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## "Ever Forward," 2-116th Inf. steps it up



By Spc. Katherine L. Collins

Marching in the footsteps of Stonewall himself, and their forbearing infantrymen, the 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. excels to new heights.

These Virginia troopers arrived in Guantanamo early last December ready to perform their mission of securing Camp Delta. Since their arrival, they have continued to aim at the target of success, hitting the mark repeatedly as a battalion and as individuals.

“We do what we call ‘guarding the guards,’ which is controlling the check-points, conducting mounted and dismounted patrols, and keeping watch from the towers,” said Sgt. Jason T. Wilkins, of Co. B. “This is just the basic 2-116th mission.”

Upon arrival here and throughout the mission, the 2-116th set many goals for themselves. According to Wilkins, the troopers have grown stronger and wiser as individuals and as a battalion from striving to reach them all.

Photo by Spc. George Allen

Pfc. Johnson Juarez (left) and Pfc. Christopher Myers (right) mount a 50 Caliber machine gun on a Humvee during pre-range training.

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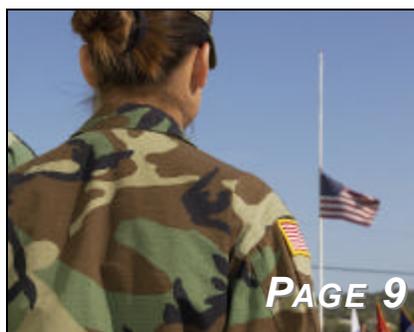
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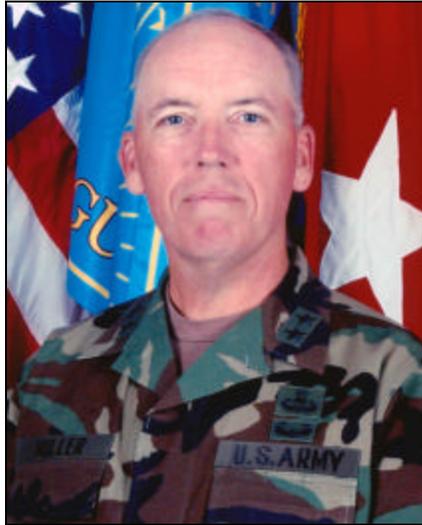
## Message from the Top

We have completed the rotation of our units and Troopers for our JTF. This is a great unit who will become even better with the energy and commitment of our newly arrived leaders and troopers. Welcome to the two thousand new troopers who have joined our new Team. We are glad to have you aboard.

Our leaders in the JTF have been given a great opportunity and take on a great responsibility. The opportunity is to lead from the front, being a standard setter in every thing we do. The responsibility is teaching, training, and mentoring this JTF and our people to continue to accept excellence as our standard of performance. These two missions are the heart of what I believe is leader business.

We are all about getting better each day, building on the strong foundation of mission accomplishment that is the hallmark of our JTF. Leaders - corporals, sergeants, chiefs, and our officer corps - make the difference between being good and being great. They live their personal and professional standards each day, demonstrating what "right looks like," being role models for all of us to compare our performance and improve how we accomplish our part of the mission. Great leaders help us see what is possible and coach us to make it happen in all we do.

As we all settle into the rhythm of accomplishing the mission of



**MG Geoffrey D. Miller**  
Commander  
JTF Guantanamo

JTF Guantanamo I see our units and troopers pulling together to ensure we remain a centerpiece in our nation's fight to win the war on terrorism. We have a difficult and demanding mission, whether it is working in cellblocks and interrogation booths in Camp Delta, walking patrol on the ridgelines, guarding our coastline or working in one of our many support facilities. It is all about leaders and troopers committing to giving their best each day, taking responsibility for winning at everything we do.

Thanks for joining our Team and committing to excellence. Together we will win this fight - our nation is depending on us.

**HONOR BOUND!**

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## Trivia Question of the Week:

***“How many sea huts are located in Camp America?”***

*Please send your answers to the JTF Public Affairs Office, email address: [pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil) by Tuesday, Sep. 16.*

**Last week's question:** “What is the total weight lost by the JTF troopers since arriving at JTF Guantanamo?”

**Answer:** Over 5,000 pounds

# 362nd PA Det. finishes public affairs mission

By Spc. Rick Fahr

They came as individuals with varying levels of experience and knowledge.

They're leaving as a versatile team of skilled journalists, broadcasters and media operations personnel.

Members of the 362nd Public Affairs Detachment of the U.S. Army Reserve are preparing to leave Guantanamo Bay after about 10 months on the island. Reflecting upon their service as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, unit members agreed that the deployment changed them in many ways.

"When we came here, we were a young team with not a lot of experience. We are going out of here to do any broadcast mission that comes our way," said Sgt. Dan Johnson, who serves as non-commissioned officer in charge of the unit's broadcast section. "We've grown and matured and became better broadcasters, better soldiers and better people."

The unit, based in New Hampshire and comprised of troopers from that state and Massachusetts, consists of three groups of personnel, each with different responsibilities. Some of the troopers serve in more than one group, evidence of the flexible nature of the unit.

"One person is strong in one thing. Another person is strong in something else. Those two people can pair up and synergize and become greater than their sum, so to speak," Johnson said.

The unit's commander, Maj. Paul Caruso, said producing quality media products involved educating troopers on the unit's mission.

"When we first hit the ground, my soldiers had to train up the JTF troopers on what we do and especially not to be afraid of PAO journalists. Don't confuse us with the media. Our mission was to tell the JTF story and send 'good



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr  
Members of the 362nd Mobile Public Affairs Det. -- (from left) Sgt. Benari Poulten, Spc. Delaney Jackson and Spc. Alan Knesek -- examine a layout from a recent edition of *The Wire*.

news' stories of Guard and Reserve soldiers doing their part in fighting the global war on terrorism. We did just that and more," he explained. "I couldn't be more proud of my soldiers and what they've accomplished over the past 10 months. There were some hurdles to get over at first, but they operated like a finely tuned machine. In some ways, it's too bad we have to go home. We're just getting started."

The broadcast section — Johnson, Sgt. Benari Poulten, Sgt. Bob Mitchell, Spc. Mark Leone, Spc. Jared Mulloy, Spc. Justin Cornish and Spc. Lisa Gordon — was responsible for developing videos to highlight each unit and record various special events.

Johnson explained that the broadcast mission included work with the Naval Base Media Center's radio station, 103.1 The Blitz, as well as setting up technical equipment in numerous locales. The sergeant said that the unit's public affairs missions gave the soldiers a unique view of the breadth of military jobs.

"Something that has always been a treat is that you get to go out and experience what the infantry does. You get to go out and experience what engineers and MPs and medics and aviators

and tankers do," he said.

The print section's primary function was to publish the Joint Task Force's newspaper, *The Wire*, each week. Staff Sgt. Stephen Lewald headed the section. Other members were Sgt. Erin Crawley, Spc. Alan Knesek, Spc. Delaney Jackson, Gordon, Mulloy, Poulten and Mitchell.

Knesek — a staff writer, photographer and page designer — noted that working in the print section allowed him to hone his skills.

"I came down here with three years of experience in the Reserve, no real deployments. One weekend a month, you can't really get enough time to get the experience you need for the job," he said. "After 11 months here, I can go home and feel confident enough to jump right in on any other deployment and function fully."

Capt. Linda Spillane reported that the journalists received an honorable mention in the 2002 MG Keith L. Ware Journalism Awards Competition.

"Our journalists have done an outstanding job telling JTF Guantanamo's story. Since we've been here, they have produced 40 issues of *The Wire*," she said. "In June 2003, the Department of the Army named two of the journal-

ists as outstanding Army writers. I'm very proud of all our journalists."

Media relations personnel serve as liaisons between the JTF and civilian media and perform various other tasks. Capt. Michael Moss leads the group, which includes 1st Lt. Jessa Cosio, Sgt. 1st Class Lillian Falco, Sgt. Keith Johnson and Leone.

Moss said that the section's top priority was helping shape perceptions of the military's mission at Guantanamo.

"I feel that our biggest accomplishment dealt with successful media visits that changed the perception of Camp Delta. We hosted international media from all continents during the 28 media visits we planned and executed. Every media visit was a success. This was from the hard work and dedication of our section," he commented, adding that the section's members received Army Achievement medals for work with media representatives of "60 Minutes II." Moss said another aspect of the section's work involves traveling to escort civilian media members to the base and monitor their interviews.

Beyond the ways in which the soldiers grew professionally, they grew together as a group, a "family away from family." Several soldiers explained that long deployments compel soldiers to develop bonds with those around them.

"We were very lucky because we all get along very well," Poulten commented. "I don't think it would have mattered where we were sent. This unit has a great time working together. We are always willing to help our buddies out — one team, one fight, that sort of thing. Even more than that, these are people we enjoy helping out and enjoy seeing them succeed."

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Photo by Spc. George Allen

*Spc. Richard Bergeron 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. prepares a range card during a training exercise here at Guantanamo Bay.*

Outside its primary mission, the battalion focused on its Mission Essential Task list. This consisted, first, of engaging in live-fire scenarios up to the platoon level, incorporating mortar fires, and conducting several Command Direct Live Fires, of which the 2-116th was the first infantry unit to do so in Guantanamo.

The 2-116th also pushed to increase its annual physical fitness test (APFT) scores while here and succeeded. Co. A earned a Gold PT streamer, while the other three companies achieved Bronze PT Streamers. To achieve a streamer, a company must score the average corresponding points for that banner on the APFT. For example, it must score 250 points or more for the gold streamer.

In addition, three soldiers completed the 500-mile running achievement, earning a four-day pass to Puerto Rico. To earn this pass, a runner must document running 500 miles in the Run for Life Program.

"This is a great incentive,

and I'm proud that many of our soldiers took advantage of the opportunity and a few achieved the goal," said 1st Sgt. Stephen Shields of Co. A.

Finally, the battalion completed the Expert Infantryman's Badge (EIB) test. This is significant because, in the past, National Guard soldiers have been provided few opportunities to test for this award.

At Guantanamo, 100 soldiers stepped up to test. Thirty-one met the prerequisites for the test, and 12 achieved the badge. These were the first 12 EIBs awarded in Guantanamo.

According to Shields, earning the badge is a challenge. In order to test, a soldier must meet four prerequisites. He must fire expert on the M16, finish a 12-mile march carrying 35 pounds, pass a day and night land-navigation course, and achieve a minimum of 70 percent in each of the three APFT categories.

"My greatest experience here was my first attempt at my Expert Infantryman's Badge," said Wilkins. "I made it

through the first day, which was a real accomplishment. I understand it takes most soldiers multiple tries to finally achieve the badge. I'll make it there too," he said.

Wilkins explained the initial outlook he possessed about the JTF mission and the 2-116th capability and the expectations he had of the mission.

"On the whole, I pretty much knew what to expect coming on this deployment. I was deployed to Bosnia in 1997-98 with the 116th, so I learned what a deployment is like then. I knew our battalion would succeed here. Many who are in the unit now served together in Bosnia when I was there. We have a lot of experience working together."

Wilkins said this mindset helped him deal with his great challenges. "My top challenges have been enduring the extreme heat and dealing with the everyday changes," he said.

Like Wilkins, Sgt. Zachary Woods, of Headquarters Headquarters Co., said his two prior deployments prepared him for

JTF. "I knew what to expect on active duty," he said. "Such as what the standards would be. I was able to answer questions of those soldiers who had never been on deployments before and my job here as a communication chief in the TOC (Tactical Operations Center) allowed me to inform others of what is going on and how things operate, such as the arms room and the ranges."

Woods said, "I was aware of what my job would be like here, particularly because of my deployment experience, but the job here did branch off. At times we assisted the Navy and Marines with their communications equipment. It allowed us to cross-train on their equipment."

Wilkins said, the 2-116th grew close in Bosnia, but JTF Guantanamo has brought the battalion to a higher level of functioning. "As individuals and as a whole, we are a great deal better at our job now," he said. Wilkins said the mission also impacted himself as an individual. "I became better at my job, particularly as a leader. The squad leaders passed on responsibilities to the team leaders, giving them the opportunity to grow in their leadership skills," he said.

They also had advice for those just arriving.

"The best advice I can pass on is to always keep a cool mind," said Wilkins. "Stuff can always go wrong and things change all the time. Just go with the flow."

"My advice is, just take each day at a time," said Woods.

The 2-116th's JTF experience indeed reveals the great opportunities the Guantanamo mission provides, and it demonstrates how adhering to such wisdom helps one hit the mark. They serve as a great example of excellence.

## Two units: small in size, large in impact

By Sgt. Jolene Staker

We have all heard that dynamite comes in small packages. This proved true on the evening of Aug. 26, when two small units set foot on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 14th Finance Detachment arrived with nine soldiers, and the 70th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) came in 19 soldiers strong.

While the units' arrival may have been fairly low key, the impact they have on the daily lives of the troopers serving in Guantanamo is substantial.

The 14th Finance Company out of New York, N.Y., is responsible for making sure troopers get the pay they have coming and benefits such as hardship pay. The unit is commanded by Capt. Kim Chow and their Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) is Sgt. 1st Class Arthur Kudzin.

The unit has five soldiers in the military

pay section, three soldiers in the budget section, and one soldier working with the comptroller.

Sgt. 1st Class Ernesto Ramos, NCOIC of military pay, sums up his unit's mission by saying, "What is important is serving the soldiers and their families." He remembers when finance was far from the field, but now they are close to the troopers they serve. One example of this is sending two representatives from the 14th to Camp America twice a week.

Spc. Juan Disen says that he is, "just going to concentrate on the job so I can take it back to my unit and teach others."

The 70th MPAD out of Missouri and Arkansas produces *the Wire*, escorts civilian media, produces video products as well as filling in on the occasional spot on NAVBASE radio. The unit is commanded by Maj. Jonathan Dolan and their NCOIC is Master Sgt. John Campbell.

The unit has seven soldiers on *the Wire* staff, four in media relations, two in public information, three in broadcast, and three in administration.

Dolan summarizes his unit's mission by saying, "Our mission is to make the JTF and its troopers look good. The quality of the JTF troopers and the competence of my soldiers will make that task easy."

Campbell says, "I expect we will do our best to continue on the work of the 362nd and where possible make improvements."

When Sgt. Jeff Wells is asked what the deployment means to him, he says, "I feel I am standing on the brink of history and few people get that opportunity."

The troopers are not thinking all about work. Kudzin sees it as an opportunity to spend a lot more time in the gym. Wells, being a certified scuba diver, admits that off-duty activities interest him as well.

## 2-116th FRG welcomes soldiers back with enthusiasm

By Sgt. Jolene Staker

Pat Wilkinson, lead volunteer for the Family Readiness Group (FRG) of the 2nd Bn. 116th Inf. Regt., wife of Lt. Col. Tom Wilkinson, Battalion Commander of the 2-116th, has families as her first priority.

"The FRG goal is to welcome the soldiers home with all the fanfare we can manage and thank them for their dedication and service to our country," she said. "Without our heroes stationed across the globe, we would not have the freedoms we so easily enjoy. They deserve the best when they get home."

The FRG has no small task ahead of them to accomplish their goal. They have many soldiers returning at the same time to different locations.

Wilkinson said that one must be flexible to be a military wife. She learned this firsthand when her husband was deployed to the first Gulf War. She had young children and had to do a permanent change of station move by herself. "You grow with deployments or you won't make it," she

says.

The deployment here can be a strain for these families because they are used to being married to citizen soldiers. Drill

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*Pat Wilkinson*

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once a month and the two-week annual training periods were the longest they were used to being separated.

Spouses have to learn to be both mom and dad as well as cut the grass, balance the checkbook, and do all the household chores. Many have given birth alone and others have gone through family tragedies without the personal support of those they needed the most.

"It's been challenging but also strength building," said Wilkinson. She added that this is where the FRG has been there, to offer friendship and support.

Many have made new friends across the state. It's this strength and network of friends that the soldiers of 2-116th will return to.

Family members and spouses have also found new friends and support from others who share similar difficulties. By involving themselves in the network established by the FRG, spouses and children were able to find associations and possibly set up support networks for times when family or close friends may not have had the insight military families have.

For those who may not have needed, or used the resources available by the FRG, it's availability will still be a constant presence. Families never know when sudden unexpected emergencies may arise.

Wilkinson sums it up by saying, "My life isn't easy, but we support Tom and think he is the greatest. Not everyone has a real life hero in their family."

## RECREATION &amp; LEISURE

## Abundance of activities keep JTF troopers busy

By Sgt. Jolene Staker

Everyone knows what all work and no play does. The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) department works tirelessly to keep troopers active and engaged while they are off-duty in Guantanamo.

The liberty centers are just one example. The main liberty center is at Marine Hill with satellite locations at Winward Loop, Tierra Kay, Hospital Barracks, Camp America, and on the Leeward Side. Each location has computers available for internet access with web-cams and a television viewing area.

The Marine Hill Liberty Center has 18 computers for internet access. Additionally, six networked computers are reserved for games that may be played competitively between fellow troopers. Playstation-2, video game machines, and a variety of board and table games are available, including ping-pong and pool. There are free magazines to pick up and a selection of magazines to read on site. The large screen television is used for movie nights and snacks are provided.

The benefit of the Marine Hill Liberty Center to troopers can be summarized best by Norris Brown, recreational aide. He said, "Anyone who comes in with a long face goes out smiling."

MWR sponsors a wide variety of activities such as night fishing, bowling parties, Nine Ball and nine-pin No Tap bowling tournaments, chess tournaments plus many more-check out the bulletin boards at the NEX, the gyms, or watch Channel 4 for more information.

Flag football teams are now competing for the Captain's Cup. After that will be soccer and volleyball matches, which will begin in October.

The Downtown Lyceum and the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum provide movies each



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

*Petty Officer 1st Class James Seay, of the JTF Detention Hospital and Second Place Winner, faces off to Spc. Kenneth Nellum, Sr. of 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. who finished third place in the chess tournament held at the Marine Hill Liberty Center.*

***"Anyone who comes in with a long face goes out smiling."***

*Norris Brown*

night with double features on Friday and Saturday. These movies are fairly current

and troopers do not need to worry if they miss a movie they really want to see-the movies cycle through a few times to give everyone a chance to see them.

There are three gyms- G. J. Denich, Marine Hill and Camp Bulkeley. Various classes are available for no charge to include kickboxing, step aerobics, yoga, and spinning. Tae Kwon Do is available for \$20 a month.

If the scheduled events don't fit in your schedule, or you are more of a free spirit, the MWR also provides individualized programs so troopers can win awards for exercises. These programs include, but are not limited to, aerobics, racquetball, walking, golf, sailing, cardiovascular machines, running, tennis, weight lifting, swimming, bicycling and nautilus circuit training. The awards include mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts,

jackets and sports bags.

The JTF MWR offers its troopers the chance to earn a four-day pass to Puerto Rico. It is called the JTF GTMO MWR 500 mile Run Achievement. Interested troopers can get more information at building 2300 in Camp America.

MWR Ceramics & Pottery is available for group classes and Birthday parties.

If troopers enjoy the water, the MWR Marina Sailing Center has powerboats, sailboats, pontoon boats, and kayaks for rent.

Should a trooper decide to have a dining experience outside of the galley several options are available. The Windjammer, Pizza Hut, the Bayview, the Jerk House, KFC, McDonalds, and A&W are here. Though some restaurant are more specialized, most can find something to cater to their taste.

If troops just need a place to hang out and relax, there is the Tiki Bar, Club Survivor, the Windjammer Club, the Acey Duecy Club (for E-5 and E-6 grades), the Chief Petty Officers Club (for E-7 grades and above), Rick's Lounge (for commissioned officers and the civilian equivalent), and the Clipper Club (located on Leeward side-open to all hands).

# Working on the chain (link) gang . . .

By Staff Sgt. David Davis

Some troopers are born to lead. Sgt. Shurn A. Davis of the 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. is recognized for his leadership in the gym, his own physical fitness test improvement, and his overall professional betterment. In the gym, Davis prefers to workout with his team and says his is a good one. "Our guys are physically fit," he said.

Davis is a fitness leader, continually implementing his workout and health plan. He says he obtains higher levels of success and continues to climb, thus improving his performance on the job. "Being physically fit helps us patrol up and down the big hills without fatiguing," he said. "There is a lot of dedication here."

That dedication also affects those who work with him. "Get up off your couch potato butts," he demands. "Get those



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Davis

Sgt. Shurn A. Davis, 2nd Bn. 116th Inf. Regt., prepares to workout at Camp Bulkeley Gym, affectionately referring to it as the Banana Rat Trap.

nasty lazy bodies up to the gym and do some kind of workout." He found that many of them took his advice and some were already working out with him.

Taking advantage of his tour here, Davis improved his 225 pounds bench lift to 360 pounds. The increase in

strength even helped him lose 15 pounds. This is reflective of Davis' plan of action that includes some good advice and common sense. His two-front approach includes attention to exercise and diet.

"We try to do something everyday," said Davis about his

team's workout schedule. "Upper body one day, lower body the next." Their routine is both strength building and cardio improving, an example being his run improved by two minutes since he first arrived.

At mealtime, Davis tries to fill up with vegetables and avoid greasy foods, eating desert sparingly.

"I watch what I eat," he said. "But sometimes temptation pulls at you. We should cut back (on consumption). Eat a salad. Stay away from the main food line and drink plenty of water."

Davis, who originally served on active duty with the Army from 1987 until 1995, said he enlisted in the reserves to keep in touch with his military inclinations.

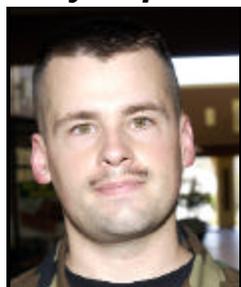
"I like the military," said Davis. He also said it allows him the opportunity to develop his civilian career as a federal police officer.

## Man on the Street

Compiled by Staff Sgt. David Davis

This week's question:

**As a newer member of JTF Guantanamo, what personal or professional goals do you plan on achieving during the deployment?**



**Air Force Staff Sgt. David J. Robinson - J4**

"My personal goal is to be able to run 10 miles. A professional goal is to develop a better understanding of how all the different (military) services work together in their joint missions."



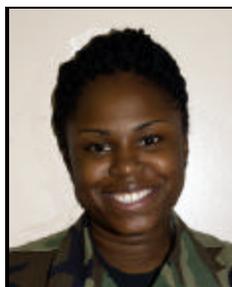
**Senior Airman Whitney E. Scott - Joint Information Group Linguist (JIGL)**

"My personal goal is to lose weight, get in shape!"



**Army Sgt. Kevin A. Wallace 216th MP Co.**

"A personal goal is to learn as much as possible about my actual Army job in admin."



**Senior Airman Karen Ezell J6 Help Desk**

"My personal goal is to learn as much about computers as I can and go back to my unit and apply the knowledge."



**Army Staff Sgt. Melvin L. Robinson 216th MP Co.**

"My professional goal is to make sure that all of my unit gets the logistical support they need. A personal goal is to complete the mission and arrive back home safely."

# Chaplains Corner

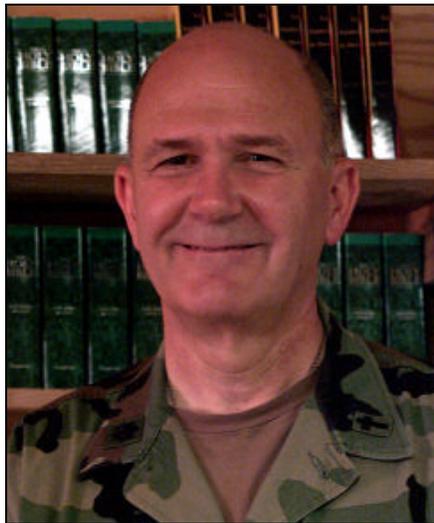
By Lt. Col Stephen E. Feehan  
JTF Guantanamo Chaplain

I was watching one of the news channels the other day and they were remembering the events of September 11th. One thought seemed to be the theme of the program, 9-11 changed everything. Subsequently, I have seen several brief portions of other programs on the same news channel with the same theme, how the events of 9-11 have changed everything for us. To be sure, the attack on the United States has changed many things. Travel, tourism, the economy, our individual lives have all changed significantly. Who would have thought we would be in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba today?

The more I thought about these programs and their theme "everything has changed" the more I began thinking of things that have not changed.

We Americans love freedom. We have always loved freedom. We want it for ourselves and we want it for everyone. We are unwilling to allow any tyrant or terrorist to take our freedom. This has not changed.

JTF Guantanamo is a relatively new organization. It was brought into existence because of the Global War on Terrorism. However, our motto is not new at all. I seem to remember that our founding fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their personal honor in the defense of freedom. We stand in a very long line of those who follow our tradition and legacy, "Honor Bound to Defend Freedom".



**Lt. Col. Steve Feehan**  
Joint Task Force Chaplain  
JTF Guantanamo

Another thing that has not changed is God's love. "Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his loves endures forever." Psalm 106:1

No matter how much things change. No matter how much we change. We can always be assured that the love of God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He always loves us. He also loves freedom because without freedom it is impossible to choose. Without freedom it is impossible to love.

Love is a choice. We choose to love our country. We choose to love each other. We choose to love God. We choose to love freedom. We choose to defend what we love.

Honor Bound to Defend Freedom!

## Changes to the siren system

NavSta GTMO will be improving the Siren System starting on the 25th of September. Improvements will include computerized enhancements enabling the system to provide "self-tests" on Wednesdays, play colors each morning and evening and also will provide COM-NAVBASE with a Public Address capability for voice announcements.

You can expect to hear the improved system tested as these improvements are implemented.

## Worship Services

### Catholic

#### Main Chapel

Daily	6:30 a.m.	Mass Cobre Chapel
Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. Cobre Chapel
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	11 a.m.	Mass (Sanctuary B)

#### Camp America

Sun.	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
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### Protestant

#### Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	7 p.m.	Spanish Group 390-Evan's Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
	7:15 p.m.	Youth 7-12 Fellowship*
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*

\* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

#### Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Seaside Galley (Temporary location until further notice)
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

#### Day Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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#### Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 Chapel Complex
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#### Jewish

Fri.	8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
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#### Camp America Church Bus schedule:

Sun.	8 a.m.	Windward Loop
	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay

The bus will return immediately following worship.

# 9/11: In Remembrance ...



Troopers, JTF employees and family members joined in prayer and remembrance on the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 Thursday at Camp America.

As the narrator reminded all present of the three tragic sites where so many lost their lives, the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 the bell tolled three solemn times.

"On Sept. 11, 2001 American freedom was attacked ... We will not forget," said MG Geoffrey D. Miller, JTF Guantanamo commander, a sentiment echoed by many Americans over the past two years.

## Citizen soldier: an opportunity to serve

By Spc. Tommi Meyer

Young people are compelled to join the military for many different reasons: college money, patriotism, family tradition or maybe just to be part of a team.

Sgt. Howard "Buck" Ni, of Co. B, 2nd Bn. 116th Inf. Regt. had a compelling reason by any standard.

"I just wanted to give something back to the country," said Ni, an immigrant from China who moved to the United States in childhood, becoming a U.S. citizen as an adult.

Ni, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute (VMI), said he has a sense of gratitude for the opportunities that were afforded to him after moving to the United States.

"I have so much more in the States than I would have in China," he said. "The chance to go to VMI, a car; just a lot more. The Guard even helped me



Photo by Spc. Tommi Meyer  
Sgt. Howard "Buck" Ni, Co. B, 2nd Bn. 116th Inf. Regt. gets ready to roll out on patrol.

with tuition."

Ni plans to take every opportunity to further his education, hoping to continue on to graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., to study Foreign Service.

"I hope to use my language skills and to travel after I finish school," he said.

While here at Guantanamo, when he isn't on perimeter patrol at Camp Delta or working other duty, Ni has

tried to keep up his study habits.

"I have spent a lot of time studying for the entrance exam to graduate school," he said, "I am trying to stay kind of in study mode."

Ni said his tour here at Guantanamo has been rewarding and challenging.

"I do feel like [the deployment to Guantanamo] is a contribution to everything going on," he said. "It's been a good experience, but I am ready to get to the next phase of my life."

## RECREATION & LEISURE *continued*

### Movie Schedule



#### Camp Bulkeley

**Fri., Sept. 12**  
8 p.m. *Juwanna Man*  
PG 13 - 91 min

10 p.m. *Stripes*  
R - 101 min

**Sat., Sept. 13**  
8 p.m. *Drumline*  
PG13 - 119 min

10 p.m. *8 Mile*  
R - 111 min

**Sun., Sept. 14**  
8 p.m. *Spiderman*  
PG13 - 121 min

**Mon., Sept. 15**  
8 p.m. *Accidental Spy*  
PG13 - 101 min

**Tues., Sept. 16**  
8 p.m. *Eraser*  
R - 101 min

**Wed., Sept. 17**  
8 p.m. *Die Another Day*  
PG13 - 129 min

**Thurs., Sept. 18**  
8 p.m. *Enough*  
PG13 - 111 min

#### Downtown Lyceum

**Fri., Sept. 12**  
8 p.m. *Johnny English*  
PG - 88 min

10 p.m. *How to Deal*  
PG13 - 102 min

**Sat., Sept. 13**  
8 p.m. *Sinbad Land of the Seven Seas*  
PG - 86 min

10 p.m. *Bad Boys*  
PG13 - 102 min

**Sun., Sept. 14**  
8 p.m. *Pirates of the Caribbean*  
PG13 - 105 min

**Mon., Sept. 15**  
8 p.m. *Johnny English*  
R - 102 min

**Tues., Sept. 16**  
8 p.m. *The League of Extraordinary Gentleman*  
PG13 - 110 min

**Wed., Sept. 17**  
8 p.m. *Legally Blonde 2*  
PG13 - 94 min

**Thurs., Sept. 18**  
8 p.m. *How to Deal*  
PG13 - 102 min

### Club Survivor

Jamie Buckley

at Club Survivor

**CANCELLED**  
New Date and Time TBA  
Sept. 12  
8 P.M.



# Sports

## Sports highlights

# NFL football begins; baseball races wind down

Summary by Spc. Rick Fahr

A Michael Vickless **Atlanta Falcons** squad ruined the Tuna's coaching debut for the **Dallas Cowboys** on Sunday. The Falcons roared back in the second half to win, 27-13, but Cowboys fans shouldn't despair, yet. Bill Parcells has only won one of his four NFL debuts. Troy Hambrick, Emmitt Smith's replacement, rushed for an underwhelming 53 yards on 144 carries.

Speaking of Emmitt, his new team, the **Arizona Cardinals**, fell to the **Detroit Lions** in Head Coach Steve Mariucci's debut. Smith gained 64 yards on 13 carries, but the Cardinals couldn't keep pace, 42-24.

The **Miami Dolphins** had won a dozen openers in a row. Hosting the second-year **Houston Texans**, the Fish had to feel pretty good about their chances of extending their streak to 13. Someone forgot to tell the Texans, who won 21-20 when Kris Brown

kicked his fifth field goal with only 25 seconds left.

Looking ahead to Sunday's games, the **San Francisco 49ers** travel to the **St. Louis Rams** and look to even their record at 1-1; the **Tennessee Titans** take their 1-0 record to Indianapolis for possibly a playoff preview with the **Colts**; and in the Monday night game, the Cowboys head to the Meadowlands for an **NFC** showdown with the **New York Giants**.

The fourth sign of the apocalypse: The **Chicago Cubs** are in first place in the National League Central. Behind the arm of Kerry Wood, the Cubs beat the **Milwaukee Brewers** 9-2 on Sunday to pull a half-game ahead.

But all is not topsy-turvy in the diamond world. The **New York Yankees** remain 2 1/2 games ahead of their perennial follower, the **Boston Red Sox**, in the American League East.

Edging the **Pittsburgh Pirates** 2-1, the **Atlanta Braves** became the first Major League team to notch 90 wins this season.

On the college gridiron, **Miami Hurricanes** quarterback Brock Berlin threw for 340 yards as Miami came back from a 23-point deficit to beat the **Florida Gators** in Miami, 38-33. The win boosted the Hurricanes to No. 2 in the week's AP poll.

Sitting at No. 1, though, is **Oklahoma**, fresh off a big win in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Sooners squeaked past the **Alabama Crimson Tide** 20-13.

The coming weekend has no dearth of games with national title implications and bragging rights hanging in the balance: **Notre Dame** takes on **Michigan** (3:30 p.m., ABC); **Penn State** travels to **Nebraska** (8 p.m., ABC); **Oregon** visits **Arizona** (10 p.m., TBS) and the **Texas Longhorns** host their old Southwest Conference foe, the **Arkansas Razorbacks** (noon, ABC).

Sports Highlights compiled from CNN.com

## Head to head

# Longhorns, Razorbacks renew rivalry

By Spc. Rick Fahr

Perhaps in no other sport do rivalries play as important a role than in college football.

Teams hinge their seasons against one opponent. Fans wait an entire year for one game. Success — or failure — comes in one final score.

A rivalry that has spanned generations will renew itself at noon Saturday, as the University of Texas (UT) Longhorns host their one-time conference antagonist, the University of Arkansas (UA) Razorbacks.

From the days of the 1969 "Shootout," which pitted the top two teams in the land, to the 2000 Cotton Bowl, the Longhorns and Hogs have met each

other on the field many times.

For fans, those games represent more than football contests.

"I was at the 'Shootout' in 1969, right out of boot camp," said Sgt. 1st Class Tom Guminsky, Media Chief for the 70th Mobile Public Affairs here. "Needless to say, I've had a bad taste in my mouth ever since. ... If you grow up in Arkansas and you've been around as long as I have, you just hate burnt orange and the state of Texas."



Sgt. 1st Class  
Tom Guminsky  
70th MPAD

Guminsky, a long-time Razorback supporter, noted that UA has a two-game winning streak going against UT.

"We beat them the last time they played in Little Rock, and we beat them in the 2000 Cotton Bowl," he commented. "I think it'll be close, 15-14 or somewhere in there."

He predicted the UA running back Cedric Cobbs, this week's Southeastern Conference player of the week, will give UA the edge.

On the other end of the fan spectrum is Pfc. Mickey Miller, also of the 70th and a Texas native who now lives in Arkansas.

"It's as much a rivalry in Texas as it is in Arkansas," said

Miller. "People live and breathe it in Arkansas, and they live and breathe it in Texas."

Miller contended the highly ranked Longhorns would stifle the Hogs' offense.

"They're ranked Number five in the nation, and they're Number five in the nation for a reason," he said. "I think probably the defense will stop Arkansas' offense. And that's how you win all games: defense."



Pfc. Mickey Miller  
70th MPAD

# Volunteers plan free golf clinics for island's females

By Spc. Rick Fahr

Aspiring Serenas or Annikas should make plans to be at Yatera Seca Golf Club on Monday for the first in a series of golf clinics.

Available to females age 16 and older, the clinics will begin at 6 p.m. at the golf course driving range, located behind the golf shed (WR34). There is no charge for the instruction.

Yatera Seca Golf Association volunteers will be conducting the clinics, which will focus on golf fundamentals (grip, stance, swing posture).

Michael Weathers, vice president of the golf association, said that participants should bring a 7-iron, if possible. Clubs will be available, though, for participants who do not have access to them he added.

Weathers noted that females who want to attend the clinics should be at the first session

"We'll be focusing on the basics, things to help these ladies who might be just getting started," he said.

For more information, contact Weathers at 4526 or 7683 or Darnell Davis at 5571 or 84231.



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr  
Pat Weathers receives a lesson on a proper golf grip from her husband, Michael Weathers, vice president of the Yatera Seca Golf Association. Michael Weathers and other volunteers will begin a series of golf clinics for females on Monday.

## Sports

### Flag football begins season; JTF fields teams

In early flag football action, the Captain's Cup is up for grabs and two JTF teams are vying for the championship.

JTF JIG lost its first game. Hospital defeated JIG 34-6 Friday night.

On Monday night, JTF 661 1st picked up a forfeit win over JTF Detroit Dawgs.

In upcoming play, JTF JIG will play league-leading NEX tonight at 6 p.m. and MCSF Co. Monday at 7 p.m. JTF 661 1st will play NAVSTA on Monday at 6 p.m.

All games are at Cooper Field, located next to G.J. Denich Gymnasium.

# Learning the Guantanamo language

## Fahr game

By Spc. Rick Fahr

One of the first things that becomes apparent to troopers arriving at Guantanamo Bay is that the base has its own language.

That's not unique.

Rural Arkansas, where I grew up, has its culture-specific words, phrases and jargon. "Fixin'" to do something means "I'm getting ready" to do that. "He's a ham sandwich shy of a picnic" means that someone's mental capacity is somewhat in question. And "taters" are what Momma mashes up for supper, not homeruns hit by a baseball player.

Guantanamo special words and phrases may not be universally understood, but they certainly cut to the heart of the matter.

- "GTMO special" — refers to a rolling deathtrap of a vehicle that wouldn't be allowed in a landfill in the United States. These vehicles pass through many rotations of troopers, and they seem to rise in value as the years pass. Where else would a 1972 sedan of indeterminable lineage, a paint scheme that consists of rust and mold and an engine that runs on a mixture of gasoline and smoke sell for \$1,500? These belching, doorless wonders are generally from the Ford era (Henry, not Gerald) but are worth their considerable weight in gold because ...

- "A half mile" — that's the

standard distance measurement on the island. "Oh, that building is just a half mile down the road." In the United States, the measurements for the distances described here as a "half mile" would range anywhere from a half mile to "go to nowhere and turn left, then go a half mile."

- "Local wildlife" — the terra firma literally abounds with odd animals. Banana rats look like big possums that leave their little calling cards all over. Land crabs will draw blood if you let them pinch your finger. (Don't ask.) And the iguanas. Oh, the iguanas. A big, surly one spit at and made threatening gestures toward me the other day. Don't laugh. It's fairly frightening to be hassled by a lizard. I pointed to its hide and then my boots, trying to make a

point, but I don't think it understood. You can't really reason with a reptile.

- "Bus stop" — a bench that always faces the sun, even at night, where tired, sweating troopers wait for buses that came by two minutes ago and will return in no more than three days.

- "NEX" — everyone knows what the NEX is. It's the social epicenter of the island. It has food, shopping and an ATM. What else could anyone want? Men who wouldn't otherwise visit a mall if their life depended on it now look forward to a NEX run like Sally Struthers looks forward to a pizza buffet. No one ever turns down a chance to go to the NEX.

Besides, it's only a half mile away.

# 15 Minutes of Fame...

## With Sgt. Tim McLaren, C Co., 2nd. Bn. 116th Inf. Regt. Working at Guantanamo: 'Time will fly fast.'

Interview and photo by  
Staff Sgt. David Davis

*Sgt. Tim McLaren is a machine gunner with the 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. of Harrisonburg, Va. He is originally from Michigan but currently lives and works in the Virginia area. McLaren, deployed since December and anxious to return home, has benefited greatly from his deployment.*

**Q: What is your JTF job?**

**A:** Infantry ... our job is to protect detainees from all foreign and domestic forces.

**Q: Why did you enlist in the Army Reserve?**

**A:** I had been a young soldier with a desk job in the Air Force waiting to go to war. I joined the Reserves to be in the infantry.

**Q: What have been your goals at JTF?**

**A:** Everybody came down here with personal goals. One of mine was to get back in shape. I had a desk job working for NASA and was not having a lot of physical activity. [I wanted to] become more knowledgeable about the different lanes necessary to get promoted. I was promoted three weeks ago.

**Q: How do you find time to workout?**

**A:** We work about 14-hour days. We started out wondering how we would manage with that time and work schedule, but now almost all of us have the ability to find time in addition to 14-hours of work, to get to the gym for an hour or two, get emails out, make a couple of meals a day [and] get plenty of rest.

**Q: What is it like living at Camp America?**

**A:** Living here has been very interesting. We live inside of what most of us know as a



*Sgt. Tim McLaren, machine gunner for the 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. at Camp America, appears to be content. Going home doesn't seem to hurt either.*

storage shed. The room is very sparse. We have some wall lockers and bunks but other than that, we make it our home and fix it up. It has bonded us in a large way for both work reasons and for friendship reasons down the road.

**Q: What have you learned about yourself during this deployment?**

**A:** I definitely learned that patience is a virtue. We are told to hurry up and get ready and then the event doesn't happen or it gets changed. Change itself has been almost a daily word. Planning is only as good as the change that came before it and the change that will come notably after it.

**Q: How has this experience changed your life?**

**A:** I think everyone that comes here grows. While they are here, they experience a lot of loneliness and hardship [and] isolation. Once you learn that this is not the worst thing in life, you feel stronger and you know that you can conquer things that others who have not been through that fire can't conquer. Just foraging through the year of lone-

liness and separation from family and friends has made me a lot stronger.

**Q: What are your greatest achievements here?**

**A:** [It's] hard to say because we had a number of young gentlemen that I work with, and the leadership, that have provided so many examples of greatness. We have done really well in the infantry and we are proud.

**Q: What will you miss when you go home?**

**A:** No question, the sunsets, the beach, the weather. I will be traveling back to Michigan to see family and friends. It will be cooler in temperature. There is going to be a lot more traffic. The normal 'hubub' of the city that all of us seem to come from. Down here we don't have the crime. I will miss the solitude of GTMO.

**Q: What have been your favorite things to do in your free time?**

**A:** I enjoyed the pool and the gym. Between those two things I have had a really good time getting myself back in shape. And getting myself into a nice tan situation so when I go back, all of my friends that are not as tan will have to envy me.

**Q: What advice do you have for newly deploying troopers?**

**A:** Listen to your chain of command. Be patient. Things will work out. Time will fly fast. Take advantage of what you have here to have fun. Going to the beach, especially if you are not from a state where there is ocean beachfront. Most everybody that I know here came from stressful situations, and you have a good chance to relieve some stress, lower your blood pressure and have a good time. Enjoy life.