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WHO IS THE CHAPLAIN HERE FOR?



- First and foremost, ALL CHAPLAINS are here for the members of the ARMED FORCES, DEPENDANTS and DOD CIVILIANS
- ADVOCATES FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT, "FREEDOM OF RELIGION"
- PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS
 - UNDER UCMJ, MANUAL OF EVIDENCE, CODE 50



WHO AND WHAT ARE THE DETAINEES?

A Simple Fundamental Question

- Human Beings
- Muslim



WHY MENTION THAT THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS?

- FORGETTING or FAILING To Treat Others With Basic Respect as a HUMAN BEING, becomes very unpleasant for BOTH guards and detainees
- Many issues have risen from LACK OF BASIC RESPECT from the DETAINEES and the GUARDS for each other



WHY MENTION THAT THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS?

- When there is a lack of respect
ACTION IS OFTEN RECIPRICATED
- DON'T take this personally
- Follow the SOP's
- Do your job the BEST you can
- The GOLDEN RULE still applies

WHY ARE THEY ENTITLED TO HUMANE TREATMENT?

- Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment
 - a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1988.





TYPES OF RETALIATION

- Throwing cups of water
- Banging, Yelling, Make Noise
- Throw food in middle of block
- Bodily fluids (Spit or urine)
rarely, very seldom

*Follow your SOPs when incidents occur



REASONS FOR RETALIATION

- TO PROTEST:
 - An Unjust act/punishment
 - A grave act of Disrespect toward someone on the block
 - Display of Disrespect towards the Religion of ISLAM
- Other
 - Failure to respond to request for medical attention



POINTS OF DISRESPECT OF DETAINEES

- Interrupting Daily Prayers
 - Slamming Metal Gates, Raising Voices, Mocking & mimicking the Call To Prayer
- Using Foul Language
- Showing magazines with slight nudity (e.g., MAXIM, GQ, Muscle Mags)
 - The conservative Islamic culture considers this obscene

POINTS OF DISRESPECT OF DETAINEES

- THE MISHANDLING THE
HOLY QUR'AN OR OTHER
RELIGIOUS ITEMS

- Prayer beads
- Prayer cap
- Oils
- Other books

During searches and movements





POINTS OF DISRESPECT OF DETAINEES

- Remember, all detainees eye are on you when in the block
 - Keep on your toes, your safety and well being comes first!
- Follow SOPs and it's easy to keep the peace and cooperation from detainees on the block



WHAT CAN WE DO TO MINIMIZE CONFRONTATION?

- USE the CHAPLAIN to help defuse situations
- UTILIZE the Linguists/Interpreters
- ASK Questions
- Use your Common Sense
- LEARN from the incident
SHARE experience with Chapel Staff to be shared
with the Command



Introduction to Islam

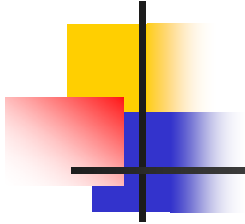
What Muslims Believe

- One God (Allah)
- The Angels
- The Divine Books
- The Messengers of God
- The Last Day
- God's Decree of Good and Evil



What Muslims Do

- Declaration of Faith
- Prayer 5 Times a Day
- Charity to the Needy
- Fasting in the Month of Ramadan
- Pilgrimage to Makkah



“The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam.”

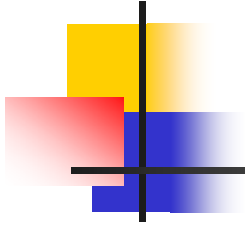
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“Islam affirms God's justice and insists on man's moral responsibility.”

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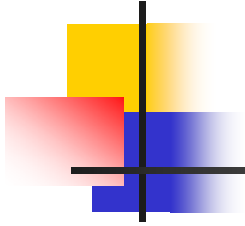
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“These acts of violence against innocents violate the fundamental tenets of the Islamic faith, and it’s important for my fellow Americans to understand that,”

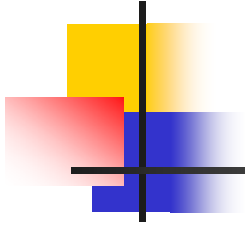
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As a member of the US Military and
Operation Enduring Freedom...

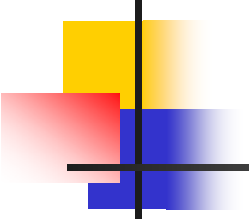
- You will observe others on OUR team who maintain the same religious practices or may be of the same ethnic background



“Just finished reading
the Koran
- a good book and interesting.”

General George S. Patton

(November 2, 1942/Morocco)



Questions?

Ask me any time!

On-Line Lectures

- <http://www.uwtv.org/programs/>
 - "An Introduction to Islam"
 - "Do They Really Hate Us?"
 - "The Taliban and Global Terror, Inc."
 - "Conceptions and Misconceptions of Women in the Middle East"