



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

2015 AlumKnight Joseph Attao

by Bryan Manabat for Marianas Variety



Mount Carmel School AlumKnight U.S. Army PFC Joseph Attao speaks to a group of seniors on Monday. (Photo by Bryan Manabat)

While back on island, Mount Carmel School graduate U.S. Army PFC Joseph Attao spent some time with seniors at his alma mater on Monday.

Attao shared some of his experiences in the military, from boot camp to active duty. He also answered questions regarding military service, his motivations and whether it had been difficult to adjust from civilian to military life.

Attao joined the military in Feb. 2016.

"Honestly, I was not thinking of going into military service after high school," he said.

"U.S. Army human resource specialist, Julian Reyes, my friend, gave me information on what to expect in the service, and after that I just went for it."

Attao is with U.S. Army, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne, Cavalry Scout, 19th Delta based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

"I'm about to get deployed," he told Variety. He will be heading to Kosovo after his vacation.

Attao said he feels good visiting his home island and talking to Mount Carmel School officials, teachers and students.

"The president of MCS, Mr. G, is the one who pushed me to strive hard," he said referring to Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

"Coming back here talking to everyone makes me feel like I'm giving back to those who gave me the motivation to go through everything. Everything starts with that little push – that little push can do so much in a person's life."

Asked if he would recommend military service to high school students, Attao said: "Yes, I would. The Army does so much for you, it changes your life, and it makes you a better person. They offer so much. The Army will teach you real life and morals."

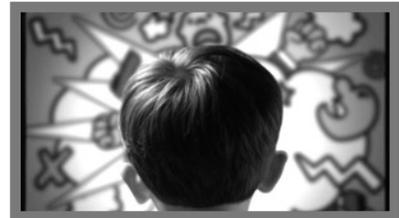
Mount Carmel School is proud of its AlumKnights, said MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

"I'm particularly very proud of Mr. Attao. He really has come a long way and overcame a lot to become a man of character and integrity.

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Revisiting the Question of Violence in the Media

by Stacey Goodman for edutopia



I really like going to see movies with my 12-year-old son. We both love the popcorn, the feeling of anticipation before the movie starts, and the stadium seating in front of a big screen, an experience which is increasingly uncommon these days of home theaters.

But this summer was a disappointing season for movies. I don't expect a lot out of summer releases, which usually consists of big-budgets and blockbuster-wannabes. Now, when a summer movie only makes \$70 million, it's often considered a flop because the productions can cost hundreds of millions to make. It also was an awful summer for other reasons: for the bad vibes and senseless gun violence that has spiked recently. And as far as movies for my son's age groups, so-called tweens and young adults, they too have become increasingly violent.

An Increase of Violence in Films

Violence in movies is no longer part of the notational conversation as it was 20 years ago. Although the bar keeps getting lowered in terms of what is acceptable for a PG-13 film, we seem to have given up on doing anything about it.

Perhaps in these days of streaming entertainment and the huge variety of content found online, parents have both more choices, more information, and yet a slipperier sense of control over what our kids watch. There is no longer a central place in our living room or set number of cable channels that

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Announcements

NO PARENT/GUARDIAN USE OF EMPLOYEE/STUDENT PARKING LOT DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Parents and guardians are prohibited from using the employee/student parking lot (south of the cafeteria) during school hours. Some have been dropping off lunch and other items during school hours, which is strictly prohibited. In order to ensure the safety of students, all parents, guardians, and visitors during school hours must first check in with the main office before meeting any student.

In the Future

Junior Pearl Shake & 8th Grade Bake Sale
Wednesday, October 5

NJHS Hot Lunch
Thursday, October 6

MCS Cultural Diversity Day
Friday, October 7

Freshmen Game Night
Friday, October 7

MCS Campus Clean Up Day
Saturday, October 8
8:00 am to 11:00 am

CNMI Cultural Diversity Day
Monday, October 10 (no classes)

1st Quarter Report Cards
Wednesday, October 19

Sports Calendar

CCOPSA Middle School Volleyball
Tuesday, October 4
MCS2 v SIS1 @ SIS at 3:30 pm
MCS1 vs SIS2 @ MCS at 3:30 pm

Thursday, October 6
MCS2 v MCS1 @ MCS at 3:30 pm

ESLR of the Week

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Joseph Attao

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"I'm honored that he took time out of his very limited vacation which he could be spending with his family and friends, to come back here to be with our students."

Mount Carmel School, Deleon Guerrero said, offers its senior high students "Knight seminars."

"Basically, these seminars help students prepare for life after high school. We cover college admission, financial literacy, work readiness, and career options, and [Attao's visit is] kind of an extension of that."

Media Violence

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can be blocked like 20 years ago; now kids can watch movies on their mobile devices from almost anywhere. Also, with the gaming industry now making more money than the film industry, much of our kids' attention is now focused entirely in this new genre of storytelling.

So I think we start the conversation again, and not just for the sake of our kids, but for the sake of our own sanity. Gun violence -- real violence in the real world -- has been making the headlines lately. This violence is often random in who it targets and seems to be aimed at causing as much death and injury as possible. It is often intended to get as much media attention as possible.

Violence in the media is no longer about fantasy violence, but real-life violence intended by the perpetrators to be played repeatedly on TV and to go viral online. Even when the violence is unplanned and unforeseen, we now have so many smartphones and surveillance cameras out there to the point that we are now seeing violent acts -- for better or worse, that would have gone unseen just a few years ago.

The Dangers of Fantasy Violence

I don't want to get into the argument as whether fantasy violence in the media contributes to real-world violence (although most studies argue that there is a correlation), but what I can say is that it is getting harder to ignore the overlap of fantasy violence and real

violence in the media. Fantasy violence has gotten much more realistic and graphic, and much of the real-world violence seems to be out to mimic the sensationalism and mayhem found in games and movies. If one has not caused the other, it is undeniable that the two have formed an unholy alliance.

So, who is this plea to? Content creators? Consumers? YouTubers? Witnesses with smartphones? Perpetrators? After thinking about it, I think we have to tell those who control much of the content we watch -- the fantasy content creators -- that we are increasingly uneasy consumers. Although we might be able to distinguish between what is real and what is fantasy, it is no longer easy for us to emotionally separate the fantasy from the real. Even when it is easy in making the emotional separation, I am

aware that I might have grown numb from seeing too much already. While watching fantasy violence, I can't help but have flashbacks of what I've witnessed in media of real-world violence, making the fantasy a lot more disturbing and a lot less fun.

So let's start the conversation again, and acknowledge that real-world traumas seen in the media have left us all in more or less a post-traumatic state of vulnerability and unease. If we step forward only with this acknowledgement, it might be enough to ease the pain perpetuated both in our stories and in the real world.

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MCS CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, October 8
8:00-11:00

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