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OF THE WEEK

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Cover photo: Sept. 11, 2001 was a tragic day in American history. A day that lives were lost and our way of life forever changed. Thirteen years later, we remember that day and honor the fallen.

Illustration by Maj. Reinaldo Montero

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Late fall college courses

Registration will open on Sept. 22 for the late fall session lasting from Oct. 27 - Dec. 20. Columbia College GTMO is offering the following classes at the Chapel Annex: Elementary Spanish II on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and American History to 1877, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Visit their website for more information and a list of hundreds of other online courses available at www.ccis.edu/guantanamo.

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Photo by Sgt. Christopher Vann

Staff Sgt. Luke Klein, a Soldier with the 339th Military Police Company, participates in the obstacle course at the battalion level Best Warrior Competition. Recently, Klein has been selected as the CONUS Army Service Component Command NCO of the Year, and will go on to compete later this year at the Department of the Army NCO of the Year competition.

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Sunday 1900

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Monday 2000

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Friday and

Saturday 1900

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Camp America - :00/:20/:40

Gazebo - :01/:18/:21/:38/:41/:58

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:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57

Camp Delta - :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53

Camp 6 - :07/:10/:27/:30/:47/:50

HQ Building - :55/:15/:35

TK 1 - :01/:17/:21/:37/:41/:57

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TK 4 - :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53

CC - :00/:19/:20/:39/:40/:59

JAS - :14/:34/:54

Windjammer/Gym -

:02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57

Gold Hill Galley -

:04/:15/:24/:35/:44/:55

NEX - :06/:13/:26/:33/:46/:53

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C Pool - :10/:30/:50

Downtown Lyceum - :11/:31/:51

NEX Express Bus

09:55 - 19:55 hourly

Camp America - :48/:55

TK 1 - :05/:36

Windjammer/Gym - :11/:31

Gold Hill Galley - :14/:29

NEX - :16/:27

Downtown Lyceum - :17/:25

BEACH BUS

Saturday & Sunday ONLY

Windward Loop/East Caravella

0900/0930/1200/1230/1500/1530/1800/1830

SBOQ/Marina

0905/0935/1205/1235/1505/1535/1805/1835

NEX

0908/0925/1208/1225/1508/1525/1808/1825

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0917/1217/1517/1817

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0940/1240/1540/1840

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TRANSPARENT



Remembering Sept. 11

By Navy Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad
Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo

For me, Sept. 11 was shrouded with “3 degrees of separation” – and the impact continues to shape who I am as a person, and as an officer.

The first was a friend of mine, who had served with me in my prior tour in Hawaii. Lt. Scott Lama-na was on watch that day, down on the Navy Watch in the Pentagon. Scott was killed at 9:37 a.m. when American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon. In addition to killing 59 aboard the plane, 125 military and civilian personnel inside the building were lost that day.

The second was my youngest brother, Mark. Mark was a DA civilian at the time who by God’s grace was on the other side of the Pentagon when AA Flight 77 struck. He, along with thousands of others, wandered for hours trying to figure out what had just happened, and after helping as best they could, Mark walked 10 miles home feeling helpless and trying to grasp some understanding of the day’s events. We didn’t hear that he was safe until later that night – needless to say, the uncertainty we felt that day was agonizing. Not as agonizing, however, as the thousands of calls families and friends received that day informing them that they would NEVER see their loved ones again. Some wouldn’t know the fate of their loved ones for months.

The final and third degree for me involves a guy I flew with during my first squadron tour named Herb Schreiber. Several years ago, I had the good fortune to catch up with him at a Core Values seminar that he taught in Jacksonville. I learned that after Herb got out of the Navy, he landed a job as a first officer

with American Airlines.

Herb once told me about a routine trip he made from Brunswick, Maine – where he was a part-time pastor, to spend the night in Boston before he picked up his flight itinerary. After settling in that night, Herb checked his messages and was disappointed to find out that he had been “bumped” as copilot from the next day’s flight. Another American pilot, in need of monthly hours to achieve his minimum proficiency, had taken his trip. So Herb got a restful sleep that night – only to awake on the morning of Sept. 11 to the news that his flight, American

Flight 11 scheduled to fly from Boston to Los Angeles, had been hijacked by terrorists and crashed into the World Trade Center.

Thirteen years later, my “three degrees of separation” continue to give me a deep appreciation for the true meaning of words like resolve and sacrifice. Regardless of where you were or who you knew that day – Sept. 11 continues to reinforce as a solemn reminder to each of us why we are HONOR BOUND to serve.



Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad



Story by Staff Sgt. Patrick Ponder
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For the most part, week two of college football didn’t seem to be much of a challenge for teams currently ranked in the top 25. Even though most of the top teams played schools we’ve never heard of, there were a few games that I thought were noteworthy.

University of Southern California played a great game against Stanford. Both teams put together a great performance on both sides of the ball, but in the end, USC kicked a 53-yard field goal to win the game 13-10.

The following game was Michigan State versus Oregon. What looked like a possible victory for the Spartans quickly turned into a nightmare. The Spartans had the lead all the way up to the end of the third quarter, but then the Ducks revealed why they are ranked No. 3 in the nation, by scoring 28 unanswered points to seal a 46-27 victory.

My favorite game of the weekend was Ohio State against Virginia Tech. If I was a betting man, I wouldn’t have bet on VT to win that game, but they did! Of course I had hoped they would, being a fan of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The unranked Hokies took the lead right out of the starting gate and maintained that position over the No. 8 Buckeyes for the remainder of the game, beating them in front of the largest home crowd ever in Columbus, Ohio, 35-21.

My picks for this weekend’s games to watch out for are the University of Central Florida Knights against No. 20 Missouri Tigers, and the No. 6 University of Georgia Bulldogs against No. 24 South Carolina Gamecocks, although I don’t foresee the Bulldogs having much of a problem with this matchup.

Top College 25

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| (1) Florida State | (14) Arizona State |
| (2) Alabama | (15) Ole Miss |
| (3) Oklahoma | (16) Stanford |
| (4) Oregon | (17) Wisconsin |
| (5) Auburn | (18) Ohio State |
| (6) Georgia | (19) Virginia Tech |
| (7) Baylor | (20) Kansas State |
| (8) Texas A&M | (21) Nebraska |
| (9) LSU | (22) Missouri |
| (10) USC | (23) South Carolina |
| (11) Notre Dame | (24) Clemson |
| (12) UCLA | (25) North Carolina |
| (13) Michigan State | |



Military commissions continue

U.S. v. al-Nashiri and U.S. v. Mohammad, et al.

Story by Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

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The saga continues in the military commissions cases of U.S. v. al-Nashiri and U.S. v. Mohammad, et al. The August military commissions session kicked off with the continuation of pretrial motions hearings in both cases. The pretrial motions stage is a phase in the litigation process where the court sorts out preliminary issues such as jurisdiction and evidentiary challenges. The pretrial motions hearings in these cases have proven to be quite lengthy and complicated, resulting in years of pretrial litigation. August's sessions sought to resolve several ongoing motions and move forward with the cases.

The military commissions first heard the government's case against Abd al Rahim Hussayn Muhammad al Nashiri. Mr. Nashiri is a Saudi national who is charged with crimes associated with the attack on the USS Cole in October 2000, the attack on the French mer-

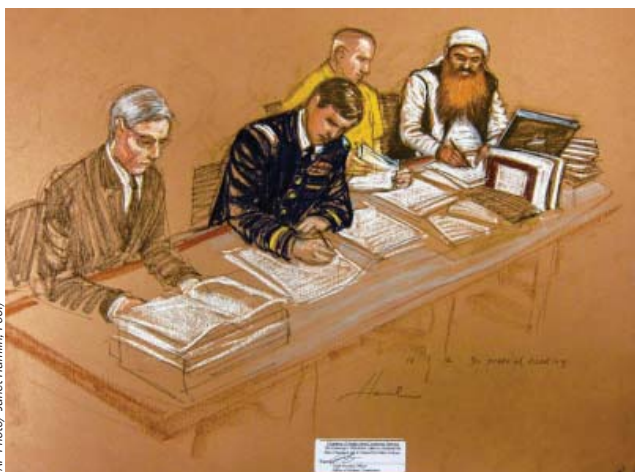
chant vessel Limburg in October 2002 and the attempted attack on the USS The Sullivans in January 2000. The sessions began with a new judge taking the bench. Air Force Judge Col. Vance Spath replaced Army Col. James Pohl as the commissions military judge in this capital case. Several motions were argued over the week-long session, most notably a defense motion challenging Judge Spath's ability to try the case. That motion was denied. Finally, the government experienced a setback when Judge Spath granted the defense's motion to dismiss the charges stemming from the attack on the French merchant vessel Limburg for lack of jurisdiction under international law. In response to the order, the government filed a motion to reconsider the order and conduct an evidentiary hearing on jurisdiction.

The next case—also a capital murder case—featured the 9/11 Five: Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarek Bin 'Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, who are charged jointly in connection with their alleged roles in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the United States. The 9/11 Five began this session as the "9/11 Four Plus One" because the court ordered a separate trial for Ramzi Binalshibh last month. The court

reasoned that Mr. Binalshibh's unique legal issues have slowed the progress of the case and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The session began with arguments on a motion by the government requesting that the judge reconsider his order to sever Mr. Binalshibh's case from the other four defendants.

The government based its argument on grounds of judicial economy and undue hardship: the idea that the over 200 9/11 victim family members set to testify during the sentencing phase should only be required to testify once. The court agreed with the government and granted its motion, thereby rejoining Mr. Binalshibh's case. With the 9/11 Five again intact, the remaining days were spent arguing additional motions on pending issues. The court recessed until October, at which time it hopes to move forward on those pending issues.

The August commissions sessions may have created more questions than answers. The dismissal of charges in the al Nashiri case and the rejoinder of Mr. Binalshibh in the 9/11 Five case have created obstacles that may lengthen the pretrial stage even further. However, issues are in fact being resolved and progress is being made in both of these cases. The September military commissions sessions will feature the initial pretrial motions hearings in the recently referred commissions case of Abd al Hadi al-Iraqi, who is being charged with war crimes in connection with a series of attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan between 2003 and 2004.



(AP Photo/Janet Hamlin, Pool)

Courtesy Amblin Entertainment



FROM THE AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR OF "CHOCOLAT"
The HUNDRED-FOOT JOURNEY
BASED ON THE BELOVED, BEST-SELLING NOVEL

Review by Staff Sgt. Carmen Steinbach
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Once you get past the title and realize this is not another sci-fi kid's movie remake starring The Rock, a light bulb will go off. Those of us privileged enough to enjoy cable with REAL commercials most likely will recall seeing a preview for this film, an extremely well-done trailer that invokes a heart-warming, yet savory blend of "Bend it like Beckham" and "Julia & Julia."

The foodie-catered flick is directed by Lasse Hallstrom, best known for his award-winning film, "Chocolat." His vision remains extremely similar in his latest endeavor, which combines eloquent cinematography and almost overly sweet, albeit slightly manufactured, moments of human interaction.

The movie begins as the Kadam family, led by widower and patriarch Papa Kadam, excellently portrayed by Om Puri, flee their homeland of Mumbai and settle in a small village in the south of France. Once there, they decide to recreate their Indian-style restaurant from back home a mere 100 feet from Michelin-starred French restaurant, La Saule Pleureur, owned by Madame Mallory (played by the delightful Helen Mirren).

With her gruff snootiness and his more light-hearted maliciousness, the two iconic film veterans lift the predictable plot to a heartier level. The back and forth of sabotaging to become the

small town fan-favorite in the dining world is further complicated by a budding romance between Papa Kadam's son, Hassan (Manish Dayal), a brilliant up-and-coming chef fascinated with French cuisine, and Mallory's sous-chef Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon). Hassan begins to spend more time learning from the pompous Mallory and works on softening her up as well.

While "The Hundred-Foot Journey" definitely satisfies as a soft, end of summer flick, the slight discrepancies lie within the meat of the plot. Unfortunately riddled with some stereotypes and commentary on French social stigmas, the movie is just as tasty as it looks. I give this film four French banana rats.

NOW SHOWING

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
The Giver (New) PG13, 8 p.m. The Expendables 3 PG13, 10 p.m.	Dolphin Tale 2 (New) PG, 8 p.m. Let's Be Cops (New) PG13, 10:15 p.m.	The Hundred-Foot Journey PG, 8 p.m.	Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	Hercules (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	Lucy (LS) R, 8 p.m.	Guardians of the Galaxy PG13, 8 p.m.
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GTMO NCO excels

Story by Pvt. Kourtney Grimes
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“We arrived and basically they told us we’d be going in blind, not knowing anything that was going to happen,” said Army Staff Sgt. Luke Klein, an NCO with the 339th Military Police Company stationed here, as he started the Force Command NCO of the Year Competition.

“The next morning we woke up at 0400,” said Klein. “They told us to put everything we had in our rucksack, and they didn’t tell us what was going on. We all formed up at attention with our huge rucksacks on our back. Now they were extremely heavy, we had our body armor on, Kevlar, weapons system, our molly gear with all of our ammo and canteens filled up with water. They said ‘alright, here’s a dog tag, if you hit the halfway point turn in the dog tag to confirm you made it to the halfway point. You’re not gonna know how far it is, just go.’”

The tasks used to distinguish a winner worthy of the title of this prestigious competition were not to be taken lightly. The Soldiers were tested in situational awareness, 9-line medical evacuation reports, LACE (liquid, ammo, casualties, equipment) reports, and basic Army knowledge. They were then sent out to early morning land navigation, STX (situational training exercise) lanes for mission preparedness and leading troops, a leadership obstacle course, a 10-mile ruck march, weapons qualification, precision shooting, medical lanes, an Army Physical Fitness Test, situational based boards and an essay.

During the little downtime awarded to the Soldiers, they were advised to practice their efficiency in a “glass house,” a training exercise used to practice entering a building with a four-man team.

“Because there were a lot of Soldiers that were not really familiar with the glass house, I led a class and helped teach some of the other competitors how to do the glass house,” said Klein.

Klein finished the competition among the best and earned the title of the Army Service Component Command NCO of



Staff Sgt. Luke Klein, a Soldier with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 339th Military Police Company was selected as the CONUS Army Service Component Command NCO of the Year.

the Year.

Sgt. 1st Class Randy Olson, operations NCOIC for the 339th MP Company and the sponsor for Klein during the competitions, explained what made Klein stand out amongst his peers to be chosen for this competition.

“With him it’s real easy,” said Olson. “He did the [Military Police] Warfighter Competition back in 2012, and he’s super fit and extremely smart so he was one of the best choices.”

Klein’s stellar performance and success in the competition demonstrated what it looks like to be a leader.

“He’s an example to follow because of the dedication and work that he has to put in, besides his regular job, is crazy,” said Olson. “[His Soldiers] look up to him because he is a good leader.”



Story by Sgt. Christopher Vann
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The first week of games in the National Football League are complete and a few of the games came down to the wire. The Bills needed a spectacular overtime run from running back Steven Jackson to edge out the Bears, with the Saints losing in overtime to the Falcons, by a field goal.

A major upset occurred when the Patriots were routed by the Dolphins, making it the first season opener loss for the Pats since 2003. The Eagles rallied from 17 points down, to score 34 unanswered points.

Thursday's games

Seahawks 36, Packers 16

Sunday's games

49ers 28, Crybabies 17

Broncos 31, Colts 24

Panthers 20, Buccaneers 14

Titan 26, Chiefs 10

Dolphins 33, Patriots 20

Bills 23, Bears 20

Texans 17, Redskins 6

Jets 19, Raiders 14

Bengals 23, Ravens 16

Steelers 30, Browns 27

Eagles 34, Jaguars 17

Falcons 37, Saints 34

Vikings 34, Rams 6

Monday's games

Lions 35, Giants 14

Cardinals 18, Chargers 17

9/11 REMI



Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Lerma
Behavioral Health Unit, lead petty officer

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Lerma had only been in the Navy three months when the attacks on New York City occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

"At the time I was a fireman on the USS George Washington, a nuclear aircraft carrier, off the coast of North Carolina. We were doing drills in the Atlantic, our workups, in preparation for an upcoming deployment," said Lerma.

When he received the news he was repairing a pipe in a magazine rack aboard his ship. The Sailor who had been standing watch over the empty storage area unexpectedly received a phone call.

"He picks up the phone and all of a sudden we hear, 'Wait, what? You're serious, this is no joke? ... OK.' He hangs the phone up and says we were getting jets on board, and all the munitions that went with it. We were under attack.

"I had no idea what was going on, it was surreal. The commander spoke to everyone over the intercom and said no one knew what exactly had happened, but that the president and Mayor Rudi Giuliani had personally asked us to come and secure the port and the airspace over New York. It wasn't a drill, it was real. We arrived in a matter of hours.

"I was shocked. Going to war was the last thing I actually expected to happen when I enlisted, it definitely wasn't the kind of adventure I originally had in mind," said Lerma.



Ginger Jane Hammack
Fuel Truck Driver for Maytag Aircraft Corporation

"Sept. 10 is my birthday," said Ginger Jane, a fuel truck driver for the contract company Maytag Aircraft Corporation. "On that evening in 2001, I'd spent time with my twin babies and 5-year-old little girl celebrating."

When Ginger woke the next morning, she was informed that the world had forever been changed. "Like millions of fellow Americans my heart had sunk with the deepest of sorrow."

Having never witnessed such tragedy in her lifetime, Sept. 11 was unfortunately a surreal wake up call.

"9/11 forced us all to learn and come to understand such evil does in fact exist in our modern world," Ginger said. "It changed many aspects of our society and our lives."

Following a visit by President George W. Bush to her hometown in Arizona, Ginger was hired on as an armed transportation officer for the United States Department of Homeland Security.

"It is imperative that we combat all forms of evil and injustice that are perpetuated against human life," she said of her experiences with the U.S. Border Patrol. "It is, in my opinion, not only a personal responsibility but a global responsibility."

Today, Ginger continues to serve the country, in a non-military capacity here at GTMO.

"I will be participating in the 9/11 GTMO run," she said. "I will never forget the magnitude of tragedy that unfolded that day... my heart will always reflect upon the many lives lost since."



Sgt. 1st Class Christophe Paul
Combat Camera, Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Army Sgt. 1st Class Christophe Paul was stationed at Army Garrison Hohenfels, Germany on 9/11.

"It was my first duty station since joining the Army in 1999.

"I was meeting with a friend who worked as a visual information operator-maintainer. He worked in the only office with a television. I noticed the news video playing on a small screen that's used to monitor the news feed from the states. At first I thought it was a movie or something until I noticed the CNN logo. We turned up the audio to listen. There was around 12 of us crowded around this little seven-inch monitor watching when the second plane hit. We were baffled. It was surreal. When we saw that second plane I knew it was deliberate and that's when it became real. Just like everybody else that saw it, I was at a loss. You can't believe it. You have a hard time processing that it's real. I knew it was going to have a far reaching impact in the future.

"I remember saying to another Soldier that we were going to war. He couldn't comprehend why I would say that; but knew that things would never be the same.

"A lot of soldiers now were kids when this happened. It's just the world they grew up in. But in my generation we didn't have this type of stuff. This was my generation's Pearl Harbor."

REMEMBERED

Background photo by Spc. Jeremy Bennett



Air Force Master Sgt. Martina Porter
Travel Specialist, JTF GTMO J4

While stationed in Garden City, Georgia with the 165th Airlift Wing, Air Force Master Sgt. Martina Porter, a travel specialist with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's J4, remembers the tragedy of 9/11 and her feelings that were felt afterwards.

"On 9/11, I was at work preparing for a training class, my commander came into the room and told us to turn on the news because tragedy had just struck the United States.

"We immediately prepared for deployment; I was afraid yet angry at the same time.

"Before Sept. 11, I was working on my second year as an Airman in the Georgia Air National Guard. My goals were to complete only one term of service while attending college. I was not planning on making a career out of the military.

"After Sept. 11, 2001, my life changed. The feeling of not knowing if my loved ones were OK and not being able to contact them for days was unbearable.

"I felt helpless and wanted to provide my services in any way possible. I decided the best way to defeat the terrorists and support my fellow brothers and sisters-in-arms was to reenlist and continue to follow the core values of the Air Force.

"Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Fifteen years later, I still abide by those core values and I am proud to serve my country."



Navy Lt. Pete Kolnicki
Flag Aide to the JTF Commander

During the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Navy Lt. Pete Kolnicki was assigned as a School Resource Officer at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

"I remember I was at my desk completing some paperwork when my secretary frantically ran into my office saying I need to come with her and that a plane had flown into the World Trade Center. As I entered her office, I saw the second plane hit the tower and watched as the remaining events unfolded. As with everyone else in the world, I watched in awe and disbelief. As a Navy Reservist, I had no idea what was about to happen to me directly.

"About an hour and a half after the attacks, I received a telephone call from my Reserve Center commanding officer who said, 'pack your crap and be ready to go.' What a wakeup call ... At the time, my wife was nine months pregnant and I had a three-year-old daughter at home. Needless to say, I quickly got all of my personal affairs in order and was mobilized 10 days later.

"Although I did not personally know anyone who perished during the attacks, I do have many friends who lost loved ones that dreadful day. I am proud to say that I have mobilized and deployed five times in direct support of the War on Terror and I will continue to answer the call of duty as long as I am permitted to do so."



Petty Officer 1st Class Steve Shook
Port Security Unit 312, MARSECDET

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Shook, a duty gunner's mate with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Maritime Security Detachment, was a senior in college at Radford University in Virginia on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I remember my whole campus shutting down," Shook said. "All of my classes were canceled for the day. My fraternity brothers and I pretty much sat around the TV, watching the news all day."

Shook's father, now a retired Air Force major general, was a US Airways pilot at the time.

"I kept trying to call my dad to check on him," Shook said. "I needed to know he was OK."

Not only does Shook admit that the events of Sept. 11 were "the main reason I joined the Coast Guard," but they also guided his career outside of the military.

"9/11 directly influenced my choice to apply to be a federal air marshal," he said. "The demand for air marshals went up as a result of the attacks, so I decided that's what I wanted to do."

Now on his second deployment, the first was in Kuwait with an assignment on an oil platform in Iraq in 2010, Shook reflected on where life has come in thirteen years.

"It's important to remember it," he said. "We're starting to interact with a generation that doesn't remember the details. We need to keep honoring those we lost by remembering the events that happened on that day."



Longest. 5k. Ever.

Runners go the distance in Marine's fence line run

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Dark, somber clouds rolled over the island, covering every surface in their shadow with an abundance of tropical rain. Despite the gloomy weather lurking, a combination of Service members and base residents boarded buses at the Marine Hill parade field, headed for the Northeast Gate.

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Marine Corps Security Force Company executed a 4.8-mile run along the base's northern-border fence line Saturday morning to raise funds for the Marine Corps birthday ball to be hosted November 8.

"We wanted to sponsor a run that

would be unique to the Marine Corps mission on the fence line," said Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Joshua Wruble, first sergeant of the MCSFCO. "The vast majority of people, regardless of how long they're actually on the island, don't get the opportunity to see the fence line and what it looks like in the day to day operations of the Marines out here."

Fortunately for the runners, the weather cleared up. However, the originally advertised "5k fence line run" route that started at the Northeast Gate and ended at Kittery Beach was in reality a longer, hilly stretch of 4.8 miles.

This section of the fence line is just

a portion of the 17.6-mile perimeter GTMO shares with Cuba that the MCSFCO patrols 24 hours, seven days a week.

Running events are a common occurrence at GTMO and attract a wide variety of participants for an even wider variance of reasons. Whether young or old, marathon-runners or 5k-walkers, the themes and purposes for these runs unifies people for a common cause.

"This was meant to be an opportunity for people to see a part of the base they wouldn't normally be able to see," said Wruble. "It was also an opportunity to be involved in the community and meet



people with similar likes, we wanted to encourage fellowship.”

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Dunn, a boat-swain's mate with the Joint Task Force Maritime Security Detachment and a regular participant in base running events, said this fence line run offered him a way to support his Marine brothers and sisters.

“I think events like this get a lot of people together that wouldn't normally get together,” said Dunn. “It kind of introduces people to everybody else. It builds camaraderie.”

An unexpected 267 participants showed up to support the MCSFCO on Saturday, the first of which received commemorative medals upon finishing. The MCSFCO also prepared and served lunch for runners and spectators to enjoy while they explored the otherwise inaccessible beach.

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*Marine Corps 1st Sgt.
Joshua Wruble*

Kittery Beach is a MCSFCO area of operation that was only open for the day to offer participants something fun and unique to do, Wruble said.

The Marines have a couple more unique activities in the works to raise funds for their birthday ball, including a fishing trip in generally closed-off locations of the bay.

“We greatly appreciate the high turnout and support from the community,” said Wruble.



Left: Chief petty officer selectees lead a formation of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay chief petty officers in Saturday's fence line run hosted by the Marine Corps Security Force Company. Right: Runners of all skill levels push themselves as they run along the fence line that divides GTMO from Cuba.



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The Soldiers of the Quick Reaction Force of the Crazy Horse Troop, 3rd Platoon, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Squadron here exercise the drill of donning their weapons and gear and making a speedy exit from their training area to a Humvee. "The drill that you witnessed today was an exercise in order to maintain our efficiency in moving from our training area to our vehicles for real world missions," said Sgt. 1st Class Victor Hudson, Crazy Horse 1/3rd Cav. "They exercise muscle memory and proficiency in moving to their locations so as to execute the mission as fast as possible."



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Often, the Soldiers are not forewarned of the drill so they must stay on their toes. "Surprising them with the drill is part of the tasking, in order to get them when they are least expecting to execute the mission is the pretense because whenever that phone call comes in, we are not going to know when it's coming," said Hudson. "As it stands today, their proficiency is exceptional. They are moving quicker every time they run the exercise and just getting better at it."

1st class NOEL

Story by Sgt. Kenneth Tucceri

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For the past nine months, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Noel has served with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Staff Judge Advocates' office as a paralegal. As is life, Noel's experience here was a reaping of what he's sown from the start.

His story commences with his childhood and upbringing in Maine. He then attended The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston.

"I received a bachelor's from The Citadel in '96," said Noel. "I graduated from a military college, and decided not to take a commission ... I said the military is not for me."

After spending a year in South Carolina followed by a return to his birth state, he talked to a friend who was an Army recruiter that said, "How would you like to come in, college loan repayment program, and be a big thing again? ... Give me four years."

"Then I joined and loved it," said Noel.

Since his enlistment, Noel has served as a military paralegal during his active duty time as a current member of the Army Reserves.

"I like what I do, and you've got to like what you do," said Noel.

In the civilian sector, he works as a paralegal at Fort Bliss for the Department of the Army. His time here is a result of his aspirations to experience a deployment.

"These opportunities for us are winding down exponentially," said Noel.

"I never had the opportunity, though I volunteered for many things - Iraq, Afghanistan, all the way since 9/11."

Although this is his first deployment, Noel has ample experience in his role with JTF GTMO's SJA office. "My whole life is paralegal," said Noel.

"I felt fairly prepared," Noel explained. "I've worked in all different aspects: claims, legal assistance, administrative law, military justice, I've done it all before. Military justice is what I have the most experience in, and it's what I ended up doing here. So, I hope I lightened their load a little bit."

Apart from his SJA responsibilities, Noel, like so many Service members stationed here, has found a new passion in diving.

"I'll never forget the first thing that got me ... we were in the pool, we weren't even in the ocean yet," said Noel. "And we put the regulator in and you start breathing and you go underwater ... They said you have to kick to the end of the pool and back, and it's under the lanes, and I'm kicking, and there are two or three people just swimming, PTing, above me - and right there I was sold. They didn't even know I was there. They're doing their PT, oblivious to the fact that I'm there."

After that initial thrill, what truly sold Noel on the experience was "the things I've seen: the fish, the wildlife, the coral - I'm blown away!"

There is, perhaps, an additional psychological benefit diving provides that Noel brought up which pertains specifically to GTMO.

"There's so much to see, so much to do," said Noel. "Because of the fact that you are confined to a certain amount of mileage here, until you get your open water [diving certificate], then you can go down, over, side to side. You're not going too far, but it's a whole new world."

Noel rose to the ranks of rescue diver here, and wants to complete the whole dive master program when he returns to Fort Bliss.

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Aside from becoming an experienced diver, Noel is working towards his Ph.D. He started the program before he arrived and was able to complete three classes here and began a fourth.

"I'm currently working on a Ph.D in education," said Noel. "I'm on my last course. I haven't started my dissertation yet, but I'm in my last actual book course right now."

Noel lauded the academic methodology of Trident University, where he received his master's degree and was invited by the college to pursue his Ph.D, "because I flew through my master's in 11 months."

"They base all their curriculum on writing," said Noel, "and it works, it really works."

Noel said the most difficult aspect of being deployed here was being away from his wife and daughter. Aside from finishing his Ph.D, returning to his DA job and completing his diving courses, Noel plans to "probably take a couple of weeks to spend time with my wife and my daughter," when he leaves later this month.

As a senior NCO with a lot to be proud of, Noel has the following advice for those looking to make their deployment as beneficial as possible.

"I hope people make the most of their time here," said Noel. "You wake up every morning, and you choose your attitude. Choose the right attitude, do the right things and enjoy it."



Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Noel, a paralegal with JTF GTMO's Staff Judge Advocates' office, conducts his 100 daily push-ups on a rock formation in Hueco Tanks, Texas. Noel recently did 100 push-ups for 100 days for the 100 x 100 challenge.

Courtesy Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Noel



Story by Sgt. Debra Cook

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People have built memorials in some form or another throughout all of history. For example, America built a memorial structure to honor the fallen from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. We build them so we don't forget.

We have many memorials here at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. One is here to remind us of the Marines, the first U.S. troops ashore on Cuba during the Spanish-American War. who landed at Fisherman's Point and made camp on McCalla Hill.

A working civilian here who also used to be a Marine, said that to him memorials are a reminder that we have a legacy and a heritage. It reminds him what the Marine Corps is all about.

Remembering our stories has always been an important part of our humanity.

Memories: the memorials in your mind

With memorials, we honor the lives of the fallen and the good that came from their sacrifice.

Memories affect our emotions. Neuroscience has come a long way in studying the relationship between memory and emotion, and discoveries have been made revealing they are connected.

Studies say memories can have an emotional impact that can cause physical symptoms and can even be psychologically debilitating. An example most are familiar with is post traumatic stress disorder caused by a traumatic event.

That's good news because it means we benefit from remembering positive experiences too. Science.howstuffworks.com says that remembering a happy event can give an overall sense of well-being and can cause the release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter associated with feelings of pleasure.

Remembering the good things that happen in your life can have a positive effect on your brain. We do this through pictures, video, scrapbook, a garden or a tree planted with events like the birth of

a child, marriage and promotions.

While we remember and honor our fallen comrades and our military heritage during this Sept. 11, don't forget to honor the memories of the life you're living today. Those memories give life to those that lost theirs.



Graves in the vicinity of the Marine camp are shown here in a photo taken June 1898. Today there stands a memorial at the top of McCalla Hill dedicated to the Marines who fought during the Spanish-American War.



Buffalo Chicken Dip

For a lot of us, tailgating parties go hand-in-hand with football season. At Naval Station Guantanamo Bay we can't tailgate for football games. We have a way of picnic-table gating you might say. Some people lug their big screens outside to watch the game together, others might go to the local restaurants that are showing it. At GTMO we have a way of making it unique, but where did tailgating get its big start?

According to [\[soication.org\]\(http://soication.org\), the first tailgating party is said to have taken place in the Civil War in 1861 at the Battle of Bull Run when civilians on the Union side came with baskets of food for encouragement and support shouting, "Go Big Blue!"](http://americantailgateras-</p>
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Today it's not a football game unless it's accompanied by food and drink. This week we bring you a well-known dip eaten during the game. Enjoy.



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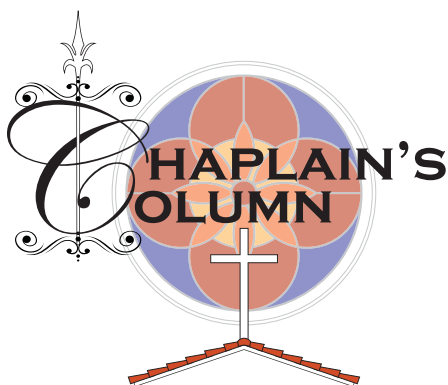
Recipe

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Compliments of recipe.com

Ingredients: 1 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened, 1/2 cup blue cheese salad dressing or blue cheese crumbles, 1/2 cup hot sauce (any flavor you choose), 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, 2 12 1/2 ounce cans white chunk chicken breast in water, drained.

Directions:
Stir the cream cheese in a 9-inch deep dish pie plate with a fork until smooth. Add and stir in the hot sauce blue cheese and chicken. Microwave on high for 5 minutes or until the chicken mixture is hot, stirring halfway through the cook time.
until hot, about 3 minutes.



Rivals who always win

By Navy Cmdr. Thomas Taylor
Joint Task Force command chaplain

It's football season, and one of the things fans look forward to are rivalries. There is great debate over which is the biggest. For college, it's Alabama-Auburn, Ohio State-Michigan or Army-Navy. The pros have Green Bay-Chicago, Dallas-Washington and others. In these games, it is win at all costs and show no mercy. I remember back when Woody Hayes of Ohio State was asked why he went for a two-point conversion during a blowout win against Michigan; he responded "because we're not allowed to go for three."

A rivalry that lasts as long as the game is a lot of fun for a weekend afternoon. It makes the game entertaining and gives bragging rights for the year. I enjoy watching these rivalry games, but there is one moment I wait for that stands out above all others. It is my most important, emotional moment of the season. At the end of the Army-Navy game, the teams gather in front of the student body of each academy and sing the school's alma mater. One team has just been vanquished, one is victorious – but for this moment they stand side by side. They support each other's efforts and wish each other well moving forward.

As people of faith, we come from a multitude of backgrounds and belief systems. At times, there can be rivalries. There are certainly things which differentiate our individual faiths. But rather than focusing on those, we should focus on what brings us together: the love of God for us, and the belief that we should "love one another as I have loved you." We should reach out not to those whose faith differs somewhat from ours, but rather those who have no faith at all. Doing so will give us – and them – a true victory.

Oh, and Go Navy – Beat Army!

The JSMART Spot

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Arianna Loaiza
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Long gone should be the days of military mental health professionals being called "wizards." In the past they were called this, not because of their ability to make stressors go away, but because they would make you disappear in a sense from your military unit. While this may still be true in some extreme cases, most Service members who seek behavioral health care do not vanish in thin air. Yet, the continued stigma and negative stereotype about mental health hinders our military. If you break an arm, you go to the doctor, right? You get patched up, rest your limb/heal, then get back in the fight. Why should mental health treatment be any different? Seeking assistance is a sign of strength. It is

the ability to recognize that you cannot do everything by yourself, no one can.

The fear of being called crazy prevents us from seeking support, however, everyone requires support to stay strong. We as battle buddies, shipmates, wing-men, friends and family can encourage that help.

Seek help to heal psychological injury and get back to the fight.



Courtesy Stacey Byington

September 1962

Marblehead Hall was dedicated in September 1962. The hall is named after the USS Marblehead which participated in the various battles at Guantanamo Bay, during the Spanish-American War in 1898. The hall now house 16 bowling lanes, a Taco Bell and the Triple B.

September 2001

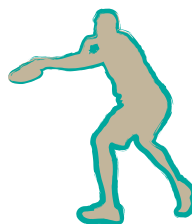
Following the attacks on New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001, Southern Command Joint Task Force 160 was ordered to GTMO to stand up the War on Terrorism detainee mission. JTF 160 was later joined by JTF 170 and recently the two forces and their related missions were merged into the current Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

GTMO sports standings



Beach Volleyball

1. Banana Rat	10-1
2. BEEF	9-1
3. The Guy Plus I	8-2
4. Z Team	8-2
5. JMG	6-3
6. Hellhounds	7-4
7. SOGO	6-4
8. The Team	5-5
9. MisFits	5-6
10. Woosah	4-5
11. B. Ugliers	3-7
12. Regulators	3-7
13. Danger Zone	3-7
14. The Chowderheads	3-8
15. PWD	2-9
16. CCR	0-10



Ultimate Frisbee

1. I-guana GTMO	9-1
2. BEEF	8-3
3. Ridiculousness	8-3
4. PWD	6-4
5. Footballs R2 Heavy	4-6
6. Huckaholics	4-6
7. Boston	2-8



9/11 Tribute

For Time:

2001m row or run (1.25 mile)

11 Box jumps

11 Thrusters

11 Burpee Chest to Bar Pull-ups

11 Power Cleans

11 Hand Stand Push Ups

11 Kettle Bell Swings

11 Toes to Bar

11 Deadlifts

11 Push Jerks

2001m Row or Run (1.25 mile)

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POW★MIA 24-hour vigil run

Start: Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. Cooper Field Track.

Finish: Sept. 19, 7:50 a.m. NAVSTA POW Flagpole

In remembrance of POW/MIA Day, the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron is sponsoring a 24-hour vigil run. The goal is to keep the POW/MIA flag moving around the track for 24-hours leading up to NAVSTA's ceremony at the POW Flagpole located across from the base car wash. We are seeking teams to carry the POW/MIA flag for 30-minute time slots. All Guantanamo Bay personnel (military, civilian, and families) are invited to participate. Service flags will be available to accompany the POW/MIA flag for motivated units; units are also encouraged to bring their guidon.

To register your team/unit, email SSgt Sara Wade at sara.e.wade@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil or call DSN 660-5025.

Time slots available on a first come/first serve basis.

A crested caracara, a bird native to much of the Caribbean, is captured perched on a utility pole in this photo by Army Lt. Col. Catherine Smith, Joint Task Force Guantanamo's J1 director.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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