



Media analysts tour JTF-GTMO



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Media analysts got a chance to ask questions of the Joint Detention Group Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion commanding officer during a recent visit to Camp Delta here June 21.

**By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Jim Brown**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Given the recent events at detention camps and the pending decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba has taken the international spotlight. One form of this is witnessed by the increased amount of visits from distinguished visitors and media analysts here.

Arriving via military or commercial aircraft, groups of five to 15 come to JTF-GTMO for briefings by senior leadership and are given tours of currently active detainee camps as

well as the new camp that's under construction. These tours are designed to show civilian media experts that JTF-GTMO is an open environment free of alleged abuses such as ones at Abu-Gharib. The distinguished visitors are shown facilities such as the Joint Detention Group Hospital and are even allowed to witness detainee interviews.

"It is gratifying to see that the analysts are interested in the JTF-GTMO story and when we see them on TV, they are relaying the correct message," said Army Spc. Jamieson Pond, a photojournalist for the 305th Press Camp Headquarters. Pond has

recorded, with still images, the media analyst visits on a few occasions and has attended the same briefings that the media analysts are given.

In addition to tours, the briefings presented by senior JTF-GTMO leadership can last over two hours including a question and answer period. Such details as detainee food (often offered as lunch for the analysts) confiscated detainee-created weapons, and current intelligence gathered from detainee interviews, are presented. These briefings tell the JTF-GTMO story and help dispel many of the erroneous myths and rumors about operations here. ■

Fourth of July safety

By Army Chief Warrant Officer
Barry Geller

JTF-GTMO Safety Officer

Celebrating the Fourth of July is an American tradition, and servicemembers can be proud of the freedoms won in battle and defended for 230 years. For Troopers assigned to JTF-GTMO, Naval Station Guantanamo has a wide range of special events and planned activities to enjoy. But in celebrating, be sure to keep safety in mind!

Barbecue Safety

Hot dogs and burgers on the grill are a classic Fourth of July tradition. If barbecuing is part of your holiday plans keep BBQ grills away from buildings, trees, shrubs and other flammable materials. Since heat rises, be sure to look up – ensure that your barbecue isn't underneath a balcony or tree branch. Use starter fluids specifically made for barbecues – never use gasoline, rubbing alcohol or other flammable liquids. Never leave a lit grill unattended. Know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher.

And, when preparing your food, keep food safety in mind to avoid food poisoning. Keep your meats refrigerated until ready for cooking and then make sure it is cooked completely. Don't take leftovers home from a picnic – it's not worth the risk!

Bicycle Safety

If you plan on exploring the bike trails, wear your helmet properly. An estimated 45 to 85 percent of cyclist brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet. Helmets are cheap; brains are not.

Boating Safety

Boaters should be familiar with their craft and its operation and

limitations. All onboard should have personal flotation devices and know how to use them. Swimmers should not swim alone. There is a high correlation of water injuries to consumption of alcohol. Consuming alcohol impairs judgment. Remember, "water and alcohol don't mix".

Diving Safety

Water and alcohol are especially dangerous for divers – NEVER drink and dive. All divers at Guantanamo know the base regulations: no deeper than 60 feet for basic open water qualified divers, no deeper than 100 feet for advanced open water divers. Remember that the deepest you can dive is determined by the least qualified diver in your group. Call in your dive plan – and be sure to call your dive OUT as well.

Sun and Water

Sunscreen – apply early and re-apply often. A long day in the sun can not only burn your skin, but dehydrate you and wear you out. So when you're out, stay hydrated. Do not wait until you are thirsty to drink water. Know the symptoms of heat injuries and watch out for yourself and your buddies.

Alcohol

All of the above guidance can easily be forgotten if you drink too much. If you choose to consume alcohol, do so responsibly. Do not drink and drive. Have a designated non-drinker in your group who can keep an eye out for fellow Troopers.

On the Fourth of July, we are grateful for the blessings that freedom represents and for the opportunities it affords. We are thankful for the love of our family and friends and for our rights to think, speak, and worship freely. Honor this freedom by celebrating responsibly and safely. ■

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The importance of password protection

Network News

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JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

It is the first rule of Information Security: safeguard your password. This rule, which is just slightly more important than, “don’t surf porn on a government computer,” seems like a no-brainer, but we still see security incidents that result from people sharing their passwords with co-workers. It may seem like no big deal at the time, but here are some security implications that can result from sharing your password with the wrong person:

- 1) Your co-worker surfs for unofficial web content (porn) using your account. Current policy would require the account holder to face punishment along with the person who illicitly accessed the network.
- 2) Along with your account comes specific network privileges, such as access to shared drives or restricted

folders. These restrictions are in place to keep unauthorized eyes off of sensitive documents. By sharing your password, you risk compromising this sensitive data to people that who do not have a need to know.

- 3) The person who accesses your account doesn’t have a clearance. Whoops! Now, we not only have a network violation, but also a security violation. That’s never good.
- 4) A third country national gains access to your account. Much of the information stored on the shared drives are for official use only. Some files contain names, social security numbers and other personal information of the Troopers deployed here. If this information falls into the wrong hands, it places everyone here at risk as well as friends and families back in the states. It is not unreasonable to think that the residents of detention camps have friends back in the

Middle East who would be willing to pay a few bucks for this info. Allowing un-cleared personnel access to it puts us all at an increased risk.

As you can see, there are some pretty serious implications to sharing your password, so keep it safe. Sadly, three of the four cases mentioned have happened here within the last month. If you suspect your password has been compromised, please notify your information technology officer and change your password immediately.

As a reminder, never give your password out over the phone or via e-mail. The J6 Help Desk will NEVER ask you for your password. Report any phone calls or e-mails soliciting you for your password to your ITO as soon as possible.

If you have a topic that you’d like us to address in an upcoming column of Network News, send your request to: J6-IA@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil ■

Security Bulletin: Need to know

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Your security clearance gives you access only to that classified information at the same or lower level of classification as the level of the clearance granted, and that you have an official “need to know” in order to perform your work. Need to know is one of the most fundamental security principles. The practice of need to know limits the damage that can be done by a trusted insider who wittingly or unwittingly compromises classified information. Failures to implement the need to know principle have contributed greatly to the damage caused by a number of espionage cases.

Need to know imposes a dual responsibility on you and all other authorized holders of classified information: When doing your job, you are expected to limit your questions or requests for information to that which you have a genuine need to know, and in some cases may have to justify your request. Conversely, you are expected to ensure that anyone to whom you give clas-

sified information has a legitimate need to know that information. You are obliged to ask the other person for sufficient information to enable you to make an informed decision about their need to know, and the other person is obliged to justify their need to know.

You are expected to refrain from discussing classified information in hallways, cafeterias, elevators, rest rooms or smoking areas where persons who do not have a need-to-know the subject of conversation may overhear the discussion.

Need to know is difficult to implement as it conflicts with our natural desire to be friendly and it requires a level of personal responsibility that many of us find difficult to accept. The importance of limiting sensitive information to those who have a need to know is underscored every time a person who is or has been a trusted, cleared insider is arrested for espionage.

The point of contact for this information is Frank Perkins at ext. 9834. Remember, mission first, security always! ■

Local band rocks GTMO

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

GTMO's very own rock band, HITH (meaning Hole in the Head) gave a live performance to residents and Troopers at the Windjammer Wednesday night.

The band formed at Guantanamo Bay two years ago, said Jamie Bodlovic, the band's drummer. It first started with Eric Hendl and John Brummet. Both members are guitarists and vocalists for the band. Soon after, Andrew Perry joined the band as their bassist. Jamie Bodlovic was in another group and decided joined HITH as the band's drummer.

Eric Hendl's father, Kenny Hendl, helps manage the band.

"I'm proud of them. I just love to see them out there playing," said Kenny.

MWR has been very supportive of the band, said Kenny. The band currently has a contract with MWR that pays them for each show they do here.

The band did a show in Camp America and would like to do another one there, said Kenny.

You can look forward to seeing the band play again sometime in August, Kenny said. ■



Photos by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

June's MWR Weekly Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				30 Night Fishing 5:30 p.m. Marina Independence Day Art Show Bayview Foyer 6-8 p.m.	1 Red, White & Blue Golf Tournament Golf Course 8 a.m. Independence Day Sailing Regatta Marina 10 a.m. Dodge Ball Tournament Denich Gym 1 p.m. One Pitch Softball Tournament Cooper Field 6 p.m. Independence Day Art Show Bayview Foyer 6-8 p.m.	2 Paintball Tournament Cooper Field 1 p.m. Independence Day Bowling Challenge Marblehead Lanes 1 p.m. Independence Day Art Show Bayview Foyer 6-8 p.m. Independence Day Mini Golf Tournament Denich Gym 7 p.m. Tess's Funny Honey's Comedy Tour (adult) Windjammer 9 p.m.
3 Independence Day Swim Meet (adult) Windjammer Pool 9 p.m. Skate Boarding Competition Sk8 Park 6 p.m. Independence Day Art Show Bayview Foyer 6-8 p.m. Tess's Funny Honey's Comedy Tour (adult) Club Survivor 8 p.m.	4 Independence Day Four-Miler Denich Gym 6 a.m. Scavenger Hunt Liberty Center 9 a.m. Independence Day Celebration Carnival Sailing Center 5 p.m. Independence Day Art Show Bayview Foyer 6-8 p.m. Independence Day Celebration Bayview/Tiki Bar 6 p.m.	5 X-Box Halo-2 Challenge Marine Hill 7 p.m.	6 Bowling Tournament Deer Point 7 p.m. Tess's Funny Honey's Comedy Tour (adult) Windjammer 8 p.m.	7 Night Paintball Paintball Field 7 p.m.	8 PS2 Soccer Challenge Marine Hill 7 p.m.	9 BBQ & Horseshoes 5 p.m. Marine Hill

Call MWR at ext. 2010 for more information.

All events are subject to change.

The road to independence

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

George Washington and his Continental Army of citizen soldiers had just achieved two valiant successes in some of the revolutionary war's first battles, yet soon after, they were on the fringes of defeat and despair.

Earlier, the Continental Army enjoyed victories in the Battle of Bunker Hill and Britain's forced withdrawal after the Siege of Boston. The forced withdrawal was achieved in an amazing feat of deception and mobility. Henry Knox and his engineers partook in an arduous journey to capture 60 tons of mortar and cannon from Fort Ticonderoga and bring them back to the outskirts of Boston. Washington moved the artillery and several thousand men overnight to take the strategically pivotal area, the Dorchester Heights, overlooking Boston. At sunrise, the British Army woke up in utter terror at the sight of new gun emplacements that had the range to reign havoc on their positions. In less than 48 hours, the supposedly invulnerable security of the town had dissolved. British Army Major General William Howe's forces and the fleet at anchor were in danger of being destroyed at any time. Ten days later, on St. Patrick's Day, British troops had evacuated Boston and were underway. The final ships set sail out of the harbor on March 27, 1776.

Continental forces did not have much time to celebrate. Washington knew it was only a matter of time before the British would return, with tougher resolve and a larger force. Washington and his men were able to correctly estimate that the British would make their invasion landings in New York. Months were spent on improving the fortifications and preparing as much of a defense as they could.

Saturday, June 29, officers on the roof of Washington's headquarters in New York saw signals that the first of the British fleet had appeared.

In a matter of hours, 45 ships had dropped anchor inside the lower bay. To a Continental rifleman in the front lines, the masts may have looked like a forest of trimmed pine trees. "I declare that I thought all London was afloat," proclaimed one soldier.

Henry Knox and his wife were enjoying breakfast with a panoramic view of the island when they saw the fleet. Suddenly, the morning was shattered and Lucy Knox was in a state of utter terror.

"You can scarcely conceive the distress and anxiety which she then had," Knox wrote to his brother William.

By sunset, the enemy ships numbered more than 100.

Martha Washington said her goodbyes to her husband and departed the city by carriage with all possible speed, as did Mrs. Knox, and hundreds more of the city's inhabitants.

The British ships anchoring in the bay included the HMS Centurion and the HMS Chatham, of 50 cannon each, the 40-cannon HMS Phoenix, and the 30-cannon HMS Greyhound

with General Howe on board, in addition to the 64-cannon HMS Asia. Just these five ships combined had overwhelming firepower over all the Continental forces guns now emplaced on shore.

Droves of New York's citizens would flee from the city, yet still more troops would arrive to reinforce Washington's army, although they knew their hands would be full.

The situation was looking bleak.

Meanwhile, the same day the British landed in Staten Island, July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress, in a momentous decision, voted to "dissolve the connection" with Great Britain.

The congressional delegate from Virginia, Richard Henry Lee, introduced in the Continental Congress, on June 7, 1776, the first draft of a resolution to declare independence from Great Britain. On June 10 a committee of five was appointed to write the official document that would be suitable for the occasion. Thomas Jefferson wrote the original document. It was revised by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams before it went to the Congress where they did some editing of their own.

The resolution was approved July 2, and the Declaration of Independence was adopted July 4.

The news reached New York two days later, on July 6. At once, spontaneous celebrations broke out. The Continental forces spirits and will to fight were all at once reinvigorated.

"We are fighting for our country, for posterity perhaps. On the success of this campaign the happiness or misery of millions may depend," wrote Henry Knox.

A letter from John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, to Washington, as well as a complete Declaration, followed two days later:

That our affairs may take a more favorable turn, the Congress have judged it necessary to dissolve the connection between Great Britain and the American colonies, and to declare them free and independent states; as you will perceive by the enclosed Declaration, which I am directed to transmit to you, and to request you will have it proclaimed at the head of the army in the way you shall think most proper.

"We are in the very midst of a revolution," wrote John Adams, "the most complete, unexpected and remarkable of any in the history of nations."

On July 9, on Washington's orders, several brigades in the city were marched onto parade grounds to hear the Declaration read aloud. After the reading concluded, a great mob of cheering, shouting soldiers and townspeople stormed down Broadway through Bowling Green, where, with ropes and bars, they pulled down a gilded lead statue of King George III. The crowd hacked off the King's head, and mounted it on a pike outside a tavern. Not since the spring of 1775 had spirits been so high. ■

CREATURES OF GUANTANAMO BAY



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

CUBAN ROCK IGUANA

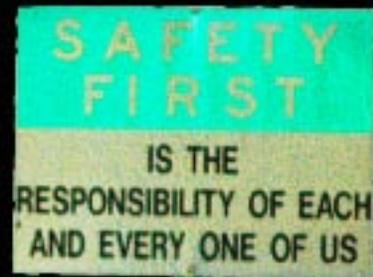


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WHITE TAIL DEER



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KILLDEER



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

WEST INDIA WOODPECKER



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

TURKEY VULTURE



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

BROWN SCORPION



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

DRAGON FLY



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

HUTIA



Photo by Navy Chief (Select) Timm Duckworth

CURLY TAIL LIZARD

HEALTH & FITNESS TIPS FOR THE GTMO TROOPER

From the 99 Health Tips series ...

■ Some 25 percent of adults have bad breath, normally brought on by smoking or pungent foods. Avoid this by brushing your teeth twice a day and by using a tongue scraper, as a significant amount of bacteria live on your tongue.

■ After each workout, remember to stretch to help your body repair and recover. When doing this, keep yourself warm, and wipe away any sweat. Avoid standing around sweaty, as the drying process can leave you with a cold.

■ Chewing sugar-free gum increases saliva flow, which helps to neutralize plaque acidity. One unpleasant side effect is flatulence from sorbitol (sweetener), which is used in many brands. Aim for no more than a pack a day, unless you want to increase your daily farting average.

GTMO Men's Health Run

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Stephen Watterworth

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Crossing the finish line first with a time of 18:46, Army Spc. Alan Roche, of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, led the crowd of nearly 50 participants Saturday morning.

The second to finish was, Navy Cmdr. Dave Sasek, commanding officer of the Navy and Marine Corps Construction Battalion (NMCB 7), in at 19:40. The third finisher was Army Staff Sgt. Eric Shue, of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, at 19:52.

Though Roche came in first, he admits to not being the fastest here at GTMO. "Navy Seaman John Mikias, Army Sgt. Gustavo Plombero, and Army Staff Sgt. Tyler Thomas are faster than I am. They had other responsibilities

today." Roche acknowledged Army Sgt. Daniel Stasny, his squad leader and an ultra marathoner, as his principal influence.

To ensure the accuracy of the distance, this course was "wheeled out" said Roche. "If you rely on a car odometer, it will be way off. The volunteers make this event happen. They are the biggest part of the race aside from the runners," he continued.

"Volunteers are critical in support of these events. They are the ones who make sure that all the water and fruit gets out there long before the first runner shows up."

More impressive to Roche than having someone break a time record, is to have someone truly challenged by the event come out and make it across the finish line. ■



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Watterworth

Top finishers of the 5k run are from: (left to right) Army Spc. Alan Roche of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, Navy Cmdr. Dave Sasek, Commanding Officer of NMCB 7, and Army Staff Sgt. Eric Shue, also of the 629th.

Navy personal data found on web site

From Naval Public Affairs Office

Washington, D.C.

Personal data on approximately 28,000 Sailors and family members was discovered on a civilian Web site in late June, and the Chief of Naval Personnel is working to identify those individuals affected, to notify them individually.

The Chief of Naval Personnel was notified June 22 that an open Web site contained five spreadsheet files with personal information including the name, birth date and social security number on several Navy members and dependents.

Individuals affected by this will be contacted soon by the Navy to ensure they have information on how to guard against identity theft. In addition, information on how to watch for suspicious activity on personal accounts is posted on the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Web site, www.npc.navy.mil.

The Navy Personnel Command call center in Millington will be manned for Sailors to call and see if their personal data was on the list. The number is 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

The initial discovery was reported to the Navy Cyber Defense Operations Command,

part of the Naval Network Warfare Command, by Joint Task Force Global Network Operations, a component of U.S. Strategic Command, responsible for directing the operation and defense of the DoD's global information grid.

The files have been removed from the site, and the Chief of Naval Personnel is working with Naval Network Warfare Command, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and other commands to determine how and when the files were placed on the Web and how to prevent future release of information of this type.

There is no evidence that any of the data has been used illegally. However, individuals are encouraged to carefully monitor their bank accounts, credit card accounts and other financial transactions.

Tips on how to watch for suspicious activity include closely monitoring bank and credit card statements for fraudulent transactions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early.

Also, individuals can place a 90-day fraud alert on their credit report, which tells creditors to contact them before opening any new accounts or making any changes to existing accounts. This action may cause some delays if trying to obtain new credit.

Individuals only need to contact one of the three companies - Equifax www.equifax.com, Experian www.experian.com, or TransUnion www.transunion.com - to place an alert. Each company is required to contact the other two.

After creating the fraud alert, individuals are entitled to free copies of their credit reports. Individuals should review these reports for inquiries from companies they haven't contacted or accounts they didn't open.

Those wanting to retain the alert after 90 days will need to renew it.

Those finding fraudulent accounts or transactions should contact the involved financial institution to close the fraudulent accounts or accounts that have been tampered with; file a report with your local police department; and file a complaint with the FTC [https://m.ftc.gov/pls/dod/widtpubl\\$.startup?Z_ORG_CODE=PU03](https://m.ftc.gov/pls/dod/widtpubl$.startup?Z_ORG_CODE=PU03).

Additional information is located on the NKO Web site: Course Title - Identity Theft and Catalog Code -FS0406_ENG. Log into NKO, click the Learning Tab, click E-learning Auto-Logon Gear link, click advanced search, under course title enter Identity Theft, enroll and begin training.

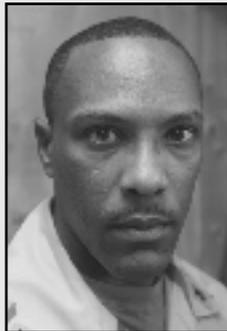
For more news from around the fleet, visit www.navy.mil. ■

Army Pfc. Philip Regina asked Troopers, "What does the Fourth of July mean to you?"



"The Fourth of July brings to mind one word, 'pride'. I feel such pride in my country when we celebrate the Fourth of July."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alicia Stewart



"It is a great time to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of our country's independence."

-Navy Petty Officer 1st Class John Coats



"Watching fireworks and taking time off to spend time with the ones I love."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Elisabeth Robertson



"Fourth of July is a wonderful time to watch fireworks and celebrate our nation's independence."

-Army Capt. Jon C. Eskelsen

BRIDGER GENERATION: OUR NEWEST LEADERS

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph Evans, PhD.

JTF-GTMO Joint Medical Group Chaplain

Thom Rainer, author of *The Bridger Generation* tells us some interesting things. The Bridgers, according to Rainer, are “A generation of seventy-million people born in the years 1977 to 1994.” Accordingly, they are the second largest generation in American history, behind the baby boomers. Namely, they are the bridge between the recently old and present millennium. As parents of The Bridger Generation, Baby boomers (1943-1960) and Generation X or baby busters (1961-1980), Rainer argues, frequently failed the Bridger

Generation.

“Where are they getting their moral compass? How are they discerning differences between right and wrong?”

As evidence, Rainer presents several statistical graphs and pie charts that suggest the Bridger Generation experienced high divorce rates among their parents, vanishing gender roles, preoccupations with personal

“rights” and disbelief in moral absolutes. In others words, the Bridger Generation is socially conditioned in an egalitarian social system. Moreover, Rainer rightly is concerned about an amoral slippery slope sliding away from Judeo-Christian values.

This generation will soon be leading the institutions in America, namely our government, schools, churches, synagogues, mosques and military. In fact, in part, currently some already are fulfilling those duties at Guantanamo Bay. Democracy, the Republic and an American way of life are in their hands. Where are they getting their moral compass? How are they discerning differences between right and wrong?

How are we helping this generation of

bright young people? One way is spending time with them. Letting them know that we care by modeling positive attributes like character. Further we should find innovative ways to share traditional and historically common values that transcend debatable issues. Persuade them that self-sacrifice and team orientation fulfills more than selfish and temporary pursuits. Reinforce that, in the branches of the armed forces, race and gender matter but minimally. In the military system, it is an expectation that we rise to a level of our desire and competence. As military personnel, we have traditions that are nearly morally unquestionable.

Like all generations, the one that comes before the next is accountable for the values of the next generation. Thus, current senior leaders will determine the quality of the force protection for our country and ultimately the world. If we do this, the Bridger Generation may highly speak of us to those who follow them. ■

The Bridger Generation. By Thom S. Rainer. Broadman and Holman Publishers, Nashville, 1997. 190 pages. This book is available from Books-A-Million.

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	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
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	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
Monday	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
Tues. to Fri.	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	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 Spc. Eric Tagayuna

By Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A blank sheet of paper, a gel pen and sharp wit are his tools. His job: to do his part to keep up the morale of Troopers. His method: infusing humor, art and observing the lighter side of life, even while on a military deployment far from home. The result: the creation of cartoons for *The Wire* nearly every week.

Army Spc. Eric Tagayuna's contributions to *The Wire* are exceptional, not only in their levity and artistic merit, but also for the fact that Tagayuna is not actually part of *The Wire* staff. His contributions are made voluntarily in addition to his primary duties as a combat cameraman for the broadcast section of the public affairs office.

"I just do it for fun, really," Tagayuna said. "I don't really gain anything other than some of that small personal satisfaction of seeing people chuckle when seeing it. If people laugh when they're reading it, then that's cool. In a lot of ways, I think I do it just because I can."

This isn't the first time that he has contributed to the well-being of Troopers. In 2002, Tagayuna was deployed with the 305th Press Camp Headquarters to Bosnia in support of United Nations military operations there. While serving there, he contributed cartoons for the local military publication, *The Talon*.

Despite the fact that he has been drawing for many years, he is still not satisfied with his work.

"I don't consider myself to



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Everybody loves it, everybody needs it: it's time for funny stuff. Army Spc. Eric Tagayuna prepares for the creation of the cartoon each week for *The Wire*.

be a good artist. No artist is ever really satisfied with the work that they have already done. There are always flaws and improvements that can be made," he said, reflecting on past accomplishments.

And the inspiration for a new cartoon doesn't always come easily. Some days the humor flows, but at other times, it takes a keen eye and an ability to see the little things that others might miss.

"Sometimes it takes a long time for the inspiration to come and I'm practically banging my head against the wall for something, and then all of a sudden an idea just magically appears in my head," Tagayuna

explained.

Tagayuna's ambitions go beyond being a cartoonist. He has a vision for his art as well as his life as an artist.

"I think it would be cool to get my work published in a major publication at some point. I've heard that a lot of getting that to happen is with the connections that you make professionally, so I'll figure that out," he said. ■

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lacy Hicks at ext. 3593.



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

AROUND THE JTF

◀ Army Sergeant 1st Class Agustin Francois of the 525 Military Police Battalion Supply noncommissioned officer-in-charge selects a piece of chicken from Roland Cabalatangan as Gold Hill Galley staff looks on.

▶ Army Pvt. Annette Scott, a Trooper with the 193rd Military Police Company, braves pepper spray during a training exercise at Camp America.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Watterworth



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▲ Within minutes, Shawn Lewis (holding rope) and Leroy Dufus rescued avid fisherman, Army 1st Lt. Anthony John, from minor engine problems while operating one of the many Morale Welfare and Recreation boats. After switching out boats, John was able to resume his fishing activities.



Photo by Navy Chief (Select) Timm Duckworth

▲ Coast Guard Port Security Unit 312 provide armed escort to distinguished visitors enroute between the windward and leeward sides of GTMO.