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# Military Commissions

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A military commission has just ended. The commissions building sits empty, the gavel lies silent with no presiding officer to use it, the courtroom drama has ceased, the media has all flown home and the once bustling building is nothing more than an empty building at the top of a hill. While there's no longer any activity at the commissions building, the Troopers at the gate of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo are still diligently checking every vehicle that enters. The Joint Detention Group guards are still maintaining the humane treatment of the detainees and the Joint Visitors Bureau continues to facilitate the escort of officials.

Every Trooper here, no matter how small or challenging the job, helped facilitate the commissions process.

Members of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, 29th Infantry Division, served as gate guards at the commissions building and McCalla hanger, this past



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**Army Capt. Daniel Byer explains to two Finnish journalists, Kati Juurus and Marco Hyvarinen, the preparation process of detainee meals at Seaside Galley. The media escort mission is one of the commissions support roles performed here.**

week.

“Our job was to guard the initial control point when going into the commissions area. Basically, we would check for proper identification of every individual who entered the area, making sure every individual who did enter, had a justifiable reason for being there,” said Army Pfc. Matthew P. Nilsen, a member of the 29th.

While the 29th guarded the gates, the 193rd Military Police Company facilitated detainee operations.

“The week of commissions went pretty much like any week. We performed all the same duties we always do. We served chow and escorted the detainees wherever they needed to be. Everyday we facilitate detainee operations,” said Army Pvt. Corey York, of the 193rd.

“The week of commissions was a very busy one for us at the Joint Visitors Bureau,” said Army Staff Sgt. Robert Tate, protocol chief in charge of the

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# JTF Military Commissions

*What it takes to put it  
all together.*

**By Army Col. James Vandegrift**

OIC, Office of Military Commissions



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond

While news of last week's military commissions made headlines around the world, what happens behind the scenes is a story that needs to be told. Joint Task Force Troopers are working diligently to ensure that the Office of Military Commissions can conduct full, fair and open proceedings.

As the officer-in-charge of the Office of Military Commissions, it is my job to coordinate JTF support of the commissions. As a professional soldier who has also had a career in civilian law enforcement, I have a unique appreciation for the hard work, discipline and coordination that go in to supporting courtroom proceedings.

During commissions, the days start early and go late. Nearly every organization within the JTF has a role in supporting the commissions process. The guard force has the most people involved in the effort. Security is a top priority, and the safe, orderly movement of all of the participants into a secure courtroom requires close coordination and precise timing.

All the parties involved – the prosecution, the defense, the accused, the courtroom staff, members of the press and non-governmental organizations in the audience – need to be mustered together, moved to the commissions building, cleared through security and directed to their seats.

The J3 (operations) and the Joint Operations Center play a critical role in coordinating these movements. Through extensive training, drills and dress rehearsals, JTF Troopers ensured that everyone was in place and ready to go when it was time for "gavel down."

The J4 (supply) and J6 (computers and communications) staff also play a critical role. The defense, prosecution, presiding officer and commissions staff all require office space, telephones, computers, printers, office supplies, vehicles, food and berthing. J1 (personnel) ensure that we have the appropriate staff on hand, and J2 (intelligence) coordinates the movement of classified records needed for the proceedings.

News media from around the world are invited to view and report on the commissions. Troopers from the 305th Press Camp Headquarters ensure that members of the media – last week there were 22, there have been as many as 60 – have the support they need to do their job.

Through the words of reporters and the eyes of the courtroom sketch artist, the world gets a glimpse at what happens from gavel to gavel. Our support may not make the news, but it is absolutely vital to the process.

Thank you for your tireless efforts, your professionalism and your dedication to duty. America can be proud of the commissions process, and you can be proud of the work you do to make it happen. Honor Bound! ■

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# NPC taking support directly to overseas GWOT Sailors

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jessica A. Forthoffer

Navy Personnel Command Communications Office

Millington, Tenn. - Navy Personnel Command will send a team to present a Career Management Symposium (CMS) in Bahrain on April 21-28 and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba May 6-13. The CMS team will offer advice on career direction, development, and opportunity.

"This is a very good tool for the commands," said CMDCM(SS) Kenneth A. Holland, NPC's Command Master Chief Liaison. "We give a lot of information to the commands and to the sailors on what they can do with their jobs."

The team will give at least four briefs per day, each designed to inform a particular audience. Extra briefs can be given to ensure that all have a chance to attend.

The first brief targets the commanding officer, executive officer, command master chief, department heads, and command career counselors. Discussion

will include "big Navy" concepts, such as enlisted manpower, retention, and the latest policies and programs in place that support the Navy's progress toward its vision of the future Navy.

The next brief will be held for chief petty officers, and first and second class petty officers, also known as "first line leaders." This brief is designed to educate these leaders on pay and compensation, retirement issues, and promote effective leadership of junior sailors. The audience is provided with information that can help junior sailors with career intentions, development, and management.

The third brief is broken into two parts; one for the junior enlisted, and one for junior officers O-4 and below. During each brief, sailors will receive guidance on career management, and will have an opportunity to as-

sess the value of their skills and pay rates as compared to the civilian job market.

"The individual sailor can see a comparison between what they make in the Navy, and what's available to them on the outside, so they can compare salaries," said Holland. "They can make an informed decision when it comes time to decide whether to stay in, or not."

A spousal brief can be held if requested. Topics covered would include spouse employment, childcare and tuition assistance.

Detailers from several communities will accompany the team, and sailors will also have to opportunity to negotiate for orders, discuss community status, and ask questions about career management issues.

For more information, contact CMDCM Kenneth Holland at [kenneth.Holland@navy.mil](mailto:kenneth.Holland@navy.mil) or (901) 874-4255. ■

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JVB.

"The JVB is in charge of training and providing escorts for non-media officials. These include individuals from non-government organizations such as Amnesty International and the Red Cross," said Tate.

"We also escort government officials from foreign countries and detainee family members who want to attend the commissions," explained Tate.

"I was really impressed with the great attitude and professionalism displayed by the Troopers who were processing people through the security checkpoints. They were working long, hot, days in the sun, but that never affected their job performance," said Army Capt. Bruce Roberts, a commissions public affairs officer.

"From a public affairs standpoint, all those

responsible for supporting commissions provided a great atmosphere for balanced reporting. The media may not agree with some of the policies surrounding commissions, but they won't be able to find fault with the professionalism and dedication of those supporting and driving the process, and that's important," proclaimed Roberts.

When the sky goes dark and the headlights continue on in the darkness, the guards at the gate remain ever vigilant. When the lights of Camp Delta illuminate the midnight sky, Troopers continue their tireless watch over the detainees. Every day, Troopers do their job, no matter how tedious or routine, with professionalism and dedication. Each Trooper is a small piece of a larger picture, and each piece is vital. So as you go about your daily life, doing your job day to day, remember that everything you do is serving a greater purpose. ■

# Destructive weather exercise critical

**By Army Pfc. Jason Kaneshiro**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

With a record setting 27 tropical storms and 15 hurricanes, 2005 proved to be the most active Atlantic hurricane season in recorded history. Although the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 2006 Atlantic hurricane forecast has not been released yet, early predictions indicate another very active season. For Troopers assigned to Joint Task Force-GTMO, preparation includes maintaining an evacuation kit and participating in hurricane drills being held this year.

These drills are not only conducted with the JTF, but are also done cooperatively with the Naval Station, according to Army Maj. Nathan Crum, officer in charge of plans for the JTF.

"The JTF's destructive weather exercise has been designed to prepare the force to fully participate in the upcoming Atlantic Fleet's Hurricane Exercise '06," said Crum. "The HURREX is an annual requirement to ensure we're ready to face nature's worst."

The first day of the exercise is for the leadership to get into the mindset of what is to be

expected of them and to test communications throughout the base. The second day focuses on the logistics of securing and storing vehicles and other mission critical equipment. This day will also see the final preparations of the evacuation shelters for troops.

The third and final day is for the majority of Troopers. During that day they are to report to their shelter site with their shelter warden, said Crum.

"This task will assess the JTF's ability to transport and account for personnel while reinforcing to Troopers where they are to report in the event of a destructive weather event," Crum said.

Crum went further in explaining that once all actions have been completed, leaders will conduct an after action review to capture lessons learned and to seek to reinforce positive experiences of the exercise.

Because of the nature of the rotations of Troopers assigned to the JTF, there are few Troopers here now who experienced last year's exercises or hurricane season. It is important that the current rotation of troops be trained to react to a severe weather scenario, explained Crum.

## What should your evacuation kit contain?

Ruck sack (duffel bag if ruck not issued) containing:

- 1 wet weather bag
- 1 uniform set (blouse & trousers)
- 2 uniform T-shirts
- 2 pair socks
- 2 pair underwear
- 1 pair boots
- wet weather suit (jacket & pants - poncho if not issued a suit)
- wet weather overshoes
- flashlight with batteries
- personal hygiene items (wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- prescription medication

These are the minimums.

Subordinate elements may add to the list but may not subtract from it.

Both the JTF and NAVSTA are scheduled to train together during HURREX '06, which lasts from April 24 to May 5, said Crum. After completion of the joint training exercise, advance planning will begin on the next destructive weather JTX for the July - August timeframe.

With memories of the 2005 hurricane season in mind, participation in upcoming exercises will remain of critical importance for JTF Troopers. Maintaining the proper evacuation kit and knowing what to do and where to go may prove to be life saving, should a powerful Atlantic storm make its way to GTMO. ■

## Requirements for access to classified information

**By James R. Parker**

JTF-GTMO Chief of Security

If you hold a position that requires access to classified information, you were the subject of a personnel security investigation. The purpose of the investigation was to determine your trustworthiness for access to classified information. You were granted a security clearance when the investigation was favorably completed, thereby fulfilling the first of three requirements necessary to have access to classified information.

The second requirement you must fulfill is to sign a "Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement," the Standard Form 312. You are also required to sign "JTF-GTMO Initial Security Briefing," JTF Form 2822, during your initial reception. These forms are contractual agreements between the U.S. Government and you in which you agree never to disclose classified informa-

tion to an unauthorized person. Its primary purpose is to inform you of (1) the trust that is placed in you by providing you access to classified information; (2) your responsibilities to protect that information from unauthorized disclosure; and (3) the consequences that may result from your failure to meet those responsibilities. Additionally, if you violate that trust, the United States will be better able to prevent an unauthorized disclosure or to discipline you for such a disclosure by initiating a civil or administrative action.

The third requirement for access to classified information is the "need-to-know." You must have a need to know the information in order to perform your official duties. The holder of classified information is responsible for confirming your identity, your clearance, and your "need-to-know." Contact your security representative for additional information, or Mr. Parker, the JTF security manager, at ext. 9757. Mission first, security always! ■

# The Art is in the Cake

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

As the dawning sun's rays filter in through the windows of the Seaside Galley kitchen, Ricardo "Wowie" Manabat, using pastry as canvas, and with merely a brush and food coloring as paint, puts the finishing touches on a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer's birthday cake. With each meticulous brushstroke, Wowie paints a vivid history of tradition and duty. Tradition exemplified in the recipients of the cake and duty exemplified in the diligence of its maker.

Manabat is a baker at Seaside Galley. He has been working here for almost two years. He bakes almost all the cakes for nearly all the special occasions.

His most recent work of art was a cake commemorating the 113th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank.

Manabat is a native of the Philippines. He has worked as an overseas contract worker for over 10 years. He supports a family who remains in the Philippines. Prior to working here, he was a cake decorator for eight years in Brunei, southeast Asia.

"I left the Philippines for greener pastures and better opportunities. Although it's very hard to be away from my home and my family, I have to work hard every day, just to support them. I work hard so my family will have even more opportunities than me. Many Filipinos work hard, far from their families, in order to ensure their families live comfortably," explained



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

**With the skill of a fine artist, Ricardo "Wowie" Manabat applies the finishing touches to a cake to commemorate the 113th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank.**

Manabat.

Although he has had 10 years of experience working as a professional cake baker, he has a lifetime of personal experience in the art of making cakes.

"Growing up as a child, my parents owned a small bakery in our town. So since I was very little I've been helping out in the bakery, baking pan de sal (Filipino rolls), pastries and other baked goods," said Manabat. "I've always worked in the bakery, helping the family, but my true passion when I was a child was to be a painter. But my parents told me that there was no money in painting, so I gave up on that dream and just went to school and helped out in the bakery."

Ironically, Manabat's current job fuses both passion and practicality. He not only fulfills his childhood duty of baking, but also his childhood dream of painting, with each edible masterpiece he creates.

Every morning brings the promise of hard work for Wowie Manabat. Every day he creates sweetness at Seaside Galley and he does so with pride and appreciation for the opportunity of serving every Trooper here.

"I know I don't speak for every Filipino here, but I think that the U.S. gives a lot to the Philippines. I do my best every day to serve the Troopers here, just to repay them for the wonderful opportunity they have given me," added Manabat. ■

# Guantanamo Bay

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND GTMO NATURAL RESOURCES

**By Paul Schoenfeld**

**GTMO Natural Resources Manager**

**T**here are some things to consider as you go about using GTMO's great outdoors.

The Cuban Rock Iguana is a threatened species and was added to the Federal List of Endangered Species on June 22, 1983. This iguana is also endemic, meaning it is found only in Cuba. Because it is endemic and because it is threatened, Cuban Rock Iguanas are quite rare. Although we see them regularly, GTMO is known to be one of the last major habitats supporting a viable population of these iguanas and our conservation requirements, as directed in the Final Governing Standards Cuba, are taken seriously.

The growth of the base population increased the amount of traffic, and likewise, increased the number of iguanas killed by vehicle strikes. Of the known iguana deaths, 75 percent were hit by cars. This is preventable by adhering to posted speed limits.

The other preventable impact is from feeding iguanas. This seems harmless, but it creates two serious problems. The first is the impact on iguana behavior and reproduction. Iguanas fed by humans live in unnaturally dense groups with only one dominant adult male responsible for breeding. They tolerate higher population densities because they are fed, but the territorial behavior of males result in more fighting and serious injuries or death to subordinates who would otherwise not be there. This results in inbreeding and a loss of genetic diversity to an already vulnerable species.

Another serious problem resulting from feeding iguanas is their aggressiveness towards people because they lose their innate fear of humans. There have been cases where children had iguanas go after their food and in some instances, were bitten by the iguanas. An adult was bitten while taking pictures





Photo by Spc. Dustin Robbins

Often seen by JTF Troopers and easily one of the most recognizable examples of native animal species found here at GTMO, the Cuban Rock Iguana is also an endangered species that is found only on the island of Cuba and particularly in the area of Guantanamo Bay. Being a threatened species, it has been under the protections of the Federal List of Endangered Species since 1983 making the killing or harming one of these animals a punishable offense.

when an iguana lunged at the camera. These injuries are potentially serious to the victims and also to iguanas who may be injured or killed by people protecting themselves or their children. COMNAVSTAGTMO INST 11015.1 (current series) specifically prohibits feeding iguanas and because of the impacts to the iguanas and to people, this regulation should be adhered to.

Another endangered species at GTMO is the manatee. Manatees are large gray marine mammals with bodies adapted for living in the water. Adults may grow to more than 13 feet and over 3,500 pounds, however, they average ten feet long and approximately 1,000 pounds. Manatees have the habit of lingering just below the surface of the water and are vulnerable to being struck by boats moving at high speeds. This is the single largest threat to manatee populations. It is so significant that manatee biologists have actually cataloged the pattern of propeller scars on manatee backs and can identify individual animals by these scars (for manatees that survive the boat strike). It is not that manatees cannot get out of the way of an oncoming boat, but that manatees (like most marine mammals) hear low frequency sound underwater. Propellers generate a high-pitched sound that manatees do not hear well. What little sound they do hear from an oncoming boat is also multi-directional and manatees cannot pinpoint the location of this potential hazard. Further, because manatees cannot turn their heads, by the time they actually see the high-speed boat coming, it may be too late to react.

GTMO has manatee conservation measures in place and there are several things you can do to help this legitimately endangered species. First, obey the no wake zones. Manatees are frequently seen in these zones feeding in the grass beds or lingering just below the surface of the water. If you are running a boat fast in a no wake zone, you are not only in violation, you will increase the likelihood of striking a manatee. So when entering a no wake zone, reduce your speed to idle.

GTMO has also implemented an Early Warning Communication System for notifying boats of the presence of manatees, as is done on most other military bases with manatees. When you see a manatee, notify Port Control on

ext. 4188. This is a proven system that significantly reduces the probability of striking a manatee.

There are no venomous snakes in Cuba and Cuban boas are another endemic species found at GTMO. These snakes can get very large, 10 to 12 feet is not uncommon and there is one on record at 15 feet nine inches. These snakes are harmless to people unless someone goes after them. Like iguanas, they are capable of inflicting a nasty bite but will not bother anyone who leaves them alone. If you encounter a boa in your living or working areas, call the Environmental Office (4493 or 4662) and we will move the snake for you. The 11015.1 specifically prohibits harming or killing these snakes.

GTMO has tarantulas and scorpions that can bite and sting respectively. In general, if they are left alone, they don't bother anyone again. If their presence is unnerving for someone, pest control will come take care of it for you.

Spearfishing is a popular hobby to participate in, but you must first be qualified. There is an online tutorial and an exam that must be passed for safely and ethically using a spear gun. A spear gun is a weapon and should be treated as if it were a loaded firearm. There are certain fish you cannot shoot with a spear gun and you are responsible for knowing which fish are legal takes. You can lose your spearfishing privileges for spearing illegal fish. Enclosure three of the 11015.1 specifically identifies which species may be taken by spearfishing. No other species may be shot with a spear gun.

GTMO also has some pristine coral reefs that add significantly to our quality of life. Everyone that snorkels or scuba dives has the responsibility to do their part to keep it that way. Anchors or careless divers easily damage the coral reef. People walking on the coral or dragging dive equipment across coral can damage it. Also fire coral can sting you.

The natural environment at GTMO offers some unique experiences in outdoor and natural resources related recreation. It very significantly improves our quality of life here and it is our responsibility to be safe, legal and responsible when taking advantage of what GTMO has to offer. It is important to respect the resources and the habitats they depend on, and we should all strive to leave GTMO better than we found it. ■

# Captain's Cup Bowling league gets into full swing

By Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Captain's Cup Bowling League is in full swing here as 15 teams try to dethrone the defending champions known as Latin Power.

Even though the competition is getting stiff as the bowling league is seeing more teams and better skill, it is all in fun, says Navy Chief Petty Officer Ronald B. Haugen, the chief petty officer in charge of the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion, and team captain of the Blue Box Express; who is currently in eighth place.

"I bowl for the spirit of competition," said Haugen. "It's fun to get out and bowl against other people."

Haugen started bowling back in 1987 but took a 10-year hiatus from the sport and returned to it in 2003.

"Bowling is a great way to pass the time. I

can come in here and spend three to four hours, no problem," added Haugen.

Even though they have more competition to worry about, team Latin Power is not ready to give up their title of first place.

This year, the teammates are better. Latin Power is going to have to prove that a team with a huge average can still win in a handicap league, said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Rafael Cruz, the Naval Station sponsor coordinator.

Because of handicaps, Latin Power had to bowl the last three games well, in order to have any hopes of winning, said Cruz. That's the good thing about handicaps, as the high handicap bowlers improve, it gives the more skilled bowlers better competition.

Handicapping is a means of placing players and teams with varying degrees of skill on as equitable a basis as possible for their competition against each other. Players with lower bowling averages are given more points to add onto their total game score so that they'll be able to compete against more skilled players.

"This year's competition is stronger than last years. The league has a lot more teams and better bowlers. Last year was definitely easier," added Cruz.

Cruz has been bowling for 15 years and has been a competitor in this league for two seasons.

"Besides softball, bowling is the only sport I play," said Cruz.

"Bowling in this league gives you a sense of family while you're here. You get to meet people, make friends and everybody here knows you," explained Cruz. ■



Photo by Spc. Dustin Robbins

**Navy Chief Petty Officer Ronald B. Haugen, chief petty officer in charge of the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion here, bowls for team Blue Box Express in the Captain's Cup Bowling league April 10.**

Place	Team name	%Won	Points Won	Points Lost	Ave	HDCP	High Game	High Sers	HDCP Game	HDCP Sers
1	NAVSTA Latin Power	73.2	9 ½	2 ½	744	43	818	2187	909	2460
2	Underdogs	75.0	9	3	605	155	655	1868	817	2354
3	GTMO Hillbillies	66.7	8	4	515	227	597	1725	890	2604
4	Legion of Doom	66.7	8	4	592	164	650	1912	805	2341
5	Navy Exchange	58.3	7	5	596	162	709	1984	860	2437
6	Last Minute Gang	58.3	7	5	647	121	723	1927	837	2302
7	Warriors	58.3	7	5	508	232	570	1656	774	2259
8	Blue Box Express	50.0	6	6	608	152	699	1772	876	2273
9	Burns & Roe C.A.	50.0	6	6	666	106	739	1975	859	2335
10	Da Ohana	41.7	5	7	516	226	637	1833	846	2460
11	P W D	41.7	5	7	553	195	624	1693	811	2282
12	W. T. Sampson High	33.3	4	8	474	260	544	1507	805	2290
13	Bato-Gun's Boy	33.3	4	8	553	196	638	1749	810	2265
14	Team Xtreme	33.3	4	8	509	231	569	1571	784	2219
15	W. T. Sampson Jr. High	29.2	3 ½	8 ½	385	330	435	1180	763	2176
16	M W R	25.0	3	9	567	185	641	1697	826	2243

# Phil and Louie's Game Review

This week's reviews, "Star Wars: Battlefront 2" and "Darkwatch".

with Army Pfc. Philip Regina  
and special guest reviewer  
Spc. Dustin Robbins

## PHILIP

A long time ago, in a galaxy far far away, there was a rebellion occurring. With a blaster in one hand and a thermal detonator in the other, it is your mission to exterminate this rebel threat.

"Star Wars Battlefront 2" gives you the distinct pleasure of crushing rebel filth under your white combat boots.

Battlefront 2 improves on its predecessor by allowing players more freedom in game play, more rebels to exterminate, and most interestingly, the ability to become one of the heroic Jedi that lead these battles.

In single player mode you get to take part in the rise and eventual fall of the empire. Battlefront 2's single player experience is improved by allowing players more freedom in game play. Players can now take part in open-ended mission based levels. The levels also seem to have more rebels to exterminate than in "Star Wars Battlefront 1." But the best thing is being able to play as a Jedi. As you progress in the level, the game allows you at key moments, to become one of the heroic Jedi. With a lightsaber in hand, you get the simple pleasure of hacking and slashing through hordes of rebels who never seem to cease

their attack.

The multi-player modes allow you to play in both campaign and deathmatch mode. This aspect of the game gives tons of replay value. You don't have to go through the campaign alone. Unfortunately, only one lucky individual gets to play as a Jedi.

The variety of Battlefront 2 gives players a great deal of replay opportunity. If you're looking for a game you can play over and over again, then Battlefront 2 is the game for you. ■

## ROBBINS

"Darkwatch" is a thrilling first person shooter about a half-breed vampire who is determined to vanquish the enemy, whomever that may be.

If you're one of those gamers who loves to grind through an endless barrage of demons and dead people, then you'll be hooked on this game within the first 60 seconds. However, to give away too many details of the plot would seem unfair to the gamers who play for storyline, which, even though some of the character dialogue is cheesy, is also up to par in this game.

"Darkwatch" is unique in that it puts a gothic twist on an old style western, which blends rather nicely. The weapons

are reminiscent of the old gunslinger days; and yet, the guns seem slightly more sophisticated than they should be. You'll have a large arsenal at your disposal when attempting to destroy a seemingly endless barrage of enemies. The game even includes Gatlin guns which are perfect for annihilating waves of oncoming villains.

There is no shortage of carnage in this game, so you can see why this game is rated M for Mature. The graphics are great and the enemy's artificial intelligence is smarter than the average zombie, making the game realistic and captivating enough to be played well into the night.

One of the best parts of the game, and a pioneering feature that I'm sure is to be duplicated in future titles, is the ability to choose your destiny. Your character and his storyline will develop around the choices you make throughout the game.

If you're a player that craves a little more sophistication and complexity, then I give this title a mere three out of five. However, this game is great for those who love a good first person shooter with no limit to the number and variety of enemies to destroy. So, for the hardcore gamer that loves the grind, I give "Darkwatch" two swollen thumbs up! ■

Spc. Dustin Robbins asked Troopers around JTF-GTMO...

## What are some of GTMO's best kept secrets?



◀ **Army Cpl. Damon Adams:** "Hardly no one knows this because it's not on the menu, but you can order fried chicken and rice at the McDonalds here."

▶ **Army Pvt. Phillip Cross:** "A lot of people know about scuba diving lessons, but not many people know that there are actually swimming lessons here."



# Man of God

A new chaplain arrives at GTMO bringing his wisdom and a harmonious union between the cross and the caduceus.

**By Army Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph Evans**

JTF-GTMO JMG Chaplain

Chaplain Evans comes to us after serving with the 29th Infantry Division, Maryland Army National Guard. He now serves as the Joint Medical Group Chaplain for Guantanamo Bay. It is his responsibility to support the medical administrators, physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, medics and corpsmen who are supporting serving the Troopers and their families.

In part, it is also his responsibility to minister to those who provide medical services to the entire Joint Task Force and to others too. He is required to prepare briefs on various subject matters, write articles and give lectures on a variety of issues that help integrate ethics and medical science. In addition, he advises doctors and staff upon request. He participates in critical event briefings and he also works with the psychological and sociological communities, further learning how to integrate religious disciplines to support the GTMO mission.

During his tour at Guantanamo Bay, he will be preaching at the Gospel Worship Service at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the Naval Station Chapel. Spiritual resources are provided by our chaplains serving here at Guantanamo Bay. If you are in need of Chaplain Evans' support, he can be contacted at the Kittery Beach Joint Aid Station at ext. 3683. ■



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## 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
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
<b>Monday</b>	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.*

### Easter Season Chapel Services and Events

APRIL 14 – Good Friday -

- Protestant - noon at Troopers Chapel (Camp America)
- Protestant - noon at the Naval Station Chapel
- Roman Catholic Service - 6 p.m. at the Naval Station Chapel
- Protestant - 7:30 p.m. at Camp America Chapel, Bldg. A5206

APRIL 15 - HOLY SATURDAY-

- Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival at Cooper Field, for more information call ext. 4360
- Roman Catholic Vigil Mass - 8 p.m. at the Naval Station Chapel

APRIL 16 - EASTER SUNDAY-

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Bayview Club. Call the Naval Station Chapel to reserve a ticket ext. 2323.
- Easter Brunch at the Bayview Club – 9 a.m., \$12.95, for more info. call ext. 5604

# 15 Minutes of Fame

## with Army Pfc. Matthew Nilsen

**By Spc. Jamieson Pond**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A soldier lies on the side of a road, unconscious. The soldier has collapsed in 40-degree weather in the middle of February while stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. He wears only an Army Physical Training shirt and shorts. Without help, who knows what the fate of the soldier may be?

Army Pfc. Matthew P. Nilsen, a Trooper with, 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, 29th Infantry Division, recalls that fateful day, as if it were yesterday, when his skills and training were put to the test.

Nilsen was on a detail with Army Sgt. Stanley Showalter, a Trooper with the 29th ID. They were driving a five-ton truck around to make sure it was running well. They noticed a Physical Training test was being administered not far from where they were. An administrator of the PT test was watching two soldiers running the two-mile event. The administrator was at the one-mile marker, calling out the times for the two soldiers. As soon as both soldiers passed the one-mile marker, the administrator got into her car and drove to the finish line.

Nilsen noticed that one of the soldiers was struggling with the run, but didn't think too much of it at the time. He and Showalter continued on with their detail.

Nilsen and Showalter drove down to the end of the road and turned around, heading back to where they came from. When they drove past where they had last seen the soldiers running, Showalter noticed a body on the side of the road, motionless.

They both got out of the truck and ran over to the still body. They

attempted to awaken the unconscious soldier, but with no success. Both Nilsen and Showalter removed their Battle Dress Uniform tops to cover the fallen soldier. They used one of the tops to create a layer between the fallen soldier and the cold, hard ground.

Showalter ran back to the five-ton to get help. The unconscious soldier's only aid lay in Nilsen's hands. Luckily for the fallen soldier, Nilsen had just completed the Army Combat Lifesaver Course a week prior.

Nilsen had been trained on exactly what to do and in what order it needed to be done. He checked the soldier's pulse by the wrist; it was very faint.

Nilsen knew the soldier needed immediate medical help. Nilsen did everything he could to protect the soldier from the cold, including using his own body heat to warm and protect the soldier.

Finally, the medics arrived. The medics called for emergency medical services, and within 10 minutes a fire truck and ambulance had arrived.

It was then out of Nilsen's hands. He did what he was trained to do, and he did it flawlessly.

Nilsen doesn't think what he did was a big deal. He said that what he did, anyone would have done.

Nilsen never did find out what happened to the soldier, he never heard about it again. There was never a 'thank you' from the soldier. Nilsen says he doesn't care about getting an award for what he did. "Awards aren't important," said Nilsen. He was happy just getting some pats on the back from fellow soldiers in his unit.

Nilsen said that the fateful day continued on as if nothing ever happened. "We had work to do," said

Nilsen, nonchalantly.

He humbly says that it was a team effort between Showalter, himself and the medics that arrived.

Nilsen sacrificed his own safety by exposing his body to the elements in an attempt to prevent any further injury to the unconscious soldier, said Army Sgt. Sean P. McNaughton, a team leader with the 29th ID. ■



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**Army Pfc. Matthew P. Nilsen is a true life saver. His training and his ability to act without hesitation saved a fellow Trooper's life.**

### 15 Minutes of Fame

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

# AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Pfc. Jason Kaneshiro

▲ Army Staff Sgt. Denise James, a chaplain assistant for the JTF, prepares burgers for hungry Troopers over the grill near Club Survivor.



Photo by Pfc. Phillip C. Regina

► Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tom G. Clearwater recites the oath of enlistment at the North-east Gate.



Photo by Army Pfc. Phillip Regina



Photo by Spc. Dustin Robbins

▲ Comedian Tess Drake gives an entertaining performance at Club Survivor as part of her comedy visit in support of U.S. troops.

◀ Pfc. David Neuer, with eyes ever-alert for the abnormal, patrols the off-limits area outside of Seaside Galley.