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Troopers Hone Weapons Skills



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

Troopers got added-value weapons training at Grenadillo Range last week. For the full story of how Troopers are improving their marksmanship 'A' games and what it takes to be safe around weapons, turn to Page 4.

Military Commissions Conclude First Round of Preliminary Hearings

By Spc. Jim Greenhill

The first phase of the historic Military Commissions ended Aug. 27.

“We have just taken a very small initial step,” Brig. Gen. Thomas Hemingway, legal advisor for the Office of Military Commissions, said Aug. 26.

“These are important cases,” Hemingway said. “They are complex cases. So they are not going to be cases that are tried overnight. But we will try to conduct all of the proceedings with some degree of dispatch, bearing in mind that we can’t do it so fast that it would become unfair to the individual on trial.”

Four detainees held here at Guantanamo Bay have now had preliminary hearings, at which charges were formally presented. Defense attorneys presented motions concerning the charges and possible trials.

The world media watched, most from Bulkeley Hall, via a feed from the Commissions courtroom.

“The public has been able to see that these proceedings are open, they’re transparent, that counsel on both sides are capable, and that the government is doing everything we possibly can to see to it that any issues ... are appropriately resolved,” Hemingway said. “We can be satisfied we have set up a fair system.”

JTF Troopers were involved at all levels of the historic process, from making command decisions to providing security and assisting the media.

Trooper to Trooper



Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

By *Esteban Rodriguez*

I want to introduce myself to those of you who have not met me and tell you a little bit about what I do.

My name is Esteban Rodriguez, and I am the director of the Joint Intelligence Group (JIG), Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO).

I arrived at Guantanamo Bay about a year ago. Arriving here was an emotional event for me because I was born in Havana, Cuba, immigrated to the United States in 1961 and returned here after 42 years.

I started my Department of Defense career as an Army interrogator. The Army assigned me to the Army Intelligence and Security Command, where I served for 17 years overseas, both on active duty and later as a civilian. In 1995, I joined the Defense Intelligence Agency, where I worked in Washington, D.C., until I got a call asking if I was interested in going to Guantanamo and overseeing the interrogations of the enemy combatants detained there.

Needless to say, I was excited about returning to the place I was born—but even more excited about the opportunity to serve with you and join the front lines in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

As the anniversary of Sept. 11 grows

nearer, it should serve as a reminder of why we are here. All of you here are indeed in the fight.

My year here has shown me the incredible dedication the Reserve, National Guard, active duty, civil service and contract personnel have to accomplishing the mission of the JTF.

As the JIG director, I have had the privilege of serving and continue to serve with individuals who lost family members in the tragic events of 9/11. They have constantly reminded me of the importance of what we are doing here.

Whether you are an interrogator, analyst, guard inside the Wire, infantryman, linguist, computer programmer, food service worker or serve in any of the functions here, you are all an integral part of the primary mission of the JTF. It has been my pleasure to serve with all of you this past year.

As I enter into the second year of my tour here, I want to emphasize to you the importance of training and teamwork.

While all of you that come to serve in the JTF are consummate professionals, we must all constantly hone our individual skills and strive to become better at what we do.

Every military Trooper from the infantryman patrolling our perimeter to the interrogator in the booth must pass a physical fitness test, qualify with a weapon and be able to perform primary functions with confidence and purpose.

It is up to us leaders from the commanding general down to the junior NCOs as well as civilians to ensure all of our people are afforded the opportunity to excel by providing the training necessary to do so. It is also extremely important to remember we are all one team, one fight. The GWOT continues, and the public eye is on Guantanamo to see how we perform.

We in the JTF-GTMO have set the standard for detention and interrogation. No matter what you may read in the press, we can all hold our heads high in knowing we have performed our duties professionally and in accordance to the guidelines set forth by our leaders.

Fellow professionals, we are Honor Bound to Defend Freedom!

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Iguana Crossing Café: Volunteers, Poetry, Free Coffee

Story and Photos by Pfc. Jessi Stone

In an old drafty room, a crowd gathered, anticipating a night of drink and prose.

As the crowd grew, smoke filled the air, a swirling mist above onlookers' heads.

A young man stepped before them, holding wrinkled sheets of paper. He cleared his throat, and the crowd hushed. In a small, clear voice, he began, "I have seen the best minds of my generation ..."

That famous first reading of the poem "Howl" by Allen Ginsberg at the Six Gallery in San Francisco was nearly 50 years ago.

In the spirit of that epic literary occasion—minus the alcohol and smoke, plus free coffee—a crowd of young men and women gather at the Iguana Crossing Café every Friday at 8 p.m. to share pleasures, fears, aspirations and complaints in poetry.

Troopers are welcome whenever Iguana Crossing is open to get free coffee and pastries, use the computer, talk or hang out and read. But Friday night poetry readings draw the biggest crowds.

"You can read any kind of poetry," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mario Falu, one of the organizers of the weekly poetry readings. "Any kind as long as it liberates you."

Falu read several of his poems Aug. 27. Other poets got up to join him over the course of the evening.

All the poems were met with attentiveness and encouragement, some with laughter, others with gasps, still others with jubilant shouts. All were answered with loud applause.

When Falu concluded one of his poems with the line, "I want to dance among the stars, all 50 of them," he was met by cheers from everybody in the café.

Anyone is welcome to come to the poetry readings and share a poem or just listen.



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mario Falu recites poetry Aug. 27 at Iguana Crossing Café.

Falu said he hopes to draw more Troopers in to share their work.

"I was thinking about trying to get a night at the Windjammer to do this, too," he said. "Maybe it would encourage more people to show up."

For now the group is a welcome party at the Iguana Crossing Café. "They always need more poetry," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Rossana Gomez, a volunteer at the café. Gomez volunteers at Iguana Crossing whenever she can.

"It's exciting," she said. "You get to know all sorts of people from different places."

Everything served at the Iguana Crossing Café is free. All the food and coffee come from visitor donations, Gomez said. People bring in different coffees and teas to be served to patrons. Sometimes people bake cookies and brownies to bring in.

The café needs more volunteers, Gomez said. "On the nights when no volunteer has signed up, the café won't be open," she said.

Volunteers are taught to use the coffee makers and make cappuccinos, and they can sign up to volunteer for a shift on a clipboard in the café.

"It's exciting. You get to know all sorts of people from different places."

—Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Rossana Gomez



Iguana Crossing Café

What: Free coffee house staffed by volunteers and paid for by donations

Where: Chapel Hill, near Columbia College

When: 6 p.m. through 10 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays



Terrific Training: Troopers Hone Weapons Skills



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

By Pfc. Jessi Stone
and Spc. Simon Cropp

Troopers are familiar with the feel of firing on a rifle range.

Oftentimes it's hot, the sun is burning and the ground is dusty and hard. Targets pop up and—depending on the time of day—can be difficult to see. Sweat rolls down your face,

Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone



blurring your vision and distracting you from marksmanship fundamentals. Your glasses fog up and slip down your nose. Breathing, squeezing the trigger, keeping the nose on the tip of the charging handle, it can all go out the window as the targets pop up. *One ... two at a time ... that last shot should have knocked that target down—why is it still standing? ... 14 out of 40—that's enough right?*

Troopers of the Joint Task Force (JTF) Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) qualified Aug. 27 and Aug. 28. The training took place at the Grenadillo Range and proved to be good practice for the Troopers, many of whom are National Guard and do not get to do this

Army Sgt. Cedric "Real Deal" Crumbley pretends to shoot a machine gun while illustrating a point about marksmanship during added-value training at the Grenadillo Range.

Army Pfc. Oneil Davis practices marksmanship fundamentals Aug. 27 at the Grenadillo Range.

kind of thing more than once a year.

Troopers from the J4 transportation and mechanics section, the joint aid station and the inspector general's office were on the range. The goal: Get every Trooper qualified safely and with efficient use of time according to Army Capt. Thomas Brooks, HHC commander.

"The weapon always fires true," said Army Sgt. Louis DeVitis, JTF armorer, HHC, 50th Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division. He helped Troopers zero their weapons and guided them in proper firing procedures. "We have to zero the weapons to make up for human variations," DeVitis said. Every set of eyes sees the world differently through the rear sight of the rifle.

Another purpose of zeroing the rifle is practice. For National Guard and Reserve Troopers who do not have the luxury of firing often, the zero range is a refresher course. "Qualifying is going to be too easy," Spc. John Coley said after he zeroed his rifle.

HHC Troopers were not the only ones given the opportunity for practice. The 113th Infantry Regiment and Joint Detention Operations Group dog handlers

also qualified.

Army Sgt. Andrew Rossman, J1 Postal, said he had not qualified on an M-16 in years. Rossman was a tanker who usually qualified on an M-9 pistol. He had not used the M-16 frequently since being an infantryman during the Vietnam War. Rossman said it was good to be firing the rifle again.

Brooks developed a couple of objectives for the training. He wanted Troopers who felt weak in Live Fire to have a chance to practice before the October and November qualification. Sections were given an opportunity to select Troopers who felt they would benefit from additional training. The training also allowed HHC to run a range before the actual qualification.

Qualification after zeroing weapons was just a practice, but Troopers took it seriously. "The practice qualification gives Troopers a good indication of how they will do on the record qualification," said Army 1st Sgt. Christopher Sheridan, HHC noncommissioned officer in charge.

"Navy ranges don't have pop-up targets," Sheridan said. "[Troopers] will take the alternate course for the record qualification." The alternate course uses stationary paper targets.

Sheridan enjoys getting out to the range and firing his weapon. "It's a beautiful thing," he said, heading out to the firing line.

Safety on the Range Readies Troopers for Real-World Missions

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

Weapons safety is as important as marksmanship fundamentals.

"Accidental discharge may be the thing that wounds and kills Troopers most," said Army Sgt. Louis DeVitis from the Joint Task Force Headquarters and Headquarters Company armory.

"Always be conscious of the status of the weapon," DeVitis said. This means being

aware of whether the weapon is loaded, whether it is on "safe" and where it is pointing. Inspect the chamber to make sure it's clear. Keep the weapon pointed down range.

In the field or on a mission, make sure the weapon is also handled with caution. It's important Troopers not let a finger rest on the trigger. It is easier for a weapon to accidentally fire if there is continuous trig-

ger pressure. This is especially so during patrols when Troopers climb steep hills carrying weapons at the ready and could slip and accidentally pull the trigger.

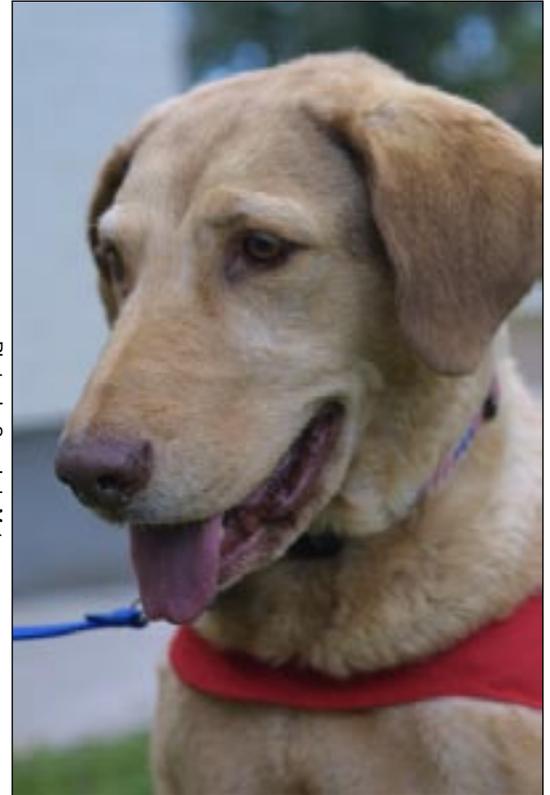
"It is important to respect and know your weapon well," DeVitis said. "Don't be afraid of the weapon. I think fear kills."

Treat the weapon with caution and never fool around with it. "A weapon is a serious tool," DeVitis said. "No horseplay."

Chesapeake Belle Offers Troopers “Paws” From Stress



Photos by Spc. Jody Metzger



Beautiful Belle, the Panaro family’s friendly 7-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever, is the Joint Task Force’s newest Combat Stress volunteer. A graduate of Army Basic (Basic Obedience Training, that is), the playful pooch will be at Building 3206 in Camp America on Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to be petted by Troopers. Research shows canines can ease stress. Belle’s no military newcomer: She entertained and raised spirits at Fort Lewis Madigan Army Medical Center for years.

113th Infantry Traces Roots to 1664; “Jersey Blues” Uphold Proud Tradition

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

Army Capt. Jurandir Araujo—commander, AC Company of the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment—is proud of his unit history.

“Many consider serving in the armed forces a duty,” he said. “We consider it ... an honor to serve in a unit whose lineage extends to 1664.”

In 1664, they were called Infantry Militia of Northern New Jersey, organized and outfitted by Army Col. Peter Schuyler of Belleville-Newark. The militia fought in King George’s War, 1746 to 1748, and the Seven Years War, 1756 to 1763.

In 1775, in Newark, N.J., the 1st Battalion was formed from the Infantry Militia. It earned the motto *Fidelis et Fortis*, Latin for “faithful and brave.” The unit was also nicknamed “Jersey Blues” by Captain Littel in 1776.

During the Revolutionary War, the 1st Battalion fought at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Yorktown.

In 1861, the 1st and 2nd regiments, most from the City Battalion of Newark, were called up to fight in the Civil War, including at Bull Run and Gettysburg. Then, in 1898, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd regiments served in the Spanish-American War.

In 1916, they were activated for four months to help defend the Mexican border. It would be

less than a year before they were serving in World War I. During that war, the 1st Infantry Regiment fought in the Alsace and Lorraine campaigns and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The 1st and 4th regiments, along with the 2nd N.J. Infantry, combined to form what is now the 113th Infantry.

The 113th made its mark in World War II, participating in major European campaigns. Units landed at Normandy on D-Day. The 113th earned citations for services in Northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

Although the 113th was not activated for the Korean War, Vietnam or Desert Storm, many Soldiers volunteered and proudly wear combat patches from these missions.

In the wake of Sept. 11, Soldiers of the 113th responded again. “Our units were assisting in the security and recovery of civilian personnel and assisting our local law enforcement within hours, specifically, the infantry companies closest to the World Trade Center; A, B and E Companies in Newark, N.J.; C Company in Woodbridge and D Company in Jersey City,” Araujo said.

The 113th is now deployed for the first time in about 60 years. “It is historical, and we are proud to be a part of it,” Araujo said.



Photo taken from oldnewark.com

Why the half-rainbow patch?

As World War I began, National Guard units competed to be first in battle. The government created a division of individually picked units which became the 42nd Division.

In 1917, Army Chief of Staff Col. Douglas MacArthur said, “The 42nd Division stretches like a rainbow from one end of America to the other.” Since then, the 42nd Division has been known as the Rainbow Division, wearing a red, gold and blue rainbow patch.

GTMO's Daily Million-Gallon Ma

Trooper Water Conservation Could Slash Costs

Story and Photos by Pfc. Chris Gardner



With sea as far as the eye can see, taking water for granted can be easy.

Although 70 percent of the earth's surface is covered by water, most of it is not potable. Guantanamo shower and sink taps, however, yield seawater made usable. But it's an expensive luxury.

Aug. 19 status reports list the water-desalination and power plant's expenditures for that day at more than \$25,200. Flushing the toilet, taking a shower, doing laundry and brushing teeth are some water-necessary tasks, but excessive amounts may be draining expenses unnecessarily.

Average Americans use in excess of 100 gallons a day, not including those for lawn or garden care. And, every minute, about three gallons of tap water run down the drain.

The Windward desalination plant can produce between one and 1.5 million gallons of distilled water daily; however, daily consumption nearly meets its production. Aug. 19 water production at 1.26 million gallons was closely followed by base consumption of 1.22 million gallons.

Tom Davis, contract surveillance representative at the plant here said not enough water is conserved. "If everyone were to be more aware of water and energy conservation, the cost could go down considerably," Davis said. Water dripping from sinks and showers causes needless waste, and turning the water off

while brushing your teeth is a conservation, he said.

"Base residents are notified by hand and ears by notifying them (4424) of water breaks or faucets," said Gardner. He is also a plant contractor and a representative.

The water and power plant was built after Fidel Castro's ouster from the United States of America. The plant's Electricity and water systems were simultaneous. Steam-powered systems use evaporation gave more power generation and water for the bay's community.

Today, the power plant uses cogeneration, producing water and ample electricity for the entire station.

Beginning in 1965, the steam-powered system Guantanamo Bay long relied on conventional engine power. Revamped in 1995, it became the plant's primary process, using chemical treatment and pressurization.

Diesel-fuel power is more efficient than coal, costing more than \$2,000 a barrel.

Plans for alternative energy are underway to alleviate some of the costs on the plant now with new generators (windmill) and a new 3.6-megawatt diesel generator under construction.

Further construction includes the replacement of



Top left: Tom Davis shows fresh water which flush toward lime treatment (which displays fresh-water flow and treated sea water) output back to a pressure pump pushes water through stages of filtration. Right: Modules contain gravel, sand and charcoal for removal of large particles, including the graduated filtration system and filters, which remove micro-

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"A couple years ago, there was a lot of rust in the distribution lines," said Richard Weber, water plant supervisor. "It has drastically improved since," Weber said.

When pumped from the plant, desalinated water could be highly corrosive to the distribution system, which includes pipes, tanks, valves and pumps, Weber said. But plastic's structure is not affected by the water.

Injected phosphates also help prevent corrosion and rust in remaining pipelines. "The chemicals are added to bring it back to standard," Mitchum said. Propane and carbon dioxide assist in a procedure which restores the balance of potential of hydrogen (pH) levels in water. pH values determine acidity and alkalinity, an important body-composition factor. Chlorine and lime serve as disinfectants, and fluoride assists in the prevention of cavities.



Above: These reverse-osmosis micron filters were the only ones on base from 1988 to 2000, exporting water at about 20 percent of today's capacity.



Above: Windmills awaiting construction will aid base power generation. Left: Small pipe injects chlorine near the main seawater intake line to deter sea life. A fish screen also prevents creatures from entry. Below: Two non-operational flash evaporation systems remain. They were substituted by reverse-osmosis systems in 1999.



WORLD WIRE

... News ... Sports ... Entertainment ...

Aug. 26: The new **talking toilets** in Amsterdam are full of advice as they explain the futility of war to users, as well as berate them for cleanliness and hygiene. ...

Aug. 27: In Florida, a **gator attacks** a man's dog, the man jumps on the gator and attacks it with a pocket knife and the gator lets the dog go, with minor injuries to all. ...

Aug. 29: A defrocked Irish priest attacks the frontrunner in an **Olympic marathon**, causing the runner to lose first place and the gold medal. ...

Aug. 30: **Michael Moore**, famed

director for anti-Bush film *Fahrenheit 9/11*, attends the Republican National Convention and is booed. Reportedly Moore plans to return to the convention. ... New Jet Li movie *Hero* is this weekend's top box office movie. ...

Aug. 31: **Arnold Schwarzenegger** headlines the Republican National Convention—shocking some supporters. Though a member of the Republican party, word has it he has gotten by in California, a liberal-leaning state, by playing middle of the road. ... First oil wells are approved for drilling in previous-

ly off-limits areas of **Alaska**. ...

Sept. 1: **SAT scores** for 2004, while averaging the same as 2003, show increases in many areas, and more minority groups took the test, showing an increasing interest in education beyond high school. ... A **bear** breaks out of a Berlin zoo and roams around a children's playground. ... **Deion Sanders** returns to the NFL in a Baltimore Raven uniform. ... Doctors work to perfect "**key-hole**" **surgery**, which uses tiny instruments to make the smallest of incisions in surgeries and overall

greatly reduces any lingering pain that might have required prescription medicine to suppress. ... An elderly man from Italy runs an ad in the newspaper **seeking a family** to adopt him and take him away from his loneliness; he is flooded with responses. ... The latest Bush policy states the **global warming** trend over the last 50 years may be partly because of humans, however the science is not strong enough and no changes are set to be made to the current policy. *Spc. Simon Cropp compiles World-Wire from Wire news services.*

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WORSHIP WIRE

— Find Hope —

In the movie *Castaway*, Tom Hanks plays an aspiring Federal Express executive. He is jet-setting around the world and seeking personal fulfillment through business success. In an early scene, he hurriedly proposes marriage to his girlfriend, then frantically races to catch the next plane to success.

But his plans are aborted.

The flight crashes into the ocean, and he is the lone survivor. He is washed up on a deserted island and struggles for survival for four long years. A picture of his fiancée and a soccer ball are the only things that keep him going. Finally, he's rescued from his bamboo raft after days on the open ocean in his final attempt to escape the island. At last, he returns to his fiancée ... only to find she has long since married someone else.

It is a scene of wrenching sadness and raw despair. The one hope that kept him going is lost. All he has left are utter loneliness and uncertainty regarding his future. He confesses his disappointment and uncertainty. "You never know what the tide is going to bring in."

In the closing scene, he stands at the crossroads of two deserted Texas highways wondering where fate will carry him. He spent his life pulling himself up by his bootstraps. He spent his life seeking fulfillment from things of this world. And at the end of his story, all he has is emptiness and uncertainty.

Emptiness and uncertainty.

Maybe that describes you. Does your life have real purpose? Do you have rock-solid hope that good will prevail over evil in your life and the lives of those you love? Do you know where you are going when you die?

The Joint Task Force chaplains are here to help you through the struggles of this life as you face them in GTMO. But, more importantly, we are here to proclaim the glorious hope of the next life and how you can know that hope and begin to experience it now.

Come! Find escape from emptiness and uncertainty. Come! Join us for worship on Sunday or at one of our mid-week activities. Come! Find Hope. Come!

—Chaplain (Maj.) Graham Harbman

Padre's Corner

What comes to mind when you hear the word HUMILITY?

For many of us, it can remind us of a distorted way of looking at ourselves. We may tend to deny anything good regarding our own abilities or gifts. Some folks are unable to accept a sincere compliment because they have been taught it is prideful to take any credit for anything.

Humility, the thread running through the Bible readings for this past Sunday, is TRUTH. The truth about all of us is that we are gifted and good, as well as sinful and broken. Humility doesn't have to become a project; we simply need to stand in our own truth!

—Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.)
James Dowds

Troopers 'Cheered' up at Camp Bulkeley

Story and Photos by Senior Airman Joe Laclan

Joint Task Force Troopers received their monthly morale booster Sunday.

The Washington Redskins cheerleaders visited Camp Bulkeley as part of their 2004 summer tour of overseas military installations. With the support of Armed Forces Entertainment and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), the cheerleaders' variety show is just one of many programs intended to entertain Troopers.

Craig Basel, MWR director and retired gunnery sergeant, knows the importance of boosting morale levels in a deployed environment.

"[The show] gets Troopers out of the barracks," he said. "To see a great show like this--you can't beat that!"

The Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders performed here in July, and the Denver Broncos

Army Staff Sgt. Dari West with 1-119 Infantry C Company snags cheerleader autographs Sunday at Camp Bulkeley.



cheerleaders have scheduled an October show.

About 180 Troopers watched the 12 Redskins cheerleaders' 90-minute, 14-act performance. The women performed dance numbers to classic rock 'n' roll, country and Latin music.

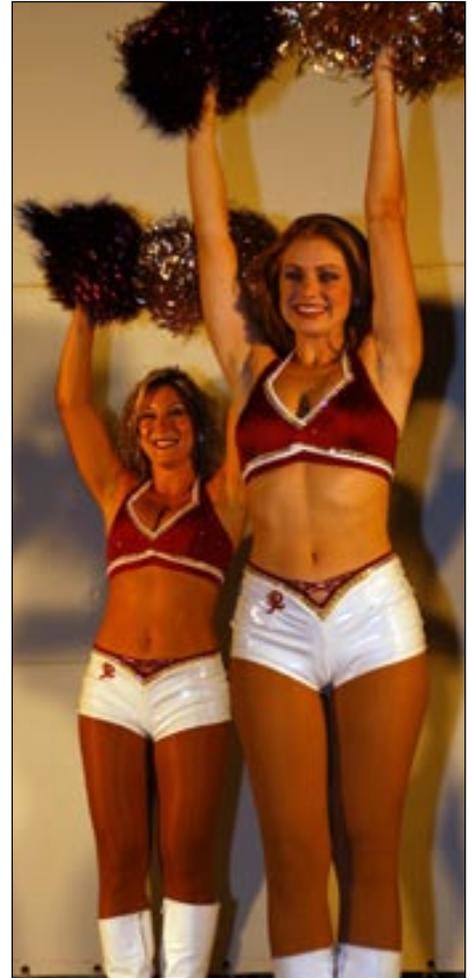
"We want to bring a little morale to the Troopers," said Melanie Treanor, a Maryland native who is team captain. "We want to show them how proud we are of what they do overseas."

Some of the cheerleaders, including Treanor, had solo vocal performances. The cheerleaders also gave some lucky Troopers live dance lessons and frequently interacted with the audience.

"A lot of the girls have family in the military, so this is really special to us," said Treanor, whose father was a Navy officer.

Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles was a guest announcer, thanking the cheerleaders. After the performance, the cheerleaders spent time with Troopers and signed autographs. The cheerleaders also visited Coast Guard members and Marines at the Northeast Gate. They followed up their Bulkeley show with the same act Monday night at the Windjammer.

"I just hope Troopers see how much we appreciate them," Treanor said. "I hope they get a chance to get their minds off all the hard work they do over here."



Washington Redskins cheerleaders perform at Camp Bulkeley Sunday in a summer tour of overseas military installations.

Labor Day: Cars, Crafts ... and Jazz

We work in an isolated environment, but Guantanamo Bay is reaching new heights of entertainment as Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) launches a car show.

The competition set to begin Saturday is a chance for car enthusiasts to tune their skills to something other than an M-16, shackles or paperwork.

This competition is not only a chance for Troopers to strut their stuff but to exercise a real appreciation for activities they love back home.

Categories include sedan, 4x4 truck, motorcycle, military, sport utility vehicle and --not to leave out the most im-

portant--the GTMO Special.

Hosting the event, MWR is scheduled to award trophies for the best of show, best paint, best motor and best detail. Plans call for first, second and third place winners in each division. ...

Car Show

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 4

Where: Downtown Lyceum

Deadlines: Register by 4 p.m., Sept. 3; participants be in place by 9:45 a.m., Sept. 4

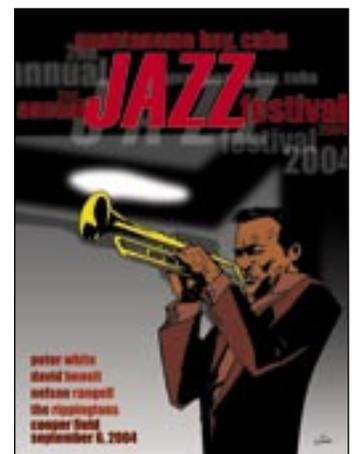
Information: Call 2345

Get an earful of soul as the second annual Guantanamo Bay Jazz Festival kicks back Labor Day.

Troopers can anticipate music from jazz performers David Benoit, Dave Koz, The Rippingtons, Peter White, Nelson Rangell and Praful.

Autograph and photo opportunities are promised at the end of the show, as well as poster and T-shirt sales. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) hosts the event, along with a craft show. MWR accepts handmade crafts and requires participants to sign up at the Windjammer, for a cost of \$5.

—*Sp. Jody Metzger*



Art by Sgt. Scott Griffin

Jazz Festival

When: 3 p.m., Sept. 6

Where: Cooper Field

Information: Call 2345 about the jazz; call 4795 about the crafts

"We Have the Eyes of the World Upon Us"

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Daily, they must watch people who may have had roles in one of America's greatest tragedies.

Assigned as block guards inside Guantanamo Bay Naval Station's Camp Delta, they were called upon to support the Joint Task Force Detainee Operations Group.

These Sailors and Marines had challenging assignments before, but nothing like this. They take on the challenge of working as detainee guards in a time of worldwide media attention.

"We all have a cross to bear," said Navy Chief Petty Officer Paul Stull, non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the 2nd Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG), 2nd Military Police Company. "We have the eyes of the world upon us. It's stressful."

But they intend to battle the stress with their heads up. Each Sailor and Marine plans to do what they've been trained to do: Provide safe and humane care of detainees.

"We were asked to come in and alleviate the stress on (the National Guard),"

said Senior Chief Petty Officer Todd Hageman, NCOIC for the 3-2nd Military Police Company, JDOG. "We're happy to be doing our part on the Global War on Terrorism."

The group of Sailors and Marines deployed here with Airmen of the 439th Security Forces Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

Operations in Camp Delta present more challenges than the media's watchful eye.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Juan Santana has worked in military corrections for more than 12 years at Camp Pendleton, Calif., one of the largest military corrections facilities in the Western states. Santana said his troops must deal with a foreign language barrier. They also must face the occasional taunt from a detainee.

"Detainees challenge our knowledge, because they've been here longer than we have," Hageman said.

"No one wants to make a mistake," Santana said. "We don't want to give the Marine Corps a bad reputation or a bad name. We want to do everything right and by the book."

But the Troopers stand ready to deal with the mental stress. Santana prepared his Marines for that before

they set foot here.

"I told them to take nothing personally," Santana said. "We're down here to do our job to the best of our abilities."

To strengthen his Troopers' resolve, Stull said he tries to schedule group runs and parties as often as possible. However, with demanding work schedules, such activities aren't always possible.

While many Troopers have limited free time, some can take comfort in their corrections experience. Each of the Marines has worked in military corrections, but the Sailors come from diverse career fields. Stull and Hageman are gas turbine engineers. Other Sailors formerly were supply clerks or aviation maintenance troops, and some worked in fire control. Marines are full-time corrections workers or military policemen. Some trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and others at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Sailors and Marines, along with Air Force reservists, took a five-week indoctrination course at Fort Dix, N.J. During that course, they learned shackling and escorting techniques, 9 mm weapons training and chemical warfare.

For many of the Marines, working as detainee block guards presents an exciting opportunity, Santana said. Some are assigned to corrections facilities in the continental United States and rarely deploy.

"For us, this is great," he said. "It's a good experience."

"We're happy to be doing our part in the Global War on Terrorism."

—Senior Chief Petty Officer Todd Hageman

Navy and Marine augmentees prepare for another day's work with the Joint Detention Operations Group.

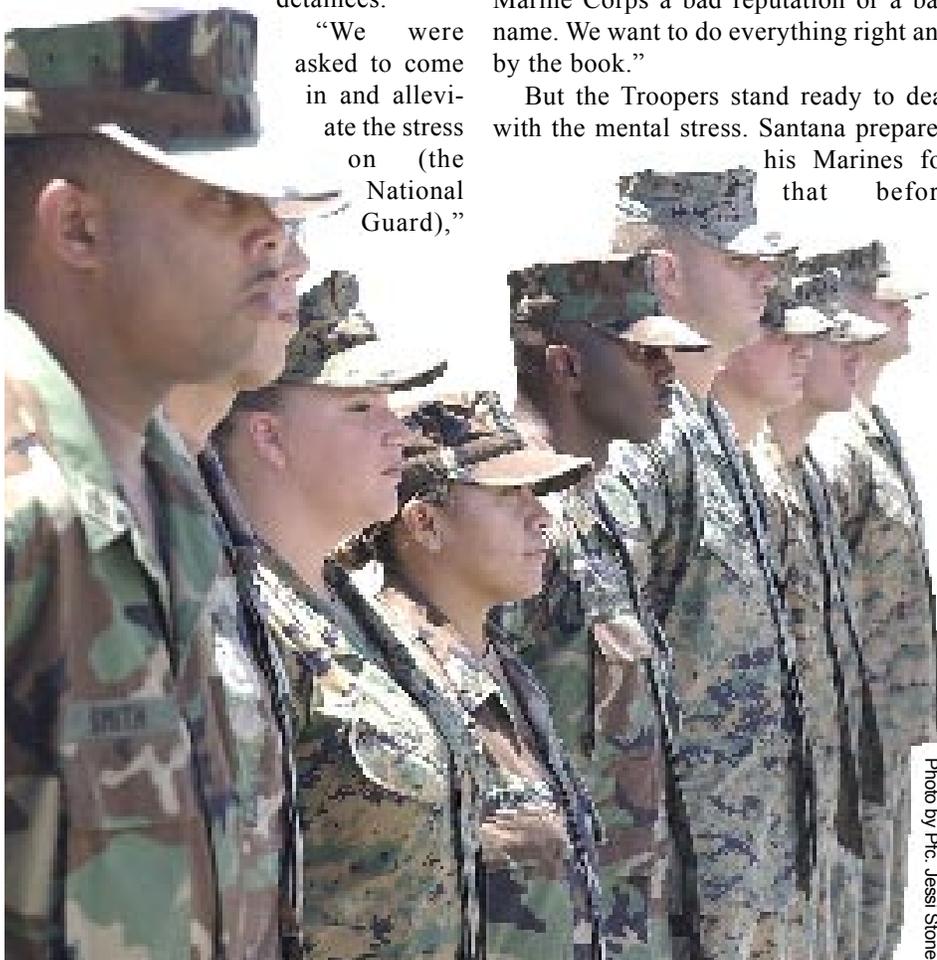


Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

SPORTS WIRE

Cue The Top Gun Volleyball Scene Re-enactment

By Spc. Simon Cropp

Troopers who miss walking across the street from their house to play pool, throw a few darts or even jump down into a volleyball pit with good friends will be pleased to know Camp America soon will offer these activities.

Multiple renovations have taken place in Camp America, near Club Survivor, in an effort to give Troopers a little more recreation closer to home. The volleyball pit between Club Survivor and the ocean is regulation size, with a new net, and packed with sand for Troopers who want to get out there and relive their *Top Gun* memories.

The plan has been in the works for a long time, according to Craig Basel, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director. The idea was a joint effort put together by the Joint Task Force (JTF) and MWR. Former JTF Command Sergeant Major George Nieves, with the help of others from the JTF, decided there was much that could be done to improve the Southeast Asia (SEA) hut area in Camp America.

"Basically what we wanted

Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacadan



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

Under construction: Improvements to the volleyball pit and other recreational facilities.

was an increase in quality of life for the Troopers," Basel said.

Among improvements are a stage by Club Survivor for concerts, new decking areas around some of the surrounding sea huts as well as the volleyball pit.

Though it may seem a daunting task, Spc. Nathan Crist, J-4 engineering, was up for the job. Crist acted as JTF liaison to the naval station's public works department.

Crist also worked with construction company Burns and Roe, public works and the JTF to oversee the changes. He has worked ground and facility management in the civilian world, so once he hit the ground in Guantanamo the job was second nature. The renovations are numerous and have been worked on since the last rotation. According to Crist,

Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, among others, initially put the idea forth.

Aside from the volleyball pit, there will be a large stage with seating for about 400. The SEA huts in the area around Club Survivor also are being renovated as possible recreation rooms. The view from the site overlooks the ocean, and the new decking on Club Survivor allows much more room to enjoy outdoor relaxing.

The SEA huts will be used for pool halls, ping pong tables and dart boards to pro-

vide Troopers living in Camp America a little recreation in a convenient location. Even the male and female latrines were upgraded, according to Crist.

"The project will be multi-use recreational buildings and areas for the JTF," Crist said. "It is money well spent for the Troopers."

The renovations are scheduled to be complete in late October. Once the full range of the project is realized, it should be quite a sight for Troopers during their stay here in beautiful sunny Guantanamo Bay.

Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacadan



**"It is money well spent
for the Troopers."**

—Spc. Nathan Crist

15 Minutes of Fame

... with Spc. Edward Bentlyewski, 2-113th Infantry ...



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

Spc. Edward Bentlyewski, combat medic, 2-113th Infantry, checks the blood pressure and pulse of a patient with a sphygmomanometer or blood pressure cuff.

By Spc. Jody Metzger

Spc. Edward Bentlyewski is a combat medic for the 2-113th Infantry deployed to Guantanamo Bay.

***The Wire:* How long have you been in the Army?**

Spc. Bentlyewski: I have been in the Army since 1992.

Why did you join?

I joined when I was still in high school. I was unsure what I was going to do. I wanted the experience. One of my inspirations for joining was that my

father was also a medic in the Army. The Army helped pay for my school, which allowed me to get an associates of science in medical technology.

What motivates you in your work as a combat medic?

I enjoy making a difference. I like having a job where I am responsible and accountable for the work I do and get to see the results of it every day. Someone might come in with a sore throat and I help them out, and that to me makes it all worth it.

What are your plans?

I am in William Paterson University nursing school back home, so I am looking forward to graduate school. I also work a couple of different jobs all in the same field. I graduated from County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ, as a medical technologist. I work at Hard Time Tomorrow Hospital and Oncology Hematology of New Jersey. I have learned a lot while I have been here, but I have also brought a great deal of experience with me. I would like to stick with oncology because it is what I have done for eight years.

Do you feel that by getting this kind of experience you are going to be better suited for your nursing career back home?

Definitely. I get a lot of good on-the-job experience here. I get to see a great deal of variety. It is a great experience. I kind of thought all I would be doing is IVs here. It turned out to be a great training opportunity. I am going to come out of here with a great deal of experience.

What do you enjoy about your job here?

I really enjoy the patient interaction. I like the experience of working with all the different branches of the military because it has given me a better learning curve. We really work well with each other. You get to learn a lot working in a clinical environment.

Do you think your training as a combat medic in an infantry unit was enough; that you

were well prepared for this mission?

This is my first deployment, and now when I go back home to my unit, I will have a great deal of clinical experience. Back home, the training is more field-oriented, here it is more clinical. I get to work with doctors. It is like working for a provider.

As an aspiring nurse, would you consider becoming a nurse for the Army in the future?

I have considered it. I think it is definitely a possibility. I have always wanted to be in the medical field.

What inspires you to do better as a medic?

I like challenges. If something is really difficult and I find a way to accomplish it, it makes me feel inspired to do more. I have recently completed the Primary Leadership Development Course and have also taken a minute off my run time for the physical training test.

What have you already gained from being deployed for the mission Operation Enduring Freedom at Guantanamo Bay?

I have definitely gained a lot of confidence. When you succeed at something, it makes you want to succeed at others. A good part about being here for this mission is working with all the other branches of the armed forces. We are all the same when it comes to doing our job and in this case we are all broadening our horizons.

Sept. 11 Activities

Service of Remembrance and Honor

Why: The anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001

When: 5 p.m., Sept. 10

Where: Naval Station Chapel
Information: Call 2323

Flag-Raising Ceremony

What: An opportunity for Troopers to honor the memories of loved ones killed in the attacks

How: Flag-raising ceremony

When: Midnight, the morning of Sept. 11

Where: Camp Delta.
Details: Any Trooper may fly a flag in memory of loved ones lost in the attacks. To fly a flag, buy one at Paper Clips (near Bulkeley Hall) and bring the flag to Sgt. Rich Marion at Building 1, Room 16 in Camp Delta or room J008 in Camp America after 7 p.m.

Information: Sgt. Rich Marion, 3900.



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4A at Chapel Hill.

BUSES

Chart shows bus stops and minutes after the hour when buses are scheduled. For example, the Sherman Avenue bus stops at East Caravella 03 and 33 minutes after the hour.

Sherman Avenue		Camp America/NEX				
First Street	00	30	Camp Alpha	00	20	40
East Caravella	03	33	NEX trailer	02	22	42
Marine Hill	05	35	Camp Delta 2	06	26	46
Post Office	10	40	TK 4	12	32	52
Windjammer	11	41	TK 1	16	36	56
NEX	14	44	Windjammer	23	43	03
Bulkeley Landing	17	47	NEX	30	50	10
Ferry landing	21	51	Windjammer	35	55	15
Commissions Bldg.	23	53	TK 1	40	00	20
Ordnance	26	56	TK 4	46	06	26
Bulkeley Landing	28	58	Camp Delta 1	52	12	32
NEX	32	02	Camp Alpha	00	20	40
Windjammer	36	06				
Post Office	37	07				
Marine Hill	41	11				
Hospital	48	18				
Windward Loop 1	52	22				

CINEMA

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CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. **A Cinderella Story**

PG 96 min

10 p.m. **I Robot**

PG13 114 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. **King Arthur**

PG13 126 min

10 p.m. **Alien vs Predator**

PG13 101 min

SUNDAY

8 p.m. **Collateral**

PG13 120 min

MONDAY

8 p.m. **Anchorman**

PG13 91 min

TUESDAY

8 p.m. **Alien vs Predator**

PG13 101 min

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. **A Cinderella Story**

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THURSDAY

8 p.m. **Spiderman 2**

PG13 128 min

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Getting Guidance from the IG

Troopers can help themselves and the Inspector General (IG) by following these guidelines when preparing to visit the IG Office.

The first line of defense for solving problems in the military is your chain of command. Give your chain of command the opportunity to assist you. They want to help and resolve the problem.

Be objective. Complete factual information ensures the most rapid resolution of any issue.

Remember that when you come to the IG, it will take time to deal with your concern. The IG works multiple issues every day. You're welcome to call if you have a question about the status of your issue.

The IG office does not make policy or direct command action. The IG directs Troopers to the correct resources.

The answer you receive may not be the answer you want. You can be assured it is the correct answer.

If you have a question or any other matter you can't solve in your chain of command, feel free to contact the Inspector General at 3501.

The IG office in Building 7200 in Camp America is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. through noon. Assistance is available any time by appointment.

—Lt. Col. Royce P. Lawler, Inspector General

PADI Project Aware International Cleanup Day

Hosted by Reef Raiders Dive Club, the international cleanup day is scheduled for Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. at Cable Beach. All are invited. Lunch will be provided. Covered dishes are welcome. For more information, call 5666.

NEW Mass Schedule

In order to accommodate military schedules, beginning this weekend the following changes will take place in our mass schedule:

- Sunday Evening Mass will be at 6:45 p.m.
- There will be a NEW Saturday Vigil Mass (for Sunday's obligation) at 3 p.m.

Thanks to all for input and suggestions. We will evaluate this and make any necessary changes.

--Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.)
James Dowds

Mandatory Requirement Before Leaving GTMO

Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) training is mandatory for all Joint Task Force Troopers within the 90 days before departure from Guantanamo Bay.

The next two DCS classes are Sept. 8 through 9 and Sept. 21 through 22. Class will be 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. the first day (required for everyone) and 8:30 a.m. through noon the second (required only for National Guard and Reserve).

These classes are in Trooper's Chapel in Camp America. Unit administrators register units and individual augmentees register themselves by e-mailing Petty Officer 2nd Class Clifton Monk, J3 current operations, at MonkCD@JTFTGMO.southcom.mil.

--Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
Stephen Feehan

Community Kitchen Corner

What better way to spend Labor Day weekend in Guantanamo Bay than with a Caribbean style barbecue? This simple recipe for **Jamaican jerk chicken** is sure to spice up your barbecue with the perfect island flair. All that's left after this is to throw some Jimmy Buffet on the stereo and remember the tiny umbrellas for your pina coladas!

INGREDIENTS

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves. Cut into large chunks.

- 4 limes, juiced
- 1 cup water
- 2 teaspoons ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1-1/2 cups chopped green

onions

- 6 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 habanero peppers, chopped

DIRECTIONS

Place chicken in a medium bowl. Cover with lime juice and water. Set aside.

In a blender or food processor, place allspice, nutmeg, salt, brown sugar, thyme, ginger, black pepper and vegetable oil. Blend well and then mix in onions, green onions, garlic and habanero peppers until almost smooth.

Pour the blended marinade mixture into bowl with chicken. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator at least two hours.

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat and lightly oil grate.

Cook chicken slowly on the preheated grill. Turn frequently, basting often with remaining marinade mixture. Cook until chicken is no longer pink in the middle.

—Pfc. Jessi Stone

WORSHIP

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service Catholic Mass Protestant Service	Troopers Chapel Troopers Chapel Bldg. 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Bldg. L001
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	Bldg. L001
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers Chapel

NAVBASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 9 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel Catholic Mass Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary C Main Chapel Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m.	Protestant Sunday School Protestant Service New Life Fellowship Pentecostal Gospel	Main Chapel Main Chapel Sanctuary C
Monday	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship Family Home Evening	Fellowship Hall Room 8
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

For information on Jewish services call 2323

DINING

Today	Lunch Dinner	Mambo pork roast French fried shrimp
Saturday	Lunch Dinner	Cornish hens Chicken Parmesan
Sunday	Lunch Dinner	Cranberry glazed chicken Dijon baked pork chops
Monday	Lunch Dinner	Teriyaki beef strips Country-style steak
Tuesday	Lunch Dinner	Ginger pot roast Barbecued beef cubes
Wednesday	Lunch Dinner	Lemon-pepper catfish Chinese five-spice chicken
Thursday	Lunch Dinner	Pork chops Mexicana Chicken Florentine
Friday	Lunch Dinner	Baked fish Scandia Boiled crab legs