

Turning the tables on al-Qaida

By Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Pfc. Billy Smith is in his second week of leave, but things aren't going exactly as he planned. He stands in the pawnshop looking down at the watch his father gave him before Billy left for Iraq and wonders how it ever got this bad.

Across the street in an inconspicuous sedan, a stranger smiles to himself as he puts the car in drive. He doesn't have to wait to follow Billy. He knows exactly where he's going; he's been following him since he got off the plane. The stranger pulls out into traffic and heads for the casino. He needs to save a spot at the \$5 blackjack table; it's the only table Billy can afford. The trap is set.

This may sound like the beginning of a cloak and dagger dime novel, but in reality it is standard operating procedure for al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations. According to the al-Qaida training manual (TM), which was found by police in Manchester, England, 80 percent of intelligence can be gathered through non-covert methods such as newspapers, broadcasts, magazines and public records. The other 20 percent must be gathered through espionage.

Lessons 11 and 12 of the TM cover espionage. It's defined as "the covert search for and examination of the enemy's news and information for the purpose of using them when a plan is devised."

There are several methods of espionage covered in the TM, among them are kidnapping, torture and paying for information outright. Though these methods are covered in detail, they are also discouraged for several reasons.

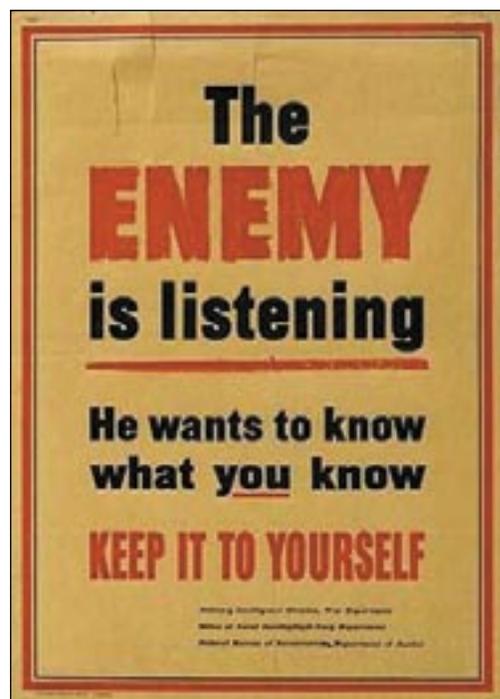
Kidnapping and torture are discouraged because the information can't be trusted, and the prisoner can't be kept alive indefinitely. Therefore, the benefits are short term and not worth the risk. Paying for information is avoided because traitors can easily have a change of heart and report the terrorist to the authorities. The preferred method is to extract information from individuals without their knowledge. This method is more effective and much easier than most might think.

It states in the TM, "Recruitment may be indirect, that is, information may be taken from the target without informing him that he is an agent. That may be accomplished by giving him gifts, sharing his joys and sorrows, and attempting to solve his problems."

The first step is to determine what information is needed and who may have access to it. Once individuals who the terrorist may have access to are identified, the surveillance period begins.

"In this stage, the Organization picks the suitable person for supplying the information. The Organization learns about that person: His financial condition, his family status, his position regarding the government, and his weaknesses and strengths. The agent is placed under continuous observation to learn the times of his departure to and return from work, the places he visits, the individuals he meets, and his social interaction with those that he meets in coffee shops, clubs, etc," according to the TM.

Individuals at risk are clearly described



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in the TM. The perfect target may be an individual with a documented or obvious financial, drug or gambling problem.

The TM recommends, "Officials who have a lavish lifestyle and cannot keep up using their regular wages, or those who have weaknesses for women, other men, or alcoholic beverages. The ideologist (who lives in his county, but is against his government) is considered a valuable catch and a good candidate."

These shortcomings in character can be used by the terrorist to entice or blackmail an individual into turning over information either willingly or unwillingly.

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Troopers tell the JTF story

By Col. Brad Blackner

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Officer

ABC, NBC, FOX, CNN. They've all been here. The question now is, who hasn't visited the Joint Task Force and Guantanamo Bay? It seems like every media outlet in the world has visited here. CBC, CSPAN, BBC, and Al-Jazeera have all visited over the past year, and it's not about to end. Media from around the world have inquired about visiting and we continue to open our doors to them. More than 400 media outlets have visited GTMO. More than 23,000 stories have been published about the JTF in the past year. Many different Troopers from all the services have told our story, and no two stories are alike. It's interesting to read reports from news agencies after they've visited. Their interpretation of our mission and what they've seen is often a lot different than what we expected. We continue to welcome all media outlets and will provide them with access to our jobs, our mission and our places of work.

Everyone here plays an important role in how we are portrayed at home and abroad. Whether you're talking with a reporter or to your family at home, the story gets there. It's critical that we are honest and factual when talking with the media and family members and to always take operations security into account. You've heard it before: stay in your lane, only talk about what you know, don't speculate. As the Director of Public Affairs, I am very impressed with the knowledge of our Troopers and how they have handled themselves with the media and the numerous Congressional delegation visits we have hosted. We are fortunate to have quality Troopers representing the JTF.

The Command Information Section of the Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) is staffed by our Troopers telling our story, as opposed to the commercial media telling our story for us. We use numerous mediums to get the word out about the great job each and every one of you does everyday, and we've been enormously successful during my time here!

In the past six months *The Wire* has



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

covered operations both inside and outside Camp Delta. We have sent over 40 stories and photos to commercial and Department of Defense news outlets. Photos and stories from the journalists here have run in papers from California to New Jersey and even in West Virginia. We have been seen in *The Washington Post*, *Country Weekly*, and the Miss USA Web site, all telling the JTF mission. Several broadcast pieces have aired on the Pentagon Channel, including "Why I Serve." Each week a JTF Radio News piece is aired on the local radio stations. Your spouses, parents and friends can share in your successes through the 100-plus hometown news releases sent to their local papers.

Finally, we've instituted a Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) program to reach out to the units and encourage them to tell their unit's story. UPARs are a key ingredient to the success of a public affairs mission. There's no better way to tell a unit's story than from a Trooper who is a member of that unit. Troopers live the mission every day, and we depend on the units to provide the input we need to report the facts.

As I conclude my tour here I want to thank the staff and the Troopers of the JTF for your support of the public affairs mission and your service to this great nation. I wish you all good luck and continued success.

Honor Bound! ■

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Service Rifle Team dominates National Matches

By Paula J. Randal-Pagan

Army News Service

CAMP PERRY, Ohio (Army News Service, Aug. 25, 2005) -- Service rifle shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., might not have been shooting for Olympic Gold Medals, but they dominated the National Highpower Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 2 to 15.

After conducting the Rifle Small Arms Firing School, July 30 to Aug. 1, the USAMU Service Rifle Team dominated this year's National Rifle Championships.

The USAMU Service Rifle Team received the awards from Acting Commander of Training and Doctrine Command Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones, who presented the awards at the National Trophy Matches Awards Ceremony. The team then conducted the Long-Range Firing School Aug. 16 and 17 before returning to Fort Benning.

The USAMU Service Rifle Team coached by Staff Sgt. Emil Praslick III beat 58 of the country's best military and civilian rifle teams to win the National Trophy Rifle Team Match and receive the "Dogs of War" National Trophy.

The USAMU Team dominated in this match, beating the second-place Marine Corps Team by 30 points. USAMU shooters were Sgt. 1st Class Norman L. Anderson, Sgt. 1st Class Lance D. Dement, Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Hopper, Sgt. 1st Class Kyle A. Ward, Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson and Spc. Brandon K. Green; Staff Sgt. Jason M. St. John was the team captain.

"Thirty points is a big win," said USAMU Commander Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag. "The team shot in exceptionally challenging wind conditions and Sergeant Praslick did an outstanding job. The coach is responsible for reading the wind and giving each Soldier the correction in rear-sight windage clicks."

The USAMU Team coached by St. John won the National Enlisted Men's Trophy Team Match, which is fired at ranges of 200, 300 and 600 yards with the M-16 rifle by all military service teams. St. John's Team shot a score of 1,970 points out of a possible 2,000 with 83 Xs out of 200 Xs (an X is a bull's eye used in tie-breaking); the Marine Corps Team's score was 1,970 with 80 Xs. Shooters were Ward, Green, Staff Sgt. William T. Pace and Pvt. 2 Calvin G. Roberts; the team captain was Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Pettry.

"This match was perhaps the greatest demonstration of technical skill and sportsmanship I have seen," Liwanag said. "Sergeant St. John inspired his team to a superior performance. This was the Army's number two team. In side-by-side performance with the Marines, who shot on the firing point beside them, our Soldiers kept their cool and shot an outstanding match."

Praslick's Team also won the Roumanian Trophy Team Match and the Herrick Trophy Team Match.

Anderson triumphed over 1,285 competitors to win the President's Rifle Match, for which he will receive the President's Rifle Trophy, a letter of congratulations from President George W. Bush and the President's Hundred Tab. With a score of 297 points out of a possible 300 and 17 Xs out of 30 Xs, Anderson edged out Ward who took second place with a score of 297 and 11 Xs.

For the second year in a row, Anderson also won the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match with a score of 496 points out of 500, for which he was awarded the Daniel Boone Trophy. Anderson barely beat Tomlinson, who had a score of 495. For being the highest scoring Army (active, Reserve or National Guard) competitor in the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match, Anderson received the Association of the U.S. Army Trophy; he also received the 25th Infantry Division Trophy for being the highest scoring Army Infantryman. ■

Turning the table...

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In the above scenario, the terrorist would have several choices in dealing with Billy. He could offer Billy money outright to make up for his gambling losses in exchange for information but the terrorist then runs the risk of being exposed.

The most probable course of action for the terrorist would be to pose as a veteran, buy Billy a few beers, show sympathy for his situation and interest in his involvement in the war. In an impaired state, Billy may divulge information useful to the enemy without knowing it.

Billy may mention that his unit is doing constant raid rehearsals while elsewhere in the bar a Soldier mentions "he is not looking forward to the 25th of the month," though he can't say why. Other seemingly useless information may come from another Soldier who said all he had been doing lately is inspecting night vision devices, or yet another who said, "We're going to give 'em hell in Karkuk."

From this "useless information," the enemy can deduce there will be a raid in Kirkuk on the night of the 25th. Through the use of ciphers and codes (see *The Wire*, July 29) this information is shared with the rest of the terrorist network.

Some of the best advice for avoiding

becoming a target of espionage is given in the Manchester document itself (the main reason for OPSEC). It states, "The agent who can be bought using the aforementioned means is an easy target, but the agent who considers what he does a noble cause is difficult to recruit by enemy intelligence."

In other words, avoid putting yourself in compromising situations. If you wouldn't want your wife, husband or commander to know...don't do it. And, never--under any circumstances--reveal any information to an unknown or questionable source, which you wouldn't want to fall into the hands of the enemy. ■

Air Ops busier than many think

By Spc. Timothy Book

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Most Troopers flying out of GTMO on leave usually depart on Saturdays or every other Tuesday. Some may think these are the only times that aircraft arrive or leave, but there are planes flying in and out of Guantanamo every day.

“We average 10 to 12 flights coming in per day,” said Clifford Ware, air traffic control specialist, who is responsible for scheduling arrivals and departures for all aircraft and posting the daily flight schedule. “This isn’t the busiest airport, but we have more flights in and out of here than most people realize,” he said.

“The AMC flight, or what most people call the ‘Rotator,’ isn’t the only way off the island,” said Mark Veditz, air operations project manager. This can be very advantageous to Troopers on leave or temporary duty. “If you need to leave, come over to the terminal and stand by. If we have something going out that’s carrying passengers, we’ll fill the flights.”

The availability of Space-A seats should grow soon. Veditz explained that the peak



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

A flight mechanic refuels a passenger jet prior to a Rotator flight.

times, and therefore the least available seats, are almost over. The busiest times for the terminal are from the first week of May to around the third week of June and then the first week of August to the first week of September.

Recently, an Internet café was added to the terminal to aid passengers waiting

to board. Six computers are available to enable riders to check their flights, rental cars or to check their e-mail. Veditz recommended a 10-minute limit to allow everyone a turn.

Construction is also under way on the other side of the hangar. A new terminal is being built to better serve passengers. It is scheduled to be completed by February.

In addition to the Rotator flights, there are two charter companies that carry passengers and cargo off the island and to the United States, as well as to other countries such as Jamaica. Lynx Air and Air Sunshine regularly schedule trips in and out of GTMO to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Both companies also ship packages on their flights. Schedules of their flights as well as prices for tickets and charges for letters and cargo are easily obtained online.

Anyone who needs to leave the base in a hurry has plenty of opportunities to travel. For Troopers taking scheduled leave, there are ample choices of how they travel. ■



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

A jet carrying distinguished visitors arrives at Guantanamo.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Spc. Seth Myers asked Troopers around the JTF, "Has your time at GTMO changed your perspective on the global war on terrorism?"



◀ "Any doubt in my mind about our government prior to coming here has been changed after witnessing the respect in which we treat the detainees and spending hours practicing to ensure that military commissions run smoothly, so the media is incapable of contorting the truth."

—Marine Cpl. Joseph Ulisses

▶ "Yes, having some contact with the detainees brings it more to the forefront of my mind."

—Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alison Studulski



◀ "No, I have always felt our country was threatened by terrorism. One of the reasons I joined the military was so we wouldn't have to go to war. If you have a strong military, countries are less likely to threaten you. If you have ever seen the movie "Red Dawn," you can imagine what it would be like if another country invaded the United States."

—Army Sgt. Ralph Amezcua

▶ "No, I think that we at GTMO have done a good job of changing the American people's perspective. In so many cases, we in the military can not disclose certain information. Although, PAO has been busy escorting the media crews that have flooded GTMO, it was to our advantage educating the rest of the world."

—Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ike Dyer



Photo By Spc. Jeshua Nace

Photos by Spc. Seth Myers

THE D2 Movie Review

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie star as Mr. And Mrs. Smith.

Dave

There are "good" movies and there are "enjoyable" movies. Mr. And Mrs. Smith was very enjoyable.

Anytime a movie starts out focused on a married couple with fading passion, I think to myself, "Damn, another movie glorifying adultery." Unfortunately, I'm usually right--but not this time.

In this movie, Pitt and Jolie discover they are both leading secret lives as hired killers. The twist is they work for opposing agencies. When they are ordered to kill each other, the action goes through the roof. Suddenly the passion is back, drastically misdirected, but it's back. And, as we all know, the worst marital dispute can make for the best makeup.

This movie had action, passion and more than a few laughs. I don't think I'll run out and buy the DVD, (my wife will; Brad Pitt is in it), but I may see it if it comes around again. 3.5 stars. ★★★★★

Deane

This movie has a great looking cast with even better action sequences that roll into an enjoyable night. This is a story of a couple that married, knowing nothing about each other, and are still clueless years down the line. After a few close calls, the couple realizes they have the same job but different employers.

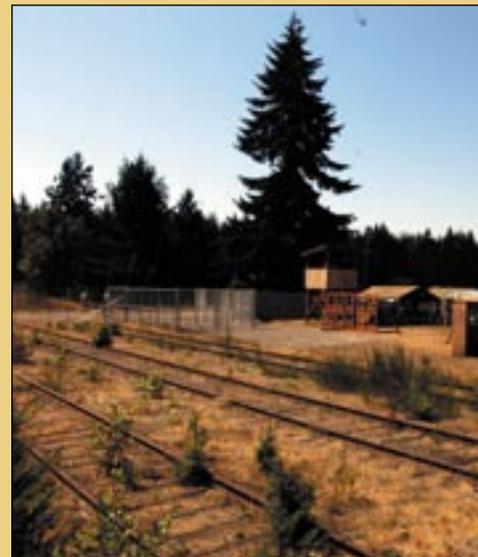
Will love prevail? *Who cares.* This is an action movie and a pretty good story as well. The only thing wrong with this movie is that there is an abrupt ending. I didn't feel they tied up any loose ends, but it's still a decent flick. 3 stars for a juicy love scene. ★★★★★

- ★★★★★ Better than a 4-day pass
- ★★★★★ Good flick
- ★★★★ Beats working
- ★ If you're really bored
- ★ Not worth price of admission



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

SAILORS FIND REAL



▲ Trainers at Fort Lewis have developed a training facility for guards before their assignment to Guantanamo. Shown is a mock communal living facility for guards at GTMO.

▲ Sgt. 1st Class William Gamble, 525th MP Battalion, trains future Camp Delta guards on how to get out of a full Nelson.



▲ To avoid potential disturbances in operations because of dissatisfaction with food by detainees, MAs must check each meal for completeness.



▲ MAs are required to know what is contraband and what could be used as a weapon against them. Here are just a few of the weapons crafted by either detainees at GTMO or by detainee role players at Fort Lewis



▲ On their first day of assignment at Fort Lewis, MAs bound for Guantanamo are transported to the Battle Mountain Detention Facility.

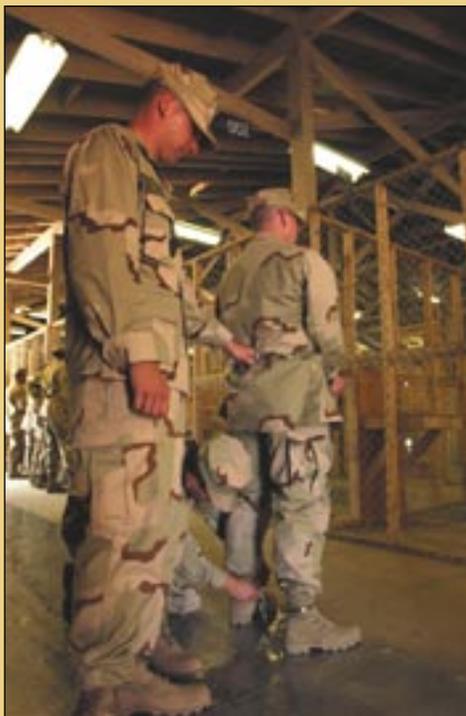


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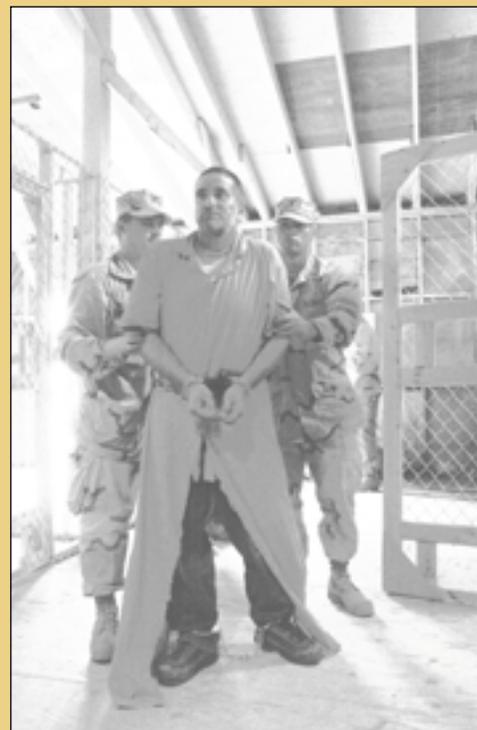
►MAs are trained on unarmed self-defense techniques using the minimum amount of force.



◀MA teams practiced shackling each other before training with role-player detainees at the Fort Lewis, Wash. detainee operations training facility.



...detainee operations training at Fort
...GTMO unload from their cattle-car
...Simulation Center.



◀▲MAs move a civilian role player during detainee operations training at Fort Lewis, Wash.



◀Masters at arms learn to review meal orders before delivering them to role-player detainees at Fort Lewis, Wash., to prevent complaints and the disruption of operations.

Preseason in the NFL helpful or hurtful?

Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Preseason in the National Football League has its purpose but sometimes the true purpose can be overshadowed by major injuries to key personnel. Big names like Donovan McNabb, Peyton Manning and Ray Lewis only get a minimal amount of playing time just to knock the rust off. They might play a drive into the second quarter, but it goes no further, because no franchise wants their star going down before the season really starts.

How many games is enough for preseason? The average team has four games but some teams may have five. That's five times when players could receive season-ending injuries, which could make or break their whole team's season. Some teams may vary the amount of playing time they give their starters. Some may play only a few minutes during the entire preseason; others may play in every game for extensive amounts of time. Now, all teams play to win but should a team risk it all for what is basically a practice game?

Some critics think preseason shouldn't even exist and they have a valid point. Why play a dangerous game when the outcome doesn't affect your record or spot in the division?

Sure, football *is* dangerous, but without preseason, a coach cannot properly place his players on the depth chart. Players use preseason to make their move to a starting position or to prove they still have what it takes to be a starter.

A big advantage to having preseason is the rookies get playing time. The rookies get to show off what they can really do, and earn their spot on the team because sometimes the big-name draft picks don't amount to squat, and without preseason games, a team could walk blindly into a season with a player who can't play at the NFL level. This will cause a team to scramble to find a decent replacement after most trades have already been made. A good rookie also causes the veterans to play harder to stop the younger guys from taking their spots on the roster.

Coaches benefit the most from preseason games. They only see glimpses of a player's talent in training camp. A coach doesn't know what he has until the players perform against an opposing offense or defense. It's easy to run your route in practice because there is no real fear of getting hurt.

A huge reason for preseason is the fans. An NFL season is shorter than most other professional sports, only 17 weeks long with each team playing only 16 games during that time. So fans have to wait around for seven months to even catch a glimpse of their favorite team in action. Preseason allows the fans to relax and enjoy a few more weeks of trash talking with friends, family and co-workers.

Thus far, this preseason has showed us Ricky Williams (Dolphins) can still compete, Jamal Lewis (Ravens) is back to his old self, and the Bears are once again without their starting QB. Even with its ups and downs, preseason still equals more football games and that is fine with me.

I'm sure preseason isn't going to go away, so for those die-hard fans out there, cross your fingers and hope your quarterback doesn't get laid out before the season begins on Sept. 8. when the Raiders fly to Gillette Stadium to take on the Patriots. ■

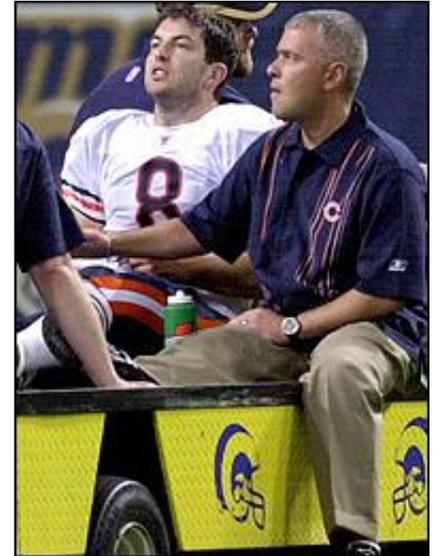


Photo found on espn.com

Rex Grossman (left) injured his ankle and will once again watch his team play from the sidelines.

10K run benefits wounded warriors

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Runners here ran a 10-kilometer race Aug. 20 in support of the Wounded Warrior Project.

Wounded Warrior is a charity that aids servicemembers who were severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other "hot spots" around the world.

The project seeks to assist these "wounded warriors," both financially and emotionally with the problems incurred by their wartime injuries.

The charity provides anything from housing, food, daycare, airfare and ground transportation for families who are visiting their injured loved ones, to giving injured Troopers donated backpacks full of neces-

sities and goodies.

The Wounded Warrior Project also involves itself politically by lobbying to get battle-wounded Troopers what they deserve. In fact, they are currently fighting to get an SGLI-like program for wounded Troopers put into place. It is called Service Members Group Disability Insurance (SGDI). If approved, members who are enrolled and severely injured during their deployment will be granted a lump-sum monetary benefit. This will allow them to focus more on their recovery rather than the financial problems caused by their injury. This idea was created and pioneered by Ryan Kelly. Kelly is a wounded warrior himself and now works with the program to help those like him.

Initially, the project was part of the Unit-



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

Runners press forward during the wounded warrior 10-kilometer.

ed Spinal Association but it later separated into its own charity.

If you would like to learn more about the Wounded Warrior Project and/or donate to this charity, visit their site at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

The 10K are winners posted on the reference page. ■

2nd Squad...leadership personified

By Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

There are two types of people in the world. There are those who think success is achieved by clawing their way to the top and destroying anyone who gets in their way. Fortunately, these individuals rarely reach the pinnacle of success. Sooner or later they simply run out of people to step on. Then there are those who are elevated to ever-higher positions on the shoulders of the successful people they have helped create. For these people, there are no limits to the success that can be achieved.

Staff Sgt. Larry Everly is the epitome of the latter. Through his encouragement and guidance, several members of 2nd Squad have seen advancement in rank and position. Some of Everly's Troopers have advanced within the squad, while others have taken up leadership positions outside of 2nd Squad.

Sgt. Todd Hunt has been promoted from specialist and advanced to the position of Alpha Team Leader. Though he has only been with the squad a short time, he has gained the trust and respect of both his superiors and subordinates.

Hunt says he's very grateful to his lead-

ership for giving him the opportunity to advance and take on more leadership responsibilities. In addition to running his team, he's learning the job of the squad leader and getting a chance to take a "hands on" approach in his training.

"Because of the training and guidance I'm receiving from my squad leader, if I'm called upon to fill in, or even take over that position, I'll be ready. Likewise, by nurturing the members of my team, they will be ready to fill my shoes--if and when the time comes," Hunt said.

Troopers keeping track of this series on 2nd Squad may naturally assume the squad leader Hunt is referring to is Everly. That, however, is no longer the case. The new 2nd Squad leader is Sgt. Troy Ensminger.

Ensminger attributes a majority of his success, as well as the standout performance of 2nd Squad, directly to Everly and added, "He's the type of leader you've got to have in a cavalry unit to be successful."

Spc. Jacob Meader shares his squad leader's high opinion of Everly, but also



Photo by Spc. John Sisk

Most, if not all, of 2nd Squad Troopers credit Staff Sgt. Larry Everly for their continued success.

holds his new squad leader in very high regard.

"Having NCOs like Staff Sgt. Everly and Sgt. Ensminger, who you can go to for guidance is crucial to the success of a unit," Meader said, adding, "A Soldier is only as good as his leader, and Staff Sgt. Everly is the most professional NCO I've ever met. He's the reason that 2nd Squad is as squared away as they are."

So what has become of this squad leader who has worked so hard for the benefit of his Troopers? Naturally, he has been elevated to a higher position on the shoulders of the successful people he has helped create. Soon to be pinned a sergeant first class, Everly is the new 1st Platoon Sergeant for Bravo Troop.

According to Hunt, Ensminger and Meader, Everly's dedication and professionalism is already spreading through the rest of the platoon like wildfire.

Editor's note: This is the third article in Spc. Lankford's series following the lives of the Soldiers of 2nd Squad, Bravo Troop, 1/18 Cavalry Regiment. The first article ran in the April 22 edition, and the second ran in the June 17 edition of The Wire. ■



Photo by Spc. John Sisk

The morale and cohesion in a unit is a direct reflection of its leadership, and they are both high in 2nd Squad, 1st Plt., Bravo Troop.

Military Families

By *Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Molnar*

JTF-GTMO Chaplain

Recently, I was doing some reading on the subject of families and how they work. Some of the special qualities of families that work well are: commitment, sacrifice, adaptability, and communication. No big surprises in this list. Commitment means working together to achieve individual and family goals. Sacrifice involves making difficult choices and accepting responsibility. Adaptability includes a willingness to share new experiences, find hidden strengths in one another, and promote family growth. Communication simply means the ability to openly discuss most anything without listeners becoming uptight or condemning.

Obviously these special qualities apply to military families. That's us. These qualities also support each other. Take com-

mitment, for example. In families there are differing levels of commitment to the family unit. We encourage every member of the family to grow in their level of commitment which usually involves some sacrifice and adaptability. It also involves some communication on the part of family leaders to communicate clearly the goals of the family so members can join in.

Sacrifice is another good example. Some marriages fail because one or the other partner is unwilling to make the choice of "...forsaking all others, be faithful to him/her as long as you both shall live..." Sacrifices involve making what are sometimes difficult choices. Making difficult choices grows out of commitment. I think you get the picture.

One challenge unique to military families is the frequent separations and reunions. Deployments require difficult separations and reunions. It took me a while to catch on to the fact that I was emotionally sepa-

rating myself from my wife (and later from my children), days before the actual separation. Take it from a slow learner; separations are emotional--as well as physical. I cannot "be there" for my wife and children, as I like to be. It also takes some time to re-establish emotional contact--even after physical contact.

I realize that some of you think this is touchy-feely stuff. Wake up! Women today don't need men to survive. They don't even need men to have children. They need men to love them and "be there" for them. Most will not be happy with anything less.

I try to see all separations as an opportunity for growth. To be separate and to be close are basic human needs. A major task of our lives is to be able to shift from one to the other with some degree of balance between the two. A mature loving relationship moves back and forth between separateness and closeness, with a minimum of anxiety and a maximum amount of joy. ■

✠ Padre's Corner ✠

Good old Joe

By *Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) S.J. Vanden Boogard*

NAVBASE Chaplain's Office

In every branch of the service, there are usually people about whom we affectionately say: "He's a good Joe." We usually mean that Joe is a person who comes through with the right gift at the right time, who has the right word of comfort or cheer for the occasion, who is the first to put forth the little extra effort that makes projects more successful, or who can be counted on for the unselfish donation of time or service. We usually take "good old Joe's" generosity for granted and feel a little guilty we haven't said, thought of or done those things ourselves.

We all admire the generosity—preferably in others—and we pay our sincere respects to those who go "beyond the call of duty" in the military, whether it be on or off duty, in discharging obligations.

It was once said, "Some people think they are generous because they give away free advice." But, generosity is service—the rent we pay for our room on earth. It is quiet giving—a little extra to our military job, our family, and the community we live in. Generosity is also faith—it is knowing that our reward can come from satisfaction in doing a kindness, being courteous and in giving to another person the benefit of the doubt. When he was president, Thomas Jefferson was urged to answer his malicious critics. His reply was, "Since I am right and they are misinformed, I can do no better than be generous to them," and he did not answer them unkindly.

Success in life comes from being generous with ourselves. If we aim high, have patience, believe in ourselves and put forth a little extra effort, our rewards will come in extra measure. ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9 a.m.	Sunday School	Troopers' Chapel
	10 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:45 p.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Bible Study	Building 3203
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

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	Main Chapel
	10 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
Monday	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	7 p.m.	Prayer Group	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Tues. to Fri.	12 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Services held every third Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex.

Hebrew classes are being offered at the Naval Base Chapel complex Thursdays 7-8 p.m. in Room 11.

15 Minutes of Fame

with Army 2nd Lt. James R. Jones Jr.

By Spc. Seth Myers

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“Every kid deserves a chance.”

These are the words of Army 2nd Lt. James R. Jones Jr., and it was the core concept behind one of his greatest accomplishments, helping create a baseball tournament for young Native Americans.

Jones has been in the Army for 14 years. He was initially an enlisted Soldier but later decided to make the journey into the realm of officers. He was a staff sergeant before his commission in March 2004. Jones is the executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1/18th Cavalry Regiment.

The tournament is currently called the Arizona Diamondbacks Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball Invitational. It has breathed life back into an area that had been starved of organized athletic events since 1938.

Jones has always been deeply involved in sports and has a firm belief in the value of America’s youth.

“I know where the kids come from,” said Jones. “In America, we sometimes tend to forget about our kids. We have so much other stuff going on. We are looking at business and turning a profit and we

forget about the value of our youth.”

Every kid has a chance to achieve something greater, according to Jones. Sometimes all they need is guidance.

“If there is someone there to push and guide them, they can make it to the next level,” said Jones. “There are plenty of guys I knew that should have been playing. You always hear about the ‘coulda-shoulda-woulda’ guys. If there is someone there to push them and guide them, a lot of times making it to the next level is just being noticed.”

Jones had been involved in college football and even had a shot at the pros so he knows about great sports achievement. After making it that far, he felt that he had to give something back.

“I had an opportunity, but for me, it’s about making it better for kids. It’s not necessarily my tribe, but it’s about helping kids in general,” said Jones. “I just make things better and give [kids] a chance.”

That is one of the reasons for him taking the position of Parks Recreational Director for some of the Native American reservations in Arizona in 1998.

Jones, along with other caring individuals, worked together to form the league for kids of local tribes, and it has blossomed since then.

For Jones’ work as the Parks Recreational Director for athletics programs at Native American reservations in Arizona, he was given the The Arizona Diamondbacks Award for Community Service Excellence award by the team and given



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Photo provided by Lt. James R. Jones Jr.

Army 2nd Lt. James Jones during his college football days.

the chance to throw the first pitch at a game against the Colorado Rockies. Unfortunately, he was deployed here, so he couldn’t attend the event. His sister and nephew accepted the award in his absence and threw the pitch in his stead.

Although he is here, he maintains contact with the league and regularly checks on how it is doing. With his obvious dedication, one can only expect that it is more than the Diamondbacks who appreciate his efforts. When he gets back, his award will be waiting, but more importantly, so will the kids. ■

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AROUND THE JTF



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▲ This gecko is just one of the many creatures shown off during the reptile show at Windmill Beach Aug. 13.



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲ Army Sgt. LaBrenza Chambers (right), a 525th MP Battalion corrections NCO, takes the oath of reenlistment given by Army Maj. Vernon Anderson at Windmill Beach in August



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▲ Troopers from the 189th MP Company take a defensive stance during the unarmed self-defense course.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Nfor Barthson

◀ Members of the Army Reserve's 326th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Reading, Pa., who deployed here in March, met with Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), when he visited in August.