

**Exhibition: In Martial Hues**  
**Artist: Jayel Aheram**



In Shades of Green

Bobby's group stayed overnight in the field while the rest of us returned to Tent City.

February 26, 2008  
Nueva Ecija, Central Luzon, Philippines



Respite from Rain

This cement alcove serves as a welcome respite from the unceasing rain.

February 6, 2008,  
Okinawa, Japan



The USS Essex in the Andaman Sea

The USS Essex is much nicer than the Mighty J (USS Juneau).

June 3, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



Eyebrows

A portrait of Angel.

June 4, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



Do Something

It is a look that dares you to do something...  
anything. Want to try him?

May 20, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



Loading Up

Attempting to lug our main packs up and down  
the steep ladderwells of the ship and through its  
narrow hatches was a nightmare.

February 9, 2008  
Okinawa, Japan



### Complementary Colors

Red and green.

June 12, 2008

Ban Phattha, Chon Buri, Thailand

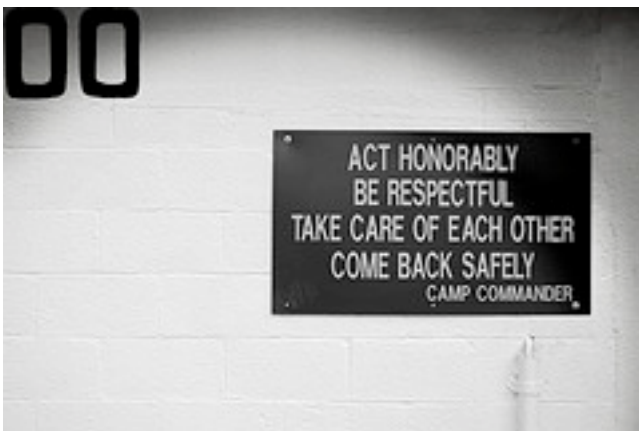


### Maseton in Shades of Green

A portrait of Maseton.

June 4, 2008

The Andaman Sea



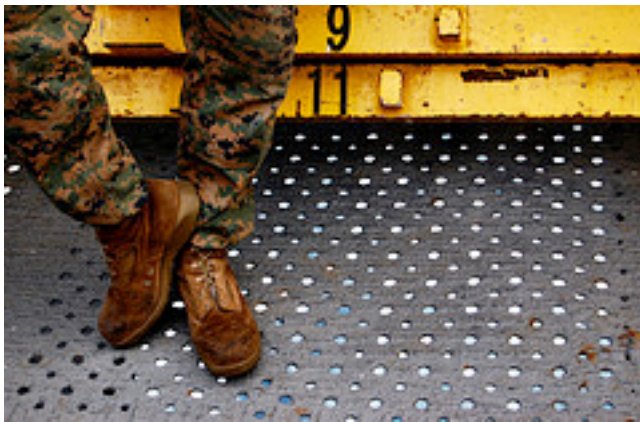
### The Directive

Every marine that passes through the gate is reminded by this directive from the Camp Commander.

June 23, 2008

Okinawa, Japan



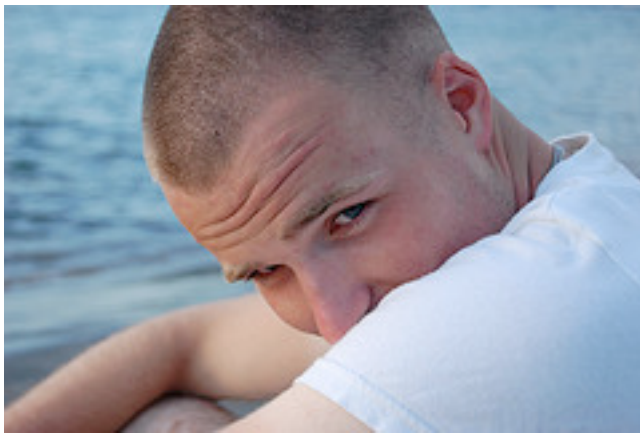


### Yellow and Suede

I think these boots are photogenic.

June 16, 2008

The Andaman Sea



### By the Beach

That night, we drank Red Horse and San Miguel and sang karaoke all night.

March 4, 2008

Olongapo City, Central Luzon, Philippines



### Benjamin in the Philippines I

We just got done sharing a meal of sinigang bangus (tamarind stew with milkfish) with our Filipino counterparts.

February 23, 2008

Nueva Ecija, Central Luzon, Philippines



### Steam and Sky

A billowing cloud of steam greets the dusk,  
joining the clouds set ablaze by the dying sun.

May 22, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



### Range Juneau

The line coaches were giving helpful instructions  
on how to improve the Marines' stances.

February 17, 2008  
The Philippine Sea



### He Roars!

The star of "Louder! Louder" reprises his role in  
this sequel.

May 20, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



### The Candles Lit

The candles, the melted wax, the negligible peso coins spent; they are remnants of my childhood in the Philippines.

March 4, 2008  
Olongapo City, Central Luzon, Philippines



### Beads of Sweat

He gave it his very best during the Combathlon.

July 3, 2008  
Okinawa, Japan



### Louder! Louder!

He thought he could be louder than the steel dragon preparing to land. And he almost was.

May 7, 2008  
The Andaman Sea





### A Little Bit of Motivating Training

Non-lethal training aboard the aging bucket.

May 1, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



### Shave Inspection

A Marine's shave being inspected by a fellow Marine.

July 9, 2008  
Okinawa, Japan



### The Last Stick

The line NCOs in charge confused themselves with the military jargon: “sticks” instead of the correct “relay.”

May 20, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



Hookin' and Jabbin' with the 31st MEU

Preparing for ship life. I made sure to buy the base's stock of dramamine.

April 26, 2008  
Okinawa, Japan



Between the Quadcons and a Hard Place

Metal, metal everywhere.

May 1, 2008  
The Andaman Sea



Firing the 105 MM

The smoke cleared and in the distance, the hill explodes in a cloud of white phosphorous.

February 26, 2008  
Nueva Ecija, Central Luzon, Philippines





## Suede Boots

I sometimes feel that I take too many photographs of boots.

May 30, 3008  
The Andaman Sea