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# JTF-GTMO welcomes new commander

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., took command of the Joint Task Force- Guantanamo in a change-of-command ceremony at Phillips Park here Friday.

Rear Adm. Harris succeeded Army Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, who is slated to be special assistant to the Commander, United States Armed Forces Command at Fort Meade, Md.

Army Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, the Combatant Commander of United States Southern Command, attended the event, offering his grateful farewell to Maj. Gen. Hood and his congratulatory welcome to Rear Adm. Harris.

"Over the past two years, under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Hood, the Joint Task Force has performed magnificently," said Gen. Craddock.

"Jay seems to draw the hard jobs and he does them superbly. His operational skills, insight and vision will continue to influence the Task Force, National Security and most definitely the Global War on Terrorism," said Gen. Craddock.



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. received the colors from Army Gen. Bantz J. Craddock in a change of command ceremony at Phillips Park here Friday.**

dock.

"We are very fortunate to have Rear Adm. Harris as a new commander. He is extremely well qualified. The Chief of Naval Operations himself told me that he handpicked Harris based on the knowledge of what is at stake and the importance of the mission here," added Gen. Craddock.

After Gen. Craddock gave his words of congratulations, Maj. Gen. Hood took the microphone to offer his thanks for the past two years as well

as his welcome to the incoming commander.

"It seems impossible that it has been two years since I took command of the JTF. Thanks to everyone who so diligently adhered to the safe and humane treatment of the detainees here. Your pride and dedication has been instrumental to the success of the mission of JTF-Guantanamo," declared Maj. Gen. Hood. "I am also delighted to welcome Rear Adm. Harris. Harris is a talented individual with a dis-

tinguished career as one of the Navy's top sailors."

Following Maj. Gen. Hood, Rear Adm. Harris gave a brief, yet powerful speech.

"I am deeply honored to follow Maj. Gen. Hood in commanding this JTF. He told me over the phone before I came here that I have a great opportunity to lead a terrific group of Americans in a very unique mission," said Harris. "Maj. Gen. Hood has set the bar high. Under his command the JTF has been well trained and highly disciplined.

"Our mission here is clear; to maintain the safe and humane treatment of detainees, the gathering of intelligence in support of the Global War on Terrorism and ensuring the protection of our fellow Troopers who are serving their country during this trying time," said Rear Adm. Harris.

"To the members of the JTF, what you do here on a daily basis is of fundamental importance to our nation's defense. I am proud to be your commander. That being said, the War on Terrorism did not pause for this ceremony; we have work to do," added Harris. ■

## Welcome message from new JTF commander

**By Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr.**

JTF-GTMO Commander

Let's start by saying that I am honored to be your commander! After close to 30 years in the Navy, the opportunity to command this joint organization is an extraordinary one.

I want to thank all of you who prepared for and/or were direct participants in the change-of-command ceremony. The hard work, which went into a flawless ceremony, was not lost on the attendees and guests. As the colors moved from the Joint Task Force honor guard to Army Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, to Army Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, to me and then back to the honor guard, I was moved by the symbolism of this time-honored Army symbology. Leading this impressive group of American men and women is a tremendous privilege for me.

I am sure that many of you must be wondering how things will be different with a Navy Rear Admiral now at the helm.

Let me be clear up front; I am a joint warrior who has learned by experience the value and the unique contributions each sister service brings to the JTF. We all have an important job to do here. And the core values of each service help to guide our daily lives.

Let me share with you my philosophy of our duty here in Guantanamo. Our mission here is very clear and evident in everything we do.

- We are charged to provide safe and humane care and custody of our nation's enemies and to gather valuable intelligence.
- We must also protect our Troopers and civilians who are dedicated to this task.
- We must all strive to provide an improved lifestyle for all of our Troopers assigned to our JTF.

We will continue to conduct ourselves honorably as we care for our nation's enemies detained

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Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

**Newly arrived JTF-GTMO commander, Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., addresses key leaders of the JTF assembled for their first brief from the new commander.**

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# Upholding freedom: the reason why we are here

**By Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand**

JTF-GTMO Director of Public Affairs

“A group of us is going to do something.”

If you ever need inspiration, stop by the old Child Development Center building that now houses the Criminal Intelligence Task Force, and ask to see the plaque in the briefing room.

Members of JTF 160 and JTF 170, the units that combined to form Joint Task Force Guantanamo, placed the plaque there on Sept. 11, 2002. It commemorates those who were killed September 11, honors those who fought back, and reminds us why we are here.

On that fateful September morning, Americans watched as two jet airliners,

hijacked by members of the terrorist group Al Qaeda, careened into the seemingly indestructible walls of the World Trade Center. A third aircraft struck the Pentagon, the headquarters of the American military.

A group of passengers on Flight 93, alerted to the attacks in New York and Washington, made a heroic decision.

“A group of us is going to do something,” said Flight 93 passenger Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. on what would be his last phone call to his wife, moments before passengers stormed toward the cockpit. Their heroic actions prevented Flight 93 from striking the U.S. Capitol, the White House, or any other target.

These acts of terrorism struck deep

into the heart of every American and spurred the Global War on Terrorism.

Less than a month later, on Oct. 7, 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom was launched. The objective was to eliminate the Taliban military government, which openly supported Al Qaeda.

On the battlefields of Afghanistan, American and coalition forces found themselves fighting a new kind of enemy. Instead of facing a uniformed, organized army, the battlefield was filled with terrorist trainers, bomb makers, suicide bombers and other combatants who were not part of a regular army. Unlike professional soldiers who

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## Details on JTF uniform rules and regulations

**By Spc. Jamieson Pond**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A Trooper stands at parade rest while his squad leader stands in front of him stating the rules and regulations of the uniform to the Trooper. The Trooper seems confused. He has never heard any of these rules or regulations about the uniform before. He didn't know he couldn't mix and match his Physical Training uniform with his civilian clothes.

Here at GTMO, there are specific rules and regulations to the wear of the uniform that many Troopers may be unaware of.

Troopers may not know that they cannot wear military issued undershirts as outer shirts. An undershirt is classified as a military issued brown, tan, or white undershirt worn under uniforms, and there are no exceptions to this rule, said Army 1st Sgt. William Fitzgerald, the first sergeant of the Joint Task Force Headquarters, Headquarters Company.

If the shirt has a logo on it, or some kind of writing, however, it is not considered an undershirt and it is okay to wear it as an outer shirt. That does not mean that you can get a Sharpie and write on your brown undershirts and then wear them on the outside, said Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles, the Joint Task Force command sergeant major.

Army personnel who wear the Army Combat Uniform cannot wear the brown undershirts with their ACUs; they must wear the sand-colored undershirt, said Febles.

Troopers here are not allowed to mix and match their PT uniforms with civilian clothing. Off of the installation,

Troopers can mix and match their PT clothes with civilian clothes, but here at GTMO, it is not allowed, said Febles.

When it comes to piercings, women are allowed to wear earrings when in civilian clothes, but they cannot wear more than one pair of earrings at a time, said Febles.

Males are not allowed to wear any earrings at all, even in civilian clothes, said Fitzgerald.

There are no body piercings allowed at all for males or females, added Febles.

Reflector belts are to be worn during any kind of physical exercise, no matter what you are wearing, said Febles.

A reflector belt is required at night even in civilian clothes, explained Chief Warrant Officer Lisa E. Skioldhanlin, the JTF safety officer.

Troopers are allowed to wear headphones, but only when out of uniform. Troopers are allowed to walk or run with headphones on, but they must physically be on a sidewalk, said Febles.

Some of the most common violations of these rules include Troopers wearing their brown undershirts as outer shirts, said Fitzgerald.

“Troopers mixing and matching their PT uniform with civilian clothes is a common violation I see,” added Febles.

Now that the rules have been established, it can be a little easier for Troopers around GTMO to stay squared away with their uniforms. All Troopers are responsible for keeping other Troopers accountable when it comes to the proper wear of the uniform. ■

# Have you done your taxes yet?



JTF tax assistance closing at noon on April 17.

**By Army Capt. Jon C. Eskelsen**

JTF-GTMO Chief of Legal Assistance

Tax season is once again upon us and rapidly coming to a close. It is imperative every Trooper is prepared to have their taxes completed on time. The Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Legal Assistance Office in Camp America and the Naval Legal Service Office at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay are currently offering free assistance with tax preparation and electronic filing of federal taxes. Because of the Easter holiday, federal tax returns must be electronically filed or postmarked to the Internal Revenue Service by April 17. You will be able to electronically file your tax return at the JTF Tax Center until noon Monday,

April 17.

Troopers stationed at Joint Task Force-GTMO or Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay who do not owe any additional tax money to the IRS may take advantage of an automatic extension for filing their taxes until the end of June 2006. If Troopers are unable to complete their taxes by the end of June, an IRS Form 4868 must be completed. This form can be obtained either by downloading it from the [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) website, or from the JTF-GTMO Legal Assistance Office or the Naval Legal Service Office.

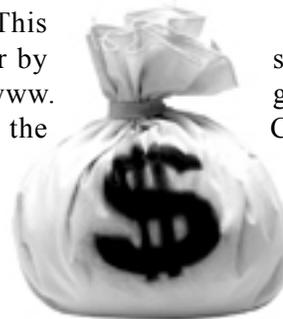
Troopers should note, however, even though they are deployed, they remain obligated to pay the taxes they owe by April 17. That means

any Trooper who fails to pay taxes owed on time may be subject to penalties and any accumulated interest by the IRS. If unsure about what to do, the wisest course of action is to make an appointment with the JTF-GTMO Legal Assistance Office by calling ext. 3548 or the Naval Legal Service Office by calling ext. 4692.

We stand ready to assist!

Army Capt. Jon Eskelsen is the Chief of the Legal Assistance Office in Camp America. The JTF-G SJA Legal Assistance office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon.

We can also be contacted at ext. 3561. ■



## Security risks posed by technology

**By James R. Parker**

JTF-GTMO Chief of Security

Our nation's security can be damaged by new technology that is being introduced into our work place. This is especially true if we don't understand the capabilities as well as the vulnerabilities of our technological wonders. We learned how to deal with phones and computers in a secure environment and we must do the same with ever evolving new communications equipment.

For example, video teleconferencing systems contain both a microphone and a camera. These systems are designed to help save time by offering the advantages of a face-to-face meeting without the travel. They have been introduced into both secure and unclassified areas in an effort to save time, money and resources. The problem is that these systems were not designed with security in mind, and specific security procedures were developed to accommodate them.

Other time saving and work-enhancing electronic

devices can intentionally or unintentionally be used as surveillance equipment if the devices are not properly used or controlled.

Cellular phones pose a serious security risk to safeguarding information. Very simple and low level technology is available to intercept and capture conversations. Cellular phones send radio signals to low-power transmitters located within cells, which broadcast in a radius of varying distance.

As your automobile travels from cell to cell, the signal carrying your voice is transferred to the nearest transmitter. Radio scanners can intercept these signals. Newer models of cell phones can be turned on remotely and can be used to intercept and monitor all conversations occurring within a room; they can record and many have camera capability. There is no privacy or security in using cellular phones. This is why cellular phones must be turned off in secure work areas. POC: JTF Command Security Manager: Mr. Parker/x9757. Mission First- Security Always! ■



SUN, SURE, and



# Safety

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The evening sun falls on the aqua-blue surface of the waters at Windmill Beach, casting pinkish-red reflections on your skin. The setting sun says it's time to call it a day, but the supple swells scream to be ridden. Sure, you remember something about a small-craft warning, but with conditions like this, it means very little. You look behind you and see the sets start to pick up; you take a deep breath and begin to paddle. The wave takes you, but your inexperience shows, as it breaks too sharp, taking you head first into the reef.

Water safety is extremely important here. Whether it's swimming safety, boating safety or scuba safety, being safe in the water should be a priority for all Troopers, said Jaron Chapman, a Marina technician here.

"It's safe to say that most of the authorized beaches here are pretty safe to swim in. Boats aren't allowed within 300 yards of these areas, so you needn't fear boats coming through the area. It's when

you swim at unauthorized beaches, or near the mouth of the bay that you might find problems," said Chapman.

"The funneling effects of the winds that come through Guantanamo Bay cause a pretty heavy undertow near the mouth of the bay," explained Airman Aubrie Christiansen, a weather technician at the weather center here.

"It's also a great idea to bring lots of sun block and water. Being out in the water, it doesn't really feel like your getting too dehydrated or getting too much sun, but after an hour or two, you can really feel the detrimental effects of all that sun and lack of water," added Christiansen.

If you're looking to acquire a boating license, you must first get certified. But

for you certified boaters, there are certain safety precautions that are extremely important. Be wary of other boaters, pay attention to the rules of the sea, and it's especially important to stay in authorized waters. The last one is extremely important to remember, if your boat

ever drifts into Cuban waters, you can expect immense consequences, explained Chapman.

"Small-craft warnings don't only apply to boaters. It's also very important that swimmers take it into account. If the sea's not safe for a small boat, then it's obviously not safe for a swimmer," added Chapman.

"If you're scuba diving, you should always have a buddy, and if you're diving farther than 300 yards offshore, you must bring a dive flag. It's also highly important to be aware of the proximity of international waters; you don't want to be diving there," said April Berryman, assistant manager at the dive shop here.

"The basic rules around water are, have a friend with you, know your limitations, be safe and have fun", explained Chief Warrant Officer Lisa E. Skioldhanlin, the JTF Safety Officer.

The angry wave's aftermath leaves only your body and ego bruised. Next time, perhaps, you'll pay closer attention to those safety precautions. If you're thinking of participating in any of the many water activities offered here, learn the specific rules and regulations, and above all, safety first. ■



# NO LIMIT TO THE SPORTS OFFERED HERE

By Spc. Jamieson Pond

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

There are many sports here that Troopers have the opportunity to participate in. Troopers can get involved in basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, beach volleyball, and soon in-line hockey will be available. Each sport is available for both males and females.

If interested, individuals can contact Karissa Sandstrom, the MWR fitness director, or Jessica Hulgán, the MWR sports coordinator, at the Denich Gym at ext. 2193.

Rugby is also available for both males and females. Practice is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the William Thomas Sampson High School field. Beginners are welcome. For more information you can contact Robert Smith, the rugby coach, at ext. 9729.

Basketball and baseball are usually offered in



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ Sgt. 1st Class David A. Pruni participates in a friendly game of bowling with some friends at the Marblehead bowling center here.



the winter, softball in the spring, volleyball and soccer in the fall, and the summer has a mixture of sports.

Softball is currently being offered, with games starting at 6 p.m. and going until 9 or 10 p.m. Monday through Friday at Cooper Field.

There are bowling tournaments every other Wednesday at the Marblehead bowling alley, with the next tournament April 19.

“The Roller,” “The Guantanamo Gazette,” “The Wire,” and the marquees and flyers found through the MWR facilities are good sources of information for learning about leagues, tournaments, and events. Flyers for upcoming sports come out two to three weeks prior to the season starting. ■



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ Army Staff Sgt. Robert W. Smith demonstrates the proper way to pass the ball during rugby practice. Smith is the rugby coach here at GTMO.

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in our facilities. We will do this in strict compliance with the Detainee Treatment Act and in the spirit of the Geneva Convention. We will continue to gather intelligence information valuable to our nation in strict compliance with the Army Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogations (FM 34-52).

This JTF has operated within clear and narrow limits, which will continue to govern our conduct. We have painstakingly developed Standard Operating Procedures to govern our actions. There is no place for improvising, shortcutting or freelancing. Follow the SOPs!

The physical safety and well being of our troopers and civilians is paramount. Our detainee population consists of dangerous and manipulative men. They have been trained to fight and trained to deceive. They will attempt to put you at ease and will exploit any lapse in procedures. Pay attention to the details and help your Troopers do so as well.

The quality of life here in Guantanamo has several components - our work life, our living conditions and our off-duty opportunities. I am committed to ensuring that we have the

resources needed to support the current and planned quality of life programs. I will work closely with the Naval Station and with the leadership of our JTF to make sure we step out on these programs.

But, each of us must be a full participant. Because we spend much of our time on duty, I encourage each of you to look for innovative ways to improve your working and living conditions. Seek better ways to do things. Listen to ideas and put them into action.

Seek balance in your professional and personal life. Take advantage of the recreational opportunities here – the fishing, snorkeling and diving opportunities in the Bay and along the Caribbean beaches are some of the best in the world. Take the time to enjoy them! This station enjoys some of the best educational opportunities available in the Navy. Take a course – take the time to get ahead! But, above all, take care of yourself. Exercise for the long haul; it's a great way to relieve stress, build your endurance and brighten your outlook.

In my career and in my life, I have followed a very short list of guiding principles.

1. I value *integrity* over *loyalty* – always do the right thing and you'll never go wrong. Help your Troopers to do the same.
2. Take care of our people – without them, we can't do our job.
3. Always do your professional best. Know your SOPs and follow them faithfully.

While I do have an open door policy, I expect you to follow your chain of command. Be very clear that I do not tolerate sexual harassment or misconduct. I do not tolerate discrimination of any type. I do not tolerate waste, fraud and abuse, and I don't tolerate retaliation, reprisals or false accusations. I expect each of you to act with integrity and uphold the highest standards of personal conduct.

In closing, know that what you do here matters on a fundamental level for the security of our nation. We are keeping dangerous men off the battlefield and, the intelligence we gather here is directly helping us and our coalition partners fight terrorism.

I will never forget what a great privilege it is to serve our nation in a time of war. I feel sorry for those who will never experience the pride I feel when I put on my uniform. Honor bound! ■

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obey the rules of war, they killed indiscriminately, targeting civilians, children, medics and journalists. In addition to being extremely dangerous, these enemy combatants had vital information about the inner workings of Al Qaeda.

In order to facilitate the gathering of information and interrogation of these detainees, the U.S. needed an adequate detention center. It was for this reason the Joint Task Force Guantanamo and the detention facilities were created. The information gathered from detainees here is essential to the identification of potential threats and the insurance of safety for every American.

Although Guantanamo Bay is far away from the combat

occurring in Afghanistan and Iraq, Troopers must remember that they are an essential part of the GWOT, and the honor and professionalism they exhibit everyday is indispensable in upholding freedom.

“A group of us is going to do something,” reads the inscription on the plaque, commemorating both the passengers of Flight 93 and capturing the spirit of the first JTF Troopers who served here.

As Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr. said at his first meeting with senior enlisted leaders and officers, “Our ultimate customers are those on the battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq. The intelligence we gather here directly supports their efforts to combat terrorism.”

Remember, you're part of the group that is doing something. ■





# PHIL AND LOUIE'S MOVIE REVIEW

with Army Pfc. Philip Regina and Spc. Jamieson Louie Pond

This week's feature review, "Failure to Launch."

## PHILIP

Macho man Matthew McConaughey plays the perennial stay-at-home son in the romantic comedy, "Failure to Launch."

McConaughey plays the role of Tripp, a 35-year-old man completely satisfied with staying under his parents' roof. Unfortunately for Tripp, his parents don't exactly share his enthusiasm.

His parents hire a professional to alleviate their situation. That's where Paula (Sarah Jessica Parker) steps in. Paula is a professional consultant who specializes in the removal of adult sons from aging parents' homes.

Paula takes Tripp's case with the idea that he'll be out of the house in record time, but to Paula's dismay she falls for him. Although the plot seems a bit cliché, you'd be surprised, the movie is actually quite engaging.

The on-screen chemistry between

McConaughey and Parker is apparent from the moment they lock eyes in a lazy-boy chair. McConaughey, as in most of the films he has starred in, maintains the macho man, ruggedly charming demeanor. Parker's character shares the same sexy characteristics of Carrie, the character she played in "Sex and the City." Their acting helps sell the story and by the end of the movie, you can't help but smile.

Although FTL isn't exactly Academy Award winning quality, it satisfies all and is well worth your time. ★★★

## LOUIE

"Failure to Launch" is a movie about a 35-years-old man who still lives with his parents. The parents learn of an attractive woman who can be hired to convince older, live-at-home males to move out on their own.

The movie's main character, Tripp, played by the talented Matthew McConaughey, has it all. He mountain bikes, surfs and rock climbs. He has a great job (yacht broker), he's attractive, suave and he drives a Porsche. The only problem is he still lives with his parents.

Paula, played by the lovely Sarah Jessica Parker, who is a beautiful woman hired to encourage Tripp to gain independence, finds herself falling in love with the charming bachelor.

This movie has witty dialogue and convincing acting. The on-screen chemistry is electric and you feel that you could actually see McConaughey and Parker together in real life.

The movie has predictable moments but it has its twists too. I recommend this movie for all ages and all personalities. This movie is good to see with a girlfriend, boyfriend, mom, dad, sibling or friend. ★★★

## UPAR program training to begin soon

**By Spc. Dustin Robbins**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The 305th Press Camp Headquarters Joint Task Force Public Affairs Office will be training Unit Public Affairs Representatives beginning April 21 here.

"As a liaison, the UPAR is a valued member of the JTF Public Affairs team who is able to assist the chain of command with PA issues," said Army Staff Sgt. Brian Scott, the UPAR instructor and Public Affairs Broadcast non-commissioned officer in charge here.

UPARs are needed to ensure that the public affairs support remains first class. Each unit should have at least one UPAR to help cover their events and tell their unit's story.

"I will be holding classes beginning April 21 at 9 a.m.," said Scott. "Troopers attending these classes will be given an overview of Public Affairs and training in video and still camera operation. There will be a test given at the end of the class."

Level One training consists of five separate lessons. Each lesson

has specific training objectives as well as a review. The five lessons for level one are UPAR Orientation, Basics of Public Affairs, The Media, Command Information and PA Operations - Tools. The lessons are independent of each other, but combined, they constitute Level One training, said Army 1st Lt. Anthony John, the command information officer-in-charge of the print, radio and broadcast sections of the 305th.

The trained representatives will be able to prepare and execute PA training, and produce products with the assistance and guidance of the JTF PAO staff.

Troopers will be able to use PA equipment - digital cameras or video cameras - provided by the PAO, said Scott, who will be responsible for signing out all of the UPAR equipment.

"The UPARs will go on public affairs missions for their own units. Once they return from a mission, I will be handling the processing of pictures and videos that the trooper shoots," said Scott.

To sign up for the program, or for more information, contact Staff Sgt. Brian Scott at ext. 3596. ■

# Easter and the resurrection

By **Chaplain (CPT) Ed Yurus**

525 MP Battalion Chaplain

Why is it so important for the Christian faith to have a resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter? The apostle Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised our preaching is useless and so is your faith...If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile."*

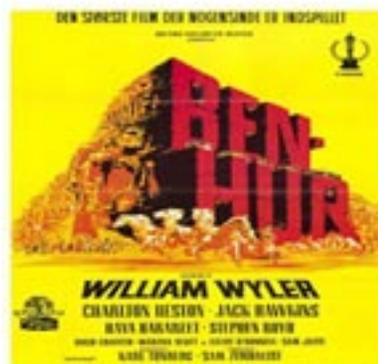
To the Christian faith, Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and therefore the faith is neither useless nor futile.

According to post-resurrection eyewitnesses, in the 40 days following Jesus' resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles, his inner circle of friends, and to a gathering of 500 people. Gary Habermass Ph.D, D.D., states: *"The earliest Christians didn't only endorse Jesus' teachings, they were convinced that they had seen him alive after the crucifixion. That's what changed their lives and started the church. Since this was their centermost conviction, they would have made sure that it was absolutely true."*

These post-resurrection encounters changed the lives of the apostles and the world. The apostle Peter went from a man who fearfully denied Jesus prior to his crucifixion, to a martyr who fearlessly proclaimed the gospel of Jesus to the Jews. With the exception of John and Judas Iscariot, each of the 12 original apostles would be willingly martyred for their Christian faith. Is it logical that men would willingly die for a known hoax? No, but history is full of inspiring stories of men and women who are unwilling to compromise the truth, even at the cost of their own lives. Later, Jesus appeared to a man named Saul, who was a relentless persecutor of the early church; the effect on Saul's life was no less dramatic than the change in Peter's life. Saul went from a persecutor, to a missionary, to a martyr, not because of a hoax, but because he was an eyewitness to the resurrected Jesus.

When Sir Edward Clarke, a British High Court judge, examined the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus, he concluded, *"To me the evidence is conclusive...as a lawyer I accept the evidence unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men speaking to facts they were able to substantiate."*

Christians believe their faith is not a blind faith, but rather a faith substantiated by evidence. Have a blessed Easter. ■



**A Tale of the Christ**  
**A Showing of the Epic Motion Picture**  
**with Bible Study and Meal.**

**"No Charge"**

**Where: Camp America Chapel**  
**located behind Troopers' Chapel.**

**When: Sunday, April 9 2006**  
**3 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**For more information Contact: CH**  
**(LTC) Martin-Minnich at ext. 3202.**

## CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

## NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13	
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel	
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A	
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel	
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B	
<b>Monday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel	
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel	
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13	
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8	
	<b>Tues. to Fri.</b>	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
	<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C	
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel	

*Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.*

# 15 Minutes of Fame

## with Army Sgt. Ivey Hodges

**By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas**

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“Sgt. Ivey Hodges,” does the name sound familiar? While some of you may know her for her work as a public affairs broadcaster with the 305th Press Camp Headquarters, others may know her as one of the most vibrant, lively DJs on the island. Yes, this is DJ Poison Ivey.

### **How did you get started as a karaoke DJ?**

Weird story ... once when I was six months old, my mother saw me pick up a microphone and a turntable, no I’m just kidding. Seriously, I actually started wanting to DJ when I went to DINFOS (the Defense Information School). I went to the Basic Broadcasting Course and I used to be a personality for a radio station in Georgia. I basically just went through life working for TV and radio stations. Then, I deployed to Cuba for the first time in 2002.

### **What did you do the first time you were here?**

I was still a broadcaster. I was with a unit from New York, the 361st PCH out of Fort Totten and now I’m back here again with the mighty 305th.

### **Did you DJ or host any radio shows during your first tour here?**

Yeah I did. I was all over the place. A broadcaster who was here before me was actually the host of a karaoke show and when he was getting ready to leave he asked me if I wanted to take over karaoke. So, I did it for the eight months

I was here the first time and then I left. When I came back into the airport (on my way for my second round at GTMO), I saw my old boss, Norman Winston. He said, “There goes my DJ!” He offered me the job again on the spot. Now I’m just trying to get it started again.

### **What is it that drives you? What is it that makes you get up and get ready to go back to work as a DJ after you’ve worked long days for the Army?**

You know something; if you’re a DJ, you automatically have a love for music. It’s like you understand when you see other people having fun; you see the expression on their face - that is great. No matter what kind of day they’ve had, they come in there and they just let it all go. And you get to see them have fun. I’m a people pleaser anyway, so I just love to see people have fun.

### **As a DJ, what is your favorite part of the job?**

Somebody came up to me the other day and they said, “you know something, you are the best thing that has happened to karaoke,” I love that. I’m telling you, I love that.

I don’t really sing for me, I sing because I try to get the crowd warmed up. You see a lot of people who are embarrassed and who don’t have their courage, but it’s fun because they see me out there singing my songs and they’re like, “well okay, we’ll come up there.” That’s my favorite part.

### **Do you have any favorite songs?**

I’m going to tell you right now. Let

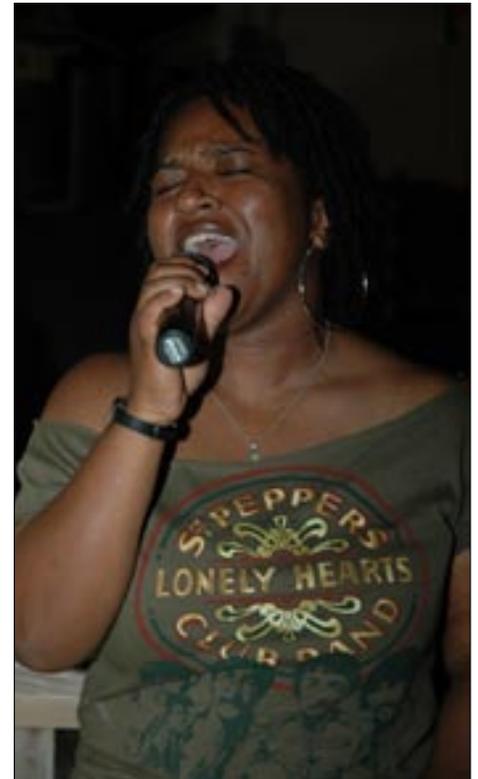


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the readers know, if they come out on Wednesday or Thursday, they’re going to hear two songs from me, “Proud Mary” and “Bohemian Rhapsody.” Just let it be known, because that’s all that I can sing.

**Join DJ Poison Ivey for karaoke every Wednesday night from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Windjammer and every Thursday night from 8 p.m. until midnight at Club Survivor in Camp America.**

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Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Army Sgt. Christina Douglas at 3594.

# AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Spc. Dustin Robbins

▲ Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael A. Broekhof signs his re-enlistment papers here, extending his service in the Navy for two more years.

► Master Sgt. Joseph M. Fowler is promoted to first sergeant by Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur R. Vanwyngarden during a change of authority for the 193rd Military Police Company here March 29.



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

▲ Raynald Caraballo, a construction worker here, breaks the ground for the new go-kart track, as Amadao Magnalang looks on.



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond