

THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



Air Force Birthday
Above All for 63 years

9.11 Freedom Run
Remembering those fighting, fallen



The A-Team

Army Command Sgt. Maj.
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Team is defined as “a number of persons associated in some joint action.” There is no wonder that political leaders and business executives create teams to provide the best for their supporters and customers. Anything less than 100 percent effort toward a common goal can be the difference between good and great. We all know great players, sports teams, companies and regimes. Greatness is reached by the team’s efforts rather than a single individual’s work.

The first string, A-Team, or No. 1 pick team has a diverse make up, respected views, is free thinking and exploits member strengths while minimizing individual shortcomings. A short-sighted, same-thought process and similar-member team may achieve good results and end state, but rarely ever is great.

It’s up to the team leader to recruit, create and steer the team while promoting growth and promoting free thought. If you think back to the best teams you were a part of, each member didn’t possess the same skills, knowledge or attitudes. It was the team’s leader who provided boundaries, guidance, position placement and each member’s mission on the team. The team’s leader is not always in the play, but rather directs the team towards the goal.

So how does this apply here? The Joint Task Force Guantanamo mission is one of greatness. With a strategic impact on international relations, “Team GTMO” has achieved greatness by being a team of teams. We see this daily as individuals execute the leader’s expectations and assigned mission. The common goal continuously moves closer as the team executes even the most minor tasks. Some people and tasks may seem more important, but every member and their contributions are essential for our success. Let’s take the time daily to recognize their efforts and our members.

One of the hardest parts of being a member of the team is recognizing your part on the team and carrying it out. We can all remember a “dream team” with a member trying to take over the spotlight and becoming bigger than the team. This is usually a result of being on a team that continually achieves greatness. That individual forgets that it is the team that created the environment for greatness — theirs and the teams. This begins a decline in performance and strength.

As we get a chance to take a break in our units, I’m asking that you also take time to look at your team dynamics. How do you fit in? Do you know the other members’ strengths and weaknesses? Do you know your own? Are you giving the team your best or just some? We are continually building the team as players move on. The team’s leader is never done building or maintaining greatness.

I encourage everyone to review how they and their team go from being good to achieving greatness. The bottom line is that only by making everyone and every task important can your team be relied on to be the commander’s “A-Team.” ☆



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Air Force Senior Airman Tomasita Wallace of Joint Task Force Guantanamo participates in the 3rd annual 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

BACK COVER:

A sign post showing one of the intersections during the 3rd annual 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

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Keeping JDG stocked, ready



(Top) Army Spc. Joseph Pine and Army Pvt. Vanessa Swinson perform a maintenance inspection on a Gator utility vehicle, Sept. 9. (Bottom) Army Specialist Joseph Pine operates a forklift to store supplies, Sept. 9. – JTF Guantanamo photos by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss



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The 118th Military Police Battalion currently operates the Joint Detention Group S4 section. The unit comprises more than 30 Soldiers who are responsible for providing, handling and accounting for supplies to Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

The Soldiers in the shop are referred to as warehouse technicians, all having the responsibility of stocking and maintaining the warehouse.

Army Spc. Johanna Bravo is one of JDG S4's warehouse technicians. She said proper ordering and maintaining of supplies is essential to mission accomplishment.

"Nothing moves without logistics," said Bravo. "Without logistics you would not have the proper tools for the job."

The Soldiers of the 118th have accomplished much during their time at GTMO, going well beyond their primary task of providing the JTF stellar logistics support. One of their main accomplishments was the renovation of their warehouse, adding doors, gates, offices and additional shelves for supplies.

Not only has this helped them perform their job with more efficiency, it makes it so the unit that relieves them can hit the ground running.

Another major responsibility assigned to the JDG S4 is repairing and maintaining the Gator and Mule utility vehicles commonly used by JTF Troopers.

Maintenance includes scheduled service, detailed repairs and total engine swap-outs. Approximately 75 vehicles have received a variety of repairs, including six motor and 180 tire replacements. A total refurbishment of the Gator and Mule fleet was accomplished.

The 118th also cleaned shop and has identified many assets for the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. Thanks to their hard work, the JDG was able to reassign approximately \$200,000 worth of items to DRMO.

Providing a wide variety of services to the JDG, from water distribution to vehicle maintenance, the S4 shop goes above and beyond to supply the JDG with everything it needs to continue to provide safe, legal, humane and transparent care and custody to the detainees within the JTF. ♡



Flying high for 63 years

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The U.S. Air Force celebrates its 63rd birthday this year. A small, but effective force in 1907 became today's modern United States Air Force. Established as a separate branch of the military on Sept. 18, 1947, it has demonstrated that it is second to none.

Starting as the Aeronautical Section, U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1907, it went through a series of designations; Aviation Section, Signal Corps, 1914; United States Army Air Service, 1918; United States Army Air Corps, 1926; United States Army Air Forces, 1941; and finally the United States Air Force in 1947.

In the decade before its separation from the United States Army, the U.S. Army Air Force proved its strength during World War II. By Sept. 1940, the German army and air force had managed to defeat and occupy Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. It was during the worldwide conflict of World War II that the Air Force began to develop into one of the world's most effective military forces. Equipment and funding poured into the U.S. Army Air Corps as President Franklin Roosevelt began to realize that in order to defeat the determined Germans the United

States would need a superior military aviation force.

The events of World War II illustrated the value of air power and the need for a change. Many officials wanted formal independence for the Air Force, despite the continuing objections of the U.S. Navy. However, those objections were not accepted and the National Security Act of 1947 created the U.S. Department of the Air Force. At last, the Air Force was equal to the Army and Navy

Stuart Symington was named the first Secretary of the Air Force under Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal. After World War II and throughout the Cold War, with the creation of long range bombers and the atomic bomb, the Air Force joined America's first line of defense.



Today's Air Force comprises more than 331,486 active personnel, 69,500 reservists and 106,700, according to the Air Force Personnel Center website.

The Air Force was instrumental in mission accomplishment during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In addition, it has participated in several humanitarian operations including Operation Provide Comfort (1991) and Operation Unified Assistance (2004). The Air Force also provided humanitarian support in 2008 to survivors of catastrophic cyclone "Nargis" in Bangladesh that left more than 138,000 dead and 10 million homeless. The Air Force's current challenge is fighting today's Global War on Terrorism.

For many years the Air Force has used "Aim High" as its recruiting slogan; recently, they used "Cross into the Blue," and the current one is "Above All." Its core values are: "integrity first," "service before self" and "excellence in all we do." In 2007, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General T. Michael Moseley introduced the Airman's Creed to reinvigorate the warrior ethos in every Airman.

The Air Force birthday celebration is dedicated to the men and women who made the Air Force what it is today. We salute you and congratulate you on your 63rd birthday. ✨

RUNNING IN REMEMBRANCE

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class

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JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

While many people take the opportunity to sleep in Saturday morning, more than 300 runners and volunteers gathered at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's Windmill Beach to participate in the third annual 9.11-mile Freedom Run on Sept. 11.

We Do Care, based in Barrington, Ill., sponsors the run. Dirk Beveridge, We Do Care founder and president, made his idea of a Freedom Run a reality after a visit to Guantanamo Bay in April 2008. At that time Army Gen. Gregory Zanetti was deputy commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

"As I discussed the idea with Gen. Zanetti and Capt. Kleinman, who were stationed at Gitmo at the time, they thought it would be a good event for the Troopers," Beveridge said. "We are honored to be partnering with Joint Task Force Guantanamo for the third straight year."

The original run involved Guantanamo and Barrington, Ill., but it has expanded over the years. This year, in addition to the original locations, the Freedom Run took place in Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; Grafenwoehr, Germany; and Chievres, Belgium.

Runner Army First Sgt. Michael Baker of the 193rd Military Police Company said, "I think this is an important date to remember for all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and all Americans in general. Getting us together for this great day, 9-11, to remember those that lost their lives not only at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, but also the men and women who lost their lives fighting the terrorists ... in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

We Do Care President Beveridge said the combination of the main run in Barrington and the "shadow runs" on military bases benefits service members by giving them a fun and meaningful event to participate in while reflecting on the past. He said it also helps those in the United States to feel connected to those deployed around the world.

This Freedom Run is special as it is the first one to be held on Sept. 11, since the race developed. This year 220 runners and walkers participated in the race here.

"Holding the event on the weekend of Sept. 11 also gives us all a chance to stop, pause and reflect on why our military has been called to fight our current wars, and to remember those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001 and in the Global War on Terrorism," Beveridge said.

The JTF Public Affairs Office has hosted Guantanamo's Freedom Run the past three years, but setting up the run and after-run barbecue would be impossible without the help of dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer Army Lt. Col. Patricia Charles, J4 deputy director, said, "It is a worthy cause. It shows that we have not forgotten our fallen Soldiers from 9-11 and those that continue to fight for our freedom."

So far, each Freedom Run has been larger than the last. Beveridge said We Do Care's goal for next year is to have over 10,000 runners around the world running on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. ✪

Service members from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo participate in the 3rd annual 9.11 Freedom Run, Sept. 11.

– JTF Guantanamo photos by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



Service members and civilians from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo run together in remembrance of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, during the 3rd annual 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11.

JTF Guantanamo photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

9.11 Mile Freedom Run



Moral, Welfare and Recreation

Proud tradition of excellence and service



MWR Liberty Program Manager Jill Lynch and MWR Information Technology Manager Scott French install a new Direct TV equipped Television in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) center at Camp America, Sept. 10. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Edward Flynn

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

For many, being deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay can be a stressful job. With long hours and often difficult working conditions, a break from the everyday grind can often increase morale and relieve stress. Through the extraordinary work and professionalism of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, military members and civilians are given numerous opportunities to relax in a casual and comfortable environment.

MWR administers a variety of recreation, social and community support activities throughout JTF and the naval station for the well-being of military personnel and civilians on base. MWR has three movie theaters, a bowling center and four liberty centers. For the outdoor recreationist there is a bike shop, paintball course, nine-hole golf course, nine-hole disc golf course, football, track, and two baseball fields, batting cages, a skate park, mini golf course, tennis facilities, beach volleyball courts and hiking and biking trails. Gym facilities include a climbing wall, racquetball court, weight and cardiovascular rooms, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, and fitness classes. For water lovers there are two pools, a marina, sailing center and water sport rental.

"We want to give our customers so many options that there is something that appeals to everyone," said Tara Culbertson, MWR director at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

"Morale, Welfare and Recreation is an integral part of our effort to provide outstanding quality-of-life for troops," said Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Scott Fleming, JTF Guantanamo Command Master Chief. "They work extremely hard to give every member of

the JTF a variety of options, and always strive to improve facilities, programs, and entertainment. Their commitment and flexibility are especially important in a remote location like GTMO. Tara Culbertson and her team are tremendous partners."

At Camp America's liberty center, which supports JTF-GTMO, Troopers communicate with family and friends back home through over two dozen Internet-connected computers. With just a click of the mouse, communicating back home is easy and fun. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, other resources provided by MWR at this site include multiple gaming consoles, two pool tables, a ping pong table, a foosball table and the opportunity to use sporting equipment. As football season starts, a 32-inch television is also available to watch your favorite team or view recently released movies.

For the boating enthusiast, the marina recently added a new boat to their fleet that is available to rent.

"It is a great boat for diving and for having people out for social gatherings," said Cory Geiger, MWR Outdoor Recreation Director. The boat, an oversized pontoon boat, boasts wide metal bench seating that is comfortable when sitting with tanks, a large shade canopy roof and a fresh water tank and pump for showering.

These amenities are available year round, but MWR ensures there is always something to look forward to.

Currently, MWR is planning a number of upcoming special events, including a concert by Bridge of Sighs at the Windjammer on Sept. 18 and a performance by Augustana in October to celebrate Navy Exchange Customer Appreciation Day. MWR is also adding many upcoming athletic tournaments and outdoor recreation trips. One example is the MWR guided Mountain Bike Ride scheduled on Sept. 25. 🌟



All about Cyrus

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“Cyrus” brings together Academy Award winner Marisa Tomei (“My Cousin Vinny”), Academy Award nominees John C. Reilly (“Chicago”) and Catherine Keener (“Being John Malkovich”, “Capote”), and up-and-coming young actor Jonah Hill. By virtue of the star power involved in this movie you would expect it to radiate awesome, but instead of shining bright, the characters suck viewers into a black hole of mediocrity.

John (Reilly) is a 40-something divorcee who right from the beginning appears to be the definition of lame. He is whiny, self-debasing and comes off as a guy who is about as intelligent as a banana rat. While at a party he meets Molly (Tomei) who comments on his manhood as she catches him urinating in the bushes.

The next five or so minutes of the movie are spent wondering why in the world someone so gorgeous would give this dude the time of day, much less go home with him, but you get an idea after being introduced to Cyrus (Hill).

Cyrus is 21-years-old and stills live at home with mommy. Just think of the stories

about mothers who breastfeed their children until they are six or seven years old; then, you have an idea of the relationship between Molly and her son.

Considering he has been connected at the hip to his mother for the past 21 years, viewers can imagine how he feels about a new guy coming between them. The kid messing around with the new guy is cute when the kid is five, but is just sad when the “kid” is a grown man. Admittedly, the verbal sparring between John and Cyrus is one of the only humorous things about the movie, sad though it is.

I do not know if writer/director duo Jay and Mark Duplass thought they were being cutting edge with their cinematography and storytelling with this one, but if they did, they failed. The only thing that makes this movie even slightly worth watching is the talent of the actors ... but even that can only go so far. The script is weak and the ridiculous camera work is jarring and runs the risk of causing seizures.

This shallow, uninteresting movie is something anyone in the audience could have grabbed an iPhone and shot themselves. So to all the aspiring film makers out there, this movie is a great example that even with no writing or directing talent, you can somehow get money and good actors to work with you. 🍷





Flu vaccinations

Army Sgt. Felipe Rodriguez (right), a medic assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Joint Trooper Clinic, gives a flu vaccination to Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Esteban Nunez on Sept. 13. The JTC is conducting annual H3N3 influenza vaccinations for the upcoming flu season. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

Boots on the Ground

by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss

What new movie are you looking forward to seeing the most?

Army Spc. Vaughn Francis

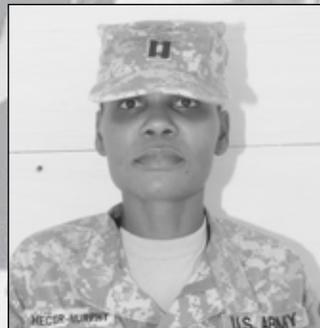
Army Capt. Josephine Hector-Murphy

Navy Lt. Greg Smith

Army Spc. Jorel Loyola



"The Expendables."



"Inception."



"Cyrus."



"Captain America."

The Untapped Resource



**Air Force Lt. Col.
Daniel L. Figueroa**
JTF Guantanamo Command Chaplain

Historically our nation has turned to prayer in times of national crisis. After 9/11, our churches, synagogues and other places of worship were packed with people offering up prayers for our nation. At the beginning of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq ... same thing.

One of the most famous wartime prayers is the one General Patton directed Chaplain James O'Neil to write - a "weather" prayer at the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 8, 1944, when rain brought Patton's march to a halt.

Patton told his chaplain, "I am a strong believer in prayer. There are three ways that men get what they want: by planning, by working and by praying. Any great military operation takes careful planning or thinking. Then you must have well-trained troops to carry it out; that's working. But between the plan and the operation, there is always the unknown. The unknown spells defeat or victory, success or failure. It is the reaction of the actors

to the ordeal when it actually comes. Some people call it luck. I call it God. God has his part or margin in everything. That's where prayer comes in. If we, the 3rd Army, all pray, it will be like plugging in on a current whose source is in heaven. I believe that prayer completes that circuit. It is power."

Patton directed that 250,000 copies of the prayer be distributed to his men. The rain stopped, the Air Force and Patton's army drove back the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. We are in the midst of a national crisis right now, facing some monumental challenges - with the economy, mortgages, just to name a couple, and of course we need to pray for our leaders for guidance.

The greatest gift we can give to our friends, our families, our nation and our leaders ... is our prayers.

The JTF quarterly prayer breakfast is on Sept. 22, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Seaside Galley. Please join us. The speaker is Chaplain King, the U.S. Southern Command chaplain. E-4 and below without a meal card will be guests of the Trooper Chapel. Please call the command chaplain's office for more information at 3202 or 3203. ☆

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Main Chapel

Vigil Mass

Saturday 5 p.m.

Main Chapel

Mass

Sunday 9 a.m.

Main Chapel

Catholic Mass

Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship Sunday 9 a.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Islamic Service

Friday 1:15 p.m.

Room C

Jewish Service

FMI call 2628

LORIMI Gospel

Sunday 8 a.m.

Room D

Church of Christ

Sunday 10 a.m.

Chapel Annex

Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist Saturday 11 a.m.

Room B

Iglesia Ni Cristo

Sunday 5:30 a.m.

Room A

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 8 a.m.

Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m.

Room A

Liturgical Service Sunday 10 a.m.

Room B

General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.

Main Chapel

United Jamaican

Fellowship

Sunday 11 a.m.

Building 1036

Gospel Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian **Fellowship**

Sunday 6 p.m.

Main Chapel

Bible Study

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Troopers' Chapel

The Truth Project

Bible study

Sunday 6 p.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Around the

JTF

A runner grabs water from a hydration station during the 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

Runners and volunteers enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs after the 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, speaks prior to the start of the 9.11 Mile Freedom Run, Sept. 11. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth