

15 Minutes of Fame...

with Navy PC3 DaJuan Glover Undercover Glover

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Q: So, I hear you want to be The Wire's latest 15 Minutes of Fame? Your wish is granted! Tell GTMO all about DaJuan Glover. That's an unusual name, by the way.

A: My mom liked two names, "Rashan" and "DaJuan." She went for DaJuan.

Q: Tell me about you and the military.

A: I've been in the Navy for four years. I joined at 18. I'm a PC3.

Q: What's that? That sounds like a computer. I'm not up on Navy terminology.

A: Sorry! "PC3" stands for "Postal Clerk 3rd Class."

Q: Gotcha. Have you always been a postal clerk?

A: No, I started out as a deck seaman.

Q: And what is that?

A: A deck seaman takes care of the ship. They make sure the ship is painted. I also was a helmsman. I drove the ship when we pulled in and out of port. I guess you could say I was the main guy to drive the ship. I did that for about two years.

Q: That sounds like a big responsibility. How did you make the switch to being a postal clerk?

A: Being a deck seaman was a great job, but it was a lot of stress. You were one of the most important people. You have to pay attention to detail. When you're moving the ship, if you're off a degree or miss something...

Q: I can imagine.

A: You've got the life of everyone on the ship in your hands.

Q: It's a little ironic that someone would

make a career change to being a postal clerk to reduce stress! Are you in the military for the long haul?

A: Definitely! I love the Navy. I'm a reservist now, but I'll stay in until I'm eligible for retirement.

Q: What do you see yourself doing 20 years from now?

A: I want to open up a couple of businesses. I love clothing. I could see myself opening up a clothing store. Or a barbershop. As many businesses as I can get.

Q: What is your job like down at the mailroom?

A: My job is beautiful. I work with great people.

Q: Is it all Navy?

A: No, it's a true "Joint Task Force" in there. I've worked with Army, Air Force and Navy servicemembers. We get all of the JTF mail from the main post office.

Q: Wow! That's a lot of cookies from home!

A: Yep. We sort everything and the mail clerks from the different units or offices come and pick it up. If insured mail comes for you, we give your mail clerk an insured card and the mail has to be signed for. After a while you get to know people's names. Like, if I see something for Sgt. Peso, I know —

Q: It's "Pessoa," actually.

A: Oh. Anyway, I know that's Public Affairs.

Q: Thanks. So, what made you decide to join the Navy?

A: When I was young I was pretty much a knucklehead with no sense of direction. I came from a rough neighborhood. I wanted to get off the street. I didn't want to do the Army's type of PT, and I'm scared of airplanes and heights, so it was the Navy for me.

Q: Oh, it's not that bad! Where have you been with the Navy?

A: I've been to a lot of places in Latin America and Africa. Puerto Rico, Brazil, Chile, South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria, etc.

Q: That's a great variety. Which port was the most unusual?

A: I'd have to say Panama was the place I liked the most. It took eight hours to clear the canal, traveling east to west. But, despite all of the places I've been, it'll be great to go back home.



Navy PC3 DaJuan Glover, budding entrepreneur, devours books on finance and business for fun.

Q: What's the first thing you're going to do when you get there?

A: Give my daughter a great big squeeze! She's seven months old. I've only seen her once, on leave.

Q: What piece of wisdom would you pass on to your daughter?

A: Don't take anything for granted. Like the guys out there in Camp America. It's tough for them. Some people in the Loop complain about how they're living, but they're not in SEAhuts.

Q: True. Is there anything you'd like to clear up about the mail room?

A: We work hard! On average, we handle about 4,000 pounds of mail a week!

Q: I'm sure you do! Now, there's there's a letter I've been expecting for a few weeks, and...



"The first thing I'm going to do when I get back home is give my baby daughter a great big squeeze."

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Veterans' night at GTMO

High command of JTF-GTMO gathers at Camp America to remember veterans

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On Veterans Day, more than 90 servicemembers assembled at Camp America's new chapel to recognize those who have given and risked their lives to defend the values and freedom of the United States of America.

Present at this memorable event were Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller, the new commander of JTF-GTMO and Maj. Gen. Michael E. Dunlavey, the former commander of the joint task force.

Invited by Army Chaplain (Maj.) Michael S. Merrill, Miller stepped up to the pulpit to share a few words of motivation and inspiration with the audience.

"It's great seeing all of you coming here to celebrate the fellowship of the military, and more importantly, commemorate Veterans Day," said Miller.

"The veterans we honor tonight are

like each one of us, men and women who came to answer the call of our nation — to do the nation's business — and to guarantee our freedom and the freedom of so many other people around the world."

"We're military for one reason," he continued. "That is to defend the freedom of this nation. The nation has called on our military, you, to fight, and when we're called on we'll win. That's what we are about."

"As you know, the nation is at war tonight. Our part of the war is here at Guantanamo Bay, making sure the detainees from the War on Terrorism are unable to further attack our nation, our country, our people. The good news is we have you here to ensure that it's successful," said Miller.

"We are all grateful for what you do. Many of you have made a very difficult sacrifice to give up a part of your life in the last six months to ensure we are successful. I am proud to be the commander of this joint task force, and I am proud to have you as its members," said Miller.

Before concluding his impromptu address, the general reiterated his appreciation for the servicemembers here. "Thanks for making a difference

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Photo by Spc. Jean-Carl Bertin

Dunlavey done, leaves

Army Maj. Gen. Michael Dunlavey, the former commander of Joint Task Force-GTMO, says goodbye to GTMO before heading to the Leeward side to catch his plane Tuesday morning.

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Chaplains' Corner

Ramadan: Spiritual Renewal

The sighting of the moon on the eve of November 6th marked the beginning of Ramadan, Islam's holy month of fasting. Ramadan, the ninth lunar month of the Islamic calendar, is the month in which the first revelation of the Quran came to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

During this blessed month, Muslims all over the world engage in fasting in order to train themselves in self-discipline and scrupulous obedience to God's commands. A verse from the Glorious Quran reads: "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you in order that you may be conscious of God... (2:183).

The month of Ramadan is a period of special religious significance and activity. The fasting that takes place each day is a means to learning discipline, self-restraint, and flexibility. It involves on a physical level, total abstinence from all food, drink, tobacco, and marital sexual relations during the daylight hours. On a behavioral level, the fasting involves abstinence from falsehood, speaking ill of others, quarreling or engaging in angry talk, discussion of disreputable matters, and wrong behavior of any sort.

Ramadan is a time when Muslims engage in increased devotional activity. Besides the usual five daily prayers, the additional evening prayers observed during Ramadan called 'taraweeh' are performed, and usually in congregation at the mosque. Another popular tradition is the reciting of the entire Quran during this month, as this was the practice of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

Fasting instills discipline, and makes the Muslim steadfast and resilient like a soldier who forgoes or postpones the satisfaction of his/her normal needs at the order of

his/her commander. This trains the Muslim to be flexible, capable of enduring hardships, and not to take for granted the bounties with which God has blessed him/her. Fasting enables the Muslim to feel with the poor who experience hunger daily, and thereby prompting him/her to respond with compassion and charity towards them.

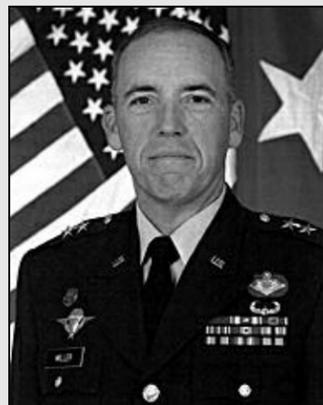
Islam recognizes that physical needs and appetites, particularly those of food, drink and sex, are powerful factors in human life; factors which tie man to dependence on and preoccupation with his/her bodily needs and desires. Hence, ending any indulgence in or imposing a clear limit to satisfying these needs and desires frees one to pursue spiritual goals and devotion to God. It also constitutes a purification of the soul and a sacrifice that leads to renewal and fresh strength.

Fasting a month may sound difficult to those who have never attempted it, but actually in practice it is generally tolerable for most people, and even easy for some. Indeed within that month, Muslims become very accustomed to the altered routine of Ramadan and experience an intense level of spirituality. Thus when Ramadan ends, there is a poignant sense of loss which causes Muslims to wait eagerly for the arrival of next Ramadan, carrying the experiences and applying the lessons learned throughout the coming year.

The new moon is again sighted, this time indicating that Ramadan has concluded. It welcomes 'Eid Al-Fitr,' the Festival of Breaking the Fast — an occasion which celebrates that the fasting of Ramadan, one of Islam's five pillars, has been fulfilled.

— **Army Chaplain (Capt.) Yousef, JTF-GTMO Chaplain-Detainee Operations**

Commander's Corner



Since arriving here I have been impressed with the hard work, dedication and professionalism of all the servicemembers working here at JTF-GTMO. Leaders and warriors, I thank you for your service in this difficult and critical mission. But in this time of transition, we must resist the temptation to be satisfied with our accomplishments so far.

I urge those of you who are leaving soon to keep your sights set, more than ever, on the here and now. My mission as commander is to make this operation leaner, stronger and more effective than ever before, to prepare JTF-GTMO for the future; each of you now has the opportunity to do the same.

As your replacements arrive, share your wisdom with them. Tell them what has gone wrong here in the past, as well as what has gone right. They will come here with the enthusiasm to work hard — you must supply them with the direction to work smart. In your time here, you have served your country and Operation Enduring Freedom honorably and well; you have my thanks and best wishes. But do this vital mission one more service by redoubling your efforts to leave this operation better off than when you arrived.

And to those of you now joining our team, listen to those whom you are replacing. I have sought input from the many staffs and commands that are finishing up their service here. Do the same — collect all the advice and information you can, and learn not just how to do your new job but how to do it better.

This is JTF-GTMO, a task force in transition not only of personnel but of philosophy. Our difficult mission, however, remains the same, our role in fighting the global War on Terror remains critical, and so does its central truth: complacency costs lives.

As Thomas Jefferson said, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. So whether you are joining our team or preparing to leave it, don't stop working until the job is done. Each and every one of you is vital to our continued success, for you are America's best.

— **JTF-GTMO Commander Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller**



Frustrated Poetry Corner
by Spc. Joseph A. Morris

*If my mind could only process
As fast as my brain could think,
I'd be throwing out emotions
As fast as a sad eye's blink.
I'd look God in his face,
And throw him a wink...
And throw him a wink...
Confident in my decisions,
My mind leads this body
Along an unknown path.
I'm an innocent boy
With the potential to wrath.
Dark clouds follow wherever I go,
I'll never give up and believe in the show.
I always think positive
And hope for the best;
Ever since conception,
I've always been blessed...
IT'S THE WORLD AGAINST ME,
And,
I choose to be all I can be.*

Movie Schedule

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM	CAMP BULKELEY
Friday, November 15	Friday, November 15
7 p.m. Blue Crush, PG13 - 100 min	8 p.m. Master of Disguise, PG - 80 min
9 p.m. Ecks vs. Sever, R - 91 min	10 p.m. XXX, PG13 - 114 min
Saturday, November 16	Saturday, November 16
7 p.m. Stealing Harvard, PG13 - 83 min	8 p.m. Eightlegged Freaks, R - 103 min
9 p.m. The Banger Sisters, R - 97 min	10 p.m. Road to Perdition, R - 119 min
Sunday, November 17	Sunday, November 17
7 p.m. The Four Feathers, PG13 - 130 min	8, 10 p.m. Goodfellas, R - 147 min
Monday, November 18	Monday, November 18
7 p.m. Swim Fan, PG13 - 85 min	8 p.m. Conan the Barbarian, R - 129 min
Tuesday, November 19	Tuesday, November 19
7 p.m. The Banger Sisters, R - 97 min	8 p.m. Fargo, R - 98 min
Wednesday, November 20	Wednesday, November 20
7 p.m. City By The Sea, R - 108 min	8 p.m. Minority Report, R - 140 min
Thursday, November 21	Thursday, November 21
7 p.m. The Four Feathers, PG13 - 130 min	8, 10 p.m. Reign of Fire, PG13 - 108 min

Crossword Puzzle

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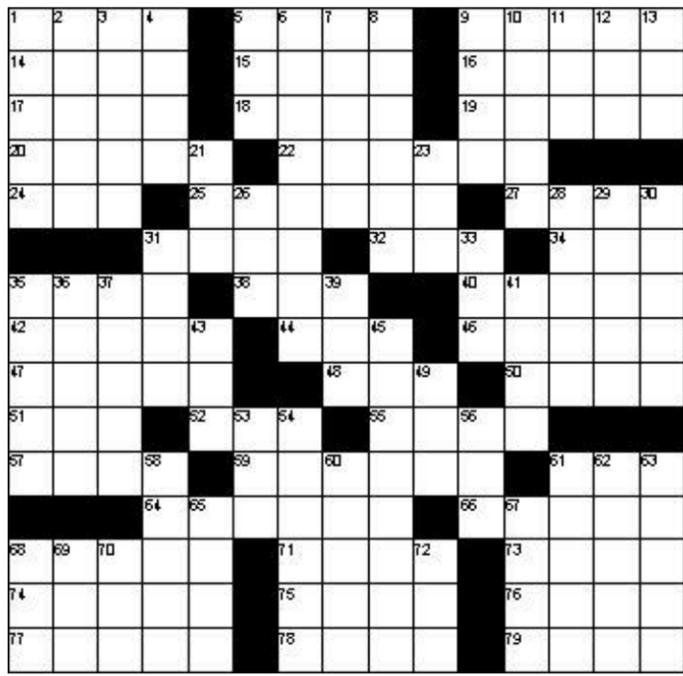
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- 5 Flute
- 9 Express indifference
- 14 Oxford
- 15 Decorative needle case
- 16 Kooky
- 17 Bod
- 18 Floating ice
- 19 Atop (2 wds.)
- 20 Toothbrush brand
- 22 Punk hairdo
- 24 Disks
- 25 ___ Years' War
- 27 Appear
- 31 Canal name
- 32 Congressional vote
- 34 North northeast
- 35 Painter of melting clocks
- 38 Kitten's cry
- 40 Whining speech
- 42 Warning
- 44 Distress call
- 46 Cease-fire
- 47 Person on horse

- 48 Single
- 50 Dole out
- 51 Stretch to make do
- 52 Body of water
- 55 One
- 57 Lairs
- 59 Fish hawk
- 61 Avail
- 64 Brand of sticky notes
- 66 Organic compound
- 68 Infra's opposite
- 71 Vilify
- 73 Volcano
- 74 European ermine
- 75 Green Gables dweller
- 76 Fewer
- 77 Chompers
- 78 Company symbol
- 79 Gratis

Down

- 1 Association (abbr.)
- 2 Musical sound
- 3 Unconscious states
- 4 Bluish green
- 5 Valentine mo.
- 6 Lists
- 7 Craze
- 8 A big number
- 9 Lento
- 10 Beeps like a car
- 11 Decay
- 12 Card game
- 13 Swindle
- 21 British thermal unit
- 23 Yes
- 26 Skirt edge
- 28 Result
- 29 Ordain
- 30 Disturbance
- 31 Beget
- 33 Picnic pest

November 8th:



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PSU 307 trains to survive gas attacks

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Expecting the worst while hoping for the best is a necessary way of life for military members. When and if bad things happen, you can either be prepared, or you can be dead; the choice is yours.

On Tuesday, members of the Coast Guard's Port Security Unit 307 went through a block of instruction that covered chemical, biological and radiological weapons, and refreshed their skills on how to respond to an attack.

"This specific training is as important as having a weapon to fight with," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael R. Adams, security division, PSU 307 and instructor of the class. "If you can't survive a chemical attack, it doesn't matter how good you can shoot."

War is a tricky game; sometimes a team may have to take a blow before delivering one. And if a troop gets killed, he can no longer help his team. That would be unfortunate if all it would have taken to survive and continue battling on was a little more combat training. And that's why training is vital.

"We've been very proactive with our training since we arrived here at GTMO," said Ensign Thomas E. Adams. "Any kind of

whole, to make sure we're up to speed."

"The training we do with our unit is very important," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan J. Tedford. "Hopefully we'll never have to use this CBR training in real life, but if we do, we'll all be ready."

When people realize, in fact, that their lives are at stake, and one false move could mean the whole difference; that's when ears are opened and attention to detail is greatest. But, listening to instructions and taking notes just isn't enough to give you that "real-world" feeling, so members of the 307th train as they would fight and gear up mentally to practice their techniques through the mock CBR conditions as if they were real.

"The training included getting the individuals into their protective gear, then physical activities such as calisthenics, push-ups, the side straddle hop and even a 200-meter run," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Adams. "Reason being, so they know what it feels like out there during the real thing. They need to have a good understanding of the inevitable stress factor under any wartime situation."

"It's when you put on the chemical warfare outfit that reality sets in," said Petty Officer 1st Class Maudell S. Glenn, PSU 307. "It prepares us by giving us experience under real world conditions."

"The heat really hits you under that protective gear. The mask is restrictive and causes claustrophobia, fast," she added. "You have to fight your way through it."

Strength and unity within a well-organized unit can take a group to endless reaches.

"The 307th is a very training-oriented unit with a demanding schedule," said Ensign Adams. "But our members always come together to meet and surpass the standard."

"This crew is well-motivated and willing to learn," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Adams. "Now, with more knowledge, each member is



During training on how to respond to a chemical attack, members of the PSU 307 got hot and sweaty while running a 200-meter course in MOPP suits.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael R. Adams, PSU307, gets his class warmed up during training on responding to a chemical, biological and/or radiological attack.

equipment that an individual doesn't know how to use is worthless to them."

"We go through the same sets of training each year to keep us up to date," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Adams. "It's very important to have a good understanding what to do, so you can just react during these situations."

If it was an individual's decision, some would choose to just sit back and procrastinate, thinking such an occurrence would never really happen. That's why some particularly critical areas of training are mandatory for all unit members to attend.

"Everyone in the 307th goes through a cycle of training that covers certain areas of work that we have to get signed off on," said Ensign Adams. "It helps us to know where we fit into the Coast Guard organization as a

more of an asset to the unit."

Being an asset, and being all you can be for your teammates, is a valuable attitude to carry.

"We will be sure that all members of the unit receive their proper training," said Ensign Adams. "It may not be today or tomorrow, but someday this training may save a life."

"Everything has been going well for members of the 307th," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Adams. "Hopefully after all of this training, things will be even better."

"We keep accurate statistics on all training," said Ensign Adams. "We know who's being 'naughty,' and who's being 'nice.' We appreciate hard training, because this stuff really is a matter of life and death."



Proper fitting and usage of a protective mask could mean the difference between living and dying.

Profession of the Week

McDonald's workers

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McDonald's: the name alone is synonymous with the fast food industry, and the legendary tastes of the various delights served here are all seasoned with years of tradition.

This food chain stretches across the globe from Red Square in Moscow to the vast deserts of Egypt, from the rain forests of Puerto Rico to here at GTMO.

Keeping the food everyone knows up to people's expectations isn't easy, but the crew here works hard to uphold the McDonald's legacy as the reigning fast-food chain on Earth. These proud workers enjoy their jobs as much as the customers enjoy devouring the mouth-watering food served here, and it shows in both their performance and their product.

With a hearty, affordable menu, a clean environment and free smiles, even a slender wallet can buy a supreme meal. It's well worth a little extra PT.



Photo by Spc. Joseph A. Morris



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After a big order of 13 Big Macs comes in, the crew snaps into working mode in a hurry to get the burgers expertly prepared in a timely and efficient manner.

Crew worker Ray Montepio works his magic at the fry station pouring fresh, hot, golden, crispy, salty, and delicious french fries into a large-sized container, much to the satisfaction of the hungry customer who awaits his order with bated breath. You think you can get fries like this at Subway? No chance.



David Russell, general manager
"I really like the job that I do. I have a fantastic crew that makes it a great environment to work in. Plus, this is a great company to work for."



Cheryl Parnell, crew chief
"I truly enjoy my job. When I serve somebody and see that beautiful smile stretch across their face, that means that they're satisfied."



Ray Montepio, crew worker
"My job is pretty fun. The best part is being able to work with such a great crew. And I get to meet good people, like those JTF guys."



Rosa Mays, crew chief
"I love my job! The life here, the excitement, the happy people...it's so loud and fun! I just started to work on the grill, and it's great."



Subway doors open at last

GTMO base commander Navy Capt. Robert A. Buehn, center, does the honors with the scissors at the grand opening of GTMO's new Subway store Wednesday. Buehn is flanked by, from left to right, GTMO NEX general manager Jack Crotty, store owners Lyle and Cyndi Swanson, Navy Capt. Dick Thombridge, Vice Commander, NEXcom, and Gene Bowers, NEXcom's southern regional services operations manager.

"Subway is always the most-requested food establishment in surveys of military bases, and when the company asked me to come here four months ago, it looked feasible," said Swanson, who owns 46 stores. "Ever since, the base has been accommodating in every way."

The store serves breakfast (and pizza) and will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy!

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Man on the Street

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This week's question:

What's the greatest fast food restaurant in the world?



Tom Thompson

"I don't like the greasy fast food, so I'm going to go with the Subway. I've been waiting here for over three years to get me one of those roast beef sandwiches."



Rizalino Ladiero

"I would prefer a good Oriental restaurant, but Subway will have to do. Those roast beef sandwiches they make really hit the spot."



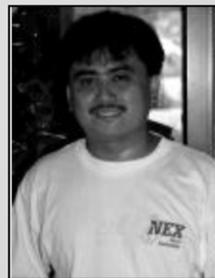
Dave Robertson

"I say Kentucky Fried Chicken. I love that original recipe with some cole slaw, mashed potatoes and gravy. I hope they bring one here."



Fernando Zacarias

"McDonald's is the place to go. You can't beat that dollar menu that they have. I just wish that they sold cappuccinos."



Robert Catapang

"I love Subway. That stuff can get me through the day. I'll eat this stuff for breakfast, lunch and dinner if I have to."

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to your nation. Thanks for carrying out to make sure that freedom's light will always shine. Life is good on the first team, and that's what we have right here. God bless you!"

After the general's speech Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Raymond Tetreault led the audience in a prayer remembering the veterans for the sacrifices they've made for the flag. Afterward, he said to all the participants to "enjoy the night," because this

of the "veterans' night."

"I think this is a good opportunity to really think about the people that have given their lives for us," said Coast Guard Capt. Paul Crissy of PSU 307. "I think the general put it very appropriately when he said 'everybody gave something, but some gave it all,'" said Crissy.

"It was a nice time to get together and to say goodbye to a lot of people and have some fellowship on Veterans Day," said Army Maj. Gen. Dunlavey, who after seven months as commander of JTF-160/170 was due

Tuesday to board the ferry, leave the GTMO sunshine and return home to his civilian life. "C.G.

had a great thing to say: 'we're all veterans, and we're still fighting this war,'" said Dunlavey.

"We're trying to protect everything we need and hold dear. We were there praying together, and ironically the enemy we're fighting in the current global War on Terrorism is trying to rely on his version of what God said to destroy the world. What a contrast!"

Chaplain

Merrill, the lead organizer of the event, was content with the turnout. "We had a house. Tonight we have seen that the leaders of Joint Task Force-GTMO support



Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller addressing servicemembers at the special gathering for Veterans Day at the Camp America chapel Monday night.

was also a social event for people to share food, drinks and conversation on a special occasion.

It seemed that everybody was moved and blended into the spirit



Army Chaplain Michael Merrill stands with GTMO's top brass as the national anthem is played at Camp America's chapel Monday night.

the soldiers," he said.

"We wanted to do something from the leadership perspective to let every soldier, sailor, Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman know they are important, and that they are appreciated, and that we respect everyone who is down here making a sacrifice of their time and their lives and serving our country," said Merrill.

"What happened tonight was actually a testimony that people of the different branches of service can work together for the same common goal. We may wear different uniforms, but when push comes to shove we have the same goal, which is to stand for what's right and stand up for freedom."

"I think it was a tremendous success, a testament to the cooperation of the forces here and a testament to the Lord," said Sgt. Mark Winters of the 342nd Military Police Co. "It shows everybody in Camp America we can work together, and people are looking out for them."

"I think one of the most important things we can do is remember our veterans, because if it wasn't for them and their sacrifices we would not be here. Certainly we would not be here as free as we are," said Winters.

Like Merrill, the organizers of Camp America's Protestant services called the night a success.

"This just started out as a small conversation about organizing, for the soldiers here at Camp America, a social night in remembrance of the veterans, and amaz-

ingly we got more. The whole JTF-GTMO command came," said Army Staff Sgt. John Sain. "I wasn't expecting to see two generals in one night. It's unbelievable and really gratifying."

"When we try to do something, and God is in it, it just gets bigger. He's totally awesome," said Sain.

"Tonight was an excellent gathering. I was very impressed by the night whole setup, the whole format," said Spc. Hollister Robinson of the 342nd MPs.

"I think we have achieved the purpose of the night," he said. "Fellowship is always a great thing."

"It was nice to have a commemoration of Veterans Day. On Monday night, I saw many veterans from Vietnam and the gulf war," said Army Chaplain Tetreault. "It's important to pass on the tradition."

"The reason behind these holidays is to not forget the sacrifices that were and are now being made for this country. I was pleased to see Gen. Miller coming up and showing his support for the servicemembers here," said Tetreault.

"We always have to remember those who gave their tomorrow so we can have our tomorrow," he added.

"A special thank you to the Navy Exchange for the refreshments, and the warehouse that provided all the paper product for the celebration of Veterans Day at GTMO," said Chaplain Merrill at the end of the gathering.



Servicemembers talking and reaching to a table filled with refreshments and finger food especially prepared for the veterans' night at Camp America.