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- 05:08 Two UK sources: Shaker Aamer gone from #Guantanamo. Small exec jet went wheels up at 1203 today. Prison census: 112.
- 05:51 Story so far: Captive Shaker Aamer gone from Guantánamo. <https://t.co/QnaWw8CRU9> @MiamiHerald <https://t.co/zigMPwj9Tw>
- 07:19 Here at Camp Justice, we may get troop testimony on judge's female guard order Pentagon brass called "outrageous." <https://t.co/MVLnbTnaV7>
- 07:25 Meantime, US military silent on UK announcement of latest #Gitmo prison downsizing -- departure of Shaker Aamer. <https://t.co/QnaWw8UsLH>
- 07:56 Just told a BBC interviewer another #Guantanamo captive seeks family reunification in the UK. He's in my story: <https://t.co/QnaWw8CRU9>

- 08:05 Here at Camp Justice, Judge Pohl has #Guantanamo war court back in session. Four of the 5 alleged 911 plotters are in court. Hawsawi waived.
- 08:09 Now at the war court: Walid bin Attash defender Cheryl Bormann is arguing for dismissal of the case for "defective referral"...
- 08:12 ...essentially that the Pentagon pursued this case without allowing Bin Attash to first oppose a capital case on grounds of CIA torture.
- 08:13 Bormann: Bin Attash treatment was "horrific," denied sunlight, held incommunicado then "deposited" at #Gitmo in 2006, he has trust issues.
- 08:18 Bormann tells Pohl she met Bin Attash "8 years after the torture had begun," long after he "was deposited at #Guantanamo."
- 08:20 Bormann: Pentagon official (convening Authority) put on "blindens and ear muffs" to ignore CIA treatment before he choose capital option.
- 08:22 Bormann and Pohl just had a back and forth on how US Attorneys offices do this, allow input on mitigation in deciding whether to go capital.
- 08:23 Attorney Walter Ruiz, for Hawsawi: Original request for "defective referral" dismissal is bolstered by release of Senate Torture Report.

- 08:33 Ruiz to Pohl: Prosecution originally sought a 6-man death-penalty trial, but CA Susan Crawford learned of al-Qahtani torture, excluded him.
- 08:34 Prosecutor Clay Trivett objects: Facts not in evidence. Pohl: Overrules, grants leeway to Ruiz who thinks the Qahtani case is in the record.
- 08:35 Pohl to Ruiz: So was prosecution obliged to disclose to CA, not necessarily a defense lawyer to prepare pre-referral mitigation packet?
- 08:37 Ruiz: Sure, prosecutors have duty to do it. But war court structure provides defense with a mitigation expert, so defense gets role also.
- 08:38 Ruiz: Now we have SSCI Black Site report describing torture -- "rectal hydration," he calls it a "euphemism for sodomy" plus waterboarding.
- 08:39 Ruiz was going to give more examples of post referral disclosure but Pohl cuts him off, says he knows they want full Senate Torture Report.
- 08:42 Pohl calls that "another kettle of fish," says even now Ruiz can give mitigation to Convening Authority to try to stop death-penalty option.
- 08:43 Ruiz says that's not the point, prosecution didn't provide CA with full information about the five captives CIA circumstances.

- 08:44 Ruiz is making "original sin" argument, wants Pohl to dismiss the charges because CA didn't get facts -- either from prosecution or defense.
- 08:48 Meantime, Pentagon statement confirms what you already know: Shaker Aamer gone from Guantanamo. Prison census 112. <https://t.co/QnaWw8CRU9>
- 08:51 Back at the war court, Judge Pohl turns to the female guards issue, says defense should now question guard witnesses.
- 08:52 For KSM, attorney Maj. Poteet objects to doing it now, cites Senate "outrageous" hearing. Pohl says he got it, noted objection yesterday.
- 08:54 Poteet also seemed to be asking for a curative instruction to the witnesses in light of remarks by SecDef Carter, GEN Dunford at Senate.
- 08:55 KSM attorney David Nevin clarifies that there will be more opportunities to do female guard discovery. Pohl: This is start, not finish.
- 08:57 David Nevin calls for a witness, "Staff Sgt. Jinx" an NCOIC escort guard at the Gitmo's Camp 7 prison, where alleged 911 plotters are held.
- 08:58 SSG Jinx is a pseudonym for this female guard who works as an escort at the secret Camp 7.



- 08:59 Defense attorneys object to pseudonyms, saying it is hard to do research on whether this woman has testified elsewhere.
- 09:01 We now see SSG Jinx, who enlisted in 90s, is based in Colorado National Guard, an MP since 2010. She's gray-haired woman in battle dress.
- 09:03 SSG says she's full-time Colorado National Guard, has dual MP specialty, 31 Bravo and Echo, Army cop and corrections and detention.
- 09:04 She says she's done detention work in Afghanistan before, for a year, as "management" in the S-2 shop, her only overseas deployment.
- 09:05 KSM attorney David Nevin, questioner, asks when SSG Jinx got to #Guantanamo: December 2014. She started as assistant watch commander.
- 09:06 Now SSG Jinx is Detainee Movement Supervisor, says her facility is "Echo II." She's based there for HVD captive arrival from Camp 7.
- 09:08 SSG Jinx' job typically is to be around escort units, but not to escort precisely.
- 09:09 SSG Jinx says in August, here, she was attached to Leavenworth hq 256 MP Co.

- 09:11 Nevin asks if 9-month deployment is voluntary. Jinx: "I could've said I didn't want to come here but I don't think I would've been excused."
- 09:12 SSG Jinx finished her 9-month deployment and then volunteered for another 9 months, along with 9 others from her Colorado NG unit.
- 09:16 SSG Jinx says she arrived in December with 140 Colorado MPs, 24 of them females, all of them assigned to Camp 7.
- 09:17 Now she's describing the Camp 7 guard force duties: There are guards on the tiers, guards on escort teams and guards in operations.
- 09:18 SSG Jinx says more members of her Colorado unit are working out of Camp Delta on administration, not actually at Camp 7.
- 09:19 SSG Jinx says she has other fellow unit members "in other locations" she won't discuss. She's unsure if their role is classified.
- 09:20 Nevin tries to get her to describe it generically, what other Camp 7-assigned MPs do. Prosecutor Bob Swann objects. Pohl: Move on.
- 09:22 SSG says before Gitmo she trained to be a 31Echo at Fort Knox, didn't get specific Guantanamo training, didn't know she was going to Camp 7.

- 09:23 Nevin: No one trained you about the history of the men at Camp 7 before you got to Camp 7? SSG Jinx: No.
- 09:23 SSG: I didn't even know Camp 7 existed before I got here. Nevin: Did you know they were GWOT detainees? SSG: Yes.
- 09:24 Nevin: Did you know they were in RDI Black Sites? SSG: No. Nevin: Did you know they were tortured? SSG: No?
- 09:26 Nevin asks if she knew anything about the nature of her captives. Nope, she says. All detainees get treated the same, no matter what.
- 09:28 Nevin tries to invoke a drunk driver analogy, is shut down. So, he says, all prisoners are treated the same, no matter what?
- 09:28 SSG Jinx. "We don't have prisoners here. Detainees. We treat them all the same."
- 09:30 SSG Jinx is talking about when detainees are moved from their cells: Recreation, medical and DSMP.
- 09:31 Nevin: What's DSMP? Jinx: "Social time, if you will, with the biscuit (BSCT) team. I perceive it as socialization time, at least monthly."

- 09:31 Nevin is asking about how these moves are done and SSG is discussing how a captive is cuffed in his cell through feed-tray slot.
- 09:33 Prosecutor Swann objects, asks for relevance. Nevin says Col. Heath writes women can't avoid touching captives, defense is exploring that.
- 09:34 Judge Pohl overrules, says this is about getting descriptions of movements.
- 09:35 So we get a rote recitation from SSG Jinx about two guards, supervisor outside cell, captive inside handcuffed through slot in cell door...
- 09:38 SSG Jinx says three guards touch a detainee moving inside the tier, and four guards do movements elsewhere in Camp 7.
- 09:40 In move to Camp Echo II or court there are more guards, more restraints -- ankles, hands plus belly cuff. Unclear how many guards touching.
- 09:41 Now we're getting into details of touching: Guard sticks a finger inside a cuff to measure, guards put hands on moving restrained detainee.
- 09:49 Now lots of back and forth on when, where guards do positive control, touch, un-cuff for legal meetings, court. Deep divers: See transcript.

- 09:53 Now it sounds like SSG Jinx isn't doing the touching. She's like a supervisor, runs 35 escort troops at Echo II-- 2 of them women.
- 10:04 And we're in a "comfort break" recess.
- 10:08 Reminder: Pohl isn't deciding female guard no-touch issue today, just starting to hear evidence on prison request to lift restraining order.
- 10:16 Court back in session. I hope we learn whether 'they're not prisoners, they're detainees' changes the calculus, what they do at Leavenworth.
- 10:20 SSG Jinx says she was 193 MP Co. EO rep, handled the now open female guard discrimination complaints against Pohl. <https://t.co/V9OTTGQqch>
- 10:22 SSG Jinx says she can't tell Nevin how many guards lodged complaints against the judge at her right, because they're still open, unresolved.
- 10:23 Nevin asks the judge to instruct SSG Jinx say how many, unless he believes it's classified. Pohl excuses SSG to figure this out.
- 10:24 Judge Pohl is trying to bifurcate this examination -- not unlawful influence issue today, just fact gathering on the overarching issue.

- 10:26 Pohl says what does it matter if guards aren't "happy with the accommodation they were forced to live with for the last 9 months." #notouch
- 10:27 Pohl says diving deeper into the EO complaint risks "sliding into the collateral matter of the unlawful influence."
- 10:28 Sounds like Pohl told Nevin to refocus on what they're doing now at the detention center to comply with his order.
- 10:28 SSG Jinx is back and says she did not personally lodge a discrimination complaint against the judge to her right.
- 10:32 SSG Jinx says in January men and women in her 193d operations cell at Camp 7 began discussing how to "do our manning" to meet Pohl's order.
- 10:33 Nevin asks if Camp 7 has 14 detainees. She declines to answer until instructed to and then confirms, yup, 14 detainees at Camp 7.
- 10:34 Nevin asks how many guards at Camp 7. SSG Jinx: A minimum of 28 for each shift.
- 10:37 SSG Jinx breaks down Camp 7 staffing: Twenty shift guards in Camp 7 plus management, 35 escorts, 2 librarians and 2 evidence custodians.

- 10:39 And it sounds like there's a mysterious maybe 80 more troops "not on Camp 7" that she won't discuss -- maybe handling pay and leave issues.
- 10:40 Judge Pohl helps: Eighty people work in support, possibly 60 people work in the camp. Not all 80 are trained to be MPs.
- 10:41 SSG Jinx says she's not been promoted at #Guantanamo. Nevin: Do you expect to be promoted. SSG Jinx: Eventually.
- 10:42 Nevin asks how many Camp 7 detainees have expressed to being touched by female guards. SSG: "It's not all of them, sir."
- 10:45 SSG Jinx and Nevin talk about how to rate female guards who can't touch detainees -- she writes no-fault, no-touch order on their eval.
- 10:48 SSG Jinx says when she was Camp 7 assistant watch commander SOPs required male troop only frisking; but didn't frisk at that time.
- 10:49 Pohl: When you worked at Camp 7, no female troops frisked, watched showers. Only thing added is no-touching order? SSG Jinx: That's correct.
- 10:50 Nevin asks SSG Jinx if she knows what happened to his client, KSM before Gitmo. Jinx: "I have not been made aware of those details."

- 10:51 SSG Jinx: "It's my profession to treat each detainee equal," unless she's been given a medical explanation to justify inequity.
- 10:54 In response to Nevin question, SSG Jinx says she met some senators here at Guantanamo recently.
- 10:55 Nevin wants to know about it. SSG Jinx: "I won't discuss that with you. Where we met and what we discussed is of no relevance to this."
- 10:56 Judge Pohl makes clear that he, not the soldier, decides what's relevant. SSG Jinx is excused for Nevin to argue for details on meeting.
- 10:59 Nevin argues that SSG Jinx is a "percipient witness to events" that he, Nevin, argues may have provoked the female guard issue.
- 11:01 Judge rules against the line of inquiry. So we don't know which senators the soldier met, where, what they discussed before this testimony.
- 11:02 Nevin says he's exploring "if there is a political purpose to this," not just operational necessity that Col. Health defines as "hardship."
- 11:04 Jim Harrington, attorney for Ramzi bin al Shibh, asks SSG Jinx about her contact with him as AWC, assistant watch commander.



- 11:05 She says not often, maybe once a week. Her job was to meet a detainee to hear complaint, and sometimes Bin al Shibh did this.
- 11:06 Harrington is about to ask SSG Jinx about the noises and vibrations and Swann objects, says it's not on topic.
- 11:07 Pohl tells Harrington this hearing is to take testimony on "a religious objection to the touching by the female guards."
- 11:08 Harrington asks if she personally opposes the judge's no-touch order. SSG Jinx won't go there. "That has no bearing on my professional."
- 11:09 SSG Jinx, in terms of reverse handshake handcuffing, is "not aware of what they're currently doing -- up there."
- 11:12 SSG Jinx says she did research during detainee ops in Afghanistan. "I wanted to understand a little bit more about the religion."
- 11:22 Harrington asks if, since judge's order, Bin al Shibh's been moved by a female guard inside Camp 7, which isn't forbidden. She doesn't know.
- 11:22 SSG Jinx says the captives of Camp 7 are detainees not prisoners "because they haven't gone through prosecution, sir."

- 11:26 AF LTC Sterling Thomas wants to discuss FCEs, force-cell-extractions. During lunch, they'll discuss if they're classified.
- 11:27 If so, BG Martins proposes doing a bifurcation. That would be a closed session, when only judge and lawyers, not accused, get to listen.
- 11:28 Meantime we're in an extended lunch recess until 1:45 to accommodate the captives Friday midday prayer.
- 12:46 @anjoudad He's the last Mauritanian at Guantanamo after Wednesday's release. He's not cleared. Story, here: <https://t.co/VpQ46D6EGl>
- 12:54 @sureyyamuge Our complete 911 trial guide, Who's Who right here: <https://t.co/MfWghQ6SiM>
- 12:59 @GitmoWatch You just don't see it defined that way very often in a #Guantanamo context.
- 12:59 @Nick\_Hentoff SSG Jinx says the captives of Camp 7 are detainees not prisoners "because they haven't gone through prosecution, sir."
- 13:01 Judge Pohl back on the bench to resume testimony from SSG Jinx. AF Thomas advises that FCE SOPs are unclassified.

- 13:03 Now SSG Jinx describes FCE: "The 5-man team, excuse me, 5-soldier team," takes control of each detainee body part -- 1 head, 4 limbs.
- 13:06 Prosecutor Bob Swann protests putting FCE talk. Thomas says, absent order detainee must choose: submit to female guard move or FCE.
- 13:10 Hawsawi attorney Walter Ruiz asks judge, out of earshot of SSG Jinx, to ask her what complaints she lodged with government officials.
- 13:13 Ruiz wants to know if SSG Jinx told the senators last week that no-touch order has created a security concern in Camp 7 or aggravation.
- 13:13 Ruiz said it would speak to SSG Jinx credibility if she didn't raise security or effective-mission concern, calls her front-line supervisor.
- 13:15 Pohl blocks that line of inquiry: SSG Jinx' "discussions with the Congressional delegation are irrelevant to the issues before me."
- 13:16 SSG Jinx says she doesn't know if she was working in Camp 7 before the no-touch order.
- 13:17 Pohl helps out, asks SSG Jinx if she worked at Camp 7 when female guards could touch the detainees. SSG Jinx: No.

- 13:19 SSG Jinx tells Ruiz the male guards' morale was effected by taking on female guard detainee-touch duty, not endangered Camp 7 security.
- 13:21 Ruiz discloses that there's a memorandum to Camp 7 supervisors not to rate females worse because they can't touch certain detainees.
- 13:24 Ruiz is trying to figure out balance of power in detainee-touching transport unit: Team leader vs armed guard vs positive control escorts.
- 13:25 SSG Jinx: By touching detainees, escort guards "are responsible for more moving pieces" than an armed guard-- a fitness report factor.
- 13:30 Ruiz asks Jinx about her interaction with Hawsawi. "Compliant," she said. "One of the easiest ones to deal with." <https://t.co/JBUIdZsgEo>
- 13:32 Jinx says there's a Hawsawi medical order requiring different restraints, won't elaborate, says she doesn't know the reason, just the order.
- 13:33 Judge Pohl is having Jinx count how many people touch detainee from Camp 7 to court: Three at prison, three in the van plus one more. (7)
- 13:34 Pohl asks SSG Jinx if there's any other kind of Camp 7 movement that would require more than 7 troops.

- 13:35 Pohl: Any movement outside of Camp 7 would require seven troops touching a detainee? SSG Jinx: Yes.
- 13:38 Bin Attash attorney Cheryl Bormann is asking SSG Jinx how long ago she knew she'd be testifying in this case.
- 13:40 Her boss, an OIC, then prosecutor Swann told her last week she might be testifying today. By Swann, possibly about the female guard issue.
- 13:42 SSG Jinx: Swann explained to me it's a possibility we would discuss the female guard issue.
- 13:45 Jinx says she answered some 911 defense attorneys' questions on Oct. 22. By then, she said, she already met Congress members.
- 13:46 Bormann has SSG Jinx removed from the room to discuss the timing question. Swann objects, not relevant. Bormann disagrees.
- 13:49 Bormann out of earshot of SSG Jinx argues Jinx met some US Senators on female guard issue after defense lawyers, knowing she'd be a witness.
- 13:51 Bormann argues last 10 days of talks with Swann, defenders and senators may shape "her motive and bias as she sits here testifying today."

- 13:53 Bormann suggests her testimony may have been "colored... I'm not saying she's lying. I don't know if she's lying."
- 13:55 Bormann says she wants to know if SSG Jinx was chosen to speak to the Senators last week because she was already a designated witness today.
- 13:56 SSG Jinx, back in the room, says she was invited to meet with the Senators by the Camp 7 "operations cell."
- 13:58 SSG Jinx says she went "purely based on curiosity," expecting to receive a status briefing on the female guard situation at Gitmo in Camp 7.
- 13:58 SSG Jinx said she went to the meeting because. "I had heard it was over the female guard issue."
- 14:00 Judge Pohl cuts her off. Bormann says it's relevant. Pohl: "Move on to another subject, away from the Congressional Delegation."
- 14:02 So now we get a lesson on how Camp 7 DIMS works -- Detainee Information Management System. It tracks detainee requests, complaints.
- 14:04 Bormann says she's punished as last to question SSG Jinx. Pohl says not at all. [By me, though, maybe with less play by play. Long day.]

- 14:06 SSG Jinx says Camp 7 guards in the courtroom require TS-SCI. All other Camp 7 guards require just secret clearance.
- 14:07 Bormann seeks elaboration: Escort guards moving detainees to medical or legal appointments don't require TS-SCI. Just to sit in 911 court.
- 14:10 As 193d EO rep in Camp 7, SSG Jinx said, she gave out forms to soldiers but not to the female guards who filed against Judge Pohl.
- 14:12 SSG Jinx says she got cultural and religious sensitivity training "on individuals we may encounter in this environment," no specifics.
- 14:13 SSG Jinx says she served in Afghanistan, met Muslims on the base where she served, never left the base.
- 14:15 Judge Pohl just referred to "the prisoners here," then corrected himself, "the detainees here."
- 14:17 @PradhanAlka Twice.
- 14:21 Bormann asks SSG Jinx if as AWC or escort Bin Attash "allowed himself to voluntarily be touched by a female." SSG Jinx: No.
- 14:21 Judge Pohl interjects that SSG Jinx's testimony ends today, at 4 p.m.

- 14:24 SSG Jinx doesn't know which Senators she met but she knows their states... "One of the Carolinas, one of the Virginias and New Hampshire."
- 14:29 From l to r, posing at #Gitmo last week with troops: @SenatorTimScott, S.C., @KellyAyotte, N.H., @SenCapito, W.VA. <https://t.co/iCTSDgNHKa>
- 14:32 We've got 30 minutes or so left. Testifying now: The Camp 7 OIC of last 2 months, an army major MP. He came from Fort Leavenworth.
- 14:33 Major OIC is being questioned by Nevin but he looks at the prosecution table after he answers each question, sometimes during.
- 14:36 Maj. OIC came to Gitmo from 24 months at Fort Leavenworth and before that as an MP adviser in Afghanistan.
- 14:37 Maj. OIC says his focus is "their humane, care and custody in my charge," not really their background.
- 14:38 A little context here, KSM attorney David Nevin is starting to question the major, will get a transcript and pick it up in December.
- 14:40 Major OIC says he "read news articles back in the day" about 911 detainees but got no specific training on their CIA black site experience.



- 14:41 Major OIC is a news consumer: He says he learned, before getting to Gitmo, of female guard no-touch situation online, maybe from FOX or CNN.
- 14:42 Major OIC said at the same time he got no gender specific instruction when he put together his Camp 7 guard team.
- 14:44 Major OIC says he has had no disputes or refusals to move detainees in his two-month tenure running Camp 7.
- 14:45 Major OIC's predecessor briefed him about the no-touch order governing 911 commissions or legal moves during their change over.
- 14:46 Major OIC says he has less than 140 troops under his command, 10 percent women. Colonel Heath said no gender restrictions on manning.
- 14:47 Major OIC doesn't want to say how many female guards he's got on the tiers at Camp 7, citing #Opsec.
- 14:48 Pohl takes over: How many people work at Camp 7 with contact with detainees or supervising. Major OIC says 13 on unit don't work at camp.
- 14:50 Pohl asks if between 90ish and 130ish could touch detainees, then gives up -- instructs Swann to give Nevin numbers under seal.

- 14:52 Nevin gives it a whirl, asks if between 80 and 120 Camp 7 troops could have contact with detainees.  
Major: Yup.
- 14:52 Nevin: Ten percent are women? Major OIC: Yup. Nevin: So 8 to 12 are women? Major OIC: Yup.
- 14:53 Major OIC said in his two months he's had no other detainees object to being touched by women. (Not clear if women been touching though.)
- 14:55 Major OIC: "Female guards do not conduct frisk searches or observe detainees in the shower." Adds no EO complaints made in his tenure.
- 14:56 Major OIC: "I was present on island when the senators were here" but adds he didn't sit in on the senator-soldier meeting.
- 15:00 Nevin asks Major OIC if he suggested that SSG Jinx meet with the senators.
- 15:03 Major OIC says he gave Air Force Brig. Gen. Ronald E. Paul, then deputy JTF commander, a list of females to meet with the senators.
- 15:07 Paul's left Gitmo, been replaced. But that's Jose Monteagudo at far right with @KellyAyotte in the photo. <https://t.co/iCTSDgNHKa>

- 15:08 With that we're done with this 2-week session. KSM attorney David Nevin gets permission to meet with his client until 5p move back to 7.
- 16:10 Now we have BG Martins doing a wrap-up news conference, says defense lawyers have signed MOU, got or are getting 300K pages of discovery.
- 18:38 Shaker Aamer wasn't the last #Gitmo captive with family in Britain. Another captive's kid lives in Nottingham. <https://t.co/QnaWw8CRU9>
- 21:50 Today at the warcourt on a long #Guantanamo day: 911 hearing wraps up with spotlight on female guards. <https://t.co/4bzOY2AywI> @MiamiHerald



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