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GTMO 6 gaining speed



Photo by Army Sgt. Sal Bonilla

▲ **Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commanding general, welcomes Navy Capt. Lewis Nygard to the JTF family during a meeting at Jacksonville, Fla. Capt. Nygard will be the officer in charge of the Navy Provisional Master-at-Arms Guard Force.**

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp and Army Sgt. Sal Bonilla

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

JACKSONVILLE, FLA—Sailors from all over the world gathered here recently as preparations for the sixth rotation of Troopers through Joint Task Force Guantanamo picked up steam.

The sixth rotation (GTMO 6) is expected to take the baton from GTMO 5 later this year. Anchored by a large force of active-duty Sailors, Troopers arriving here in Jacksonville for pre-mobilization training say they are excited and motivated.

Earlier this month, some of the Sailors were trained in Jacksonville to prepare for their tour at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO). Training topics included the general orders, combat stress and interacting with the media.

“The Navy is building a provisional guard force to go down and assist the Joint Task Force (JTF) in performing their mission,” said Navy Capt. Lewis Nygard, officer in charge of the master-at-arms (MA) guard force. It’s a complicated title and a complicated mis-

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Starting out, hitting your stride, finishing strong

By Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood

JTF-GTMO Commanding General

Every day I ask myself: What can we do to make Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) better? What can we do to improve procedures and facilities to ensure safe, humane custody of enemy combatants? What can we do to improve intelligence-gathering? How can we improve Troopers' living conditions?

I challenge you to ask these questions. Over the course of your time here, your perspective and the answers will change.

Troopers fall into three general categories: Those who are fairly new, those who are about halfway through, and those who are seasoned veterans here. Each Trooper—regardless of rank or time here—can contribute to making the mission better.

Starting out

Those who have been here a few weeks or months: It may have seemed overwhelming to absorb the information you needed to know to do your job right. I commend you for meeting that challenge with optimism and confidence.

Don't underestimate the contribution you can make. You benefit the JTF with fresh perspective. Perhaps you have experience that can help improve how we do business. Asking yourself the above questions puts you in a position to observe what is going on and make things better for those who eventually replace you.

Begin planning now to make your transition with the next force better than when you arrived. The key is to remember what it was like after your predecessor left. Did you feel like praising them for what they did to prepare you?

Set goals now to improve your duty and your personal development. You will get out of your tour exactly what you put in.

Hitting your stride

By now, you know your job well, what works and what doesn't. It's easy to put things on autopilot. Don't! Continue to ask yourself the four questions every day and your focus will stay where it needs to be.

Follow your Standard Operating Proce-

dures (SOP). I have always tried to measure what I do against what common sense dictates. If I see something that doesn't make sense, I convey those concerns to my peers and chain of command. SOPs can be improved and updated only if you tell someone what to fix.

Be aware of what is going on around you. Expand your situational awareness. With the experience you've gained, you have a better grasp on the big picture and know how all the pieces fit together. This knowledge will make you more effective.

Finishing strong

You can see the finish line. Don't coast, take shortcuts, or get careless. Alcohol-related incidents and other misbehavior tend to increase at the end of tours.

You know just about everything about your duties. How you communicate to your replacements is key to transition success.

As you prepare for battle handover, ask yourself the four questions and teach your replacements to do the same. Our reputation will be based on the effectiveness of the transfer of authority.

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Some things apply to *every* Trooper.

- Don't become complacent. Set goals to improve some aspect of your duty. When you reach a milestone, stop just long enough to catch your breath, get a fix on your next target, and move out.

- Keep your eyes open and stay vigilant. Doing this will reduce the chances for accidents or mission failure.

- Tell leaders the equipment or facilities you need to do your job better. Those in charge do their best, but they can't be everywhere. You are their eyes and ears.

- I hold Troopers responsible for their individual behavior. I hold leaders responsible for setting the example.

- Never accept the status quo; we can always do better.

Thank you for your service to the nation. Whether we're newcomers or on our way out, we all play an important role in this fight and can continue to look for ways to do it better.

Honor bound!

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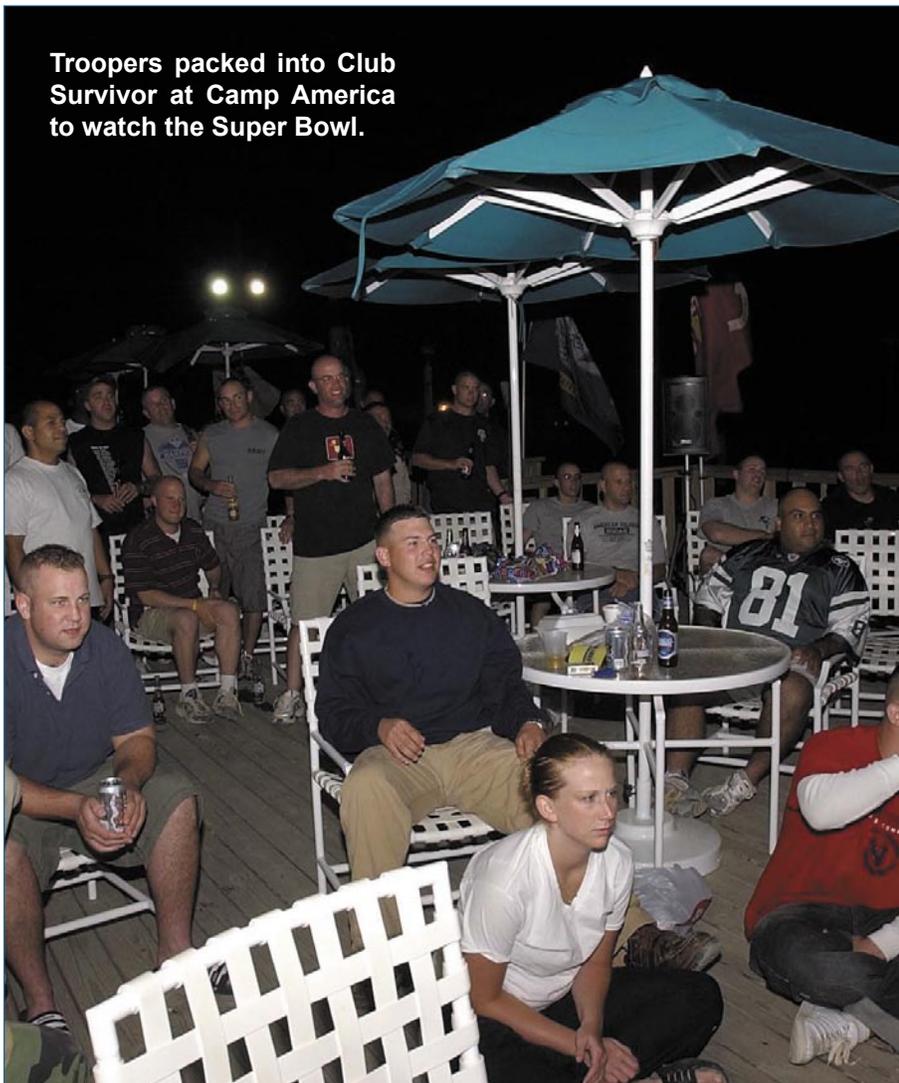
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JTF celebrates Super Bowl

Troopers packed into Club Survivor at Camp America to watch the Super Bowl.



Photos by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

The barbecues were blazing and the beer was flowing as Troopers at Guantanamo Bay celebrated the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

Events were planned around the Navy Base, including Super Bowl parties at the Tiki Bar and Club Survivor. Seaside Galley joined in on the celebrations, serving pretzels, nachos and other Super Bowl fixings at dinner.

Many Troopers preferred to throw their own Super Bowl parties. At the Navy Barracks, two parties were set up on either side of the apartment building. On one side sat the Patriot fans and on the other side sat the Eagles fans.

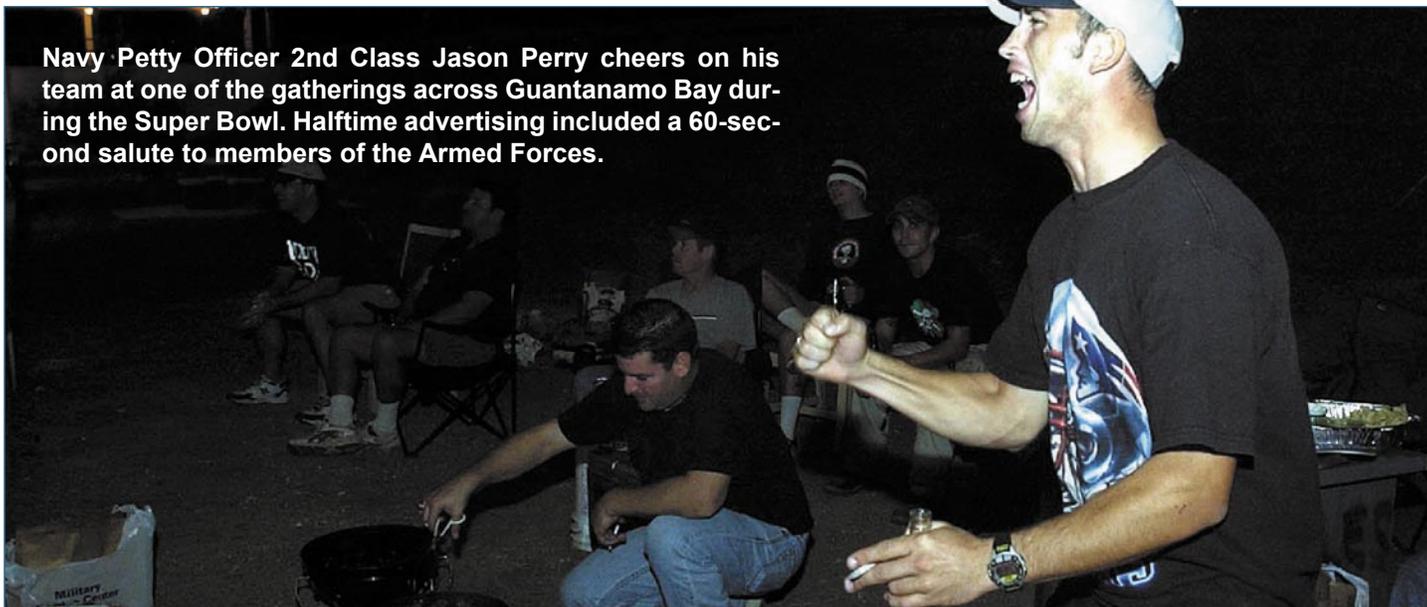
"It's great to still be able to celebrate the Super Bowl while we're stuck down here in Guantanamo Bay," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Perry, cheering enthusiastically on the Patriots side of the building.

On the Eagles side of the building, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Donnie Lentz flapped his arms like a bird to show his support for the Eagles. Occasionally Perry would run around to the Eagles party to cheer for the Patriots and rile up the Eagles fans.

By far the biggest gathering was at Club Survivor in Camp America, where more than 40 Troopers gathered to see the big game. During the half time show, Spc. Richard McMullen tested the crowd's knowledge of the Super Bowl with trivia questions and gave away prizes.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Perry cheers on his team at one of the gatherings across Guantanamo Bay during the Super Bowl. Halftime advertising included a 60-second salute to members of the Armed Forces.



AROUND THE JTF

Wild man

Dr. Peter Tolson shows off the latest GTMO fashion trend as he poses with an 11-foot Cuban Boa recently. The doctor, director of conservation at the Toledo, Ohio, travels to GTMO each year to study the movements of the Cuban Boa. A transmitter will be surgically implanted in the snake, and it will be released back into the wild.



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Gordon Hyde



Photos by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

“I will never accept defeat!”

Army Troopers recite the Soldier's Creed during their Primary Leadership Development Course graduation Monday. The 15-day course is an Army requirement that shapes Soldiers into becoming non-commissioned officers—one of many training options Troopers have in Guantanamo Bay to enhance their military careers.

Leading from the front

Army Maj. Gen. Robert Ostenberg visited Troopers here recently to discuss the future of the Joint Task Force.



Photos by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Henry Chade

From the Home Front

From time to time, Joint Task Force Guantanamo receives unsolicited e-mails from people back in the United States. Here's a sample of what they're saying:

"I just wanted to let you folks know you are doing a great job! Regardless of how the media portrays the work you are doing, I know you are working hard to make our country safer and more secure. Just remember that most people in America support the work you are doing!

"Keep it up!"

—Steve E.; Atlanta, Ga.

"I think you guys are doing a great job for us back home. No one knows or understands the tough

job that war is. All I can say is don't let it get you down and keep up the great job you are doing."

—John M.

"You guys are doing a terrific job under very stressful conditions. Being 'kind' to men who

would kill you in a heartbeat must be tough. Ignore all the liberal media pissing and moaning. You are doing a great job and most common Americans know it and are proud of you. (Personally, I think I would have shot the first SOB who threw waste on me. Don't know how you do it.)"

—Anonymous

"Just a big THANK YOU ALL for keeping my family safe in this day and age of terrorism."

—Steve and family

"Gentlemen and Ladies,

"Keep up the good work. I'm an old man but I've just become a full-fledged feminist. I would like to see ALL female guards at Gitmo. Since when does an enemy have the right to dictate the composition of his adversarial force?"

—Gerald C.

(responding to an article that raised questions about the use of female Soldiers on Initial Response Teams)

Valentine's Messages

Happy Valentine, Calee: I love you!!! From me.

SSG MUCHOW: Daddy, we miss you. Happy Valentine's! Your sons.

"Mi amor, aunque la distancia nos separa, nuestro amor nos une." Te quiero mucho y feliz aniversario. Feb 14. **G. Velasco.**

Scott: Babe, It's been a year and we're still going strong. I love you and miss you. You're in my thoughts always. Tonya.

SSG MUCHOW: I miss you and love you always. Happy Valentines Day! Jn.

Carol: Fond.

Dianne: As I sit and wait for darkness to fall, I think of you Dianne, alone I stand tall. I try to remember the last time I said I love you. I know I should say it more often than I do.

I search my soul, my heart aches within. But with you on my mind, I manage a grin. You know how deep our love is and how much I care. It overflows within me, no words could ever compare.

No songs, no words, can describe my woman. No poems, no pencils, no pens. You are my mentor, my lover, my wife, understand. But most of all, Dianne, you are my best friend.

Love forever and always, John.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Spc. Chris Gardner asks ... "What do you plan to do when you get home from Guantanamo Bay?"



◀ "Spend time with my family, play with my children [and] go back to being a pastor."

—Chaplain (Army Maj.) Graham Harbman

▶ "Retire within a year after I get back."

—Army Staff Sgt. John Hann

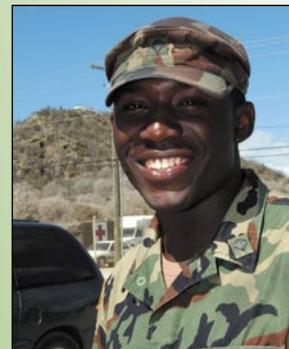


◀ "Go back to work at a hospital and go back to school to study management information systems."

—Spc. Oudom Inthisone

▶ "I plan on finishing my degree in finance [and] holding a position in my fraternity."

—Spc. Carey Jackson



Photos by Spc. Chirs Gardner

“GTMO 6” from front cover

sion, but Nygard said he feels confident about the tour at GTMO and the morale of his Sailors.

“What we’re doing here in Jacksonville is standing up the battalion in phases,” Nygard said. “We’re assembling, equipping and manning these Sailors to go down there and do the mission. The Sailors are extremely excited.”

The Sailors are coming from countries as diverse as Italy and Japan, Nygard said. They’re joining units that will fit specifically into the JTF-GTMO mission. Together, these individuals are scheduled to form the companies that will conduct detention operations as part of the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG).

“I don’t think it’s a challenge for the Sailors to fall in on the Joint Task Force,” Nygard said. “It is a JTF, and there are Sailors and Marines that operate there now. It is not much different for the JTF to accept a few more Sailors.”

The Sailors will bring a unique skill set, according to Nygard. They are MAs, which means they have worked in naval brig. Whether the time spent working the brig was on shore or at sea, detention work is familiar to the new Troopers. The JTF-GTMO mission is also different from anything they have done before—but that does not hamper the excitement of setting foot in GTMO.

“We’re coming along at a rapid pace and, all in all, I think we’re going to work out great,” Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, Barbara

Aimable, said of the upcoming mission.

As one of the MAs preparing to fall under JDOG command, this latest mission is a little different than what Aimable is used to.

“All the training we’re receiving here [in Jacksonville] is a bit of a refresher, to keep everyone up to date as far as how to handle certain situations depending on where you’re located,” Aimable said. “It is something new, and it’s something I’m interested in doing.”

The details of detention operations are different than the type of work Aimable has done in the past as an MA, but the commitment feelings behind it remain the same: To remain professional no matter what the circumstance, and to always perform the mission according to American values.

Multiple detention companies will anchor the new rotation for the guard mission within the Wire. Most of these companies will consist of the Navy MAs, while the command element of JDOG Headquarters will be centered on the 525th Military Police Battalion, which is active-duty Army.

With the new arrivals, JDOG will assume a traditional style of leadership, as Sailors will be formed into companies and platoons under a headquarters command within the Wire. Navy personnel will assume the leadership roles within those companies all the way down to the squad level. ■

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Fire highlights need for safety

By Army Pfc. Jessica Stone

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A careless flick of a cigarette butt may have been what started the brush fire that burned almost half an acre near the Kittery Beach Joint Aid Station on Saturday afternoon, said Guantanamo Bay Fire Chief Roger Jeffries.

The fire was reported at 12:18 p.m. and was under control by 12:34 p.m.

Judging by the direction of the wind, Jeffries said that it looked like someone was on the nearby ball field and flicked a cigarette butt.

Brush fires like this one are common here, he said, especially around this time of year when everything is so dry. This fire was relatively small compared to brush fires of the past. Jeffries said that about eight months ago there was a fire in the same location that took out about 10 acres.

Guantanamo Bay firefighters deal with about four to 10 brush fires in a summer, most of them on the golf course, Jeffries said.

“This time of year, you need to be real

careful with how you discard cigarette butts and barbecue pits,” Jeffries said. Most of fire prevention is pretty much common sense, he said.

It is also important to obtain a permit before starting any bonfires, Jeffries said. Just because there is a place to start a bonfire doesn’t mean that prior approval is not necessary. Permits to build bonfires can be obtained at the fire station or at the Naval

Base Administration Office.

Brush fires are the most troublesome on the Leeward side, where if they got away they could potentially cross the fence into Cuba, Jeffries said. Every year GTMO firefighters perform a joint exercise with Cuban firefighters to practice combatting any fires that cross the fence. ■

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Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Douglas Pennebaker

Guantanamo Bay firefighters douse the remains of Saturday’s brush fire near the Kittery Beach Joint Aid Station.

Photo contest

Recently, dozens of photos capturing images of Guantanamo Bay were displayed and judged during a photo contest sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Only a handful walked away with top honors, which can be seen in this issue's centerfold. The *Wire* staff compiled several of the other photos submitted at the contest to showcase the hard work and talent of GTMO's photographers.



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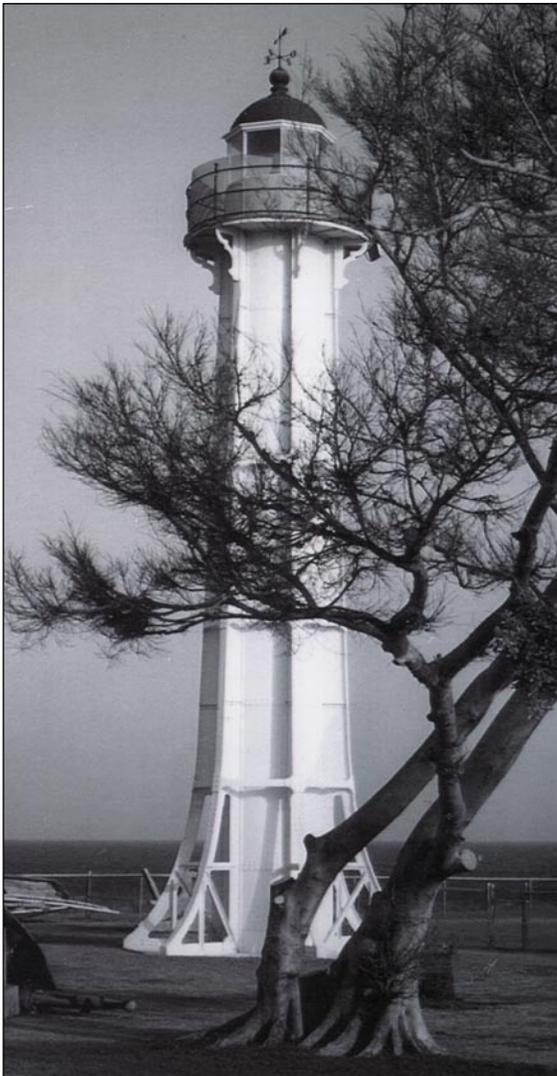


Photo by Carlos Romero



Photo by Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Phillip Payne



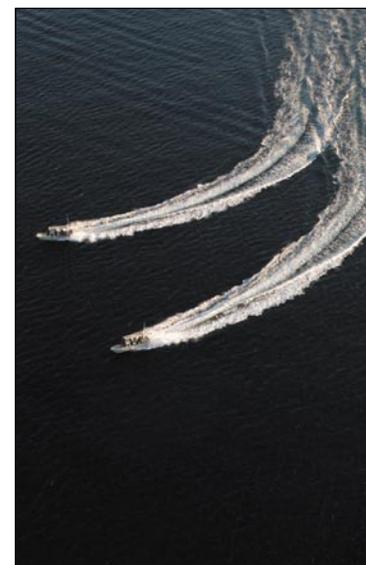
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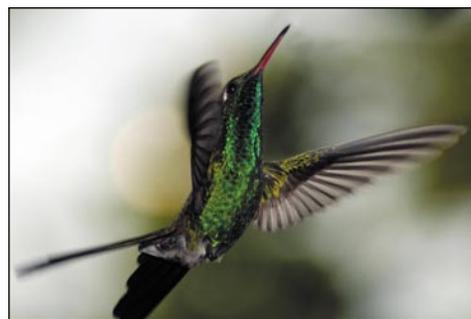
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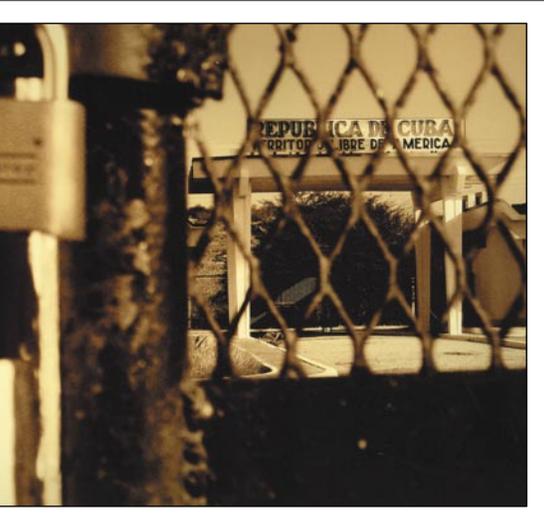


Photo by Navy Lt. j.g. David White



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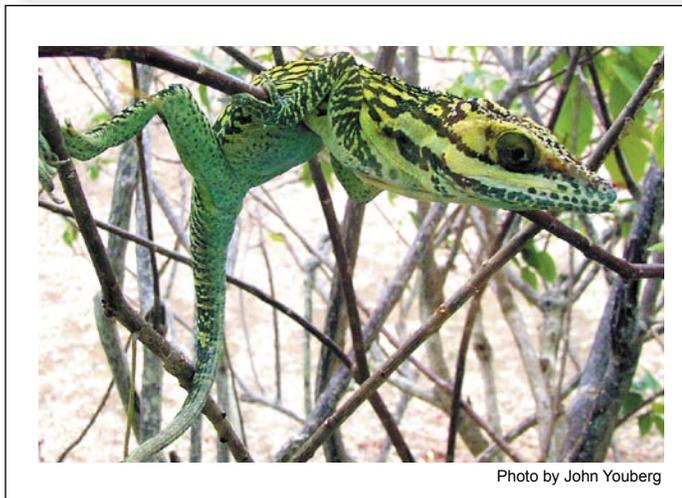


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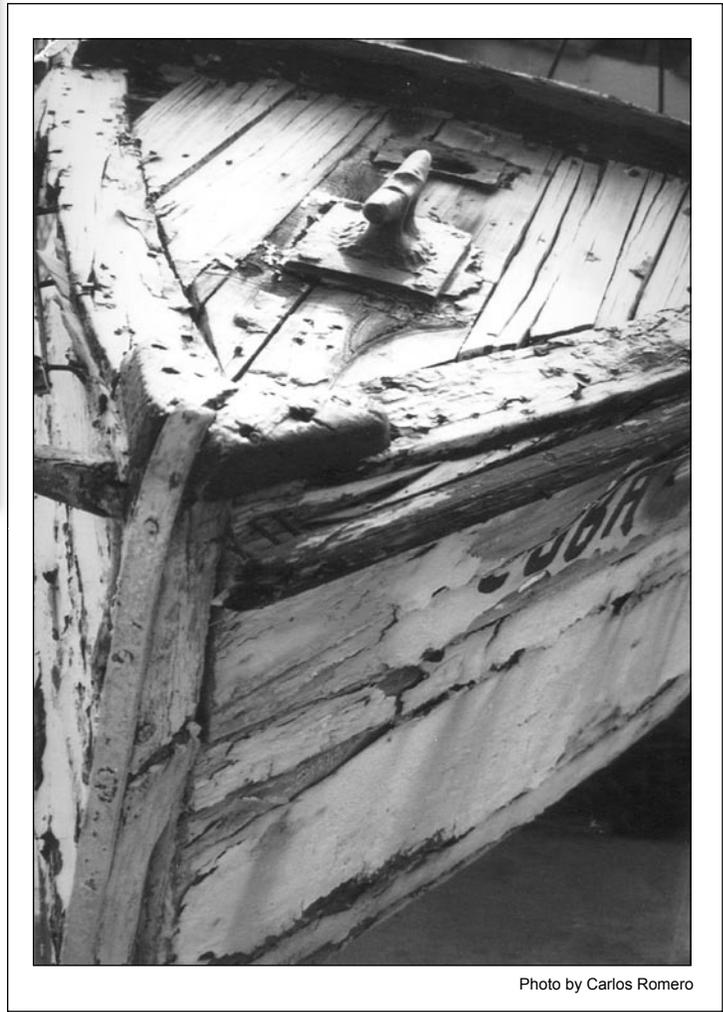


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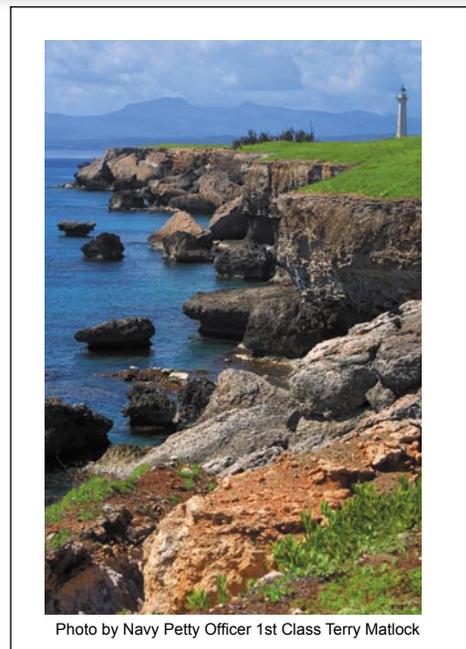


Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Terry Matlock

The beginnings of Valentine traditions

The tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day reaches back to the very roots of modern civilization.

Ancient Romans honored the goddess Juno on Feb. 14. Juno was the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the goddess of women and marriage. The following day, Feb. 15, began the Feast of Lupercalia, an ancient fertility rite.

Feb. 14 was renamed Valentine's Day in keeping with pre-Christian traditions.

St. Valentine began secretly marrying young lovers after Emperor Claudius II banned marriage in an attempt to attract more young men to the army. Upon his capture, Valen-

By Senior Airman Neo Martin

tine was sentenced to death for treason.

Valentine's jailer, Asterius, had a blind daughter who was healed by Valentine. In a farewell note to her, Valentine wrote the message "from your Valentine," thus starting the tradition. The following morning Valentine was stoned to death.

Throughout the centuries the legend of Valentine grew and the custom of card giving followed suit.

There was a vast increase in anonymous Valentine's Day cards—predominantly risqué ones—in 18th-century England, when a decrease in postal rates made it affordable and fashionable.

Quiz

- Where did St. Valentine live?
 - Great Britain
 - Rome
 - Greece
 - Paris
- What date is Valentine's Day?
 - Jan. 14
 - March 14
 - July 5
 - Feb. 14
- How do you spell 14th?
 - Forteenth
 - Fourteenth
 - Forteengh
 - None of the above
- Why is St. Valentine a symbol of love?
 - Because he was always in love with someone
 - Because he was a priest who married couples secretly
 - Because he fell in love with Emperor Claudius' daughter
 - His full name was Don Juan Valentino
- Valentine's Day is the Christian celebration reminiscent of ...
 - The festivities for the pagan god Thundor's victories
 - The festivities of

- Lupercus
- The festivities in honor of Emperor Claudius' marriage
- The day St. Valentine was stoned to death
- The lover's holiday, known as Valentine's Day, has its origins in the Pagan rite of ...
 - Romance
 - Joviality
 - Fertility
 - Winemaking
- Valentine was stoned, clubbed and beheaded because he ...
 - Secretly married young lovers
 - Ate too much chocolate
 - Refused to send the Roman emperor a Valentine's Day card
 - Failed to pay income tax
- Why is the name Asterius important to the Valentine's Day story?
 - He was Valentine's jailer
 - She was Valentine's florist
 - He was Valentine's judge
 - She was Valentine's chocolatier
- Which civilization

- introduced Valentine's Day cards?
 - Greece
 - Rome
 - Hallmarkian
 - Babylonian
- Who sent the earliest surviving Valentine's Day card?
 - Duke of Normandy
 - William Shakespeare
 - Duke of Orleans
 - Godfather of Soul
- Sending anonymous Valentine's Day cards in England became fashionable after ...
 - A paper mill strike ended
 - A reduction in postal rates
 - The free-love movement
 - A reduction of printing costs
- The son of Venus, goddess of love and beauty, is associated with Valentine's Day. What is his name?
 - Eros
 - Neoklis
 - Cupid
 - Amouros

Valentine's Day trivia

Birds of a feather: Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

Like a glove: If you find a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved would have the other missing glove.

All in a name: Some believed the first man's name you read in the paper or hear on Valentine's Day would be the name of the man you will marry.

Flowers: Pick a dandelion that has gone to seed. Take a deep breath and blow the seeds into the wind. Count the seeds that remain on the stem, and that is the number of children you will have.

Fruit: Cut an apple in half and count how many seeds are inside. This too tells how many children you will have.

Heart on a sleeve: Lupercalia was an annual Roman fertility rite dating back to the 4th century B.C. Young men drew the names of young women from a box. After the selection was done, the couples paired up. Several centuries later, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their Valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. Today, to wear your heart on your sleeve means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

—Senior Airman Neo Martin

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I need you now, T.O. More than words can say, I need you now ...

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

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How could the Eagles lose?

I mean, Terrell Owens, before the game, all week long, proclaimed his doctor was none other than God, the Almighty Himself. So how could the Eagles lose?

It became quickly apparent that T.O. didn't have the moves or speed that he regularly graced the field with, but he stuck it out the whole game, played hard and made some key catches for Donovan McNabb.

Neither offense performed well most of the game. The Patriots sputtered, the Eagles flailed and except for a few good moments by Tom Brady and Corey Dillon, the Patriots running back, the defenses locked these mediocre offenses up.

And where was the sense of urgency on that last Eagles drive that could have won them the game? Why were they huddling up,

letting the clock tick away? Why couldn't McNabb get it together? There is plenty of speculation, but most likely McNabb had been interception prone against the stellar D of the Patriots all night long. It is not a leap of logic to suggest he was being extremely careful in those final minutes of the game. Better to let the clock run out than to throw the game away.

Super Bowl performances make and break quarterbacks in the NFL as evidenced by Rich Gannon and Tom Brady.

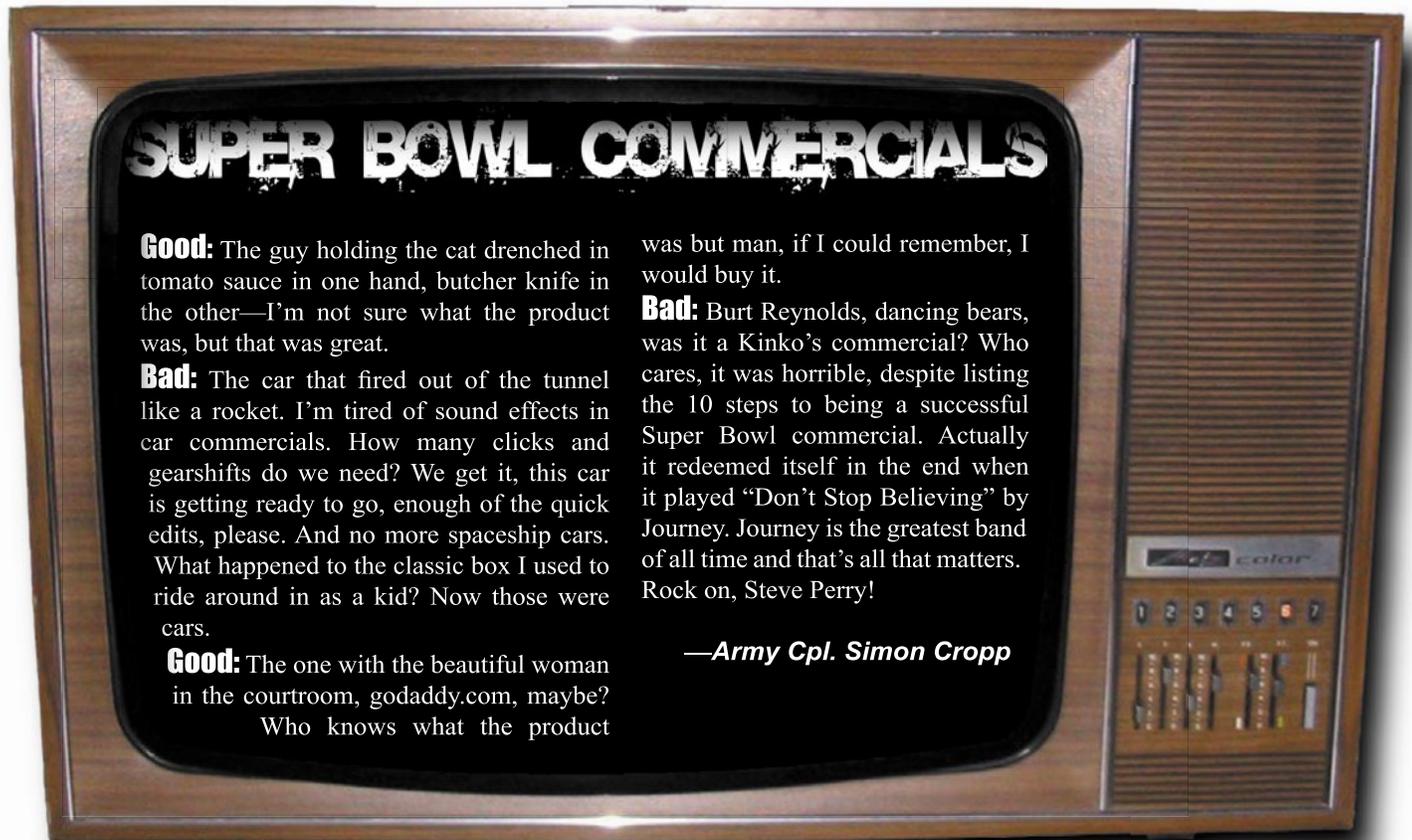
When Brady performed brilliantly in the last two Super Bowls he garnered respect around the league. There is already talk that he has clinched his Hall of Fame status at an amazingly young age. On the other hand, when Rich Gannon, league MVP of that very season, threw the most interceptions ever in a Super Bowl thanks to strong safety John Lynch's brilliant reads of Gannon's offense. It not only ruined Gannon but the Raiders as well.

Maybe McNabb didn't want to fall into the latter category. He will be back next year, after all, and maybe with a full-strength T.O. and then it is very possible he could run wild on the Patriots' D. Yes, the Patriots will be back too. They will be in every Super Bowl from now until 2010, when the Broncos finally clone John Elway and bring him back to the team at the young age of 21.

In all it was a great Super Bowl. McNabb couldn't handle the pressure, but then Brady didn't look so hot either. Still, as a team, the Patriots strolled in, played with confidence and walked away back-to-back winners.

No one can take that feat away from them—three of the last four years they've been the best in the league, and will continue to be the best in the foreseeable future. ■

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SUPER BOWL COMMERCIALS

Good: The guy holding the cat drenched in tomato sauce in one hand, butcher knife in the other—I'm not sure what the product was, but that was great.

Bad: The car that fired out of the tunnel like a rocket. I'm tired of sound effects in car commercials. How many clicks and gearshifts do we need? We get it, this car is getting ready to go, enough of the quick edits, please. And no more spaceship cars. What happened to the classic box I used to ride around in as a kid? Now those were cars.

Good: The one with the beautiful woman in the courtroom, godaddy.com, maybe? Who knows what the product

was but man, if I could remember, I would buy it.

Bad: Burt Reynolds, dancing bears, was it a Kinko's commercial? Who cares, it was horrible, despite listing the 10 steps to being a successful Super Bowl commercial. Actually it redeemed itself in the end when it played "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. Journey is the greatest band of all time and that's all that matters. Rock on, Steve Perry!

—Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

WORLDWIRE: Israel, Palestine agree to cease fire

Feb. 5: President Bush plans to raise federal **Pell Grant** awards \$500 over the next five years to ease the price that comes with college educations. ... Marquette University closes down the ‘**Adopt a Sniper**’ fundraiser due to controversy surrounding the subject. For clarity’s sake, the Christian school’s proposed snipers to be adopted were American sharpshooters overseas fighting the war on terror, not evil snipers.

Feb. 6: The Patriots win the **Super Bowl**. ... **The Simpsons** are not part of the halftime show but got their new episode featured after the Super Bowl. ... **Britney Spears** got married again—a year ago!—and now her newest marriage might be on the rocks as her husband has been sighted partying on the town like a single man.

Feb. 7: **Puddle of Mud** drummer joins Three Doors Down. Those might be rock bands, but no one knows for sure. ... *Boogeyman* is this week’s **top movie** ... **Cuba** to set up laws to stop smoking, especially among teens. ...

Feb. 8: A four-year-old boy goes for a **midnight joyride** and takes his mother’s car down to the video store; on the way back he strikes several vehicles, including a cop car; learned to drive by sitting in his mother’s lap. ... A recent study shows that two thirds of Americans probably don’t **exercise** on a regular basis and a quarter of those don’t exercise at all; a recent nation-



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Chris Heathscott

▲ **Army Staff Sgt. Mike Ellis, of North Little Rock, Ark., reaches to reload his M24 Sniper Weapon System. Ellis, a member of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard, was one of several Soldiers who attended the sniper school in Iraq.**

wide survey suggests couch potatoes are just fine with that. ... Israel and Palestine agree to stop four years of violence and begin **peace talks** again. ...

Feb. 9: Bush proposes significant changes in the **federal budget**. ... **Congress** said unlikely to support president in budget proposal. ... **Condoleezza Rice** says NATO can continue to represent the world’s freedom without being the world’s police force. ... Recent polling suggests

evangelicals are “going green” and setting their sights on the environment. ... Charges are dropped against the men who were being sued, by a lawyer, for telling a **lawyer joke** in public—apparently there wasn’t enough evidence to convict them of the disorderly conduct charges. ... **The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** got its name stolen and it’s going to sue the Jewish Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. ... *Army Cpl. Simon Cropp compiles WorldWire.*

Private Murphy



Photo by Robin Cressell

▲ **Airmen train in the combat-type skills they will need during convoy operations in Iraq. Airmen are providing convoy security for Soldiers and Marines in Iraq.**

Saint Valentine's Day

This coming Monday, Feb. 14, is St. Valentine's Day.

It's a day we tend to associate with romantic love. Where did this holiday come from?

There are many traditions of the origin of Valentine's Day. One involves a Roman Saint named Valentine who was martyred on Feb. 14, 269 AD for refusing to give up Christianity. While martyrdom is the ultimate sacrifice for the faith, one wonders what this has to do with the idea of romantic love associated with our current observance of St. Valentine's Day.

The legend also says that Valentine left a farewell note to the jailer's daughter, and signed it, "from your Valentine." Hence, a Hallmark holiday was born.

While the origin of Valentine's Day remains uncertain, one thing is certain, the holiday presents yet another occasion on which unaccompanied Troopers deployed here at GTMO, may become a

little depressed due to separation from our loved ones.

What can be done about it?

I'm sure many Troopers will send home flowers, cards, candy, gifts and e-cards to the ones they love. Have you considered making a list of all the special occasions you missed during this deployment and making them up one by one after you return home? Valentine's Day need not be limited to Feb. 14; it could be celebrated on any date.

The Bible has a chapter called the "Love Chapter" (1 Corinthians 13). In verse seven we read: "Love always perseveres." If you are a little down this Valentine's Day, remember that great truth: Love always perseveres.

Your love will outlast the separation of this deployment.

—By Chaplain (Army Maj.) Steven Herman



Penitence

Troopers attended an Ash Wednesday ecumenical service at Troopers' Chapel on Feb. 9. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," chaplains declared as they used ashes to make the sign of the cross on Troopers' foreheads. Ashes are a symbol of mortality and penitence.

Worship Schedule

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m. Protestant Service 6:45 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel Building 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m. Alpha	<i>Resumes soon</i>
Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m. Thursday Night Ticket	<i>Resumes soon</i>
Saturday	3 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE 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

For information on Jewish services call 2323

15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH

PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS JEFF LEWIS

“We’re protecting a high-value asset from possible terrorist threats, guarding an area keeping anyone from recreational boaters to bad guys out of that area.”

By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Lewis comes from a long line of Coast Guardsmen.

For Lewis, serving here in Guantanamo Bay as part of the Joint Task Force is one way of carrying the torch in his family.

The Wire: I was told you are a pretty squared away Trooper. Do you feel like you are squared away?

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lewis: I try to be most times. I’m in a role of leadership as far as having my own boat crew, and I prefer

to lead by example. The best way to do that is to be squared away and show guys how you should get things done.

What is your job here like?

I’m a second class boatswain’s mate. That means I am in charge of a boat crew, a boat, operations, safe navigation and everything that has to do with the job we have to do. Before I came to this unit, I was at a search and rescue station, which is 180 degrees different than what we’re doing now.

What are the big differences between this job and your last one?

There, it was just basically waiting for a call to come in from a distressed vessel or boat, and then we’d go out and we’d save them. This job here we’re protecting a high-value asset from possible terrorist threats, guarding an area keeping anyone from recreational boaters to bad guys out of that area. It’s more of an offensive position.

What’s your favorite part of being in the Coast Guard?

I have a lot of favorite parts: I like to travel, I like being placed in areas of responsibility, and I like having some stress put on me.

What sort of places have you traveled to since you’ve been in?

I’ve traveled to Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and—of course—here.

How long have you been in the Coast Guard?

Five years now.

Do you plan on making it into a career?

Yep, 15 more years to go. I have a grandfather who got to senior chief, so I’ve got to at least get to where he was.

So serving in the Coast Guard is a tradition for your family?

Yes, both sides of my family were in the Coast Guard.

Then did you always want to join the Coast Guard?

I didn’t go in until I was 23, so I worked in the civilian side of life for about five years after high school, and then I just decided I wanted to do something different.

Do you know how many generations back your family was in the Coast Guard?

At least four. It goes all the way back to the Lifesaving Service, like 100 years back.

What was the Lifesaving Service?

It was basically search and rescue units placed in all the coastal areas, which were made up of men who volunteered from local communities. Whenever they’d hear that a sailboat had come to shore battered or something, they’d form up and go out there and try to save as many as possible. Where I’m from, back then you would either fish or you would go into the Lifesaving Service. ■

Reach Army Pfc. Jessi Stone at 3589.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Photo contest:

Base members, both amateur and professional, took to the streets, beaches and trails to find the best Guantanamo Bay photo during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored photo contest recently. These are a few of the photos submitted. See a keepsake pullout inside for the winning photos and other eye-catching entries.



Photo by Jeff Johnston



Photo by Army Capt. Janet Schoenberg



Photo by Harriet Johnston



Photo by Sgt 1st Class Gordon Hyde



Photo by Deenie Burns

Free admission to theme parks

ST. LOUIS—Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. today announced its “Heroes Salute” to honor the Armed Services by offering free single-day admission to its SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks to active-duty, active Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as three direct dependents beginning Feb. 7 through Dec. 31.

In addition, Anheuser-Busch aired a 60-second “salute” television ad during the broadcast of the Super Bowl to honor those who serve our country.

Heroes Salute was officially introduced to the military on Feb. 6 in conjunction with a special Anheuser-Busch viewing party for the big game at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the XVIII Capital Airborne Corps and Army Special Operations Command.

“We’re giving something back to the brave men and women and their families who make sacrifices every day for our country,” said August A. Busch IV, president, Anheuser-Busch Inc. “As a salute to America’s heroes, we wish to extend a message of thanks and an invitation.”

Any active-duty, active Reserve, ready Reserve service member or National Guard is entitled to free admission. He or she need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of participating parks, showing a Department of Defense photo identification.

As many as three direct dependents of military personnel also are entitled to free admission. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents. Busch Gardens Williamsburg and SeaWorld San Antonio are seasonal operations that will remain

closed until spring 2005. Military personnel interested in visiting those parks should check operating schedules at www.herosalute.com. The remaining parks, SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and SeaWorld San Diego are open year round.

Anheuser-Busch has previously honored U.S. armed forces with free admission to its theme parks. Nearly two million service members and their families visited free during Yellow Ribbon Summer following the first Gulf War and during the Anheuser-Busch Salute to America’s Heroes, a post-9/11 tribute that included all branches of the U.S. military.

Anheuser-Busch has supported the armed services for nearly 150 years. In 1921, Adolphus Busch’s widow, Lilly, opened the Busch family garden to the public, donating admission fees to disabled veterans.

The company also supports veterans’ memorials in Washington, the Korean Memorial and the Vietnam Wall. Based in St. Louis, Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. is the leading U.S. brewer and holds a 50 percent share in Grupo Modelo, Mexico’s leading brewer.

In a survey of 10,000 business leaders and securities analysts, Anheuser-Busch ranked first overall in quality of products and services among nearly 600 companies researched in Fortune magazine’s 2004 “America’s Most Admired Companies” listing.

The company also is one of the largest theme park operators in the United States, is a major manufacturer of aluminum cans and is the world’s largest recycler of aluminum beverage containers. ■ *Provided by the Department of Defense.*

Tax and legal assistance

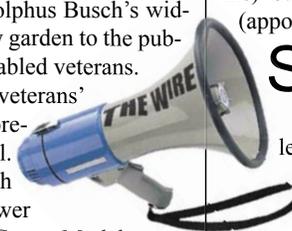
The Tax Assistance Center and Legal Assistance Office is open. Building 6208, Camp America (behind Troopers’ Chapel). For information, call 3545 or 3561

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (appointments)
 Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (appointments)
 Tuesday, Thursday; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (walk-ins)
 Saturdays; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (appointments)

Sound off!

The Wire welcomes letters from Troopers for publication. Letters must have no more than 350 words and include the Trooper’s name, unit and contact information. *The Wire* reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity and to eliminate libelous or tasteless material or anything that might raise operations security concerns. We will do our best to answer any questions posed in letters by contacting the appropriate subject-matter expert. Bring your letter to *The Wire* office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the Chaplain’s Office in Camp America or e-mail pao@jftgmo.southcom.mil.



CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOLDIER

It’s that time of year when there seems to be something going around. Everyone is sniffing, sneezing and coughing, and—living in close quarters—colds can be spread fast. One of the most soothing traditions for treating a cold is chicken soup. This recipe for chicken and wild rice soup should be just the thing to help you recover from your sniffles.

Ingredients

Four cups chicken broth; two cups water; two cooked, boneless chicken breast halves, shredded; one 4.5 ounce package quick-cooking long grain and wild rice with seasoning packet; half teaspoon salt; half teaspoon ground black pepper; three-quarter cup all-purpose flour; half cup butter; two cups heavy cream.

Directions

1. In a large pot over medium heat, combine broth, water and chicken. Bring just to boiling, then stir in rice, reserving seasoning packet. Cover and remove from heat.
2. In a small bowl, combine salt, pepper and flour. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in contents of seasoning packet until mixture is bubbly. Reduce heat to low, and then stir in flour mixture by tablespoons, to form a roux. Whisk in cream, a little at a time, until fully incorporated and smooth. Cook until thickened, five minutes.
3. Stir cream mixture into broth and rice. Cook over medium heat until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Kitchen

Watercolor Class

What: Beginning Watercolor Class

When: March 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sign up: At the Ceramics Shop
 For more information, call Heather at 7877; space is limited.

Accuracy

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. If you see an error in *The Wire*, call Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592. Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Greenhill at 3592.

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

Movies

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM	CAMP BULKELEY
FRIDAY	FRIDAY
7 p.m. <i>Fat Albert</i> PG 93 min	8 p.m. <i>Blade Trinity</i> R 114 min
9 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min	10 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min
SATURDAY	SATURDAY
7 p.m. <i>The Flight of the Phoenix</i> PG13 113 min	8 p.m. <i>Fat Albert</i> PG 93 min
9 p.m. <i>Meet the Fockers</i> PG13 115 min	10 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
7 p.m. <i>Blade Trinity</i> R 114 min	8 p.m. <i>Meet the Fockers</i> PG13 115 min
MONDAY	MONDAY
7 p.m. <i>Ocean's Twelve</i> PG13 125 min	8 p.m. <i>The Flight of the Phoenix</i> PG13 113 min
TUESDAY	TUESDAY
7 p.m. <i>Fat Albert</i> PG 93 min	8 p.m. <i>Ocean's Twelve</i> PG13 125 min
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. <i>Meet the Fockers</i> PG13 115 min	8 p.m. <i>Fat Albert</i> PG 93 min
THURSDAY	THURSDAY
7 p.m. <i>The Flight of the Phoenix</i> PG13 113 min	8 p.m. <i>Meet the Fockers</i> PG13 115 min

MWR

- Feb. 11: Pool Tournament, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Valentine's dance (high school), Windjammer, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12: Valentine's Day Run, 5K, Gym, 6:30 a.m.
- Feb. 12: Valentine's Day Dinner Special, Bayview, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 12: Valentine's Day Red Hot Dance, Windjammer, 9 p.m.
- Feb. 13: Valentine's Day Brunch Special, Bayview, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 13: Massacre Paintball Special, Cooper Field, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 13: Partner Scotch Doubles, Bowling Center, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18: Salsa Dance Contest, Windjammer, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Talent Show, Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 25: The Not-So-Newlywed Game, Windjammer, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25: 9-Pin No-Tap, Bowling Center, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 26: Extreme Biathlon, Sailing Center, 7 a.m.
- Feb. 26: Spring Craft Fair, Windjammer, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 18: Salsa Dance Contest, Windjammer, 8 p.m.

Seaside Galley

Today	Lunch	Barbecued Beef Cubes
	Dinner	Seafood Platter
Saturday	Lunch	Baked Fish
	Dinner	Chicken Parmesan
Sunday	Lunch	Roast Porkloin
	Dinner	Shepherd's Pie
Monday	Lunch	Pepper Steak
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
Tuesday	Lunch	Barbecued Chicken
	Dinner	Chicken & Beef Fajitas
Wednesday	Lunch	Pineapple Chicken
	Dinner	Cantonese Spareribs
Thursday	Lunch	Caribbean Chicken Breast
	Dinner	Salisbury Steak
Friday	Lunch	Parmesan Fish
	Dinner	Steamship Round of Beef

Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sundays & Holidays
Windward 6:30	Windward 7:30	Windward 7:30
Leeward 7:00	Leeward 8:00	Leeward 8:00
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Leeward 7:00	Leeward 8:30	
Windward 8:00	Windward 9:30	Shown are <i>departure</i>
Leeward 8:30	Leeward 10:00	times. Bold listings
Windward 10:30	Windward 10:30	indicate the departures
Leeward 11:00	Leeward 11:00	following breaks longer
Windward *12:30		than 30 minutes.
Leeward *12:45		*Fridays only

Buses

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

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