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## From Grizzly to GTMO

By Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

**FORT LEWIS, WASH**—In a mock-up detention facility, Sailors are preparing for a historic mission that comes down to three words: Fair, firm, impartial.

“We treat the detainees humanely because that’s what we stand for as Americans,” said Navy Cmdr. Kenneth Deal, commander of the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion training to join the sixth rotation through Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (GTMO 6).

Sailors trained by an Army cadre here at Fort Lewis hear the same messages repeatedly: Detainees are treated humanely. Their religion and culture are respected. These things are key to mission success.

During one part of their training, the Sailors spend long hours over several days inside Camp Grizzly, a mock-up similar to facilities used to hold detainees in the Global War on Terrorism. Soldiers playing the role of detainees hurl epithets. They throw fluids and other substances. They make endless noise. They provoke the guards.

A key measure of training success? Sailors take it all in stride, refusing to be ruffled. “We’re trying to create a tough, challenging, real-world training scenario,” said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Arquallia Farr, an observer-controller-trainer.

Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Timothy Reagan summed up his experience. “Very physical, very emotional,” he said. “Keeps you on your toes. Makes you



**Members of the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion march in formation at Fort Lewis, Wash., on Feb. 19 as they prepare to deploy to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo in support of the Global War on Terrorism.**

Photo by Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

think before you react.”

Cadre include Troopers from the JTF (Joint Task Force) handpicked to come to Fort Lewis and train. Other cadre members are active-duty Soldiers here who were flown to Guantanamo Bay and spent days on the cell blocks inside the Wire at Camp Delta, learning what is typical of the specific environment the Sailors are headed to.

“We have a training program that’s teaching them care of detainees tailored to the GTMO mission,” said Army Lt. Col. Warren Perry, commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 358<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Training Support).

The Sailors are being trained in the culture of the detainees they’ll be guarding. They are briefed on interacting with the media. They learn how to run cell blocks. How to shackle and escort detainees. Unarmed self-defense. Forced cell extractions. Filling out reports and

forms. The Geneva Conventions. First Aid. Shakedown. And dozens of other tasks.

The training highlights sensitivity toward detainees and their diverse cultures. It focuses on a high standard of professionalism. The incoming Troopers—already from law enforcement backgrounds as Navy masters-at-arms—are well equipped and well trained, leaders here say.

“Really what they’re teaching is very intense corrections training,” Deal said.

And they’ll get more “right-seat-ride” training next to their outgoing colleagues when they arrive at GTMO. All this on top of law enforcement backgrounds that add up to hundreds of years of experience. ■

*Read more about the incoming Navy Provisional Guard Battalion in this week’s Wire. Reach Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592.*

# The mission is not over

*"I want all of you to look back and be absolutely proud of your service in support on the global war on terrorism."*

**By Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles**

JTF-GTMO Command Sergeant Major

Great news! The 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police BN is here and has begun the transition process. Over 600 sailors will arrive soon as a provisional force in support of the joint detention operations group mission. Some key staff positions have completed transition without any delays to the overall mission and next week the advance group from GTMO 6 will mark the beginning of another great and new rotation.

Having said, Troopers from GTMO 5 & 5.5 can now see a light at the end of the tunnel. Many cannot wait to get back home to their families and professions and when the time comes that your physically home, I want all of you to look back and be absolutely proud of your service in support on the global war on terrorism. JTF-GTMO will continue to evolve into a better and more agile force.

However, despite the fact that everyone is doing a superb job, the mission is not over yet and although re-deployment preparations have begun --- everyone must stay focus on the mission and ensure that there is minimum impact to current operations.

While the mission continues, many are involved in great training and military education. The 2/113 IN BN is in the testing phase for the Expert Infantrymen's Badge and the Noncom-



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

## Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles

missioned Officer Primary Leadership Course will graduate the last class. Shortly thereafter the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course will commence and culminate with graduating two classes. The 525<sup>th</sup> MP BN will complete the last phase in the unarmed self-defense train-the-trainer course, which will allow continued instruction and certification of the remaining force within the JDOG.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to tell you all how proud and honored I am to serve with the great professionals of the JTF-GTMO.

Honor Bound!

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## Keep it clean

*"We are role models to many and ... need to watch how we conduct ourselves."*

**By Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles**

JTF-GTMO Command Sergeant Major

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) is part of a great community comprised of many services (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force & Coast Guard), Government Agencies, DOD Civil Service & Contractors, etc. Many (both military and civilian) in GTMO are serving in an accompanied tour that translates to many families with children of all ages. For those of us who are parents, it is easy to assess that GTMO is a very safe and secure place to raise children.

Since we are all serving in relatively small confines, we must be good neighbors and share all the facilities together forming one great community. We must all be aware that our behavior as a military institution is always under great scrutiny, not only by everyone in GTMO, but also by the children.

Although we are all serving in time of war, it is a great to read and watch the constant praise and admiration received through the media, across the nation, and in many international countries. We are in essence role

models to many; in fact I've been stopped by many (in the continental United States) expressing thanks for our service to the nation --- to include children asking for autographs. That is powerful!

Where am I going with all of this? I've observed and received reports of troopers using profane, vulgar language in some events, facilities, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation locations. We are role models to many and as such, need to watch how we conduct ourselves on all our facilities and events in the presence of families (children). The language we use needs to reflect the professionals that we all are.

Having said, using foul, vulgar, obscene language (profanity) in public undermines our values, ethics, and warrior ethos. It degrades our great institutions and clearly set the wrong examples for our future generations. I can guarantee that many would not dare use some of those choice words in the presence of your families at home or place of worship. I need everyone's help to ensure we reflect what we all work so hard for -- a close knit community that support and respects one another.

*Honor Bound!* ■



Joint Task Force Troopers and *USS Saipan* crew members pick up a pickup that was in the way of a garbage truck.

Photo by Spc. Chris Gardner



Spcs. Milton Santiago and Erika Fleury win the amateur category in the Salsa Dance Competition at the Windjammer.

Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

►Sgt. 1st Class Darren Beaty pins newly promoted Army Sgts. Garald Garret (right) and Maurice Jackson (middle).



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

# AROUND THE JTF



The Guantanamo Bay talent show took place Saturday night at the Windjammer. This performer sang Mariah Carey's "Hero" a cappella.

Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

# BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Army Pfc. Jessi Stone asks ... "What is one goal you would like to accomplish before leaving GTMO?"



◀ "My goal is to lose 10 pounds."

—Air Force Senior Airman Lauren Machuga

▶ "My goal is to leave things better for the person coming after me than I found them when I got here."

—Air Force Master Sgt. Doug McLean



◀ "The only goal is to accomplish the mission and go back to our loved ones."

—Army Staff Sgt. Edgar Chen

▶ "We have 29 Soldiers going through the [Expert Infantry Badge] testing. Our goal is to get each and every Soldier safely back home."

—Army Maj. Gregory Saunders



Photos by Pfc. Jessi Stone



A secure harbor greets the *USS Saipan* at Guantanamo. The vessel arrived from Haiti on Feb. 10.

Photo by Spc. Chris Gardner

## GTMO fuels *Saipan* Crew builds schools in Haiti

By Army Sgt. Scott Faddis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The *USS Saipan* anchored in Guantanamo Bay on Feb. 10.

The 40,000-ton vessel stopped here to fuel during its humanitarian mission to build schools in Haiti as part of Operation New Horizons.

The *Saipan* left Mississippi with 1,200 tons of supplies, gear and 50 Seabees en route to Haiti. "This is a great operation where we can practice our skills and perform humanitarian work," said Chief Petty Officer Thomas Kreidel.

Seaman Laura Gong, an information technology specialist, said doing something important such as this was why she joined the Navy only six months ago.

"It is great to be a part of an operation like this," Gong said. "I feel we are doing something good."

The *Saipan* was commissioned in 1977 to function in four capacities: Transport dock, dock landing, amphibious assault and cargo.

"Our primary mission is to put Marines ashore, and our secondary mission is to provide disaster relief, evacuation and medical aid to disaster victims anywhere in the world," said Seaman Apprentice Derek Hurder, a public affairs journalist aboard.

Kreidel said the *Saipan* was not perfectly suited for the change in missions, but the crew still took the challenge and adapted well. ■

Reach Army Sgt. Scott Faddis at 2619.

Top: The Fort Lewis main gate.

Right: 360 member's of the Navy's First Provisional Guard Battalion form-up and march to training at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Bottom: Sailors with the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion learn about interacting with the media. The trainer is JTF deputy public affairs officer Army Maj. Hank McIntire.

Left: McIntire trains Sailors with the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash., about interacting with the media.



Photo by Navy Cpt. Lewis Nygard



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Photos by Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

# LOOK INSIDE CAMP GRIZZLY

Fort Lewis, Wash., is the training ground for Sailors who will be a part of the GTMO 6 rotation. The mock-up detention facility known as Camp Grizzly was placed at Fort Lewis due to the tremendous space requirements. Fort Lewis also served as the training site for servicemembers sent to Kosovo and Afghanistan.

Like Guantanamo Bay, Camp Grizzly demonstrates today's joint service environment, showing how the U.S. military is fighting the Global War on Terrorism together.



by Army Maj. Hank McIntire



Left: Sailors in formation and ready for training.  
Left middle: Sgt. 1st. Class Arquallia Farr, an observer-controller-trainer preparing members of the Navy Provisional Guard Battallion for deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, stands in Camp Grizzly, a mock-up similar to detention facilities used in the Global War on Terrorism. "I love to train Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen," Farr said.  
Left bottom: Sailors read their instructions before participating in Initial Response Force training.  
Bottom: Training comences in a mock cell block.



Photo by Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

# Bruschi to hospital

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A little more than a week after the Super Bowl, Teddy Bruschi, 31, middle linebacker for the New England Patriots, suffered a stroke.

He was released from the hospital last Friday but with few answers as to the cause of the stroke and its effects on his NFL career.

Strokes are uncommon in men as young as Bruschi, and the reason is harder to detect in younger victims.

Bruschi is one of the more popular players on the New England Patriots and he still has some good years left in the tank, especially given his physical talent and skill at the position.

The hospital released Bruschi within 48 hours of arrival, which is a good sign, officials say. However until the cause can be determined there are no answers regarding his future with the Patriots. ■

# NHL first North American league to forfeit entire season

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

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R.I.P.

"It's certainly not going to be resurrected after today," said Player's Association Senior Director Ted Saskin. The NHL tried to bring back the season in a last-ditch effort Saturday. Wayne Gretzky even sat in on the negotiations, but it quickly became apparent that no agreement was going to be reached.

"It's 100 percent certain coming out of today's meeting that nothing could impact the cancellation of the season," Saskin said.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman canceled the hockey season last Wednesday after the players and the league could not come to terms on a proposed salary cap budget. The players wanted more; Bettman felt the league could not reasonably afford more, and with no agreement reached by

Wednesday it would be impossible to get any semblance of a season going.

Gretzky and Mario Lemieux went to the bargaining table Saturday but there was really no hope for the season at that point. They walked away empty handed. The NHL season is over; any talks now are only going to benefit next season, which, believe it or not, is also in jeopardy.

## NFL notes, rumors

**Drew Bledsoe** is set to be released by the Bills. ... **Randy Moss** will likely be traded to the Raiders ... Top Redskins receiver, **Laveranues Coles**, is unhappy and looks to be traded. ... Rumors suggest Miami Dolphins want a solid tailback—they may see what star cornerback **Patrick Surtain** will bring on the trading block. ... Don't the **Colts** need a star cornerback? ... Don't the Colts have an unhappy running back in **Edgerrin James**? ■

# Oscar gos, no-gos

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Oscars are here and for most of us that means we're going to be told that a bunch of movies we're never heard of are what we should consider the best of the year.

I'm sorry, but I'm not going to sit back and be told *Million Dollar Baby* is the best movie of the year when there isn't even a baby in it.

Here's a rough draft of what the academy should have picked, were they picking the best movies of the year.

**Best Movie:** *Team America: World Police*. Seeing it was by far the most fun I've had at Guantanamo Bay, other than the Joint Task Force mission, of course! This movie had it all: Action, political themes, and romance too. I've never felt so moved as I did during the 90-minute running time in this brilliant piece of life, sprinkled with bits of fiction.

**Best Actor:** Gary, from *Team America*. How could you not get behind this guy's struggle to become the world's greatest actor? When he faced off against the best, Alec Baldwin, it was such a tense moment, and the filmmakers were able to elevate this above the typical Darth Vader/Luke Skywalker schlock by bringing an element of actor insecurities into the fray. It was a beautiful moment in a beautiful movie.

**Best Actress:** Milla Jovovich, from *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*. Great script, coherent plot, and a beautiful leading lady who played the role as though she was born for this part—I must say there couldn't have been a more moving performance all year. Her inner struggle against becoming one of the zombies she battles against with shotguns, flamethrowers and 9 mms is just tragic.

**Honorable Mention:** I guess I should pick *Spider-man 2*, but I'm going with *Anchorman*. That Will Ferrell sure is funny.



And most of the movie I didn't even think he was funny, but I gave him the benefit of the doubt and remembered classic *Old School* scenes. ■

# WorldWire: Life on Mars, NASA suggests

**Feb. 16:** NASA scientists believe they've found proof there is **life on Mars**: Microscopic organisms, most likely, not big gray-headed aliens. ... Hundreds of **birds, intoxicated** on holly berries, crash into the side of a building in South Carolina. Many die, the rest are hospitalized before being released back into the wild.

**Feb. 18:** Wallet of one of the survivors from *Alive*, the true story behind the movie of people trapped in Andes mountains for 72 days, was found by a hiker last week, 32 years after the incident.

**Feb. 20:** **Ben Affleck** hopes to revive career after a long string of flops by playing the part of George Reeves, the real-life actor who played Superman in the 1950s; Affleck starred in movies such as *Surviving Christmas*, *Jersey Girl*, and *Pearl Harbor*, which won its own theme song in the hit movie *Team America: World Police*.

**Feb. 21:** **Pilot survives** plane crash in Colorado mountains and lives by building shelter out of snow and wrecked parts. ... Coroner in Washington seeks giant **shrink-wrap machine** to better preserve bodies in case of natural disaster. ... *Hitch* was this weekend's box office hit bringing in over \$30 million.

**Feb. 22:** **Rev. Jerry Falwell** fell ill Sunday during church service and was checked into the hospital. ... **Teacher** in Florida arrested after students claim he taught them how to make a bomb. ... Scientists issue a health alert for **global warming**, claiming if the temps keep rising then pollution and drought could lead to severe health problems. ... Recent fondling charges brought against **Bill Cosby** won't be pursued due to lack of evidence. ... A Norwegian family found their **swimming pool** had been stolen—dug up out of the ground and everything.

**Feb. 23:** **Man poses as Soldier** and falsely tells wife back home her husband died in Iraq—authorities have no leads. ... Look for stricter policies surrounding the media coverage of the upcoming **Michael Jackson trial**. ... **Jessica Simpson** got sick and was admitted to the hospital while preparing for a talk show, but luckily she's just fine. ... Hard rock band **Korn** had a recent awakening within its ranks: Lead Guitarist Brian Welch found God and Christianity and left the band. ■

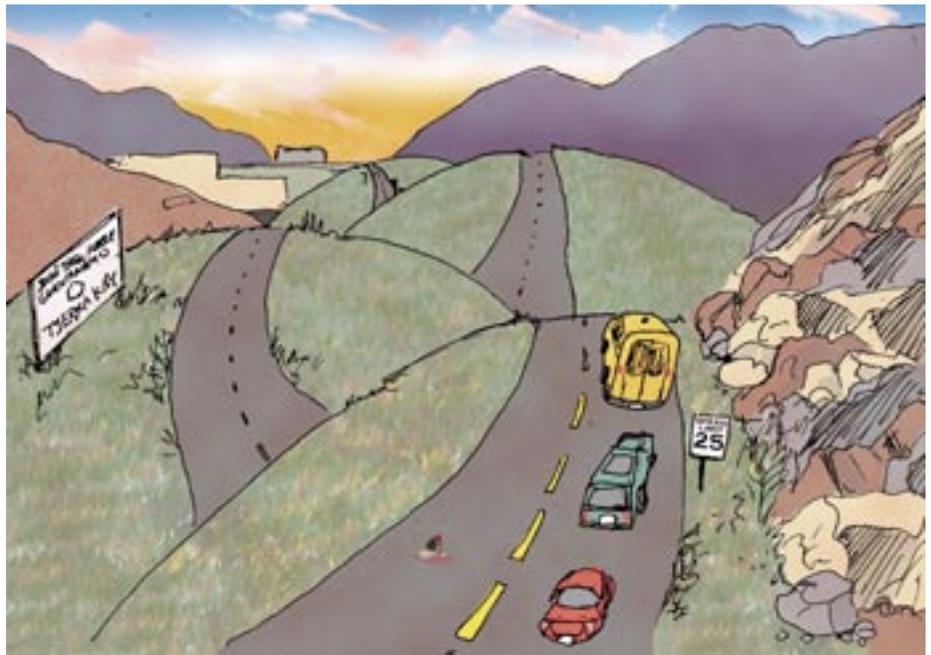
*Army Cpl. Simon Cropp compiles WorldWire from a variety of news services.*



White House photo by Paul Morse

▲ **President George W. Bush and first lady, Laura Bush, are welcomed by troops during a visit to Wiesbaden Army Air Field in Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 23, 2005.**

## Look familiar?



By Spc. Richard McMullen

*GTMO rush hour.*

# Counting the days

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Herman

JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office

Many Troopers who are part of the GTMO 5 rotation are now counting the days until their return home. We can become almost like children counting the days till our birthday or Christmas.

Counting days in anticipation of a big event in our lives is nothing new. For centuries, many Christians have counted down the days of Lent in anticipation of Easter. Lent consists of the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays).

The number 40 is based upon several Biblical stories, including: In the great flood, it rained 40 days; the children of Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness (one year for each day they had spied out the land of Canaan); Jesus prayed and fasted 40 days in the wilderness of temptation. These stories all provide reflection for the Lenten season.

The purpose of Lent is not to hurry us through to Easter. Rather it was a 40-day journey to help spiritually prepare us for Easter. The journey is as important as the destination.

So it is with our last days at GTMO. We may be tempted to count them down in an attempt to hurry home. A better approach is to seek God's will in this final portion of the journey. ■

# Candy

By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Army Maj. Kent Svendsen, the Joint Detention Operations Group chaplain, has distributed over 950 pounds of candy to Troopers over the past nine months.

His goal is to hand out over 1,000 pounds before his deployment ends, and he says he expects to meet that goal within the month.

Various citizens and churches in Illinois, Svendsen's home state, donate the candy. Averaging 100 pounds of candy a month, the donations have become bigger than he could have expected, he said. "I don't even know who these folks are," he exclaimed, looking at names on packaging slips.

Many of the candy donations come from his church and his parents' church, he said. His parents' church has held fundraisers in order to collect money for candy to send to Troopers. He said it had probably sent 250 pounds of candy since the deployment started.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Svendsen said he was taught to use candy as a ministry tool by his mentor Chaplain Pooser, another Illinois National Guard chaplain. "His exact quote was, 'They'll always be glad to see you, and they'll always be sad when you're gone,'" Svendsen said.

Svendsen said he believes the donations have become so popular that they will continue even after he leaves the island.

"It's been a lot of fun," Svendsen said. "It brings a smile to a lot of people's faces." ■

# Prayer breakfast



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

Chaplain (Navy Lt. Cmdr.) James Dowds performs with a choir at the prayer breakfast Feb. 22 at the Seaside Galley.

# Worship Schedule

## CAMP AMERICA

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

## NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	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	Main Chapel
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
<b>Monday</b>	1 p.m.	New Life Fellowship	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
<b>Monday</b>	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

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# 15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH NAVY CMDR. KENNETH H. DEAL

**By Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill**  
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

**FORT LEWIS, WASH.**—In a 32-year career, Navy Cmdr. Kenneth Deal rose from the lowest to the highest enlisted grade before accepting a commission—and a pay cut—to repeat his success in the officer ranks.

Enlisting in the closing months of the Vietnam conflict, he found his calling in administration, taking care of Sailors. Deal is commander of the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion deploying to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo this spring. His Sailors are training here at Fort Lewis, Wash., where *The Wire* caught up with the Navy's most senior corrections officer ...

***The Wire:* When did you enlist?**

**Deal:** August 1972.

**Why the Navy?**

I grew up near a naval Reserve center. When I was a young kid, I used to go out and kind of injected myself, marching in formation with the Sailors. I got to know the Navy through those Sailors. When I decided to join the military, the Navy was the only service I considered.

**What was your enlisted goal?**

I wanted to be a chief petty officer. The day that happened was one of the proudest career days of my life. Not the proudest day of my life. My family holds those honors. But I was stationed aboard the USS Charleston. We were in port in Norfolk, tied at the very last pier. I went out on the bridge wing and looked out across the fleet. It was a very humbling experience to know the Navy had entrusted that level of confidence in me to promote me to chief.

**What advice do you have for NCOs?**

Instill trust and confidence in your subordinates and give them the opportunity to fail. You can't develop subordinates if you always step in and do the work. You want them to develop their skills and only step in when they're about to go too far off the page.

**Why seek a commission?**

There were so many field-related duties only officers could perform. There were rank limits of what I was allowed to do on ships. I wanted to drive ships. Once I got my commission, I entered the ships surface warfare officer training program. I've driven some very interesting ships—some of the largest ships afloat in the world.

**When were you commissioned?**

1986. I lost \$200 a month in pay. Leaving what we call the chief's mess—the senior NCO world—was tough. It's a very tight-knit community. The chiefs are the backbone of the ship. That was a hard community to break away from, but I'm glad I did, if for no other reason than our statute of service for an enlisted person is 30 years. It's 32½ years later. I'm still wearing the uniform of my country.

**How does your enlisted career benefit you as an officer?**

There are few duties I will direct a junior person to perform that I haven't performed. It gives me an appreciation for the challenges. Deployments of any nature are hard. Family separation. We all have lives at home that have to be put on hold, but we don't stop being engaged on the home front. It's a challenge for all.

**Why join this mission?**

I wasn't exactly called in



Photo by Army Maj. Hank McIntire

**Navy Cmdr. Kenneth H. Deal**

and asked, "Hey, would you like to volunteer?" I was told I had been chosen. I was excited by the opportunity from Day 1. Mainly because when our nation is at war it's a very tough thing for someone who is in the field of arms to sit it out. This was my opportunity to get involved with the Global War on Terrorism in much more than a support role.

**How do you feel about the mission?**

I'm excited. The sad part is I've had all the sea jobs I can have. This was an opportunity to get back into the fight. Very few Soldiers on the ground will have as much exposure to the enemy as we will. It's a new mission. What we in the Navy call a "plank owner" is someone who creates something and puts it to work for the first time. We all want to have our little place

in history. I've had many opportunities to be a part of history, and this is yet another one.

**What's your goal for this deployment?**

My professional goal is to make sure our reliefs come in better prepared than we arrived and the transfer to them is seamless and painless.

**What do you expect from your Sailors?**

They will conduct themselves in a professional manner. They will get the job done. The Sailors are very highly motivated. They want to be here. They will grow professionally as well as personally. We will do our job. We will do it fair, firm and impartial. We will ensure that everyone—in and out of the Wire—is treated respectfully and humanely. ■

*Reach Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592.*

# Inside Camp Grizzly

*Mock detention facility prepares Sailors for the real thing*

**By Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

**FORT LEWIS, WASH**—The sounds are what hit a visitor first.

“Bring me the civilian!” a Soldier playing the role of a detainee yells out over and over again in Camp Grizzly here at Fort Lewis as Sailors train for their mission inside the Wire at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO).

Sailors with tape covering their name tags, just as they will inside Camp Delta for their personal security, calmly walk a cell block as role players yell and throw things at them. The Sailors talk into radios. Sometimes they meet to discuss which simulated challenges might be real emergencies and which are just part of working in a detention facility.

The Sailors are experienced—most have a professional military law enforcement background—but here they are getting extra preparation for challenges they could face at GTMO.

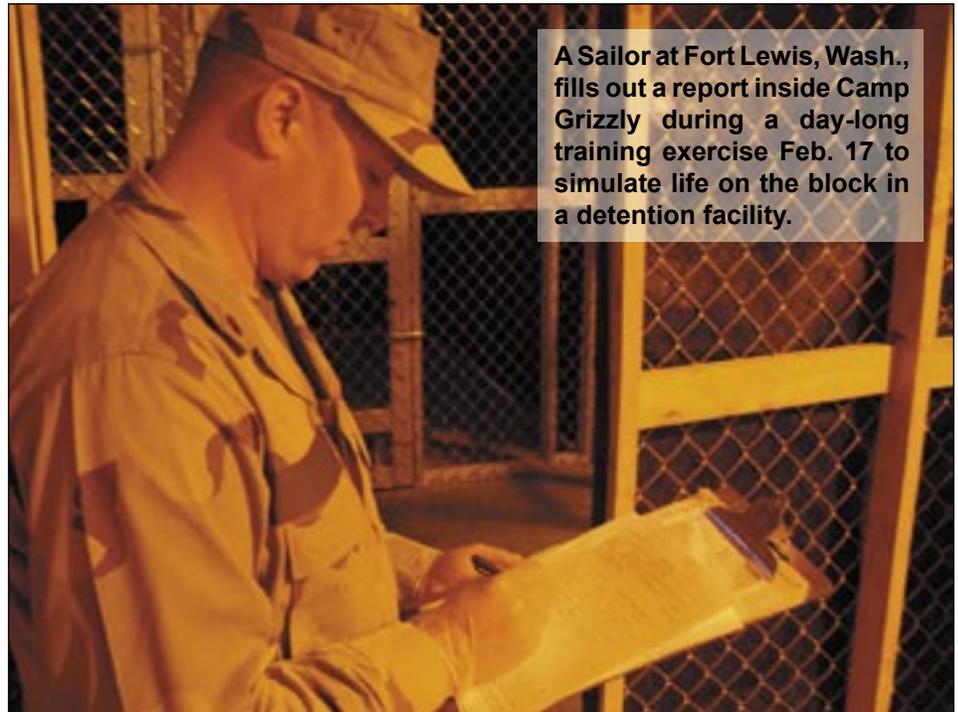
One role player endlessly paces his cell in circles. Another repeatedly yells “tattle-tale” to no one in particular and with no apparent reason. Others behave normally, reading or sitting quietly.

“I need a toothbrush, guard!” one calls out. The cadre watch, assess the Sailors’ reactions, take notes and pull individuals aside to offer guidance.

“The training is as real as it can possibly be and as close to what’s happening on the island right now as it can possibly be,” said Army Lt. Col. Warren Perry, commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 358<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Training Support).

The trainers include Soldiers from Fort Lewis who’ve spent weeks inside the Wire, Troopers from GTMO flown to Fort Lewis and experts from Fort Leonard Wood, where the Army trains military police.

Army Staff Sgt. Brian Kinsler, an observer-controller-trainer, was one of the Soldiers who spent time at GTMO. “I got to see what was going on,” he said. “I got to see what right looks like so I can teach



A Sailor at Fort Lewis, Wash., fills out a report inside Camp Grizzly during a day-long training exercise Feb. 17 to simulate life on the block in a detention facility.

Photo by Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

right. I’m glad I can do something to help the Sailors.”

“It’s preparing them the way they should be prepared to go down and augment the mission,” Perry said.

Fort Lewis was chosen because it had the capacity to complete the training, Perry said. The base has previously prepared service members for detention missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

“We have a world-class training facility,” Perry said.

Sailors spend days in Camp Grizzly rehearsing tasks they could later face at GTMO. In the mock-up facility, cadre can observe as different Sailors undertake multiple tasks at the same time, much as life could be in a real detention facility.

In one cell, a Sailor meticulously searches for suspected contraband, carefully running his hands over a prayer rug like those provided out of respect for detainees’ religious and cultural needs. Meanwhile, noncommissioned officers (NCOs) meet in a nearby office and Sailors patrol the corridors while others stand and constantly monitor Soldiers playing the part of detainees under special care.

The cell search continues as the Sailor goes through the books, water, soap, cup and other items similar to those provided to every detainee.

Navy Cmdr. Kenneth Deal, commander of the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion being trained here, said detainees are

treated at least as well as—and often better than—federal prisoners in the United States. He is the command officer of the naval brig in Norfolk, Va., and the Navy’s senior corrections officer.

“They start out with a lot more than a lot of our federal prisoners start out with,” Deal said.

Army Capt. Jerry Regis is one of the role players. “The training is aggressive,” he said. “It needs to be. What it does is prepare them. It gives them an idea of all the variants. I’m trying to get them to think, ‘What can detainees do to counter authority? How can they harass the guards?’ I’m glad I’m a part of it.”

But, said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Arquallia Farr, another trainer, the Sailors quickly adapt, drawing on the law enforcement experience most have. “After an hour or two, they’ll begin to grasp the concept,” he said.

Camp Grizzly is a training environment, so the Sailors receive some of the harassment typical of drill sergeants. “The Air Force did this better!” yells one of the role players, who is also an instructor.

But, in reality, cadre members here say privately the Sailors are doing an outstanding job.

“They are service members just like us,” Regis said. “They have a job to do. We’re here to help get them ready.”

“We’re more than ready mentally to go on the island right now,” Deal said. ■

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# Sound off!

## JTF improves vehicle services

There is a new Joint Task Force (JTF) vehicle maintenance contract scheduled to take place around March 1. JTF customers will deal with the J-4 (Bldg. M-612) for vehicle dispatch on the 60-day rotation. No customers will deal directly with the contractor. Any vehicle requiring service or repair should report to J-4 immediately. J-4 will notify customers when services are required or parts are in for their vehicles.

For emergency road service between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., call 4506. After hours, call emergency road service at 3624.

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

## No scuba diving



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Seven scuba divers were treated and released over the weekend after potentially being exposed to bad air. Until an investigation is complete, the Naval base has halted all scuba diving per base regulation.

*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](mailto:pao@jftgmo.southcom.mil).

## Command Sergeant Major Notes

1. No brown T-shirts are to be worn with civilian clothes. This applies to all Services in the Joint Task Force.
2. NEW POLICY: A four-day pass can be used in Jacksonville only (subject to individual exception). If someone is going to Jamaica for example it must be on Leave. A passport, country clearance and threat brief are required.
3. When flying on Lynx or Sunshine be aware that they load by weight. If you show up late which is after the two-hour window show time, they may put cargo or extra fuel onboard and thus you might lose your seat.
4. In the future military families will only be able to come to the island if the Trooper has a permanent change of station for two years or more.
5. The Service Member of the Quarter board will be on Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. Safety  
Until further notice, due to safety concerns, there will be no scuba diving allowed to Troopers in Guantanamo Bay.

## CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

If you are suffering from cravings for Mexican food you don't need to wait for the much anticipated new Mexican food restaurant to open. This recipe for Chicken Enchiladas ought to hold you over until the real thing comes to town.

### Ingredients

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves; 1 tablespoon vegetable oil; 1 onion, chopped; 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers; 1 (14.5-ounce) can stewed tomatoes; 12 small chile peppers, diced (optional); 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup; 1 (14.5-ounce) can chicken broth; 1 bunch green onions, chopped; 1/2 pint heavy cream; 6 (6-inch) corn tortillas; 3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese; 1 (10-ounce) can enchilada sauce

### Directions

1. Cut chicken breasts into one-inch strips. Place in a medium bowl with desired marinade, and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
3. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Saute chicken and onions until chicken is evenly brown. Stir in diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, stewed tomatoes, chile peppers, soup and broth. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat, cover skillet, and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear.
4. Remove chicken from skillet, and shred when cool enough to handle. Meanwhile, allow skillet mixture to simmer and reduce to about 2 1/4 cups. In a medium bowl, combine shredded chicken and about 1/4 cup skillet mixture (just enough to make a paste-like mixture). Mix together with half the chopped green onions. Pour remaining 2-cups of skillet mixture into a nine by 13-inch baking dish.
5. In a second skillet, heat cream over low heat, being careful not to boil. Dip tortillas in the warm cream to soften and coat. Spoon about 1/3 cup chicken mixture onto each tortilla. Top chicken mixture with half the shredded cheese, and roll up tortillas. Place rolled tortillas in baking dish, seam side down, and drizzle with enchilada sauce. Cover with remaining shredded cheese, and sprinkle remaining chopped green onion over cheese. Bake uncovered in preheated oven for 25 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bubbling.

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## Accuracy

*The Wire* strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them.

Last week, *The Wire* featured a story on sexual assault but incorrectly called it sexual harassment in the headline. The story was written by Air Force Maj. Dawn Zoldi.

