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A year of lessons learned at GTMO

By Army Sgt. Maj. David Hare

Camp America Camp Commandant

It's been nearly one-year since we arrived here. When you first think of it, your reaction is "A WHOLE YEAR gone away from home, family, things that are familiar and comfortable."

When we got here last February, these were our thoughts and feelings: "We can do it!" and "It can't be that bad, can it?" We all went through some type of emotional adjustment because of the change in our routine as well as adapting to Guantanamo Bay.

As we are preparing to redeploy after a year of boots-on-ground, I constantly hear Troopers say, "It hasn't been that bad!" or "Seems like we just got here."

We were once the new guys on the block, looking around with the big eyes of wonderment at our new surroundings. Making new contacts, asking the questions, "Why do they call it the NEX and not the PX?" and "It's on what Barge?" and "\$500 for a Hooptie? What's a Hooptie?"

Here's a list of some of the new things that we've all learned here:

1. Hooptie – a vehicle, either 2 or 4 wheels, that you would not be caught dead in back home but it is "YOUR wheels" here on GTMO. Generally the price of a Happy Meal.
2. On The Barge – the mysterious way that items show up at the NEX, the warehouse, supply, or for your Hooptie.
3. Off Island – where we go when we are not "On Island."
4. Turkey Vultures- GTMO's Eagles.
5. Sea Side Galley's got the best meals around! (Sorry Gold Hill)
6. Cuzco, GTMO's condos.
7. For us Army guys, a Navy Lieutenant is the same as an Army Captain and a Navy Captain is the same as an Army Colonel.
8. "What the heck is a Bull Ensign?"
9. You can scuba and snorkel on Christmas Day.
10. And there's this one stretch of road where you can really go 35MPH!
11. GTMO hot spots- Club Survivor (Thursday night), Tiki Bar (Friday night)



and the Wind Jammer Club (Saturday night)

It has been a good experience for most of the Troopers who I've deployed with. We've had quite a few promotions and "atta-boys." We also have seen some of the other side; the not so nice things. We've been involved with some major positive changes in the way we handle detainees, making it safer for them and for us.

We have all grown in many ways. For some, this was their first time away from home except for annual training. For all, it was a time to reflect on what is important in our lives, what makes us who we are and who or what we need in our lives to make them complete. For me, it was the birth of my first grand-children, a grand-son and a grand-daughter, the marriage of my daughter, and the death of a close friend. All of these things go together to make me who I am.

Some of us have had to deal with the passing of close family members. We've had to expose who we really are to our comrades, looking for support and finding that we are all one team, here at GTMO.

I know that we all can go home knowing that we made a difference here, a positive contribution in our effort to make our nation safer from those who don't like us.

Also, know that we have made friends with those we leave behind at GTMO; friends who will continue to serve our armed forces and have helped us to do what we had to do to make our world safer for all.

You have all "DONE GOOD!!!" ■

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America...

By Army Spc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

To some, the flag spoken of so poignantly in this pledge may only be a piece of dyed fabric flapping in the wind and the pledge little more than an elementary school morning ritual.

To truly understand the significance of the Pledge of Allegiance it is important to know the history of the flag of which it speaks.

The U.S. Flag has seen several changes since its initial design. The original flag used by the colonists during the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1777 was known as the Grand Union Flag. It consisted of 13 red and white stripes, symbolizing the 13 original colonies, with the British Union Jack in the upper left corner. The Union Jack symbolized the colonies intent to keep close ties to England.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress resolved that the U.S. flag be thirteen red and white horizontal stripes and that the union be thirteen white stars in a blue field.

Although many people abide to the legend of Betsy Ross, sewing the first U.S. Flag, many historians argue it is more legend than fact, pointing

out a lack of historical evidence to validate Ross' claims.

In 1795 the number of stars was increased to 15 in observance of Vermont and Kentucky becoming states of the union. It was this 15-star flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore by British ships in Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812.

The flag remained a 15 star flag until 1818, when a resolution was passed, through the urging of Navy Capt. Samuel C. Reid, that the number of stars be increased to 20 to include the newly acquired states and that each time a new state becomes a part of the U.S. another star be added.

Since 1818 the U.S. flag has had 25 more incarnations. Today, there are 50 stars in the union, each one symbolizing a state of the union.

What the flag exactly represents is highly debatable, with most interpretations being derived by the individual viewing it.

The Second Continental Congress never officially explained the meaning behind each symbol on the U.S. Flag, they did, however, explain the meaning behind the symbols on the Great Seal of the U.S. This explanation can be interpreted to mean the same thing for the U.S. Flag.

Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, reporting to Congress on the Seal, stated: "The colors of the pales (the vertical stripes) are those used in the flag of the United States of America; white signifies purity and innocence, red, hardiness & valor, and blue, signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice."

The U.S. Flag is more than a mere piece of dyed fabric; it's a physical representation of the storied history of the U.S. as well as a symbol of the honor, pride and freedom of its people. With each recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, we remember the history behind the Flag and show our gratitude for what it represents. ■

*... and to the republic for which
it stands, one Nation, under
God, indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all.*



The stars and stripes of the United States flag fly proudly wherever the nation has a presence, whether at military outposts or embassies located around the world. It is the symbol of the nation and of all of the freedoms and liberties it has come to represent.

“Fox” hunters at GTMO find hope in Phoenix

By Army Spc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The daily ritual of channel surfing can be highly involved. Each day brings with it a new wave of visual pleasure. Whether it's a Monday night of pulse-pounding *Prison Break* suspense, or the Thursday night teenage melodrama *The OC*, Fox Network delivers daily entertainment.

Unfortunately for the residents for Guantanamo Bay, there is no longer a Fox television channel being broadcast here. But the people at Phoenix Cable, the local cable service provider, are looking for ways to bring it back.

“The loss of Fox network in Gitmo is only a recent development. Previously Phoenix Cable had a local Fox Network affiliate out of Ft. Lauderdale and Gitmo falls outside of Ft. Lauderdale's local Nielsen Media Research Designated Television Market Area.

“Recently there has been dispute over loss of revenue from marketing and advertising dollars being spent in less lucrative areas. This has caused local affiliates to pull Fox Network from Gitmo,” explained Melissa Saczynski, the manager of the Phoenix Cable office here.

Fox may no longer be at GTMO, but the people at Phoenix Cable haven't given up.

“We are currently in the process of finding a new Fox Network affiliate for Gitmo. We've been denied by several possible Fox affiliates in Florida, but we won't let that discourage us, we won't stop trying,” said Saczynski.

Saczynski is quick to point out that although there is no Fox Network here, the employees at Phoenix Cable are ready to help out GTMO residents with any and all of their cable concerns.

“The Phoenix Cable team is

always willing to help make life a little bit easier here at Gitmo,” added Saczynski.

For those of us who can't miss an episode ... relax. The American Forces Network channel, AFN Spectrum carries some of the most popular Fox shows like *American Idol* and *24* a day later than they would be on the Fox Network. To find out what's playing on AFN, go to www.myafn.net and type in your information. ■



Security bulletin: Can you hear me now?

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Your Cellular Phone has three major vulnerabilities:

- Vulnerability of your conversations being monitored while using the phone. Remember that your cell phone is a radio transceiver, meaning that it transmits and receives signals. Your voice is transmitted through the air on radio waves, and any signals in the air can be, and frequently are, intercepted. Many foreign governments, including friendly countries allied with the United States, have sophisticated programs to collect economic, political and military intelligence by intercepting U.S. communications

- Vulnerability of your phone being turned into a microphone to monitor conversations in the vicinity of your phone while the it is inactive or turned off. The safest way to avoid your phone from being turned on remotely and used as a listening device is to remove the battery before any sensitive or classified

discussions take place in the room. Sensitive information should not be discussed by phone or sent by fax on any unencrypted line. Do not talk around sensitive or classified subjects. Eavesdroppers targeting your number may eventually derive a conclusion and determine your subject and issues.

- Vulnerability of “cloning” or the use of your phone number by others to make calls that are charged to your account. Cloning is the process whereby a thief intercepts the electronic serial number and mobile identification number and programs those numbers into another telephone to make it identical to yours.

Cloning occurs most frequently in areas of high cell phone usage – valet parking lots, airports, shopping malls, concert halls, sports stadiums, and high traffic areas. Do not leave your phone unattended. Use them sparingly and never discuss sensitive and classified information on a cell phone. Always review your cell phone bill carefully to identify cloning early.

Mission first, security always! ■

Military One-Source: an information destination

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Have you ever found yourself frustrated and losing your patience while researching military related topics on line? Have you found there are just too many sources of information and many of them lack the answers to your specific questions? Thankfully, a very helpful website exists called Military One Source. Besides being an incredible website packed with useful information on military and civilian life; Military One Source is an exceptional site designed to be a one-stop shop for a myriad of issues and concerns.

However, the site hardly limits it's helpfulness to service member's issues alone. In fact, it does an excellent job providing assistance to military dependents.

Options like, spouse training education and career, parenting, children and youth, legal matter, and elder care are some of the first topics listed.

Moving from place to place and continually encountering different cultures and environments isn't easy for anyone, especially when your spouse is away from home. Military One Source offers information and points of contact for all sorts of different installations. When planning for your next move, looking for a babysitter, or just simply trying to educate yourself, Military One Source will help find answers to your questions.

Visit the website to learn more, or call them toll free at 1-800-342-9647; it will certainly be a step in the right direction for you and your family. ■



<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

Military One Source is the premiere website that offers helpful information for military members and their families for a number of issues including deployment, permanent change of station help and training.

Network News

Importance of Logging Off

By Air Force 1st Lt. Jim Northamer

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

New vulnerabilities in computer software are identified everyday. These vulnerabilities are usually some sort of flaw in the software that a determined hacker could exploit to access the computer the software is running on. Once a single computer is accessed, each device and network that computer is attached to is also accessible.

For instance, let's say a JTF-GTMO computer is compromised. Anybody with access to a single computer at JTF-GTMO has access to all the files on that computer, all the public folders on the network and access to all websites that restrict access to .mil computers. The amount of data available from a single compromise is almost incalculable.

Because these vulnerabilities are identified almost every day and the consequences of a compromise are potentially so severe, the J6 community fights a constant

battle to keep our systems secure. One of the ways we fight this battle is by remotely deploying the patches that resolve these vulnerabilities over the network.

Typically, in order to make this as convenient as possible, we try to do this overnight, when the majority of network users are logged off the network. Because these patches will normally only load to computers that are powered on, but logged off, the JTF-GTMO IA Office depends on all users to log off of their workstation every day, but leave it powered on.

If the workstation is powered on, it's connected to the network and these patches can be deployed. If it's not powered on or if a user is logged on to the workstation, these patches will not be effectively deployed. This is a continuous battle to keep our network secure from continuously discovered vulnerabilities.

The only way we can secure every workstation on the network is if every user logs off every day. Please help secure our networks by remembering to log off your workstation every day. The security of the JTF-GTMO network and all the networks it's connected to depends on you. If you have any questions or concerns about a computer security issue, please feel free to contact the JTF-GTMO IA Office at j6ia@jftgmo.southcom.mil or ext. 3333. ■

Parcells says 'goodbye' to Cowboys

By Army Staff Sgt. Vince Oliver

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

After an illustrious 19-year coaching career, Dallas Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells announced Monday that he'd had enough and was retiring.

Some had speculated that his move to Dallas four years ago would end in disaster; presupposing he and owner Jerry Jones made the strangest of bedfellows.

At the end of the day, Parcells could not deliver on his promise of a Superbowl Championship. As a matter of fact, the Cowboys hadn't won a single playoff game during Parcells' tenure.

With an 8-4 season and a two-game lead in the NFC, Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo realized his worst nightmares against the Seattle Seahawks; single-handedly losing a major game by fumbling the snap on a field goal inside the 20-yard line with less than a minute on the clock. Talk about heartbreaking.

"I leave the game and the NFL with nothing but good feelings and gratitude to all the players, coaches and other people that have assisted me in that regard," said Parcells in a statement released on Monday.

Owner Jones released a statement of his own saying of Parcells, "Our relationship, both on the professional and personal levels, is something that I am grateful for and something that will continue on into the future. It is a relationship that was structured around the fundamental element of applying all of our joint resources, energy and efforts into winning and being successful in every aspect of the organization."

Parcells leaves the coaching game with a 183-138-1 career record. To his credit, he has two Super Bowl wins with one of his previous teams, the New York Giants.

Parcells' record was 34-32 while at Dallas, counting two playoff losses with one year remaining at more than \$5 million on a contract extension signed last January.

Since the end of the 2006-2007 NFL season, five teams have hired new head coaches. Parcells' win record has allowed him a sort of legends status and Chicago Bears head coach Lovie Smith said he believed that Parcells deserves the right to leave the game on his own terms.

"His teams have always played at

a certain level so we're losing one of our all-time great coaches. For him, though, I think it's always good when you see a football coach that decides that he's had enough, a guy that goes out on his own terms, and guys like Bill Parcells should get an opportunity to do that," said Smith.

Parcells has retired before, only to return to coaching several times in the past. Only time will tell whether he can resist the siren-song of the game in which he was one of the best at coaching. ■

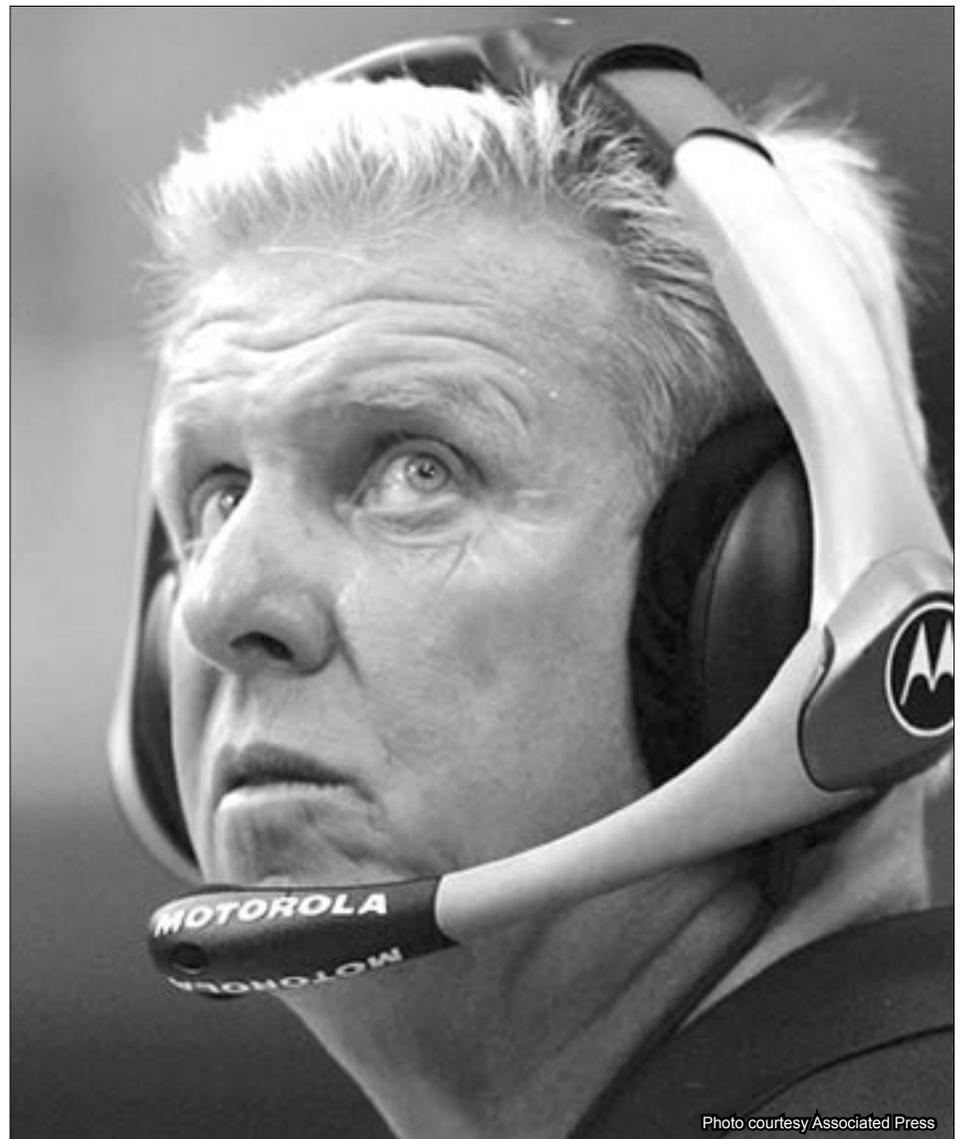


Photo courtesy Associated Press

Bill Parcells, who announced his retirement Monday, was the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys for the last four seasons earning a 34-30 record.

Colts may be dark horse in Bowl against Bears

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Once again it is time for one of the most anticipated sporting events in the nation. Super Bowl XLI will have a fresh and competitive look with two teams who haven't seen the National Football League's title game in decades.

The Chicago Bears are back in the Super Bowl for first time since winning Super Bowl XX in January of 1986. The Colts will make a Super Bowl appearance for the first time since the franchise, then located in Baltimore, hammered Dallas in Super Bowl V.

Both teams started the 2006 season swiftly, with the Bears winning their first seven games on their way to the National Football Conference North title and the Colts starting 9-0 on their way to the American Football Conference South crown.

Super Bowl XLI is expected to be a game for the books. It will feature strength against strength with the Colts offense, ranked third in the regular season, going against a Bears defense that finished the season ranked fifth overall. Both teams are packed full of talent, with Chicago sending seven players to the Pro Bowl, six from the defense or special teams, and the Colts boasting five Pro Bowl players, all from the offense.

Bears coach Lovie Smith and Colts coach Tony Dungy are close friends, dating back to Smith's time working on Dungy's staff with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the two are the first African-American head coaches to reach the Super Bowl.

Change has come unfortunately slow, but now two of the most admired, deserving men have pushed the NFL forward.

"It means a lot," Dungy said after his Indianapolis Colts beat New England 38-34 in the AFC title game. "I'm very proud of being an African-American. I'm very proud of Lovie."

It wasn't all that long ago that the NFL's best jobs were

off-limits to blacks. Not to mention the fact that three-quarters of the league's rosters were filled with black players. Or that there were qualified black assistants and when the time came to hire a new coach, they were passed over, time and again.

When the Bears and Colts take the field in Miami on Feb. 4, many dreams, once thought of as farsighted, will be realized. ■



Photo courtesy Sports Illustrated.com

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning gets the ball away just before taking the hit from the New England Patriot defenders in the American Football Conference playoff game.

	Army Col. Dennis Plemmons Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joint Detention Group	Army Maj. Pearson Vanwyngarden Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joint Detention Group	Navy Cmdr. Winter Chief Conley Navy Command Master Joint Detention Group	Army Col. Tucker Diaz Army Sgt. Maj. Joint Task Force Public Affairs	Army Capt. Hughes Fitzgerald Army 1st Sgt. Headquarters, Headquarters Company
Last Week	0-4	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1
Season	148-109	152-109	160-101	158-103	158-103
Super Bowl February 4, 2007					
Sunday 6:30 p.m. Indianapolis (12-6) and Chicago (15-3)	Indianapolis			Indianapolis	Indianapolis

FOR RECOGNITION OF SERVICE...



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Joint Service
Commendation Medal



Navy and Marine Corps
Commendation Medal



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Commenda



Joint Service
Achievement Medal



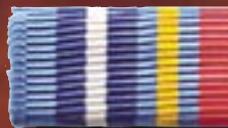
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National Defense Service Medal



Global War o
Expedition



Meritorious
Award

Serving in Joint Task Force-Guantanamo isn't easy. Troopers here work tirelessly toward mission accomplishment. It's true that life at GTMO isn't exactly a walk in the park, but it isn't without its rewards. Working in a joint environment opens doors for new awards and recognition including the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

These are some awards JTF-GTMO Troopers are eligible to earn. ■



Army
Commendation Medal



Coast Guard
Commendation Medal



Air Force
Commendation Medal



Army
Achievement Medal



Coast Guard
Achievement Medal



Air Force
Achievement Medal



Operation Terrorism
Sentry Medal



Armed Forces
Reserve Medal

Deputy secretary praises Troops who serve in face of extremism



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Julian Carroll

Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England greets the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command junior sailor of the year, Petty Officer 2nd Class Teresa Charvira, and NAVCENT Command Master Chief Petty Officer Christopher Angstead (center) before conducting a town hall meeting for servicemembers at Naval Support Activity Bahrain. England thanked the audience for their dedicated service.

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, 2007 – Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England today told servicemembers deployed to Bahrain that they're following in their fathers' and grandfathers' footsteps by protecting liberty and freedom for future generations.

England, speaking at the 5th U.S. Fleet headquarters in Manama, told the deployed troops they're confronting terrorism and extremism the same way past generations faced off against fascism and communism.

The secretary contrasted the beautiful morning of Sept. 10, 2001, when as secretary of the Navy he was escorting President

Bush and Australian Prime Minister John Howard at the Washington Navy Yard, with the terrorist attacks the following day.

Those attacks changed the country and its people forever, he said. "You cannot put Pandora back in the box," he said. "As much as people want to go back, you can't do it."

The war on terror "is not a war of our choosing," England said. "People tend to forget that America was attacked on 9/11 and we lost about 3,000 people that day."

Just as when the United States was threatened earlier in its history, England said, Americans have once again stepped forward to defend it.

He praised the men and women in uniform, especially about 4,000

of them deployed around the world who answered the country's call when it needed them. "We are blessed as a nation because, for 230 years, every generation of Americans has stepped forward to protect and defend the country," he said.

Fighting terrorism will be a long-time struggle, England acknowledged, but one that will impact the United States for many years into the future. America's troops and their civilian counterparts within the Defense Department are working together "to protect freedom and liberty for the next generation," he said. "This is about the next generation; this is about your kids and your grandkids. Because, as the president said, this is a long struggle."

But America and its coalition partners are making headway against extremism, he said.

England pointed to Bahrain as an example of moderation that is helping set an example for other governments in the region. That example is critical, he said, particularly in light of threats presented by Syria and Iran. "This is a huge, important place for us," he said.

Basing the U.S. 5th Fleet in a permanent facility in Bahrain is good for Bahrain, England said, "but also terrific for the United States of America."

He thanked the troops serving there for the role they are playing in America's defense. "Thank all of you who serve America, who every day leave your families and spend your time here, doing your part to protect and defend America," he said. "Thank you. I thank your families, and God bless you for your great service to America." ■

Reservists REAP the benefits

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

In fiscal year 2005, the Department of Defense approved the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) to provide financial education assistance to members of the Reserve components on active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the president or congress.

To be eligible for REAP, you must be a reservist of any branch of military service and have served on active duty for at least 90 days since Sept. 11, 2001. The program allows Troopers a percentage of the Montgomery GI Bill three-year or more enlistment rate (\$1034.00) based on how long they've been on active duty.

Let's say a Trooper has been serving at Joint

Task Force-Guantanamo for at least 90 days but less than a year. He will get 40 percent of that three-year rate. Up to one year but less than two, he'll get 60 percent and 80 percent for two years but less than three years.

These benefits will stay with you as long as you are in the military. That means if you leave the reserves or participate in a Reserve Officer Training Corps program, your REAP benefits will be terminated.

The REAP benefits can be used for all education programs except national examination or testing reimbursement. Troopers can only use one MGIB benefit at a time and will have to choose which program to apply to their time on active duty.

For more information on REAP, or if you have yet to sign up for REAP, you can apply online at www.gibill.va.gov. ■



GTMO's "Running of the Banana Rats."

Illustration by Army Pfc. Eric Tagayuna

Reunion Issue #6

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

Many troops, family members and friends think that once a deployed trooper returns home everything returns to normal automatically. It is as though people think that something “magical” happens to all of us once we leave the area of operation and walk through our front door. Change is something we all often seek to avoid, but none of us can prevent or ignore. Change is the only constant “absolute” in life.

In reunion briefings, Troopers have actually stated that they didn’t think their children will have changed during a deployment. Many of us believe that the roles and responsibilities we controlled will be ours to resume upon our return. The changes that different experiences in life create within us, our friends and our family are usually permanent. It is reasonable to expect that our children will not remain as infants, our spouses will become more independent, and our friends may have changed their habits or even moved and left no forwarding address.

Still, life goes on and we may be pleased and pleasantly surprised by the changes that have occurred. If we think about what the other person has

experienced and the challenges that they have met, we will be better prepared to accept why they have changed. Anger and surprise can be our automatic feelings, but we have to keep these feelings under control. Emotional overreaction to change does not allow us to positively adjust and adapt to what can never be the same as it was before we deployed.

Seek professional and sympathetic support if you are having a difficult time adjusting to your stateside life through your chaplain and family readiness and support programs and staff. ■

SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

This week’s action item is:

Action Item #6 – See things from the other person’s point of view.

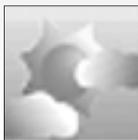
You, your family and friends have experienced the separation differently. It takes time and patience to help each other understand the different experiences and problems it created. ■

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Jan. 27

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80’s, and lows in the upper 60’s.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.

Sunset: 5:50 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Sunday, Jan. 28

Partly cloudy with a chance of overnight showers. Highs in the upper 80’s, and lows in the upper 60’s.



Partly Cloudy

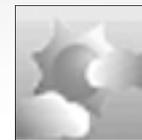
Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.

Sunset: 5:50 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Monday, Jan. 29

Partly cloudy with overnight showers. Highs in the upper 80’s, and lows in the upper 60’s.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.

Sunset: 5:51 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 60%



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

This week's movie summary of "Smokin' Aces" courtesy of Universal Pictures

An incendiary array of stars – including Ben Affleck, Andy Garcia, Ray Liotta, Jeremy Piven, Ryan Reynolds, Peter Berg, Martin Henderson, Taraji Henson and, in their motion-picture debuts, Alicia Keys and Common – star in Smokin' Aces, the new dark action comedy from Joe Carnahan, the acclaimed director of Narc.

In these interlocking tales of high stakes and low lives, Mob boss Primo Sparazza has taken out a hefty contract on Buddy "Aces" Israel (Piven), a sleazy magician who has agreed to turn state's evidence against the Vegas mob. The FBI, sensing a chance to use this small-time con to bring down big-target Sparazza, places Aces into protective custody under the supervision of two agents (Reynolds and Liotta) dispatched to Aces' Lake Tahoe hideout.

When word of the price on Aces' head spreads into the community of ex-cons and cons-to-be, it entices bounty hunters, thugs-for-hire, smokin' hot vixens and double-crossing mobsters to join in the hunt. With all eyes on Tahoe, this rogues' gallery collides in a comic race to hit the jackpot and rub out Aces. ■

Rated: R

Duration: 108 minutes

Boots on the Ground:

"If you could have 24-hour access to something here, what would it be?"



"My internet connection."

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Jackson



"I would like to see an indoor pool and gym. The beach and pool have limited hours."

-Army Spc. Carlos Turcios



"I would like to see a Walmart or another similar chain store here."

-Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Juetter Dams



"McDonalds or a Taco Bell."

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Danielle Kluge

IN AND OUT

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

I have this dog that thinks that we as humans are meant to be her door knob turning tool. She's inside for a good five to seven minutes, sometimes less, and then she wants out again. She is now out and in the same time-span wants back inside. In and out seems to be a game that she has beaten us humans at. However, I have finally stood my ground and I will only open the door two times and then she is stuck wherever that moment brings for a long period of time or at least until another human comes by.

She isn't the only one who has this problem. I have two sons who have displayed this same strange behavior, though in other ways. One day they just love onions in their food and the next it makes them gag. One day they like red colored clothes and the next it is nerdy and they wouldn't be caught dead in them. One day dad is pretty smart and cool and the next he's dumb as a rock and old-fashioned.

In and out is really a norm for us humans in most of our relationships. One day we are deeply in love the next we hate that person. One day we like a certain food and gradually we don't care for it as much. One day we love being with our children and the next we run and hide and wonder what ever possessed us to want them. We even feel this way with our spouse. One day we have deep feelings of love and tenderness and the next day you see in him or her after, an argument, all of their imperfections and annoying habits. We're in love and out of love. We felt that way in all our relationships, from our parents and friends to our spouse and children. We love them, we hate them, we love them, and then we hate them. It reminds me of when we used the petals on a flower to decide if we loved or hated someone.

The message hopefully you have heard is that this is normal. To feel a radical move from love to hate so swiftly is felt many times in all kind of relationships such as humans, food, clothing, and music. It is emotion. It is a feeling that lays mostly at the surface. Feelings come and go... in and out. They cause fears and guilt when it is quite normal. It's when we react to them wrongly that others are hurt.

So, don't get too excited on the ins and outs of life. Most of our feelings change with the wind and the moment. Hang in there and know you are loved and respected by those who count, even if they think that occasionally you are dumb as a rock and clueless.

And another suggestion, take time to go to

worship this week according to your own faith. It is our faith that creates the strength we need to control our emotions, to put things in our lives in perspective, to realize that the "people" in our lives are more important than the "things" in our lives. ■



CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	5:45 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
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	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
Mon. to Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	4:15 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.

15:00 Minutes of Fame

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS SYLVIA PARDOE

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

What good are a person's talents if they're never used? What purpose does all the potential in the world serve if it's never reached? In life, our skills and talents mean nothing if we don't take the time to nurture them.

In 453 B.C, Buddha put it best when he said, "there isn't a person on the face of the world that doesn't have something bright and uplifting to offer in any given situation, but there are far too many people who choose not to."

While serving here in the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay Cuba, it's easy to forget that we are part of history. As time passes many of us don't even think twice about the detainee camps and the mission here. But, every now and again we have the chance to meet someone who truly takes pride in what they do. Coming across a person like that can act as a refreshment to our worn perspectives.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Sylvia M. Pardoe, isn't serving here for the nickels and dimes, she's here for her fellow Sailors as well as her friends and family back home.

Working as a Navy reservist, Pardoe volunteered for deployment to JTF-GTMO.

"They needed extra bodies and so I started asking about Gitmo," said Pardoe. She wasn't exactly sure what she would be doing here, but was relieved to discover she would not have to work directly with detainees.

Pardoe lives her life with a refreshingly unorthodox perspective, "New experiences teach us things and help us grow, so I figured Gitmo would be a good experience," said Pardoe.

After serving five years on active duty, Pardoe got out of the Navy for two and half years and attended Penn State University. While living life as a civilian, Pardoe realized that her true passion was the Navy.

"I love being in the Navy. It gives me a chance to see the world," explained Pardoe. "My sister has hardly been anywhere ... she's come to the Caribbean once and that was for her honeymoon."

With your sole focus on the future, it's easy to forget about your past. However, Pardoe would tell you to not lose focus on who you are and what we're doing here.

"We're still at war. Take it seriously and realize that you chose to be here and be proud of the fact that you're serving," said Pardoe. ■

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

A crane carefully lowers the frame of one of the new housing units being installed at the second phase of Cuzco Barracks.



Photo by Army Lt. Col. Michael Nicolucci

This baby iguana jumped on the hood of a vehicle and hitched a ride to Kittery Beach.



Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

Bremcor workers install new air conditioning units in Camp America buildings as part of facility improvements going on throughout the Joint Task Force.



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Remus Borisov records the morning show at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Media Center.