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Change of command for the Joint Detention Group

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A change-of-command ceremony for the Joint Detention Group occurred at Camp Bulkeley Lyceum here last Friday.

Army Col. Wade F. Dennis assumed control of the JDG from Army Col. Mike Bumgarner.

Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander of the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, attended the event, offering his heartfelt farewell to Bumgarner.

"Today we bid fair winds and following seas to one of the great leaders in the military police community and one of the great leaders of GTMO's short, but intense history in the 21st century. At the same time, we welcome another tremendous leader to the crucible of command and what a crucible it is," said Harris.

"The Wall Street Journal editorializes that the captain of a ship is given honor, privilege and trust beyond other men, but let him steer the wrong course, let him touch ground, let him bring disaster to himself and his men and he will have to answer for what he has done, no matter what, he cannot escape. Col. Bumgarner's ship these past 14 months has been the JDG. He knows all too well the hardship



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

Incoming Joint Detention Group commander, Army Col. Wade Dennis, salutes outgoing JDG commander, Army Col. Mike Bumgarner, during a change-of-command ceremony here.

of command and he has performed magnificently," added Harris.

Harris also offered his fond welcome to the new commander of the JDG.

"We welcome Col. Dennis to the crucible of command. Col. Dennis brings to the table broad operational peacekeeping experience. He brings incredible people skills and incredible police skills and I know he will continue the proud tradition of excellence at the JDG."

After Harris gave his words of congratulations, Bumgarner offered his thanks for his 14 months of service and a heartfelt good-

bye to the members of the JDG. Bumgarner used quotes from the popular movie, "Patton," to emphasize the feelings he had for his service.

"I recall a scene in 'Patton,' right before he goes to meet Rommel in battle for the first time, he looks in the mirror saying, 'All my life I've wanted to lead a group of men in a desperate battle.' Well, I got to do what I wanted to do and it has been a true challenge and I hope that we met the challenge pretty well," recalled Bumgarner.

Bumgarner continued with a tearful and reluctant goodbye.

"They say change of commands are bittersweet, although I do look forward to seeing my family again, I wish like the devil I could stay here forever," added Bumgarner.

After Bumgarner's heartfelt speech, Dennis delivered his brief, yet endearing remarks.

"I am honored by the opportunity and am energized by the numerous challenges that lie ahead, being here only three days, I can already see the magnitude of the challenges that lie ahead of me. I have but one thing to say to the members of the JDG, take pride in what you do and take pride in yourself. I am extremely proud to be a part of the JTF-GTMO team, with that, let's get back to work." ■

JDG commander speaks on FOCUS

By Army Col. Wade Dennis

JTF-GTMO JDG Commander



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

I am extremely honored, humbled and blessed for being given the opportunity and privilege to command of the Joint Detention Group during this important time in our nations history. I look forward to meeting the men and women of the JDG and our fellow JTF troopers in the coming weeks. Believe me I will be out and about. . . I am here for you!

The first thing you need to know about me is that the Sailors and Soldiers of the JDG are my number one priority. I will not promise you anything however, I will pledge to you I will do all I can do to ensure you have what is needed to accomplish your job and execute your responsibilities to standard. Those honored with the opportunity to command have a special responsibility to their troops to ensure they have clear guidance, adequate resources and 100 percent support...you'll get that from me. I will expect the same in return from you.

Whenever there is a change of command, troops always wonder what will change.

Short answer for the time being: nothing will change until I know what we're doing, how we're doing it, and why we do it that way. Whether you are jumping from an airplane, driving a ship or working with detainees, standard operating procedures (SOPs) are there to ensure that everyone knows how to do a job safely and professionally to standard. **I expect you to be self-disciplined, professional and adhere to the SOP standards.** In my mind, you do that and we

will be successful.

We follow SOPs because they contain hard-learned lessons that can save lives and have been identified as the best way to execute a task. That said; if you see something that could be improved, take your ideas to your chain of command. If needed, changes to SOPs will be made in a deliberate, clear manner.

Much of who I am my philosophy of command is summed up in one word: FOCUS.

F: Find out what you are good at. Find out what your Sailors and Soldiers are good at. Focus on the fundamentals. . .training, SOPs, etc.

O: Observe your mentors. Study them closely and you will find that they are living the Navy and Army core values; that's the real reason why they are your mentors. Ask yourself. . .what would my mentor think if I did this or that. Live your life as your mentors would/do.

C: Challenge yourself daily. Challenge is why we joined the service. Challenge yourself to do more – push yourself to physically train harder, study for advancement and improve your workplace. Challenge your troops daily. Lead them to new heights.

U: Utilize your resources; never stop learning and asking questions.

S: Safety and risk assessments: We do dangerous missions in a professional manner. The mission always comes first; professional performance of our mission ensures safety. Start with sound risk assessment in the mission planning phase, brief the plan, carry out the mission with strict and smart adherence to SOPs and debrief the mission to see what could be done better.

Our mission in the Joint Detention Group is clear: we provide safe and humane care and custody for our nation's detained enemy combatants. We are keeping dangerous men off the battlefield.

Be proud of who you are. Be proud of what you do for your service and your country. I am proud to be serving side by side with you.

Honor Bound! ■

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SGLI premium changes

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced a change to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and family SGLI (FSGLI) rates that are effective July 1.

SGLI premium rates per \$1,000 of coverage will increase 7 cents per month. For example, Sailors covered for the maximum \$400,000 will see their monthly premium increase from \$27 to \$29. Included as part of the \$29 premium is a mandatory \$1 per month charge for traumatic injury protection under SGLI (TSGLI).

Sailors who elected less than full coverage will not have to submit a SGLI form 8286A to maintain

their present coverage. For example, a Sailor who elected \$200,000 vice \$400,000 coverage, will pay \$15, which includes the mandatory \$1 per month charge for TSGLI. Reserve members drilling for points and in a non-pay status currently covered under SGLI will be billed for the higher premium beginning July 1.

SGLI premiums are increasing because the current SGLI premium rate is below the "break-even" point and therefore is insufficient

to cover the cost of peacetime claims (note: the cost wartime SGLI claims are borne by the uniformed services, not by servicemembers).

FSGLI premium rates for all age brackets will see a reduction beginning July 1, because of "favorable claims experience."

Additional information about SGLI and FSGLI rate changes and answers to frequently asked questions are available at www.insurance.va.gov.

The point of contact for this information is AVCM R. Gallagher at 1-800-368-3202 or e-mail at ralph.gallagher@navy.mil. ■



Handling classified information

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

As an approved custodian or user of classified information and material, you are personally responsible for the protection and control of this information and material. Classified material is any product containing information that could adversely affect national security if disclosed without authorization. You must safeguard this information at all times to prevent loss or compromise and unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, or duplication. Unauthorized disclosure of classified material is punishable under the Federal Criminal Statutes or organizational policies.

Classified information that is not safeguarded in an approved security container must be constantly under the control of a person having the proper security clearance and need to know. An end of day security check should ensure that all classified material is properly secured before closing for the night. If you find classified material left unattended, it is your responsibility to ensure that the material is properly protected. Stay with the classified

material and notify the security office. If this is not possible, take the documents or other material to the security office, or a supervisor, or if necessary, lock the material in your own safe overnight.

Classified material shall not be taken home, and you must not work on classified material at home. Classified information or material is used only in approved facilities where conditions are adequate to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access to it.

Remove classified material from a designated office or working area only in the performance of your official duties. Never discuss classified information with or in the presence of unauthorized persons. Follow procedures that ensure unauthorized persons cannot gain access to the classified information by sight, sound, or other means.

Classified information must be disposed of in a designated container for an approved method of destruction such as shredding or burning.

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

Got CAC?

Network News

By Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

Winds of change are blowing their way through the JTF-GTMO network that will affect the way we login to our accounts. The Department of Defense-mandated Common Access Card login will be rolled out this month beginning with the Information Operations (J6) section and eventually deploying to everyone before July 31.

Your CAC serves not only as your ID card, but as the key to accessing the GTMO NIPRNet. Instead of entering your user name and password, you will insert your CAC into the card reader and enter your PIN. To lock your computer, just remove your card. In order to implement CAC login,

your card must be registered with the network and the certificate must be stored on your card and verified as authentic. More information and specific directions will come out when the new login procedures are rolled out.

Troopers may have also noticed that more stringent password requirements were recently implemented. All users who did not meet these new password requirements were asked to change their password when they logged on. These measures were put in place across the DOD to reduce the success of a hacker method called "Brute Force Attack." These attacks are conducted by a hacker using software to "guess" a password by using popular words and patterns.

Forgot your password and locked your account? You have to visit the J6 Help Desk to have your account unlocked. Why? So J6 can verify that you are the owner of the account. Over a phone, J6 has no way to verify

that the voice belongs to the owner of an account. Someone could be masquerading as you in order to get access to your account and to the network. ■



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@jftgftmo.southcom.mil

July's MWR Weekly Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				7 Night Paintball 7 p.m. Paintball Field	8 BBQ & Horseshoes 5 p.m. Marine Hill	9 Miniature Golf 5 p.m. Mini Golf Course
10 Texas hold'em 7 p.m. Marine Hill	11 Dart Tournament 7 p.m. Deer Point	12 Bowling Tournament 7 p.m. Marble Head	13 8-Ball Pool Tournament 7 p.m. Deer Point	14 Night Fishing 5:30 p.m. Marina	15 Water Skiing & Wake Boarding 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Marina	16 Dodgeball Tournament 10 a.m. Denich Gym

Call MWR at ext. 2010 for more information.

All events are subject to change.

Marine One: “kind of a big deal”

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The setting sun meets the horizon, signaling another duty day done for the dayshift Troopers of the Joint Task Force. But as the blazing Guantanamo sun's final flames paint the evening sky shades of amber, pink and gold, another old reliable flame moves along Kittery Beach Road toward Camp America. Marine Capt. Shannon W. Sims, Joint Operation Center officer, like a knight upon a steady steed, drives this flame for yet another nightshift.

This flame is known as “Marine One,” a 1986 Plymouth Grand Fury, painted black with flames going down the sides and hood.

“‘Marine One,’ is intimately associated with the Marine Corps. It has served as the vehicle for many Marine Corps officers. It has been passed down from officer to officer, each selling it

to his successor. I’m not entirely sure of the total lineage, I just know it’s been here a long while,” explained Sims.

The Marine Corps motto is *Semper Fidelis, always faithful*, and according to Sims, “Marine One,” epitomizes this motto.

“‘Marine One,’ is a lot like a Marine itself, it can be dirty, wet or extremely hot outside and regardless of the weather or conditions, it gets the job done. It has never given me any problems since I’ve owned it; in fact, most of the Marines I talked to before I came out here said it never gave them any problems either. I like to think that ‘Marine One,’ is the most reliable vehicle on the island,” said Sims.

“‘Marine One’s’ reliability is reflected in its mileage.

“The trip meter reads over 10,000 miles. Unfortunately, I don’t think the odometer can go over 100,000, so there’s really no telling how many miles are on

it. Yeah, it has some miles on it, but it takes nothing away from its reliability,” added Sims.

Like most vehicles on the island, “Marine One,” is a weathered import from the states. But unlike most vehicles on the island, “Marine One,” took with it a history.

“‘Marine One,’ used to be a police car back in the states. It still has some of the old switches and casing for the police radio,” said Sims.

“‘Marine One’s,’ reputation transcends GTMO; word of it has even reached the states.

“‘Marine One,’ has a reputation; it’s kind of a big deal. I heard about it even before I got on the island and I just recently met a few Navy officers from Bethesda and as I drove up they asked me if the vehicle I was driving was the fabled, ‘Marine One,’” explained Sims.

As the nightshift ends and the morning sun meets the sky for yet another scorching GTMO day, “Marine One,” rumbles along Kittery Beach Road and although the sky remains slightly dark, “Marine One’s,” flaming paint glows in the merky dawn. It’s unmistakable paint job and Marine Corps memorabilia are sure to remain a part of the GTMO experience for future rotations.

“The Marine Corps has a very proud tradition of excellence and ‘Marine One,’ is a physical representation of that very tradition. It’s reliable, performs its duty with no complaints and, just like how Marines look out for each other, ‘Marine One,’ looks out for the people who drive it and I’m positive it will continue to serve future rotations accordingly,” stated Sims. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

Marine Capt. Shannon W. Sims stands next to one of the most reliable cars at GMTMO, “Marine One”.



Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

Army Sgt. Christina Douglas participates in a dodgeball tournament, one of the many MWR activities held during the Independence Day weekend.



Photo by Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

The walls have eyes as images at the Independence Day art show gaze back at gallery viewers.

INDEPENDENCE A GUANTANAMO

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MIAMI BEACH



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

J Lewis, a guitarist for the band Jagstar, keeps on rocking for the free world as he performs at the Bayview during the Fourth of July celebration.

HEALTH & FITNESS TIPS FOR THE GTMO TROOPER

From the 99 Health Tips series ...

■ Exercise performance is improved by increasing your body's water content, so – drink more! Put poor performance down to being dehydrated, just as 3 percent loss in body fluid can result in a 7 percent loss in physical performance.

■ Put more tomato sauce on your chips and other foods, it may not be good for your diet, but three to four servings a week can cut your risk of prostate cancer by a third.

■ Breast cancer studies have shown that the oral consumption of fish oil and olive oil may keep breasts healthier. Linoleic acid found in sunflower or corn oil may increase the risk of tumors. What is certain, is that obesity and high alcohol level in older women are linked to a higher risk of developing breast cancer.

Wimbledon: Battles on grass

*By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Jim Brown*

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Wimbledon 2006 was served to wet, waiting fans outside of London on June 26. Competitors and fans from throughout the globe enjoyed one of the rites of summer with strawberries and cream at the All-England Club.

The Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon has grown from the first championship in 1877 with only a few hundred spectators, to one of the four Grand Slam tournaments with players from over 60 countries, witnessed by close to 500,000 people in attendance and millions more through radio, TV and the Internet.

One of the sport's elder statesmen at 36, American Andre Agassi announced his plans to retire two days previously. The number 25 seed who won his first Grand Slam tournament at Wimbledon and is one of only five men to ever win all four Grand Slam titles in his career, will retire following this year's U.S. Open. With 60 men's singles, including eight

at Grand Slam tournaments, Agassi combated back problems for most of the year. Agassi was defeated in the third round of play by Rafael Nadal.

No seeded U.S. Men's competitor made it past the third round of play. While the largely European field led by top-seed Roger Federer and number two Rafael Nadal entered the quarter finals. Weather permitting (Wimbledon is an open-air tournament), the champion should be awarded the coveted cup on Sunday.

The only seeded American women's singles player, Venus Williams, faltered in her attempt at a comeback after winning in 2000, 2001 and 2005. Kim Clijsters was defeated by Justine Henin-Hardene, setting the stage for the Women's Singles Championship to be played between the number two seed and the top-seed, Amelie Mauresmo, tomorrow in the tournament that is rife with controversy.

Regardless of controversy, the grass court matches are sure to be among the sport's best so far this summer. ■



Photo by Alexander Smotrov

European tennis star Roger Federer returns a volley on the grass courts at Wimbledon, 2005.

Phil and Louie's Movie Review

With Army Pfc. Philip Regina and Army Spc. Jamieson "Louie" Pond

PHIL
- **Silent Hill** -
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

"Silent Hill," is a nightmarish psychological horror that takes you through some of the most hellish scenes to ever grace the silver screen.

Rose's (Radha Mitchell) daughter Sharon (Joelle Ferland) experiences a disorder in which she sleepwalks in a trancelike state, constantly describing a West Virginia town of Silent Hill. In desperation Rose chooses to bring Sharon to the town, hoping that the solution to her daughter's disorder will be discovered. Little does Rose know that a secret lies waiting for her and her daughter at the abandoned town of Silent Hill.

I'm going to be honest in this review and say that "Silent Hill," freaked me out. I mean, it's pretty hard to spook me, but "Silent Hill," pulled it off. "Silent Hill," is a very disturbing movie. It goes beyond a horror movie, it's like a nightmare portrayed on screen. The disfigured bodies, the faceless and dismembered corpses that wail and walk with rigor mortis toward our hapless heroine, truly are a bad dream realized.

"Silent Hill," is an adaptation of a video game and unlike most video game movies; "Silent Hill," tries its best to stay true to the video game feel. I've only played "Silent Hill 4," and the overall feel of the game is surmised in one word, madness. If the original "Silent Hill," was anything like it's sequels, then I think the film adaptation captured that madness perfectly.

All in all, "Silent Hill," was a ruthless depiction of nightmarish terror. It held nothing back and was as entertaining as it was frightening. If you're squeamish or easily disturbed, I advise not to check this movie out. But, if you can stand two hours of disturbing imagery, then check it out. ■

LOUIE
- **Stick It** -
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

"Stick It," is about a young, retired gymnast who is forced back into the sport to avoid jail time.

Missy Peregrin plays Haley, the main character. Missy plays a gymnast so well, that you would think she had been

U.S. Army South visits JTF-GTMO



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

U.S. Army South visited JTF-GTMO to perform a staff-assisted review of the JTF command as well as a Supply Discipline Program Inspection review of the Army 525th MP Battalion. Members of the review team are pictured above from left to right: Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Wentzel, Steve Baudion (kneeling), Gregory Walker Sr. and Army Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Glenn at Camp America's 525th Military Police Battalion.

doing it her whole life, not just the four intense months of training she received. In fact, I thought the casting agents had found a professional gymnast to play the lead role.

This movie was surprisingly funny. I hadn't heard much about the movie so I had no idea what to expect. I was a little skeptical when it first started, but this movie proved itself worthy of its one hour and 45 minute run time.

"Stick It," gives you an appreciation for the sport of gymnastics. If any of you out there are anything like me then you probably never thought about what it takes to be a professional gymnast. This movie gives you an idea of all the hard work of gymnasts.

This movie has no shortage of humorous dialogue, which includes hilarious one-liners. If you like comedy mixed with sports then this movie is definitely for you. Even if are not interested in watching a movie about a sport, you should still check out this movie just for its witty and sarcastic dialogue. ■

MILITARY CHAPLAINS HONORED

By Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

A new display commemorating the service of military chaplains was dedicated June 23 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

"This ceremony commemorates the unselfish ministry of a group of unsung heroes in the Department of Defense - our military chaplains and assistant chaplains," David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said during the exhibit dedication ceremony in a refurbished portion of the building's fifth floor A ring.

The display - the first in the Pentagon to specifically honor chaplains - consists of four backlit panels that highlight the accomplishments and service of military chaplains since the American Revolution.

More than 7,500 chaplains, chaplains' assistants and religious program specialists are currently serving around the world. These chaplains represent more than 200 religious organizations, officials said.

Defense Department officials said the chaplaincy ministry exists to provide the constitutionally guaranteed right to exercise religion.

The ceremony included scripture readings from Christian, Jewish and Muslim chaplains.

"Ministers, rabbis, imams and spiritual leaders of these organizations are endorsed to serve as military chaplains," Chu said. "We are thankful to the extraordinary partnership that exists between the churches of our land and Department of Defense to make the chaplaincy work."

Chu said the history of the United States has deep spiritual and religious roots. "Since our country's inception, freedom of religious expression has been one of the chief cornerstones," he said.

One of the exhibit's display panels includes an excerpt from a letter written by George Washington that includes observations about the importance of chaplains. "For wont of a chaplain, does I humbly conceive, reflect dishonor upon the regiment," the letter states.

"So we can say that George Washington recognized the value of chaplains in the mili-

tary," Chu said.

Eight chaplains and one chaplains' assistant have received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor. Four of these recipients were chaplains who died aboard the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* during World War II. A German torpedo struck the ship in waters south of Greenland in 1943. As the ship sank the four chaplains - two protestant ministers, a Jewish rabbi, and a Roman Catholic priest - gave up their life jackets to save others.

"Two things in that moving story give insight into our military chaplains. One is their cooperation across faith lines," Chu said. "The other is their sacrificial spirit."

Chu said present-day chaplains are just as selfless as those of past generations.

"Religious chaplains of today are making history on 21st century battlefields, at remote outposts, on ships at sea, in dangerous operations overseas and here at home," he said. "In a world in which religious differences and tensions often leads to bloodshed, the chaplains of our armed forces demonstrate remarkable cooperation and willingness to serve in the pluralistic setting of our military." ■

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
Monday	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
Tuesday to Friday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Friday	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. Cierra Caldwell

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Mistakes are an everyday occurrence. No one is perfect, but serving in the U.S. military entails a higher standard of excellence and the mistakes you make as a Trooper have consequences. In the unlikely event that a Trooper here makes a mistake, and disciplinary action must be taken, it is Army Spc. Cierra Caldwell who processes the paperwork that allows the discipline to be administered.

Caldwell is a paralegal specialist for the Joint Task Force's military justice office. She processes legal paperwork and assists in the administering of Article 15s (non-judicial

punishment) and other such disciplinary actions.

"I pretty much handle all the Uniform Code of Military Justice violations for the JTF. Our office is an active duty element. We're attached to the 525 Military Police Battalion, but we cater to the entire JTF. I do letters of reprimand and Article 15s, so, whenever you get in trouble you'll probably end up talking to me," explained Caldwell.

Caldwell is a native of Missouri. She is only 20 years old but has a little over three years of service to the Army. Caldwell handles her job with professionalism and enthusiasm.

"I enjoy my job. Actually, to be honest, I enjoy the routine aspect of my job. It makes being a part of the active duty Army easier.

I started off as a reservist but I transitioned to active duty. I've found that being in a daily routine, knowing what to expect everyday, my anticipated workload, helps me stay focused. I think if I just went straight to college I would have probably dropped out by now. It's difficult to stay focused when there's so much partying and lack of routine," added Caldwell.

Although she is quite young, Caldwell made the decision to join the Army at an even younger age.

"I was in the delayed entry program for the Army. That means I went to basic training during the summer of my junior year while I was in high school. So, I signed my contract when I was 17 years old. I know it seems like a big decision, but I always wanted to be in the Army. It's nice to know that you're a part of something bigger than yourself," said Caldwell.

When unruly actions demand discipline, Caldwell will be there to assist the process. She does not gain satisfaction from the mishaps of her fellow Troopers and is quick to explain that her intention is that she wishes only the best for them.

"Just stay out of trouble, then you'll never have to deal with me. That would be the best situation for everyone. So please, stay focused and don't get yourself in trouble," stated Caldwell with a smile. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

Don't do bad things, and you won't face consequences like losing rank, as demonstrated by Army Spc. Cierra Caldwell and Army Spc. Ernest Jilpas.

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.

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Sgt. Michael Guhl

◀ Army Spc. Raphael Pickens, a Trooper with the Joint Detention Group, takes the oath of reenlistment from Army Capt. Walter Fuata June 15.

▶ Terry Moran, an anchor for ABC Nightline, prepares to go live in front of Camp Delta here June 27.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond



Photo by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

◀ Tess Drake, a comedian with Tess's Funny Honey's Comedy Tour, performed Monday at Club Survivor as part of the Independence Day festivities and events.

★★★ PHOTO OF THE WEEK ★★★



Army Maj. Cheryl Johnson-De Bear wins this week's "Photo of the Week" contest with this entry showing an Oriente Knight Anole lizard, one of the more aggressive lizard species.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ Navy Capt. Michael L. Reynolds presents Army Sgt. Cresencio L. Deleon with the Joint Service Achievement Medal June 19.