



Remembering 9/11: Why We're Here



Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Watson

Fire still burns amidst the rubble of the World Trade Center at Ground Zero two days after the 9/11 attacks.

Three years ago, terrorists attacked America, killing thousands of civilians in a series of deliberate airplane crashes heard around the world.

On the anniversary of the events that precipitated the Global War on Terrorism and brought Joint Task Force Troopers to Guantanamo Bay, *The Wire* presents a memorial issue to remind us why we're here.

From our commanding officers to enlisted Troopers affected by the attacks, here are a series of reports Remembering 9/11 ...

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Trooper To Trooper

Remembering 9/11: Every Trooper Plays a Role

By Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood

Three years ago this week, our nation experienced a tragedy that will never be forgotten: America lost thousands of its citizens in New York City, rural Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C., because of senseless acts of terrorism.

In the days immediately following 9/11, our nation and the world were brought together in a way we had never before seen in our lifetime. Every American thought constantly about the lives lost and how we would respond as a nation. Our shock turned to anger, which then turned to an iron resolve to never let this tragedy happen again.

Our Commander-in-Chief, President George W. Bush, stated just nine days after 9/11: "Our nation has been put on notice: We are not immune from attack. We will take defensive measures against terrorism to protect Americans. ... I have a message for our military: Be ready."

Our military was ready, and hundreds of thousands of service members and civilians responded to the call. Many of us, now on our second or third deployment since 9/11, were among that group. We were one team engaged in one fight.

Now, three years later, after several troop rotations, many of the faces have changed, but the fight remains the same. Our part in that fight includes supporting the continuing detention and intelligence-gathering operations here as part of the Global War on Terror.

Our mission today is no less important now than it was in the weeks and months immediately following 9/11. In keeping our individual and collective performances to the highest standards, these are my expectations of each and every one of us:

1) Do your job the very best you can. Be disciplined and competent in your duties. No job or assignment is unimportant. Every individual in the Joint Task Force (JTF) plays a vital role in our mission and its success.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

2) Be a good citizen of our nation and the GTMO community. Exercise your right to cast your absentee ballot in the upcoming election. Take care of yourselves, support your fellow Troopers and enjoy the Morale, Welfare and Recreation and other activities made available to you by the JTF and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

3) Be proud of what you are doing at GTMO. Constantly remind yourself that the tragedy of 9/11 is the reason why we are all here. As the President told us after 9/11, "What is at stake is not just America's freedom. This is the world's fight. This is civilization's fight. This is the fight of all who believe in progress and pluralism, tolerance and freedom."

Three years later, that fight continues, and it is no less important now than it was then. 9/11 changed your life and it changed mine. As we stand together to accomplish our mission, our presence here not only supports America, it supports the cause of freedom everywhere. Our nation thanks you, and I thank you for your service. It is a privilege and honor to serve with each of you.

Honor Bound!

"9/11 is the reason why we are all here."

—Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood

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Training: Medics' Prescription

is Excellence



Sgt. Anton Alekseyenko, JAS combat medic, gives an intravenous injection

*Story and Photos by
Spc. Jody Metzger*

Troopers of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay's Joint Aid Station (JAS) strive for exceptional treatment facilities by continually training to be the best.

The JAS has two treatment facilities, one in Camp America and the other on Kittery Beach Road in the Tierra Kay housing area. The medical staff include 23 combat medics and three officers.

The aid stations can handle anything from intravenous (IV) injections and drawing blood to suturing and treating open wounds, said Lt. Aaron Rall, JAS executive officer.

Reservists, National Guard and active-duty Troopers of all branches of the military have pooled their knowledge and skills.

"Troopers are coming from all different units, like military police and infantry units," Rall said. "They are all prepared and able for the mission."

And there is always room for improvement, Rall said. The JAS conducts refresher training in what Troopers have already learned at Advanced Individual Training and supplements it with advanced medical training from physician assistants and senior noncommissioned officers.

Coming from a Reserve unit, Sgt. Anton Alekseyenko, a combat medic, felt he needed more hands-on experience and was grateful for the deployment and its in-depth additional training. "In the Reserve, all you see is the practice dummies," Alekseyenko said. "Here, this is real-life training."

Troopers had to hit the ground running as they filled spots held by members of the former rotation. The quality of medical care had to be maintained during the transfer.

"I think the overlap between rotations four and five was a smooth transition," Rall said. "If you haven't been doing something, you end up being a little rusty. We shook the rust off and moved forward."

Troopers who train in this environment are eager to learn and experience new things.

Sgt. Maria Gomez, a combat



"This is real-life training."

—Sgt. Anton Alekseyenko, combat medic

medic for three years, said she is interested in the more unusual cases because they give her a chance to use her training. "It is good training when you get patients that aren't your regular injuries, such as ankle sprains and cacti needles, because it gives us a challenge," she said.

Physician assistants provide a wealth of information and technical training. They have provided training in such areas as orthopedic diagnosis, muscular and skeletal injuries such as sprained ankles and minor surgery.

Complicated cases that involve extensive care are handled at the hospital.

Although the staff are limited in what they can do at the clinic, Troopers benefit from continual on-the-job training.

"The medics are able to see X-ray developments," Rall said. "We can access and view the film. Physician assistants or doctors will then point out fractures."

Training during non-sick call hours, the medical personnel have limited time to hone their skills. Ongoing training is provided to reaffirm the medics' knowledge of sutures, wound care, mass casualties, and medical and Soldier skills, Alekseyenko said.

Throughout the week, the clinic stays busy, seeing an average of 150 patients. Whether training in class or learning hands-on beside a physician assistant, medical personnel at the JAS are well equipped for anything.

Camp America JAS

Clinic hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed weekends.

Sick call: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; no sick call on Wednesday; closed weekends.

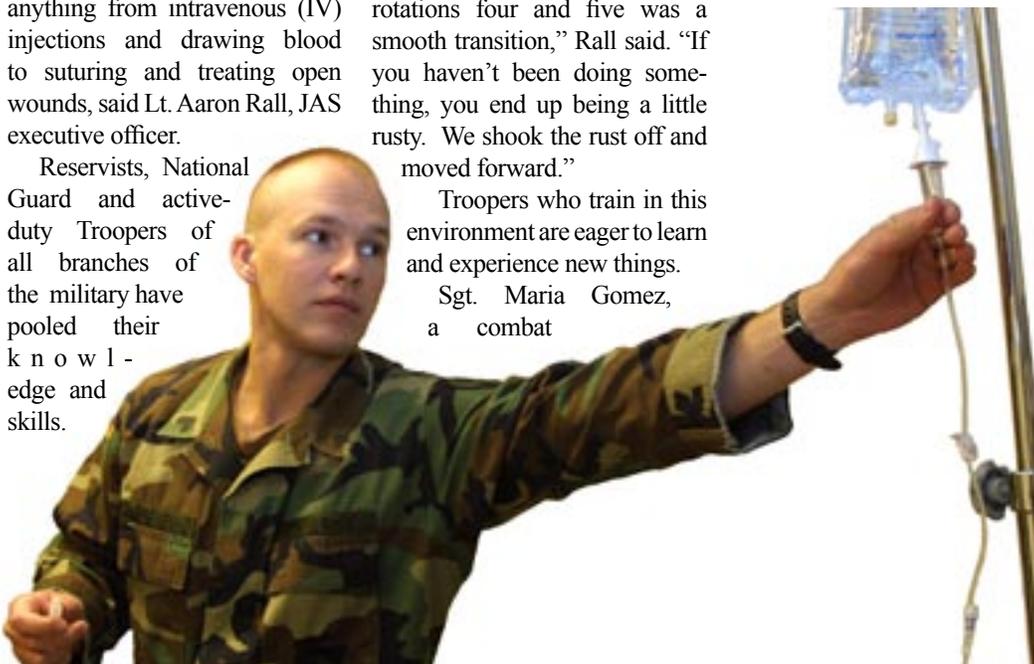
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Remembering 9/11: Trip May Have Saved Trooper's Life



Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Watson

Firefighters search for survivors at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks.

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Before his company began training at Fort Dix, N.J., in April, Capt. David Melendez held a thick piece of glass before his troops.

"This is what we're fighting for," Melendez told his Soldiers. "This is why we're here."

The three-inch shard, taken from Ground Zero in New York City, also serves as another reminder.

He could be dead.

Melendez, a New York City paramedic, was scheduled to be on call at the corner of West and Vesey streets next to World Trade Center Tower One on Sept. 11, 2001. However, three days earlier, he had asked to extend his vacation in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"I should be dead," he said. "But I'm living my life to the fullest now."

As a paramedic, he worked long hours sitting in ambulances, hauling cadavers and tending to gunshot victims. He knew it would be a stepping-stone to achieving a lifelong dream.

Since he was a boy growing up in Brooklyn, Melendez dreamed of becoming a fire-

fighter. As a child, many of his friends' fathers worked for the fire department. After nine years waiting to be called, he decided in 1999 to become a paramedic in the hopes of quicker access into firefighter training.

"Some days were great," he said of working in the Emergency Medical Service. "Other days were just miserable."

On Labor Day weekend 2001 he decided to get away from the city and frustrations of working the EMS and headed to Alaska. For a few days, he would enjoy skiing and hiking. Melendez enjoyed Alaska so much that he asked to extend his trip three days, instead of returning Sept. 10.

Melendez remembers having eerie feelings on the eve of the tragedy at his hotel room in Fairbanks.

"It was one of those nights when I couldn't sleep," said the 34-year-old Brooklyn native. "It was a hard night's sleep; it felt weird. Next thing I know, I was awakened at 5 a.m. Alaska time by my friend's wife. She said, 'Something horrible has happened.' I got up and almost passed out. Then I sat on the couch and watched in disbelief."

Melendez didn't return to New York City until two days later because the Federal Aviation Administration ordered the halt of commercial air traffic. On his return flight to the city, air traffic forced his flight to re-route over lower Manhattan. Melendez watched the dark, gray smoke flowing from Ground Zero and into the midday sky.

"I was thinking about how much life is going to change," he said.

Melendez saw part of his city—his home—in ruins. The Winter Garden, a small shopping building across the street from Ground Zero, where Melendez used to relax, lay in rubble. He remembered enjoying the view atop the trade towers—and thinking he would never see that sight again.

"It was kind of like those destruction movies where you see New York blown to bits," he said. "The whole area was a whole other world. "There were fathers and sons looking for their family members. People from

all over the world were there trying to find something."

His first day back, Melendez spent 10 hours with paramedic teams desperately searching for survivors and remains. Most victims were never found, including one of his college friends, Gerard Baptiste, a paramedic and New York National Guardsman. About a month before 9/11, Melendez and Baptiste talked about meeting for a vacation in France. Melendez didn't know his friend's fate until he saw Baptiste's name on a list of missing or dead firefighters in the *New York Daily News*.

For the next five weeks, Melendez continued the search. The effects of working at Ground Zero lingered inside him long after the rescue efforts. He had respiratory problems. Sometimes he coughed up blood. "I was sick about six months," he said.

But his real illness would stem from his absence that tragic day.

"The guilt is forever," he said.

He achieved his goal of becoming a firefighter sooner than expected, but at a terrible cost. New York firefighter numbers dwindled, as 343 lost their lives on 9/11. As a result more firefighters were needed. The next month, Melendez was sworn in as a New York City firefighter, eight months ahead of schedule.

Three years later, Melendez uses his 9/11 experiences as a motivator to support the Joint Task Force mission. Melendez is the commander of Alpha Company, 2-102 Armor and is the Joint Detention Operations Group officer in charge of plans and training.

"I'm going to do what I have to do so that 9/11 never happens again," he said.

Melendez said the glass piece will remain with him for life.

"I keep it so I remember what I'm doing this for, so I never forget," he said. "Too many people have forgotten already."

Capt. David Melendez displays a piece of glass taken from Ground Zero. The New York City firefighter is a Trooper here.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

"I should be dead. But I'm living my life to the fullest now."

—Capt. David Melendez, JTF Trooper/NYC firefighter

Remembering 9/11: 'The True Heroes ... Did Not Go Home'

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Wade Brown missed the last van of New York City police officers headed to the World Trade Center Towers the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

The New York City policeman arrived at his precinct after monitoring an election site for the city's mayoral primary at an elementary school. At the school, an elderly woman told him a plane crashed into one of the Trade Towers. "Everything will be fine," Brown told her, thinking it an accident.

Then, Brown, a New Jersey National Guard first lieutenant, heard of another plane crashing into another tower.

"Obviously, then I knew it was a terrorist attack," said Brown, platoon leader for the Alpha Company, 2-102 Armor.

Brown jumped into a squad car, negotiating a sea of vehicles through downtown streets to his Bronx precinct.

"The whole city went through a period of chaos," Brown said.

After arriving on station, he realized the two vans carrying

1st Lt. Wade Brown looks at pictures of some of the victims of the 9/11 attacks during a recent break at Camp Delta here.

Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan



Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Preston Keres

New York Fire Department Deputy Chief Joseph Curry calls for rescue teams at Ground Zero three days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

officers to the crash site had already left. Brown asked if he could take the next van but a police sergeant said no, the election hadn't been canceled. The police sergeant sent him back to the school. His station didn't hear from the 16 officers in the vans for several hours.

Many of Brown's colleagues just missed getting hit by falling debris. Some had broken bones and cuts. Others suffered from smoke and dust inhalation, but miraculously, all 16 from Brown's precinct survived. However, 23 New York City police officers did not.

"I did nothing heroic that day," Brown said. "The true heroes of 9/11 did not go home. Anybody who was there or involved in [the rescue effort] will tell you the best of us did not go home."

With rumors of more bombings, officers scattered to provide security at Ground Zero, Yankee Stadium and government buildings.

After the cancellation of the

election, Brown was sent to guard a hospital. The 29-year-old lieutenant did not step on Ground Zero that morning, but he participated in the hardest part: The search for survivors.

Brown joined thousands of firefighters and police officers in "bucket brigades," collecting debris in buckets. For 10 hours, the New Jersey native searched the rubble for any signs of human life. All police officers in the area, including those on leave made the trip to Ground Zero to assist the rescue efforts.

"The whole 10 hours I was there, there were no body parts, no bodies—nothing," Brown said. "We asked ourselves, 'Where is everybody?'"

Brown said his squad found

little or no remains. He said the effects of 9/11 didn't fully sink in until months after the tragedy.

"As you heard stories of the cops and firefighters that died down there, it hits you," the four-year NYPD veteran said. "It was our generation's Pearl Harbor."

Three years later, Brown said the memories remain strong. He carries them with him as he supports the Joint Task Force mission and helps fight the terrorism that brought 9/11 to America.

"We've all shed enough tears for the fallen at Ground Zero," Brown said. "The best thing we can do now is to live a better, more fulfilling life in their honor."

**"I did nothing heroic that day.
The true heroes of 9/11 did not go home."**

—1st Lt. Wade Brown, JTF Trooper/NYC police officer

Remembering 9/11: Tragedy is Trooper's Introduction to NYPD

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

On Sept. 11, 2001, Chris Kennis was sitting inside a classroom at the New York City Police Academy in lower eastern Manhattan, when his instructor had an announcement.

"A plane just hit the World Trade Center," the instructor said. "Welcome to the NYPD."

Then a 22-year-old cadet, Kennis had come to New York City from the central New Jersey suburbs to pursue his dream of a law-enforcement career. What happened next changed Kennis, the city and the nation forever.

"I don't think anybody really thought of [the first crash]," said Kennis, a staff sergeant from the 367th Military Police Company. "We just thought it was one of the crazy things that happen in New York City."

But the city had never seen anything like it.

After the second plane struck, the NYPD and all surrounding police units were called to Ground Zero. Kennis and his fellow cadets were sent to Ground Zero's perimeter. The cadets provided traffic and pedestrian control. They escorted residents in search of their personal belongings to their homes. Kennis said the police presence near Ground Zero helped reassure New Yorkers.

As thick black smoke flowed over Manhattan, the cadets, three months into their training, maintained order in the face of panic.

"It was training by fire," Kennis said. "[I] stepped into the academy and faced one of the worst incidents in American history."

For two weeks, classes halted and the cadets worked the perimeter.

Kennis said the attacks didn't really hit him immediately. On the evening of Sept. 11, he was watching the news in his apartment. A reporter said it appeared 657 of 1,025 Cantor Fitzgerald employees had been killed. Cantor Fitzgerald is a securities firm that operated inside the World Trade Center.

"I think that was the first time I really understood what had happened," the New Jersey native said.

The next day he saw the signs. Many of the postings were homemade. Some were computer printouts. Others had photocopied pictures of missing family members, friends and loved ones. At first there were a few, but after 10 days the signs flooded the streets.



Navy Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Peterson

A high-angle view of the area know as Ground Zero, showing the rubble and debris of the collapsed World Trade Center buildings after the 9/11 attacks.

Family members posted the signs at bus stops, in subways and on storefronts and walls.

"It was one of the saddest things I've ever seen," said the Pennsylvania National Guard member. "I don't think you could walk down a block in New York City without seeing a number of those signs."

The father of Kennis' best friend was on the 110th floor in one of the towers. He left behind twin girls. Many of Kennis' classmates lost loved ones and friends.

"There are things you expect to happen on a daily basis that aren't good; Sept. 11 wasn't one of those things," said Kennis. "It was extraordinary and terrible."

Kennis found New Yorkers had changed. Some waited in long lines to donate blood. Others donated food. In the tragedy's aftermath, New York City halted trains and the

subway. City dwellers and boat companies gave rides to pedestrians.

"It was a time of coming together in New York City," Kennis said. "The city was totally united then. The response to the police was overwhelming. Everybody was [supportive of] the police, and it was a great thing to see."

Three years later, Kennis still keeps the academy uniform he wore during 9/11. As a Joint Task Force block guard inside Camp Delta here, he must look at the faces of people who may have played a role in planning 9/11. He said knowing that keeps him motivated to support the JTF mission. He also keeps the memory of the fallen.

"I think it's still in people's heads and hearts," he said. "I think that's probably the biggest reminder: knowing that the world you're in today is permanently changed."

**"The world ...
is permanently changed."**

—Staff Sgt. Chris Kennis, JTF Trooper/NYC police officer

Remembering 9/11: Trooper Pays Tribute to Fallen 'Brother'

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

The vision was fixed in Jon Card's mind.

Flames flood a burning building.

Blazing fires surround him. Then tall firemen emerge and without flinching douse the flames.

As a 4-year-old, Card saw such a scene in his hometown of Sussex, N.J., when he and his mother brought lemonade to his uncles, volunteer firemen.

"The image always burned in my mind," said Card, a New Jersey Army National Guard specialist and Joint Task Force

medic. "It's something I'll never forget."

While growing up, firemen became his idols. Then, when he became a volunteer firefighter at age 18, after joining the Newton Fire Department in Sussex County, N.J., firemen became his friends and brothers.

But on Sept. 11, 2001, 343 of Card's brothers lost their lives. After two planes struck both Trade Center towers, dozens of New York City firefighters entered the World Trade Center. More than 400 were in the

Trade Center Towers when they collapsed. Most never returned. *The New York Times* called it the worst disaster in the fire department's history.

"It was horrible," said Card, a six-year veteran of the Guard. "In the fire service, it's a brotherhood, and 343 brothers were killed that day. They're the real heroes.

"I think a lot of them knew they weren't coming back down those stairs. But they still went in anyway. I think it's a testament to man's courage."

The morning of the tragedy, Card, a tank engine technician, and his fellow soldiers were preparing for a unit inspection in Port Murray, located about 50 miles north of New York City. A voice on the intercom announced that two planes had struck the World Trade Center and another hit The Pentagon.

On Sept. 13, Card and the Newton Fire Department prepared to travel to the city to help with rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Then they received a call from the New York City Fire Department, telling them their services weren't necessary.

"We were incredibly frustrated," Card said. "We were only an hour's ride away."

Instead, Card and his unit would help the fallen in another way, weeks later.

Patrick Byrne, a New York City fireman of Ladder 101 in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, was among the victims. Byrne and other New York City firemen entered the south tower hoping to rescue survivors, Card said. Shortly after Byrne entered, the tower collapsed. Byrne's body



Courtesy New York Fire Department

Patrick Byrne, one of the 343 New York City firefighters killed in the 9/11 attacks.

was never found. He was 39.

Card's unit helped escort Byrne's casket during a funeral procession in southeastern Brooklyn on Nov. 29, 2001. With Byrnes' family and friends, dozens of New York City firemen, and a representative from the mayor's office watched as his unit's ladder truck and chief fire marshall command vehicle led the Long Island procession. Afterward, members of Byrne's family thanked Card and his unit.

"It was pretty moving," Card said. "It was a pretty big honor. A lot of people were very emotional."

Card keeps with him Byrne's company patch to remind him of Byrne's sacrifice.

"Anytime you hear a fireman dies, it's always a little bit of a hit on your emotions," Card said. "[Byrne] was a brother fireman, and he did a very heroic thing."

Just like the firefighters of Card's childhood memories.



Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Watson

The silhouette of a firefighter at Ground Zero.

"The image ... burned in my mind. It's something

—Spc. Jon Card, JTF Trooper/N.J. firefighter



We all remember where we were that fateful day. It was simply too profound to forget. Things changed for all of us. For some, concern for our safety and numerous potential inconveniences became the order of the day. Many of us also focused on what it meant to our children and someday to their children and the way we live.

Our democracy has been a beacon of freedom for the world.

The rights we enjoy--rights that allow us to pursue our dreams--were under attack. Why would someone want to extinguish that beacon and deprive generations of Americans--present and future--the ability to pursue their dreams?

Are our democracy and our dreams worth fighting for? For many the answer is a clear "Yes." For some, however, as time passes and they have not been personally affected by the events of 9/11, the shelf life of their concern may be reaching its end. Their "will to persevere in this fight" is waning in the

glow of our recovering prosperity, the absence of another significant attack on America and the desire to have the problem go away.

Endless battle distractions appear daily in the media--suggesting that perhaps America and our penchant for material things have brought this catastrophe upon ourselves or suggesting that perhaps if only we had different political leadership the event would not have happened at all.

There is the desire to believe that if we were more "reasonable," others would be more "reasonable." Both of these messages miss the target. The American people are the most charitable people in the world (foreign aid 2003, \$15.8 billion) and our leaders, from all political parties, deserve nothing but our respect for their efforts to bring peace, stability and prosperity to the world.

No, America is not the problem and being more reasonable is not the problem.

The problem is an increasingly sophisticated organization of terrorists who see a very different social organization than the model that exists today in democratic societies.

They believe they know how the world must be ordered and what we must believe. Their ideology and modus operandi is clearly stated in an al-Qaida training manual discovered in 2000 in Manchester, England, at a safe house during a terrorist cell takedown. It states, "The confrontation that ... calls for with these godless and apostate regimes, does not know Socratic debates, Platonic ideals nor Aristotelian diplomacy. But it knows the dialogue of bullets, the ideals of assassination, bombing and destruction, and the diplomacy of the cannon and the machine-gun." Their message and desires are quite clear.

Self-aware, reflective Americans don't think this way and find it hard to comprehend. Yet this is how our enemy thinks.

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Americans suffered decades of hardships to bring freedom and liberties to our citizens, our allies, and yes, even those who would do harm. Even today, threatened by these radical, zealous forces, we persevere in our desire to bring hope and opportunity to those around the world that are wanting.

Our character and our values nearly remain intact. 9/11 has reminded Americans and our like-minded allies that we can be vulnerable, in today's technological society, to people who hate us, our values and our liberties. They may be far from our shores or they may be in our neighborhoods. They are today's new reality.

As we remember 9/11, we should all to mind what is at stake in this Global War on Terrorism. It is our way of life and the dreams we hold, not for new possessions but for the opportunity to express our own view of family, self and country.

It is important to realize that every one of us in our own way can make a contribution to the defeat of this enemy and the preservation of our democratic way of life. The key component of this struggle, however, is the "will to persevere in this fight."

Our military does its job with the same professionalism that has always made the American people proud. They have earned our unconditional support as they accept the hardships they and their families must endure.

As we commemorate those who lost their lives on 9/11 and the families and friends who still mourn, we encourage you to reinvigorate your support for those on the front line that fight for us every day: Our military deployed around the world, our firefighters, our police officers, our



A message from
Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood, Brig. Gen. Martin J. Lucenti, Col. John A. Hadjis and Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles.

emergency medical responders and the local, state and federal leadership that serve us every day. They need and deserve our support. Let's give it to them.

What We're *Fighting* For

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Command Calls for Uniformity in Camp America



Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

Improving Camp America is a community effort. Troopers from new privates to 1st Sgt. Christopher Sheridan pitched in. "We're family," Sheridan says.

By Pfc. Chris Gardner

A pile of chairs, cots, coolers, tables and even an inflatable swimming pool in Camp America on Sept. 1 marked a push for higher standards in Camp America.

The command for uniformity came Aug. 30 after Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood and Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles visited the place where many Joint Task Force Troopers live.

The pile of items inappropriate to the housing area was donated to civilians who live on other parts of the base, redistributed to areas where they are acceptable or, in some cases, placed in a Dumpster.

After thanking Camp America Troopers for their support, Headquarters Army 1st Sgt. Christopher Sheridan explained, "Due to the slow degradation of military bearing, courtesy, uniformity, appearance and cleanliness of Camp America, a camp-wide cleanup was conducted to keep our military billets in uniformity with military standards.

"We were not uniform. We're just trying to make it a better home for the troops."

And some Troopers welcomed the effort.

"This is exactly what needed to happen," said Army Sgt. John Clair of the 947th Military Police K9 Detachment, Va., now part of the Joint Detention Operation Group here. "The Troopers around the world—Iraq and Afghanistan—would love to have this level of morale."

One Trooper said the appearance of Camp America was unacceptable before the cleanup.

Not anymore—and the first sergeant said it will stay squared away.

"A Camp America noncommissioned officer (NCO) chain of command was created to ensure the standards are upheld," Sheridan said. "Our duty as NCOs is to take care of the health and welfare of our Troopers."

Plans for outdoor provisions include tables for every room, awnings for shade and extra chairs.

We now have an organized, clean and well-maintained, dress-right-dress community, Sheridan said. Discipline, attention to detail, cleanliness and military bearing starts in your home and follows you to the mission, he said.

For example, lack of discipline in barracks maintenance may lead to carelessness with the uniform and boots, Sheridan said. "Weekly health and welfare inspections are to be conducted by block-housing NCOs."

Army Master Sgt. Roger Jensen, first sergeant of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, said, "They want this dress-right-dress appearance on the inside as well as on the outside."

Room Standard Operating Procedures will provide equal space to meet Troopers' quality of life and assure functional plumbing

and refrigeration, Sheridan said.

"A standard floor-plan arrangement is being considered for use in Camp America—a pattern everybody will have to abide by—something simple and straightforward," Jensen said.

Trash on the floor is unacceptable, Sheridan said. Fire hazards such as wood and improperly draped curtains blocking door exits must be removed.

As for quiet hours, Sheridan said: "You have to remember, we have everybody working rotating shifts here."

Those getting off shifts need to respect those who just went to bed. Plans to shift individuals into rooms of those with similar schedules are underway. This will help alleviate quiet-hours problems, Sheridan said.

Sheridan broke down Troopers' responsibilities into four groups: common courtesy, military etiquette, uniformity in appearance and proper policing of trash.

Said Sheridan, "The new arrangement will certainly boost morale for the majority and add to a better living environment for all."

New Camp America Guidelines

The following are orders to Camp America Troopers from 1st Sgt. Christopher Sheridan:

- Garments that need to be dried outside will be neatly hung on designated clotheslines, adjacent to our bike racks, and recovered within seven days. Temporary lines have been hung in the common areas at the end of I and J blocks.
- Personal outdoor chairs will be stored inside when not in use.
- Outdoor grills will be positioned neatly outside of rooms on the common side of the building.
- The proper uniform will be worn at all times.
- Quiet time will be observed from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. and courtesy time 24 hours a day.
- Troopers will demonstrate military bearing, courtesy and respect.
- Trash cans will be emptied daily.
- Troopers will maintain a clean uniform and community environment.
- Personal belongings will be kept inside when not in immediate use.
- Bicycles will be stored on bike racks.

Jazz Bands Bring Troopers Labor Day Soul

Story and photos by Pfc. Jessi Stone

The second annual Guantanamo Bay Labor Day Jazz Festival took place Monday afternoon at Cooper Field. The day consisted of crafts, food, games, music and fun for all Troopers.

Terry McCoy, the wife of Navy Capt. Leslie McCoy, naval base commander, had the idea for the jazz festival, and with the help of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) was able to make the idea a reality. "I said, 'We want a jazz festival,' and they made it happen." Mrs. McCoy said. "We had to get some jazz culture down here."

The festival kicked off at 3 p.m. Monday with a craft show. Homemade ceramics, jewelry, figurines and soap were among the many things for sale at the craft booths. Some booths, such as Linda Youberg's sea-glass jewelry booth, were so popular they almost sold out.

Also at the craft fair was bidding for dinners for four. The dinners included an All-American dinner, a Thai dinner and a Mexican dinner at the Windjammer. The proceeds of the silent auction goes toward the Navy Ball, a formal dinner-dance set for Oct. 9, to which all Joint Task Force Troopers are welcome, said event volunteer Lupe Beltran.

The crafts may have been for sale, but the food at the festival was free. Troopers stood in long lines for free hamburgers, hot-dogs and ribs. "It's almost like being at home," Sgt. David Williams of the 1186th MP Com-

pany said as he waited in line. "The free food is nice."

Troopers set up folding chairs on the field in front of the stage to get a good view of the bands. The music began around 5 p.m. as the field was still filling in. Troopers cheered as the first band took to the stage and began playing.

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Colon of Finance watched the band from his place in the food line. "Music is always awesome for anyone," he said. "Music makes the world tick. It's a universal language."

Sgt. William Higgs, 113th Infantry Detachment, said, "This is a very festive thing to ask for on Labor Day. It's beautiful and relaxing."

Spc. Neno Morris, a chaplain's assistant, agreed. "It's great that MWR did this for morale."

"This is a great morale booster," said Spc. Dennis Brown, a food-service specialist with the 113th Infantry Detachment. "I like loud music, and I can't listen to it back in my room. Here I get to relax, mingle with people, just feel at ease."

Spc. Sharon Grady of Combat Stress said, "I'm glad they have a jazz festival here, since I'm missing the one at home."

Many others commented on how much the festival reminded them of their homes. "I'm amazed they got such great groups," said Navy Cmdr. Richard Panko, J4. "This is a first-rate jazz festival. It's as good as anything back in the States."

Air Force Col. Dave Taylor, the officer in charge of the Of-



The Nelson Rangell Band performs here at the 2nd Annual Guantanamo Bay Jazz Festival on Labor Day. For the full story of how top-name jazz bands, free food and a chance to socialize won rave reviews from Joint Task Force Troopers.

fice of Administrative Review of Detained Enemy Combatants, said the jazz festival was a great idea. "It was nice of these guys to come down and do this. My wife is actually jealous I'm here to see this and she isn't!" Taylor laughed.

Nelson Rangell, the front man of the Nelson Rangell Band, said they were excited when they got the call to come to Guantanamo Bay and perform for Troopers.

"This enlarges our scope to see what's happening in the world and down here with you guys," Rangell said. "It's always important to see what's going on. And we're very happy to support the troops. I hope everyone liked it."

Troopers said they did. "It's about time they got some real music here," Spc. Bruce Durham of Special Missions said. "We've gotten back to the roots of jazz."

Troopers weren't the only ones out enjoying the festival.

Even the mascot of the Naval Base Veterinary Clinic, Georgio the Goat, was there enjoying the event. Georgio is the last remaining goat of a herd that used to be here. Staff Sgt. Keith Panaro of the vet clinic said he brings Georgio out to all the downtown events. Troopers got the chance to pet Georgio and feed him carrots.

The jazz festival was very popular with the Troopers. "They should do this more often," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Rice of J4 Transportation. "It's great, relaxing and takes the stress away."



Air Force Col. Dave Taylor listens to Jazz on Labor Day.



"We've gotten back to the roots of jazz."

—Spc. Bruce Durham, jazz fan

Guantanamo Bay Watching as Hurricane Ivan Approaches

By Spc. Simon Cropp

Just what the heck is a hurricane? Hurricane Frances nearly passed over Guantanamo Bay recently, and it left a lot of Troopers wondering what really was narrowly avoided. How close did the possibly catastrophic storm come?

The answer is, within a few hundred miles, which is close, but not too bad according to Navy Petty Officer Timothy Harris, a forecaster for the Naval Base, though he stressed it is always important for Troopers to take all hurricane warnings seriously.

On Thursday evening, forecasters were paying close attention to Hurricane Ivan, which had already killed 19 people in Grenada and damaged 90 percent of the island's structures.

"It's easy for people to be lackadaisical when they get warnings and nothing happens, but whenever certain conditions are met and a warning is put out, Troopers should always be prepared," Harris said.

Hurricane Frances came within a few hundred miles of GTMO and though, for the most part, the weather did not see too many drastic changes, it is not a leap of faith to believe the storm could have changed course and come ashore here.

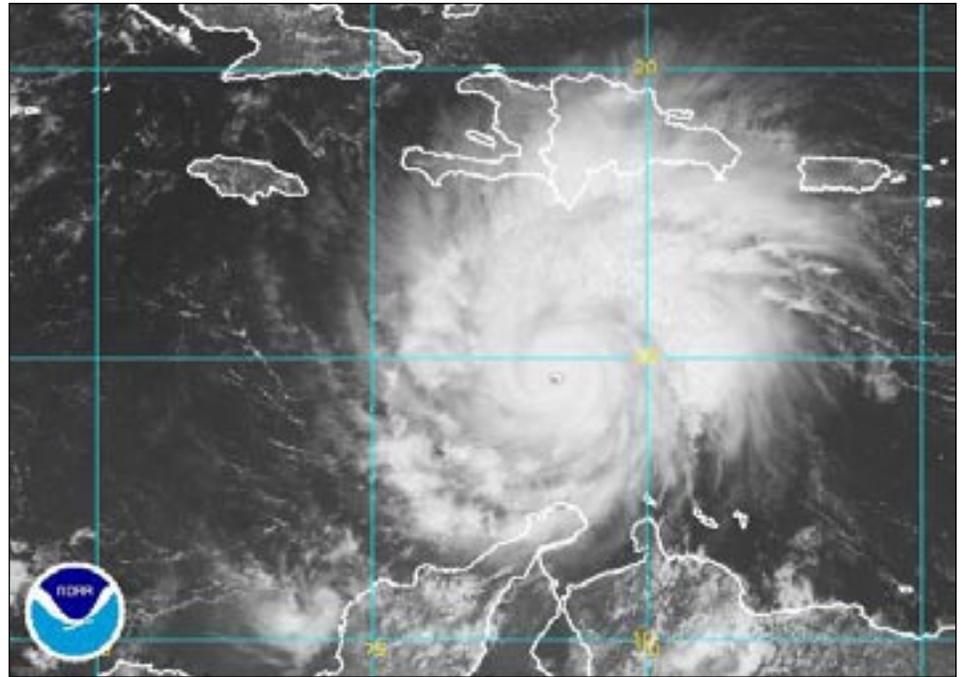
A hurricane needs the warm waters of a tropical ocean to form, and given GTMO's global position, there is always that possibility.

If the right conditions are met and last long enough, the hurricane can cause torrential rains, incredible waves

NOAA photo



This startling spacial image illustrates Hurricane Ivan's dimensions.



NOAA photo

A satellite image from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows the position of Hurricane Ivan on Thursday. The Joint Task Force and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base put planned hurricane preparedness procedures into effect.

and high winds that could all lead to structural damage and in some cases end up catastrophic if it comes to shore.

The heavy waves are called a storm surge and are the primary reason why Troopers should remain away from the ocean in the event of a nearing hurricane.

The last close call in recent memory, according to Harris, came in 1998. "Hurricane Georges passed 14 miles to the northeast," Harris said. GTMO experienced high winds, thunderstorms and heavy rain showers. Given the proximity of Georges in '98, the recent close calls of Hurricanes Charley and Frances were not so bad.

Harris said many of the structures built on GTMO were built to withstand the effects of a hurricane, however places close to the ocean like Camp America most likely would not withstand the onslaught. Troopers who live in housing that cannot withstand hurricane conditions would be moved to shelters on the base. Recently, Troopers in Camp America were instructed to pack a bag in the event of a hurricane, though the shel-

ters will have some essential items. The Southeast Asia huts in Camp America are built for high winds, according to Harris.

"Pretty much the reason why we don't get hit here is because of the protection of the mountain ranges," Harris said. There are the Haitian Mountains to the east, the mountains of Jamaica to the southwest as well as ranges to the north and west. These ranges protect us from hurricanes, but unfortunately from rainy weather too.

There are five levels to a hurricane, the first being the weakest and the fifth being the most severe. Harris said the Naval Base is prepared. "There's always a chance, but usually they're close calls," he said. "We're prepared. Before hurricane season we went through practices and staged rehearsals of what to do to ensure we could effectively respond." Harris said everything came together very well.

Harris said if a hurricane were to hit, a few things to expect might be structural damage to some of the facilities and low-lying areas could flood.

The Internet site www.hurricanes.noaa.gov contributed to this report.

Around Guantanamo Bay: The Cuban Club



Story and Photos by Spc. Jody Metzger

A festive diner, the Cuban Club pitches a diverse selection of authentic Cuban food such as rice and beans, fried or garlic shrimp, sautéed red snapper, curry chicken, T-bone steak and more.

This cultural endeavor wins the hearts of customers like Jim Johnson, a contractor who is in full support of the Cuban Club, both for its diversity and as a place to get away from the familiarity of chow-hall food. "It's my first time here and I plan on coming here again," Johnson said.

The Cuban Club offers variety, colorful decorations and zesty authentic music.

Civilian contractor Justin Anderson, an avid customer who has been coming to the

club for several months said, "It's outstanding. The food is great, and the people that run the place make it all worth it."

The Cuban Club is located on Bay Hill Road, across from the downtown lyceum.

Troopers can expect to spend between \$10 and \$15 per person for a meal and drinks.



The Cuban Club on Bay Hill Road offers a variety of authentic Cuban food.



The Cuban Club

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed Sundays.

For more information: Call 5962

Remembering 9/11: For Troopers, the GWOT is Personal

By Air Force Lt. Col. Dan Nickerson

To the Troopers I have had the honor to serve with: Thank you for defending freedom. If we all look deep enough, we will find we can agree with our former chief of staff, Col. Timothy Lynch, who said we do what we do because "it is personal."

As I watched CNN tonight and saw the young victims of terrorists in Breslan, Russia, my tired mind put the face of my daughter on a little girl, and I could hear my son's cries as a little boy was rushed to an ambulance.

I had the same feelings a few weeks back, as I watched a CNN clip about the last few minutes of Flight 93, I had an odd moment of sadness mixed with pride. I thought of those innocent people fighting for their lives, while a fanatic in the cockpit thought that his "holy praises" and nose-diving an airliner into the Pennsylvania hills had anything in common.

Some of my emotion may have been exhaustion from an incredibly long week of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), but somewhere under the surface, I was hit with the re-

ality of what this mission here is all about.

We are still at war, and al-Qaida is still out there with cold calculated plans to do harm to good Americans, and we are here to do all we can to prevent them from harming our families.

Sure, I grimace and sink a little lower in my seat when I hear about crooked politicians and corporate robbers, but I sit a little taller when I think of those ordinary Americans that have moral courage and live up to the simple rules God gave us.

From this deployment, I have a better understanding of my mission to ensure those incredible ordinary Americans can pursue happiness. Those Americans are our families, friends and neighbors. Those Americans are the teachers we trust our kids to, the friendly waitress, the helpful police officer who shares a moment with our kids. Those Americans are the loving parents, soup kitchen volunteers and Sunday school teachers.

When I think about the America I want to return to, I reach deep for that extra energy to

go one more hour, to complete one more task, to see the mission done right because, in my book, this is a no-fail mission.

Too many innocent people have died for a misaligned cause. Those moments of sadness mixed with mission pride are simply that—sadness for so many families who never saw their loved ones return and my pride in having the skills and energy to live up to this mission.

I pray we all succeed so we can spend less time away from our families and more time building peaceful communities at home and abroad.

Thank you again for proudly doing what you can to preserve our American values and way of life. Honor Bound!

"We are still at war."

—Air Force Lt. Col. Dan Nickerson

WORLD WIRE

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

Sept. 2: A clerk in Kentucky accepts a \$200 bill and makes change; the face of the bill featured George Bush. ... The military made a video called "the People's Right to Know" to teach employees how to handle public requests for information, but the video is sent out with censored footage. ...

Sept. 3: Michael Moore plans to submit his anti-Bush film, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, for the best picture Oscar as opposed to the best documentary Oscar he submitted *Bowling For Columbine* for. ...

Sept. 4: Biggest reported story of the weekend: President Bill Clinton has heart bypass surgery and is expected to make a full

recovery. ... Hurricane Frances takes time in reaching Florida and then continues to dawdle, ravaging the state. ...

Sept. 5: Hurricane Frances moves on, but here comes Hurricane Ivan, heading straight for the Caribbean. ... Drivers still report the new Honda CR-V is breaking out in flames shortly after oil changes; a federal agency keeps a close eye, though the case was closed two months ago. ... Bush receives a bounce in the polls after the Republican convention. ...

Sept. 6: The movie industry hauled in a record \$4 billion for this last summer season with such hits as *Spider-Man 2*, *Dodgeball*, and *Shrek 2*. ... Jet Li's new

movie, *Hero*, is the top movie at the box office for the second week running, though it was up against new movies like *Wicker Park* and *Paparazzi*, so there isn't much surprise here. ...

Sept. 7: Floating checks will become a thing of the past in October as banks around the world implement new electronic cashing that will function similar to a debit card. ... After a recent string of terrorist attacks in Russia, citizens rally in Moscow against terrorism. ... Vijay Singh outshines Tiger Woods as the Deutsche Bank Champion and the world's No. 1 male golfer.

Sp. Simon Cropp compiles World Wire from Wire news services.

WORSHIP WIRE

... Faith ... Belief ... Counseling ...

— I Cannot Pray —

I cannot pray "OUR," if my faith has no room for others and their need.

I cannot pray "FATHER" if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.

I cannot pray "WHO ART IN HEAVEN," if all of my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray "HALLOWED BE THY NAME," if I am not striving for God's help to be holy.

I cannot pray "THY KINGDOM COME," if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.

I cannot pray "THY WILL BE DONE," if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN," unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD," without expending honest effort for it or if I would withhold from my neighbor the bread I receive.

I cannot pray "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US," if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION," if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray "DELIVER US FROM EVIL," if I am not prepared to fight with my life and my prayer.

I cannot pray "THINE IS THE KINGDOM," if I am unwilling to obey the King.

I cannot pray "THINE IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY," if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.

I cannot pray "FOREVER AND EVER," if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray "AMEN," unless I honestly say "Not MY will, but THY will be done," so let it be.

—Author Unknown

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your heavenly Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him (Matthew 6:7-8).

Padre's Corner

Sometimes when we listen to politicians speak (and we are doing much of that these days), it is difficult to figure out exactly where they stand on certain issues. In Luke's Gospel Chapter 14:25-33, the teaching of Jesus is clear and unambiguous. While it is absolutely true that God is always the One who initiates, at some point we must make a choice for God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do not do that because we feel like it but because this is how God has revealed Himself to us. It is popular today, in an effort to be "inclusive," that we hide our light under a basket. Being inclusive is good, but we must remain true to who we are and to the Lord. We who follow Christ must place Him above all: Mother, father, wife, husband, children, brother, sister, even one's own life!

—Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.)
James Dowds

SPORTS WIRE

Super Bowl: Broncos Will Trash Eagles in 2005



Courtesy ESPN.com

Three years in a row, Donovan McNabb took the Eagles to the NFC Championship only to lose every time. Many believe this year might be different with the addition of powerhouse wide receiver, Terrell Owens, to the offense.

By Spc. Simon Cropp

The NFL preseason has come and gone, and this year has been full of ups and downs for teams around all the divisions. Injuries, comebacks, and unexpected retirements made for a drama-filled training camp and preseason. Huge trades, rookie holdouts and first-round draft picks traded moments after they're taken, the upcoming NFL season is here and it promises to be an eventful one. Many of the weakest teams are completely retooled, newly coached and amped for the first real game of the year.

Legendary Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs returns to the Washington Redskins after 11 years in retirement. Gibbs is known for leading the Redskins to the Superbowl on three different occasions, and once he returned to his old

team, fans wondered what he might do next. Gibbs has traded, wheeled and dealt and when all was said and done came out with a different-looking team and spectators are left wondering, will the Redskins return to the Super Bowl in the near future?

The Denver Broncos traded superstar running back Clinton Portis, a move that made many analyzers slap their heads in wonder. They traded Portis to the Redskins for shutdown cornerback, Champ Bailey. Most are in agreement the Redskins got the best part of this deal, though one look at Quentin Griffin's preseason performance, the young running back who stepped into Portis's vacant spot on the Broncos, suggests maybe the Broncos pulled off the steal of the century. Not only that, the Broncos also saw their first player go into the Hall of

Fame—none other than the mighty number 7, John Elway, Colorado's most beloved citizen.

Once seen as a potentially threatening team with such superstars as defensive back Patrick Surtain, defensive end Adewale Ogunleye, and running back Ricky Williams, the Miami Dolphins hit a brick wall. Ricky Williams, considered in the prime of his career, a back who rushed 1,000 yards for four consecutive seasons, retired before training camp started. Defensive end Ogunleye, leading the league in sacks last year, held out and demanded more money and to make things worse, the Dolphins big free agent pickup in the off-season, David Boston—a potential playmaker at wide receiver, went down with a season ending knee injury in training camp. Could it get any worse? Well, the Dolphins were able to trade Ogunleye and his contract concerns away to the Chicago Bears in exchange for wide receiver Marty Booker. Only time will tell how these major changes will affect the franchise.

What was the deal with Eli Manning? No. 1 pick in all of the draft, a superstar quarterback in the making who expressed no happiness at all in being picked by the Chargers. In fact, all week before the draft started, Manning publicly stated he would not play for the Chargers, and if he was picked he would not come into the NFL this season. Well the Chargers called his bluff, Eli looked puffed up and sad, and then the Chargers traded

Eli for the Giants first-round pick, Quarterback Philip Rivers. Not too sure who got out on top on this one as Philip Rivers held out into the pre-season, demanding one of the biggest contracts ever signed to a rookie, similar to what the Giants paid Eli Manning.

It seems like this football season is geared up to be a big winner. Teams like the Giants, Redskins and even the Eagles are all retooled to do some serious damage. Who will meet in the Super Bowl? It's going to be the Denver Broncos versus the Philadelphia Eagles. McNabb and Owens versus Denver's new, possibly devastating, defense.

Give this one to the Broncos and give the genius, Mike Shanahan one more Superbowl win—because not only did the Broncos have the best quarterback of all time in John Elway, now they have the second best with Jake "the Snake" Plummer.



Associated Press photo by Jack Dempsey

Jake Plummer starts his second season with the Denver Broncos. After an impressive debut last year, expectations are high for the quaterback this year.

15 Minutes of Fame

... with Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Ross ...



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Ross says he has the best job at Guantanamo Bay. He is coxswain of a Boston Whaler patrolling the island's waterways to keep Troopers and detainees safe.

By Spc. Simon Cropp

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jarod Ross, from San Diego, Calif., is a Coast Guard coxswain.

The Wire: What do you do in the civilian world?

Petty Officer 3rd Class Ross: I'm a ninth grade teacher. It's tough. A lot of people don't make it after the first couple of years, but if you like that age group it can be a lot of fun.

Why did you join?

I'm from San Diego. I went to college at San Diego State and actually [enlisted] while I was in college. Something I always wanted to do since high school was join some type of service. I just decided, I think I was 22, that it was either now or never. I enjoy the Coast Guard. I love the ocean, and I'm from a Coast Guard town. In a Reserve unit, I found I could go in on the weekend and help the active duty in

missions that assisted the public. They're out there every day helping people, and it's something I could be a part of.

Do you have any family back home?

I have a wife. We've been married just over a year. I contact her a lot. I definitely make use of those morale calls. My parents are back home, too—most of my family is back in San Diego.

What do you do here?

I'm a coxswain, basically a boat driver on the Viper boats out in the bay. We're here to secure the bay, but just driving the boat itself I think is one of the coolest jobs on the island.

What is the best part about the Coast Guard?

It's a little different here in Guantanamo Bay, but back in the States when you're on a Coast Guard boat, everyone loves you. They're always waving at you, especially the boating public. They always have a story or experience with the Coast Guard. They'll come up to you and ask you questions. An older lady tried to give us soda from her boat. It's just the little things. Everyone seems to like the Coast Guard—we get to help people every day, whether it's search and rescue, law enforcement or here in GTMO, where we're protecting the bay. The missions are always different.

What kind of recreation do you do in your down time?

I golf a lot. My unit has a monthly golf tournament. I'm trying to get in better shape, so I spend some time at the gym. While you're here, you might as well get in better shape. I like to get out and enjoy the weather, too.

How do you feel about your time spent in GTMO?

It's a lot different than I thought it would be. I always think about advice I could give the people who will relieve us. There are a lot of Morale, Welfare and Recreation opportunities to take advantage of, and there is a lot to do—so much more than sitting inside or drinking. Just go out. There is beautiful water. There is a golf course without grass, but still it's a lot of fun. There is a lot of opportunity if you go and seek it out.

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: 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.

September 11 Memorial Run

What: A commemoration ceremony, four-mile run, walk and optional swim
When: 11 a.m., Sept. 11
Where: W.T. Sampson Elementary School
Details: Bring a swimsuit. Halfway break point features relaxation and refreshments. Food, drinks and a ring toss planned.
 Information: Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 3640 or 3670



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
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Windjammer	36	06			
Post Office	37	07			
Marine Hill	41	11			
Hospital	48	18			
Windward Loop 1	52	22			

CINEMA

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. **Catwoman**

PG13 105 min

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

PG13 101 min

SATURDAY

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

PG 96 min

10 p.m. **Harold & Kumar**

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Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Save the Sea Turtles

This is a reminder to Joint Task Force Troopers to keep all vehicles off the beaches—there are multiple sea turtle nests on the beaches this time of year. Bollards and cables are in place to alert drivers and pedestrians where to stay away from on the beaches.

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.

Reef Raiders Dive Club Monthly Meeting

The Reef Raiders Dive Club monthly meeting is Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Cable Beach. All are invited to attend. Bring something to throw on the grill. For more information, call 7315 or 5666.

Mandatory Requirement Before Departing

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

DCS classes are scheduled to be held Sept. 21 and 22, Oct. 5 and 6, Oct. 12 and 13, Nov. 3 and 4 and Dec. 13 and 14.

Classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first day (required for everyone) and from 8:30 a.m. to noon the second day (required only for National Guard and Reserve).

The classes are in Trooper's Chapel in Camp America.

Unit administrators register their units and individual augmentees register themselves by e-mailing Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Clifton Monk in J3 current operations at MonkCD@JTFGTMO.southcom.mil.

Community Kitchen Corner

Fruit Pizza

After another long workweek is completed, sometimes a cool, sweet treat is the way Troopers should reward themselves for their hard work. This recipe for fruit pizza has been given a patriotic flair. It only takes minutes, and it is just the thing to rev you up for another week of serving your country. You will need:

- Prepared sugar cookie dough
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- Strawberries, sliced
- Blueberries
- Star fruit, sliced (if star fruit

is not available, use pineapple)

Press cookie dough out evenly on a cookie sheet to form the pizza crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes, or until crust is golden and crisp around the edges. Leave to cool.

In a blender mix cream cheese, lemon juice and honey until smooth. Spread cream cheese mixture over the cookie crust. Place the strawberries, blueberries and star fruit on top in the shape of an American flag or in a patriotic design of your own. Let pizza chill in the refrigerator before eating. Serve cold.

—Pfc. Jessi Stone

WORSHIP

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers Chapel
	6:45 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	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.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1 p.m.	New Life Fellowship	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
Monday	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	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

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DINING

Today	Lunch	Baked fish Scandia
	Dinner	Boiled crab legs
Saturday	Lunch	Bombay chicken
	Dinner	Italian veal steak
Sunday	Lunch	Jamaican rum chicken
	Dinner	Stuffed flounder
Monday	Lunch	Scalloped ham and potatoes
	Dinner	Baked salmon steak
Tuesday	Lunch	Turkey pot pie
	Dinner	Herbed baked chicken
Wednesday	Lunch	Chalupa
	Dinner	Honey glazed duck
Thursday	Lunch	Barbecued spareribs
	Dinner	Fiesta chicken
Friday	Lunch	Fish Amandine
	Dinner	Shrimp scampi