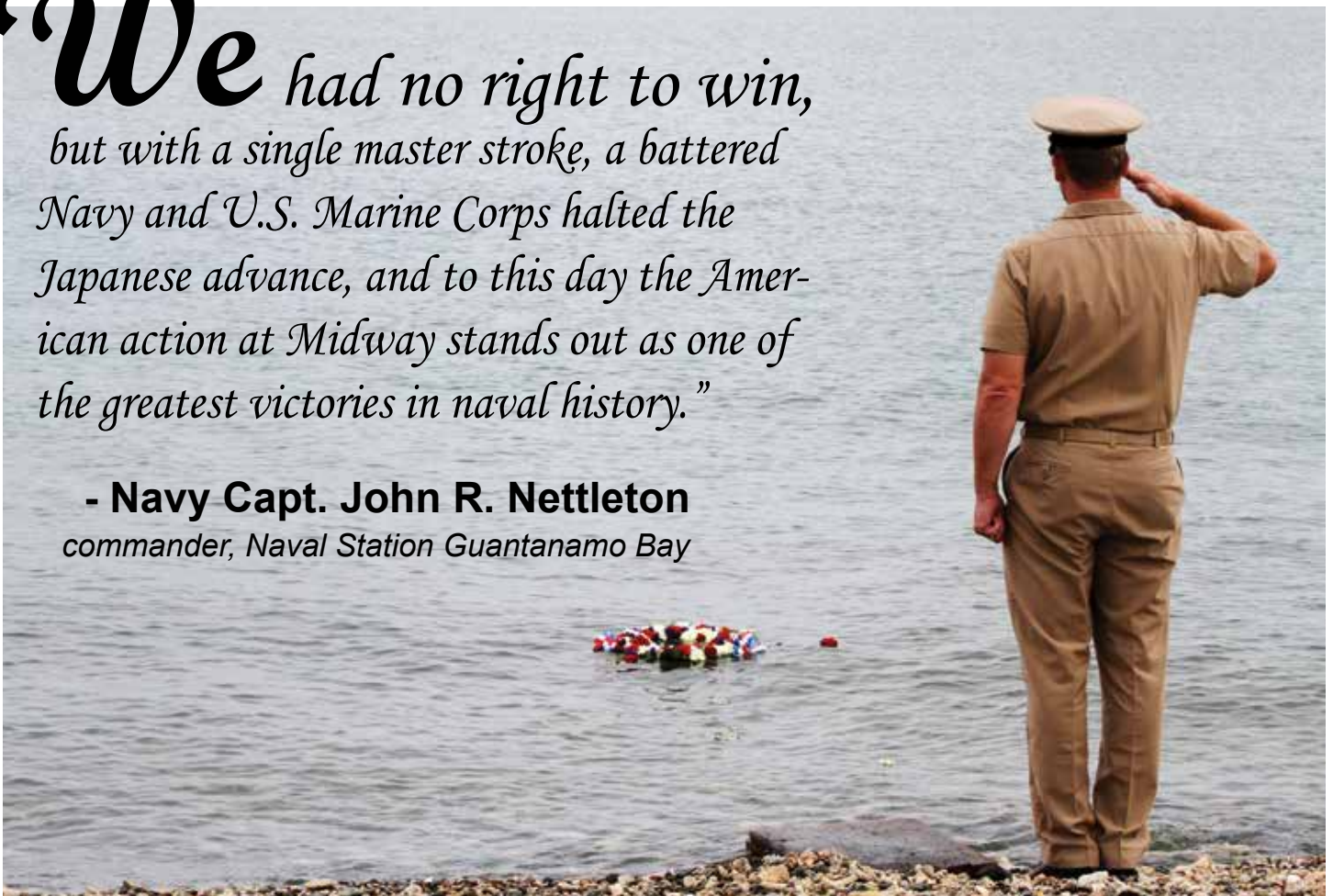
outnumbered. We had no battleships, and the enemy had 11. We only had three carriers, they had eight."

Bridging the gap between "the greatest generation" and the contemporary military, Nettleton orated a complimentary comparison of Service members then and now.

"Most of the young men who fought at Midway were not that much different from each of you sitting out there and those of you standing behind me," said Nettleton. "They came from towns, cities and farms throughout the United States. Yet these ordinary men were soon united by a common cause, the defense of their country and the willingness to sacrifice for what they believed in without knowing the outcome. Their challenges were daunting ... but they

“We had no right to win, but with a single master stroke, a battered Navy and U.S. Marine Corps halted the Japanese advance, and to this day the American action at Midway stands out as one of the greatest victories in naval history.”

- Navy Capt. John R. Nettleton
commander, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay



Navy Capt. John R. Nettleton holds his salute, after he tossed the commemorative wreath into the bay, while taps plays during Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's ceremony remembering the Battle of Midway June 4. The battle took place on June 4 - 7, 1942, six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

knew it was not enough to say they were doing their best. Victory was the only option.”

Nettleton quoted the author Walter Lord to further exemplify the essence of the battle, which lasted four days.

“They had no right to win. Yet they did, and in doing so they changed the course of a war ... even against the greatest of odds, there is something in the human spirit - a magic blend of skill, faith and valor - that can lift men from certain defeat to incredible victory.”

At the conclusion of the ceremony, taps was played as the just-tossed wreath floated symbolically in the bay. On the shore, Nettleton held his salute towards the wreath along with the rest of the guests behind him. Fifty flags, each representing a state, held by Marines and Sailors, blew in a delicate breeze in a moment of past and present military pride.



The flag from each state, held by Marines and Sailors, formed a colorful and patriotic perimeter behind the speakers of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway June 4.



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Rear Adm. Richard Butler, commander for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, served as the guest speaker Friday, at W.T. Sampson High School's graduation ceremony. Butler conveyed his own life's lessons to the students as key points for navigating their futures.

An End and a Beginning

W.T. Sampson High students graduate



Photo by Sgt. Christopher Vann/The Wire

A W.T. Sampson High School senior begins the graduation ceremony with the National Anthem, Friday, at Chapel Hill.

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Seniors from W.T. Sampson High School had one last get together as they joined for their high school graduation at the base chapel June 6. The graduating class of 2014 consisted of students with differing times of tenure on the island, ranging from one semester to over eight years.

Rear Adm. Richard Butler, Joint Task Force Guantanamo's commander, was the guest speaker for the commencement ceremony.

"It was an honor to speak at their ceremony," said Butler. "This was very unique and meant a lot to me and I just wanted to pass on something for them to remember."

Butler spoke of his experiences and gave the class three key points to take with them as they start a new journey:

- Look forward. It's what you do now and in the future.
- Don't let anyone tell you what

you can't do. There are many roads to success and everyone is not on the same timeline.

- Don't underestimate the influence you can have. Most of the time you will not know how much of a difference you can and have made.

Navy Capt. John Nettleton, commander, U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, whose son was among the graduates had the chance to just sit back and enjoy the moment.

"It's great to have a child come down here and graduate from W.T Sampson," said Nettleton. "It's fun to just sit in the crowd and be a parent tonight."

Prior to the completion of the service, each student had the chance to express their gratitude to their parents, teachers, friends and mentors, all whom have had an impact in helping them achieve success.

Their class motto was a quote from Bob Marley, "don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is worth more than silver and gold."

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Voice of the Seas

Port Authority NCOIC retires

Story by Sgt. Spencer Rhodes

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Voice of the seas as some have called him, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Dowling will be retired by September of this year. Those Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers who enjoy activities like scuba diving or boating may not know it, but Dowling, the non-commissioned officer in charge of Port Authority for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, directly affects their outings on the water.

"I got here in January of last year, but it's not my first time. I was here back in the eighties too," said Dowling.

Pointing towards the water while sitting at GTMO's Tiki Bar Thursday night, he explains that all activity happening in Naval Station GTMO's waters is under his responsibility. Every MWR boat needs to report its plan for the day, what time they are leaving and returning, how many people are on it and if they plan on swimming. The same goes for the scuba divers; a plan is called in before they go in, and a time is given for when they will be back. Failure to do so results in the Navy or Coast Guard going out to look for those who have failed to call back in by their designated time. Any time the call is made, Troopers speak to Dowling, or one of the NCO's in his office.

"I can be real strict with people failing

to call in," said Dowling. "It's important and not doing so is gonna get you suspended for at least a month. It usually only takes once for people to learn their lesson."

With his time here coming to an end, it's hard for him not to focus on his impending retirement. If not for a near 10 year break in service during the 1990's Dowling would have retired a lot sooner.

Joining the Navy in 1984, he decided to take a break, at the behest of family and what seemed like a good idea at the time, he left the Navy in 1991 and pursued his degree at Ball State University. His majors did not prove to be as lucrative of a degree plan as originally intended, and in 2000, the manufacturing job he held ended with the closing of the company. Dowling knew that he needed a job and he needed it soon.

"My dad had suggested I go back to the Navy. I laughed at him, thinking they would never take me, I mean...I was 38 years old," said Dowling.

As it turns out, re-enlisting wasn't a problem since he was a prior-service enlistee.

Soon enough Dowling was back to traveling the high seas when the events of 9/11 occurred. He managed to keep the flag that was flying on his ship when the attack transpired, and has since

done his best to fly it at every new duty station.

"In 2011, on the 10th anniversary of the attacks, I flew the flag at the exact time the towers were hit, and I took it down at the time the second tower fell. I try to get it flown at every duty station, and if possible, I'd like to have it flown at Camp Justice before I leave here," said Dowling.

With nearly 18 months on GTMO, it's common to see him cruising down the road in a personally modified Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle. Working on motorcycles and doing metalwork is a passion of his that he hopes to continue indulging. He and his father both bought a building that now houses a few businesses, including his own metal working shop and its two employees. When he retires in September, he plans on working there himself.

"There's something about this place that's just pretty, but it's time to go and I'm not afraid to say I'm excited and at the same time I'm scared to death. Everyone's afraid of a life changing event even though I know I'll prosper like I have. I've always known I'll be OK. I'm the survivalist of our family," said Dowling.



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"It hurts so bad," Army Pvt. Darlene Moseley said while she limped down the gravel road towards the chow hall. "I don't think I can do this anymore."

Everyone encouraged her to keep going.

"But you have no idea how much it hurts," she said.

That night she took off her boot to reveal the flap of bloody skin hanging from the heel she'd been walking on all day.

But Moseley persevered. She made it through Basic Combat Training and had a smile on her face while she hugged her family on graduation day.

Persevere: one step at a time

In the Washington Post an article titled, "In new elite Army unit, women serve alongside Special Forces, but they must first make the cut" gives an account of the second day of training that Team 2

was trying to keep the pressure off blisters on their feet.

As Service members one of our first lessons of perseverance is born in our blisters.

We learn to move forward, no matter what the cost. Eventually our feet become calloused over and we have new, harder lessons of perseverance that come.

Gen. George Patton said, "A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood."

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Commander Capt. John Nettleton said during the Battle of Midway Ceremony, "I believe it was the Sailors the Marines and Airmen who took hold of the situation with raw determination and grit made it turn inch by inch."

That's the kind of sweat Patton was talking about, the sweat of the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen who never retreat and never surrender from the blisters on their feet to death on the battlefield.

In the words of Guantanamo Bay's own Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Forest La Force with Joint Medical Group, "Just keep goin'. That's what perseverance is right?"

A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood.

-Gen. George Patton

Succulent Ham

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About 20 people joined together to share their love of cooking and eating food at GTMO's Cooking Club, a sub club of the Guantanamo Bay Community Club chaired by Esta Foster, a licensed practical nurse at the Navy Hospital.

It's an organized meeting where people share recipes and put meals together. Before they cook and eat they sit down for a meeting to decide how they can

help the community and of course, plan future menus.

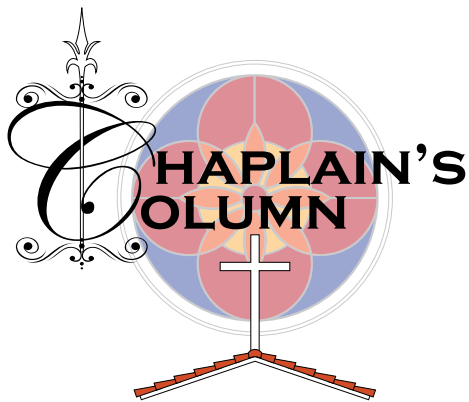
Esta says that the cooking club is so much more than cooking. "It's the camaraderie, the volunteerism, it's a community giving back in a sense where various people and diversities come together and learn different dishes and specialties."

While I was there, a member taught people how to make their own vanilla extract. For tips like that, you'll have to go to the club.

You can volunteer your time to Cooking Club events or become a member. For more information contact Esta Foster at 77148/2150 or gtmo.cookingclub@gmail.com.

This week's recipe is by Jane Merkel, a Cooking Club member and hospital contractor for Sobran, Inc.





Choices we make

By Army Capt. Brian Osborn

93rd MP Battalion chaplain

A pharmacist likened life to a shelf of empty medicine bottles. Just as a pharmacist can choose to fill empty bottles with beneficial medicine or deadly poison, each of us can choose what to fill the bottles of each new day. I will fill the bottles with whatever I choose and you will fill the bottles with whatever you choose. Our greatest power is to choose!

There are two types of people: those who choose to think of life as a privilege and those who choose to think of life as a problem. People who choose to think of life as a privilege are enthusiastic, energetic and responsive to challenges. They are hopeful and they want to give to others. Those who think of life as a problem are suspicious and self-centered. They see life as a potential disaster. How you choose to think of life will determine what will fill the bottles of each new day at GTMO.

I believe God wants to fill our lives with joy and contentment through our faith. You and I can choose to let it happen or choose to not let it happen. One positive choice is to look for God's good in our lives amid all that happens to us. A little boy bragged to his father what a great hitter he was. They went to the backyard with a ball and bat. The father stood to the side while the boy tossed the ball up, swung and missed three times. "Strike three!" said the dad. The boy shouted with a smile, "Man, I am a great pitcher!" Now that's a person who sees life as a privilege and not a problem! What about you?

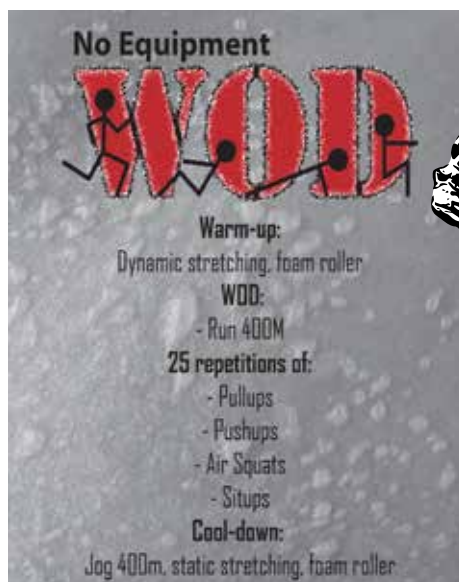
The *JSMART* Spot

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Keith Reau

JSMART Advertising Coordinator

One of the more popular past-times on this wonderful island is improving physical fitness. We all have our own motivations for doing so, but did you know that it also makes you more mentally fit and stress resistant? Mental fitness is your level of resiliency and the effectiveness of your coping strategies. To develop mental fitness you must

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During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress adopts a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white" and that "the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." The national flag, which became known as the "Stars and Stripes," was based on the "Grand Union" flag, a banner carried by the Continental Army in 1776 that also consisted of 13 red and white stripes. According to legend, Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross designed the new canton for the Stars and Stripes, which consisted of a circle of 13 stars and a blue background, at the request of General George Washington. Historians have been unable to conclusively prove

or disprove this legend.

With the entrance of new states into the United States after independence, new stripes and stars were added to represent new additions to the Union. In 1818, however, Congress enacted a law stipulating that the 13 original stripes be restored and that only stars be added to represent new states.

On June 14, 1877, the first Flag Day observance was held on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes. As instructed by Congress, the U.S. flag was flown from all public buildings across the country. In the years after the first Flag Day, several states continued to observe the anniversary, and in 1949 Congress officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, a national day of observance.

**GOT OLD UNIFORMS?
DISPOSE OF THEM
PROPERLY THROUGH
THE J4.**



DROP BOX LOCATED IN THE J4 PARKING LOT BY SCSJ

Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. James Powers/ J6 NCOIC

If I wear a PT belt,



**will you still
run me over?**

Army 1st Lt. Peter Doblak catches a wave while wakeboarding near Hospital Cay with other members of the JTF in this photograph by Army 1st Lt. Kimberly Wall.



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