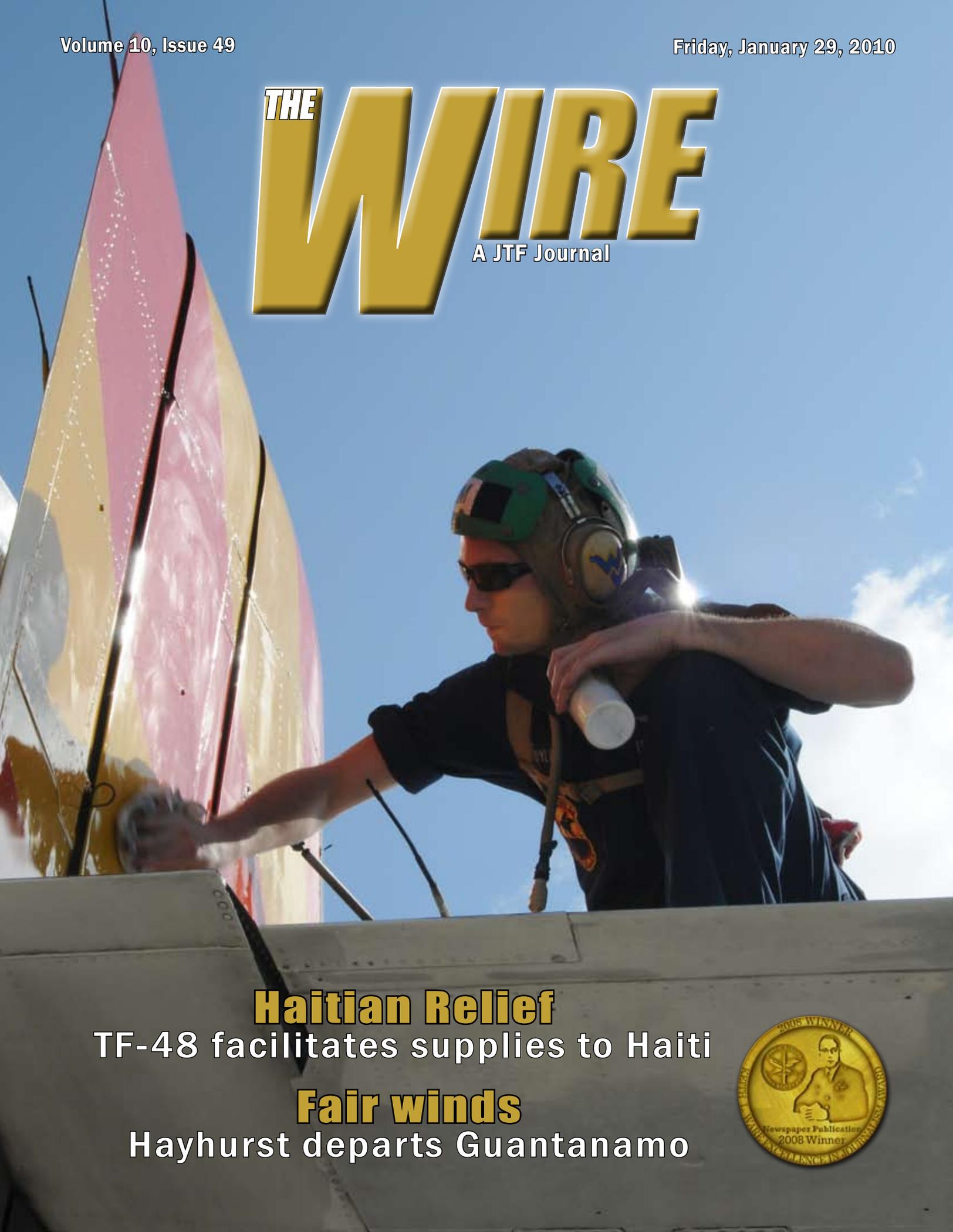


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Think of your future

**Army 1st Sgt.
Timothy Parrish**

525th MP Battalion HHC First Sergeant

Back in the day when I was a young Marine fixing to get out of the Marine Corps, I had a master gunnery sergeant sit me down and ask what I was going to do when I got out of the Marine Corps. I told him I really didn't know, but I didn't want to stay in the Marine Corps.

He said, "Listen up, corporal, you need to have a plan and be able to support your family. Whatever you do, you need to enjoy it; because 70 percent of your life will be at your job and you don't want to get up every morning saying, 'damn, I have to go to work.' That is no way to live your life."

I took his advice to heart and I got out of the service. I tried the civilian life and enjoyed it for awhile; but I came back into the Army where I love serving my country and taking care of Soldiers. This is where I plan to retire.

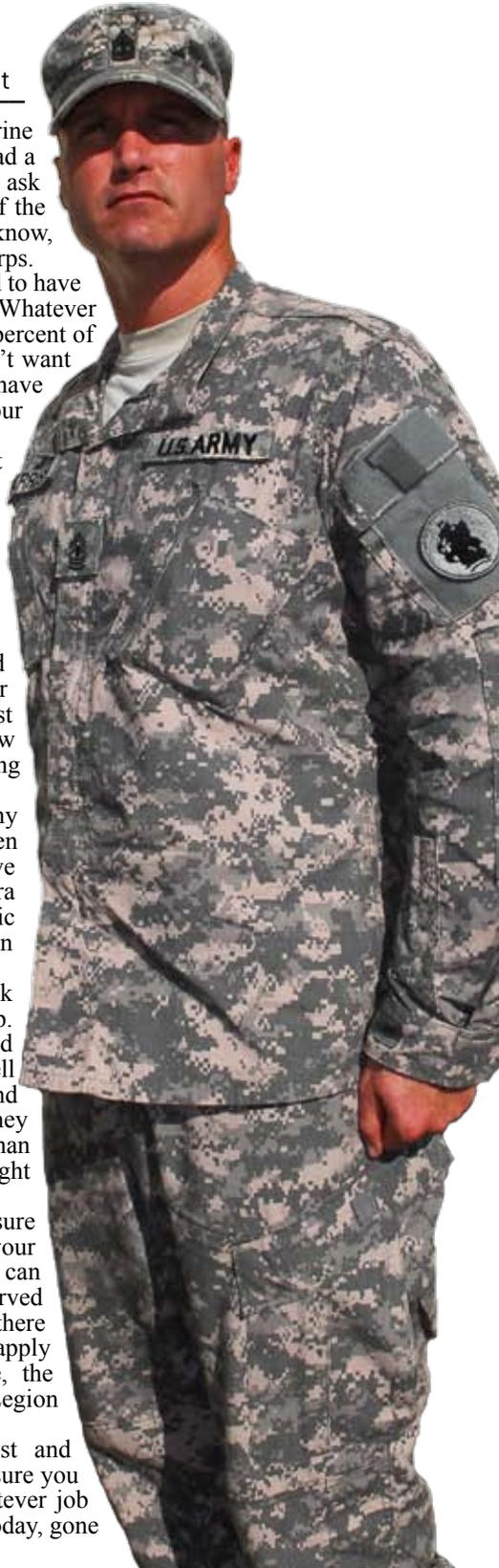
I shared a little bit of myself with you only to let you know that it is your time to reenlist or get out of the service, you need to have a plan such as going to college, or have a job already lined up where you just step out of the service and into your new job. Either way, you should do something you enjoy.

I love the Army and I can support my family and take care of them. You see, when you leave the service, you'll no longer have a check coming twice a month with the extra military benefits we receive such as basic housing allowance or family separation allowance.

My advice to you would be to seek counsel from your senior leadership. Counseling is their job and they should be able to provide you with guidance. Tell them how you feel about the service and what you plan on doing. Remember, they have been down the road a lot farther than you in life. They will point you in the right direction.

So if you decide to get out, make sure you do your homework and cross all your T's and dot all your I's because this life can be unforgiving and heartless. You've served successfully in the military service and there are many benefits you've earned and can apply for through the Veterans Affairs office, the Veterans of Foreign War, the American Legion and other agencies.

Remember, you can always re-enlist and continue serving this great nation. Make sure you make the right decisions and enjoy whatever job you decide to do for life is vapor – here today, gone tomorrow. ★



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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Boylen with Fleet Logistics Squadron 40 (VRC-40) buffs the vertical stabilizer on a C-2 Greyhound aircraft, Jan. 25. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

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An MV-22 Osprey from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 waits for supplies at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay airfield, Jan. 24. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Nistas



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Sailors from U.S. Navy Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 2 load supplies onto the Dutch navy auxiliary support ship HNLMS Pelikaan while it is docked at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 22. Pelikaan is transporting MDSU 2, along with humanitarian assistance supplies, to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Flynn



TF-48 routes relief through GTMO

**Army Staff Sgt.
Blair Heusdens**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay may be known for its detention facilities, which have been in the national headlines for the past eight years; but the small naval base, located in the heart of the Caribbean, has a long history of using its strategic location to provide humanitarian assistance and support to the countries in this region. After the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Guantanamo Bay once again stepped up to play a role in the relief efforts, as part of Operation Unified Response.

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay is home to several tenant commands; the most prominent being Joint Task Force Guantanamo which provides safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody to detainees, but another task force, Task Force 48, has been established and located at the naval station to provide support to Operation Unified Response and Joint Task Force Haiti.

“Guantanamo Bay’s strategic importance goes beyond detainee operations,” said Navy Rear Adm. Patricia Wolfe, the commander of Task Force 48, which supports the shipment of humanitarian supplies and personnel between the United States and other nations through Guantanamo to landing zones in Haiti and offshore ships. “Because of its location and the airfield and seaport here, Guantanamo is an ideal spot for a joint logistics hub.”

This joint logistics hub is constantly buzzing with activity as personnel work day and night to move food, water, personnel and medical supplies to the areas in Haiti where they are needed most.

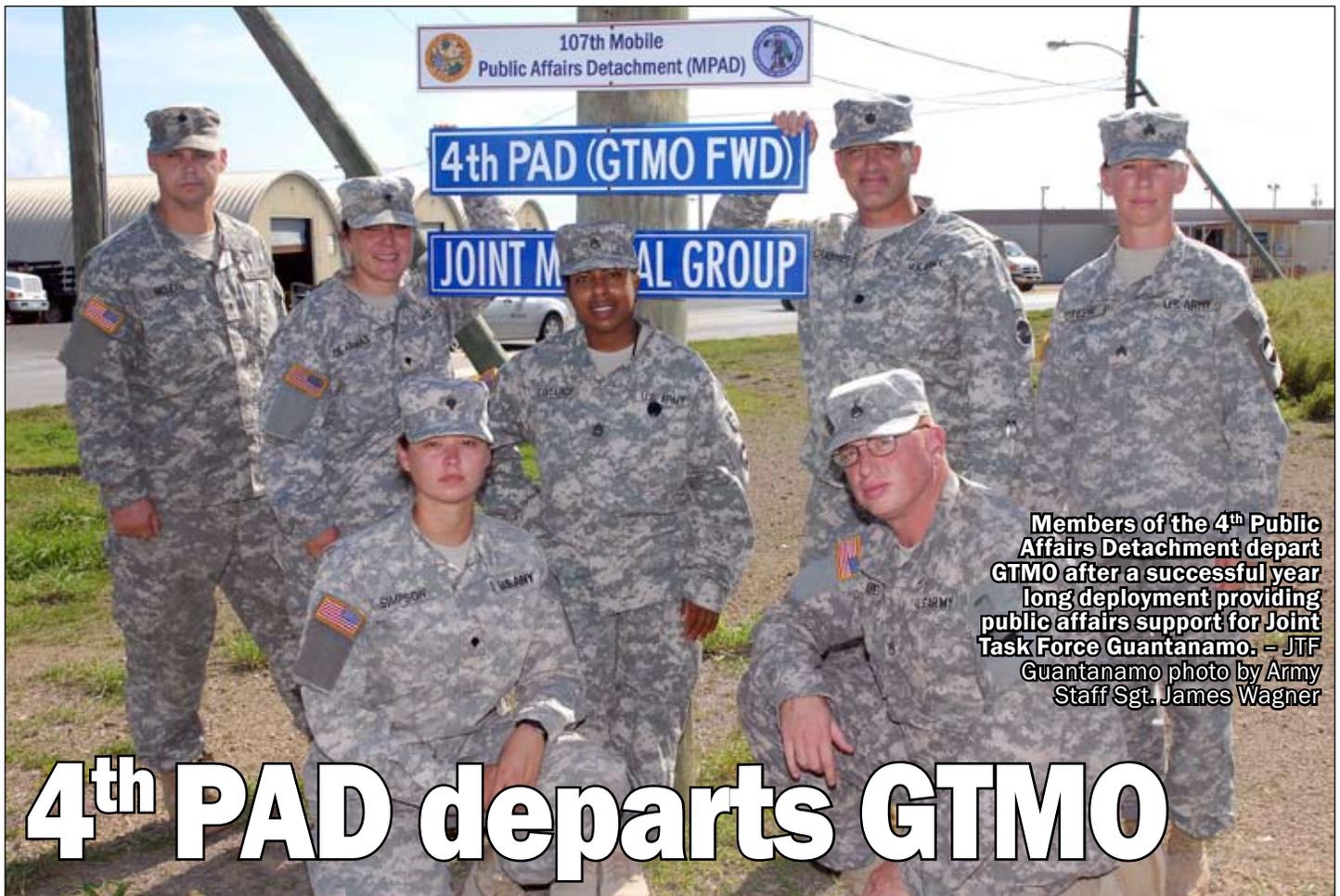
In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay stepped in as a bridging agent to facilitate movement of material and supplies to Haiti until Task Force 48 stood up.

“We immediately partnered with the naval station commander to assist in the increased operations as a result of the horrible tragedy in Haiti,” said Navy Rear Adm. Tom Copeman, Joint Task



Water waits to be loaded for transport to Haiti at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay’s airfield, Jan. 19. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Andrew Hillegass

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Members of the 4th Public Affairs Detachment depart GTMO after a successful year long deployment providing public affairs support for Joint Task Force Guantanamo. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. James Wagner

4th PAD departs GTMO

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Flynn

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Professionalism, duty, commitment and hard work are not just words to the 4th Public Affairs Detachment (Guantanamo Forward Provisional).

“The members of the 4th PAD were truly a most professional group of Soldiers, eager to support all Joint Task Force Guantanamo missions and Troopers,” said Army Maj. Diana Haynie, JTF deputy director of public affairs. “Their presence enhanced PAO’s ability to continue our efforts to educate and inform the world of our safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of all detainees within JTF Guantanamo.”

U.S. Armed Forces Command organized the public affairs detachment for the specific purpose of providing a dedicated public affairs element to support Military Commissions. The seven-member team was comprised of personnel from Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Hood, Texas.

“The unit was needed on fairly short notice and no other public affairs detachments were available at that time,” said Army Lt. Col. James Crabtree, JTF deputy public affairs officer for plans and officer-in-charge of the 4th PAD. “This provisional unit was organized, and since

there is already a 4th PAD, a specific distinction was made by the designation Guantanamo Forward.”

Crabtree praised members of the 4th PAD for their outstanding performance in conducting an important element of the JTF mission of ensuring transparent care of detainees through their interaction with

“ They came here to work commissions and ended up leading the charge in all areas of public affairs.”

– Lt. James Gonzales

national and international media. Crabtree also acknowledged the wide variety of skills the unit utilized during the deployment.

Although the 4th PAD was originally tasked to handle the Camp Justice mission and to support military commissions, they accomplished other vital assignments throughout the year. From lodging, transportation and safety issues, the 4th PAD was instrumental in organizing all aspects in providing U.S. and international media with the opportunity to tour JTF detention facilities and meet with JTF leadership.

JTF Troopers, including members of the 4th PAD, effectively managed public affairs duties, including video and combat

camera contributions and serving as writers and photographers for the weekly JTF newspaper, “The Wire”.

Members of the 4th PAD built and strengthened many friendships in this joint environment. “I enjoyed my time here and will take with me many beautiful memories and some awesome new friends,” said Army Spc. April de Armas. “I feel honored and privileged to have worked with such an awesome team.”

Despite being such a small unit with significant public affairs responsibilities, the unit came together to perform the mission. “The 4th [PAD] was the first active duty Army PAO unit I have worked with and I learned a lot from them,” said Navy Lt. James Gonzales, JTF deputy director of public affairs. “They came here to work commissions and ended up leading the charge in all areas of public affairs. I’ll miss their contribution to the mission.”

The JTF staff gathered to wish the 4th PAD fair winds and following seas at Ferry Landing, Jan. 26. It was a bittersweet day for some. “It was a unique opportunity for me and I’ll certainly miss the many friends here at JTF,” said Staff Sgt. Gary Cooper, a JTF Trooper deployed with the 4th PAD. “This was a special place.”

Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Hayhurst provides a tour for visitors inside the detention facilities at Joint Task Force Guantanamo. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Emily Greene

Fair winds and following seas: Hayhurst departs GTMO

**Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
Marcos T. Hernandez**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Former Joint Task Force Guantanamo Joint Detention Group deputy director, Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey K. Hayhurst, departed JTF Guantanamo Jan. 26.

Hayhurst reported on board JTF Guantanamo in September 2007 as the Joint Detention Group deputy director. Previously, served an 11-month tour as commander of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion (NEGB). Hayhurst also carried out a 30-month tour as executive officer of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay from March 2004 to October 2006.

Hayhurst derived many rewards during his time as JDG deputy director.

“It was a rewarding opportunity to watch the Troopers execute in this dynamic and unique mission with an amazing level of professionalism,” Hayhurst noted. “The guard force makes the impossible look routine. They are a tremendous cast of professionals.”

Despite the long hours, challenging tasks and the overall fast-paced environment, Hayhurst noted the JTF guard force has carried out its duties within the detention facilities and passed with flying colors.

“It’s extremely challenging and rewarding at the same time. This has been the most satisfying tour in my entire career so far,” stated Hayhurst.

Hayhurst, a prior enlisted Navy chief boatswain’s mate, was commissioned through the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program. He explored leadership roles in the enlisted arena as well as in the officer arena.

“Cmdr. Hayhurst is a totally approachable leader,” said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Lane Houser, executive aid to the JDG commander. “He is a true motivator and a very knowledgeable person.”

In a leadership role like Hayhurst’s, keeping an eye out and taking appropriate measures to prevent possible problems is a constant concern.

“I had 100 percent confidence in every decision that he made,” said Army Col. Bruce E. Vargo, the JDG commander. “For



He is a true motivator and a very knowledgeable person.”

– Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Lane Houser

instance, he has the ability to correct an individual while leaving that individual with a sense of pride. He never left a Trooper behind. There’s not a fire and forget mechanism in his head. In the end, any Trooper or civilian that worked with Cmdr. Hayhurst, came out a better person.”

Along with any other tour, there existed a variety of challenges.

“The most challenging aspect of it all was to keep the Troops motivated in this high operational tempo,” said Hayhurst.

In 2008, the JDG was awarded the retention award due to the high percentage of Troopers re-enlisting while assigned to the JTF.

Significant enhancements have been made since Hayhurst’s assumed leadership such as improved housing conditions, additional Morale, Welfare and Recreation amenities and personally owned vehicle

shipping to GTMO for personnel that were assigned permanent orders to the JTF.

“He has set the pace for any future improvements to the camps and the guard force,” said Houser.

Addressing the Troopers is an important aspect when performing leadership roles.

Hayhurst has some advice to leave for the Troopers at GTMO. “Great things come to great people who are doing the right thing,” he said. “As Troopers, don’t forget you perform

a dynamic and sensitive mission that improves national security. What you do here every day is important. Take pride in what you do. Personally, I’ve never been prouder

to serve than I have been after serving with the JTF’s JDG,” said Hayhurst.

The experiences in GTMO have prepared Hayhurst for his next duty assignment as executive officer for Afloat Training Group in Norfolk, Va.

“Observing superb leaders and non-commissioned officers executing their respective missions has enabled me to manage and organize in a way that increases mission capability and improves the quality of life,” said Hayhurst.

Troopers are all too familiar with the tenacity and relentless efforts required to operate in highly demanding situations. Hayhurst is no exception, according to Col. Vargo.

“He is a rare breed,” Vargo said. “He has the ability to have one hand in a grease fire while delicately threading a needle in the other.” ☆



A member of the 115th Military Police Company Outlaws makes contact with the ball during a game against the Cobra Kai at Cooper Sports Complex, Jan. 26.
 – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

Outlaws bring home first win

Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

After a slow start to the season, the 115th Military Police Company Outlaws brought home their first win Tuesday night against the Cobra Kai, with a final score of 22-20.

The game was close throughout, but in the end, the hard work and practice of the Outlaws paid off.

“We’ve been practicing a lot,” said Army Capt. Nicholas Pacheco, the commander of the 115th. “We’re looking to turn things around.”

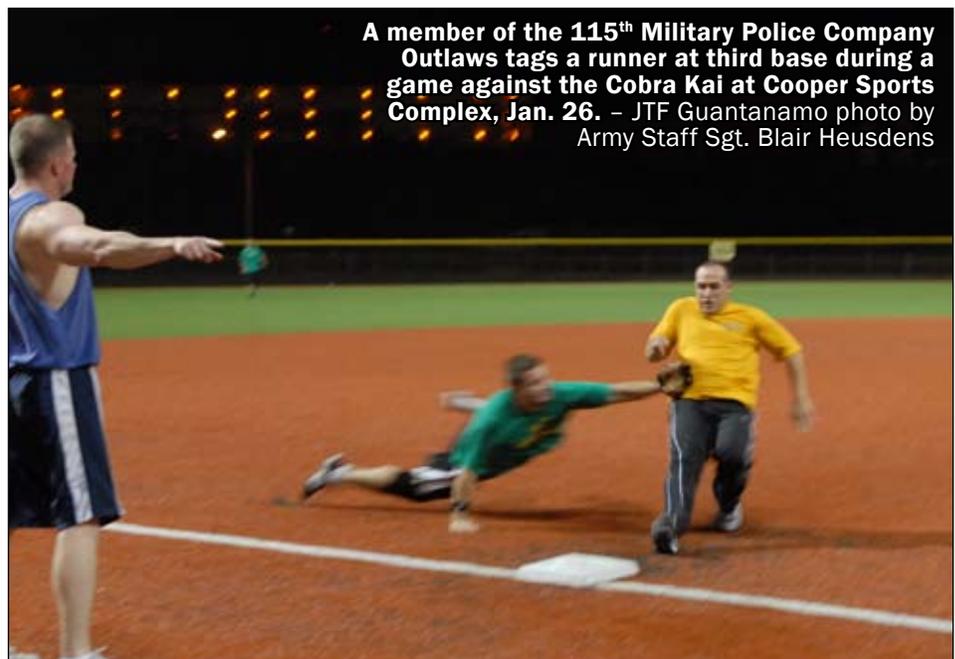
The win provided some confidence to the team who arrived in November from Rhode Island. The 115th provides external security for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

“We’ve got the first win off our back,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class Lewis Walton, the Outlaw’s coach. “Now, there’s no stopping us.”

Also Tuesday night, the NAVSTA team won over the JDG 11-10 and the GTMO Intensity won over Team Kaos.

The 2010 Captain’s Cup Winter Softball league began Jan. 13, and the 12 teams play every Tuesday through Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Cooper Sports Complex.

For more information on the softball league or other leagues, contact the sports office at ext. 2113. 📧



A member of the 115th Military Police Company Outlaws tags a runner at third base during a game against the Cobra Kai at Cooper Sports Complex, Jan. 26. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

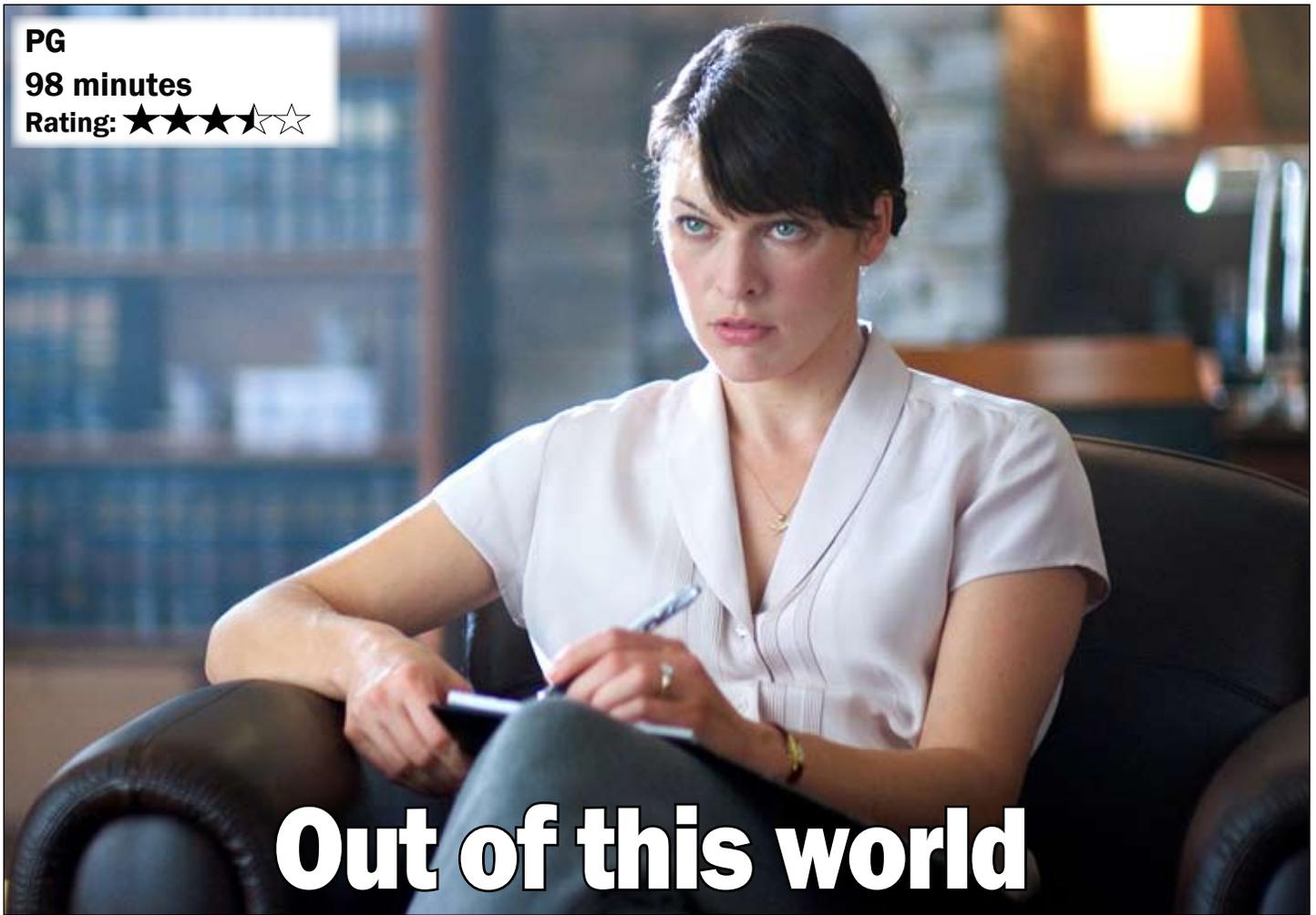
Current softball league standings:

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| 1. GTMO Crush | 7. GTMO Ten |
| 2. GTMO Latinos | 8. JDG Predators |
| 3. GTMO Intensity | 9. 115th Outlaws |
| 4. Puddle Pirates | 10. JTF VING |
| 5. NAVSTA | 11. Team Kaos |
| 6. Cobra Kai | 12. GTMO Pulse |

PG

98 minutes

Rating: ★★★★★



Out of this world



**Navy Lt.
Jonathan Ryan**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Encounter is the first kind of UFO sighting; evidence of extraterrestrial life is the second kind; contact made with extraterrestrial life is the third kind and abduction is the fourth kind. The movie, “The Fourth Kind,” explores the possibility of the other world through the experiences of real people.

“The Fourth Kind” is said to be based on the true story of the abundance of unexplained missing persons who disappear each year in Nome, Alaska, since the 1960s. Although the FBI investigates, this mystery continues to go unsolved. The movie is centered on actual videotaped interviews by Dr. Abigail Tyler, who hypnotizes residents of Nome and questions them about reported alien encounters. By hypnotizing them, she is able to reach into their subconscious and extract deeply-repressed memories of alien abduction. What the video camera captures during these interviews is revealed in the movie.

Olatunde Osunsanmi is a multi-talented individual in the movie industry. He directed and starred in “The Fourth Kind.” As the interviewer of Dr. Abigail Tyler, he seeks to examine what happened to Dr. Tyler and others from the town of Nome, throughout many years. Osunsanmi has been writer, director, producer, actor and editor for several previous works. His credits include Smokin’ Aces (2006), Caverns of the Mojave: An expedition with Real Cavers (2006), and WithIN (2005).

If you believe intelligent life exists beyond our place in the solar system, I recommend you see this film for a good thrill ride. “The Fourth Kind” is not for the faint of heart. To receive the full effect, I recommend watching it at the Camp Bulkley theater. There is nothing like being terrified by a film while one or two banana rats graze your feet at the same time. This was the most edge-of-your-seat movie I have seen in a long time and worth the 98 minutes of run-time. ★



A Sailor plays his guitar in the hangar at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay airfield, Jan. 21. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily Russell

American Red Cross volunteers bound for Haiti board a MH-35E Sea Dragon helicopter at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay airfield, Jan. 22. - JTF photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Nistas



Flight crews attached to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40 (VRC-40), direct a C-2 Greyhound into position at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 24. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Allen



Supplies are loaded onto the Dutch navy auxiliary ship HNLMS Pelikaan in support of Operation Unified Response, Jan. 22. - JTF photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Flynn



Service members listen to flight crew instructions prior to departing Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for Haiti, Jan. 21. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Rachel K. Simpson

GTMO Airfield operations

Aircraft are silhouetted on the flightline at the U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay airfield, Jan. 21. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Rachel K. Simpson

Behind the scenes of GTMO movie theaters



Don Lloyd, a network technician for the base hospital, squirts butter on his popcorn prior to watching “Old Dogs” at the Downtown Lyceum, Jan 26. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Michael Baltz

**Army Sgt.
Michael Baltz**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Going to the movies is often a tradition, or a routine event among friends and family members, which continues for Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Troopers.

“It is a quality of life aspect,” said Paula Massa, with Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “We are isolated and really have no outlet. Movies give people something to do and allow people to enjoy themselves for a little while.”

With 2,500 to 3,500 viewers each month, MWR’s movie theaters, Camp Buckley Lyceum and the Downtown Lyceum, are the most utilized facilities on base.

Massa spent the past few months organizing and making the current movie schedule.

“We take the kids into consideration when we decide what movies we play and at what times,” Massa said. “The rated R movies will likely be played in the middle of the week and at the 10 p.m. slot on the weekends, while the 8 p.m. time slot is usually reserved for a PG-type movie when possible.”

The MWR staff doesn’t get to pick the movies when they make the movie schedule. The movies are sent automatically by Navy Media and Reserve Branch in Jacksonville, Fla.

“We get an alert on Fridays letting us know possible movies that we will get and we will prepare for them accordingly,” said Cory Geiger, the acting MWR media marketing director. “We can have as few as eight movies and as many as 20 movies.”

According to Massa, there are various dates movies can be played from a provided schedule.

“We have [first run over seas motion pictures] like Sherlock Holmes,” Massa explained. “We are allowed to play them for the first few weeks, but then we have to hold them for a few weeks until we are allowed to play them again.”

First-run movies are movies that Troopers here get to see on the opening day of the feature, just like in the states. GTMO rotates this ability with other commands that are supplied by the media branch. As a result, there are regulations that only allow the movies to be played a set number of times.

Massa and Geiger are continuing to enhance the Troopers movie-watching capabilities.

“We have a new projector. Every

night the movie has to be spliced, and along with the humidity, things do go wrong every now and then. So from time to time, something will break, and the viewers are going to have to be patient as we fix the problem,” Massa said. “We are always listening to peoples’ requests. We now put an (L) on the movie schedule beside the movie when it is the last time we are playing it.”

Geiger has another idea he is moving forward with to meet GTMO’s needs.

“My biggest goal is to switch the movie play times from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.,” Geiger said. “We are working on staffing, and if it can be done, it will happen. The movies are a big family event, and we are trying to figure out the best way for everyone.”

Regardless of the play times, your favorite movie genre or the people you choose to go with, GTMO movie theaters at least have one perk everyone can enjoy.

“One of the perks at our movie theaters is the inexpensive concessions,” Massa said. “We make only enough profit to cover our expenses.”

The movie schedule is distributed weekly throughout the base via the intranet, the roller and base publications. ♡

A E-2 Hawkeye takes off from GTMO's busy airfield as Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo support Operation Unified Response. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Cody Black



Visit and travel policy shifts with focus on Haiti relief efforts

**Army Sgt.
Michael Baltz**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Following the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo operations moved into high tempo while supporting Operation Unified Response. As a result, visits to the base have been curtailed, and temporary assigned duties (TAD) tours for some service members have been cancelled.

“Based on the increasing number of aircraft flying in and out of Guantanamo Bay to support Operation Unified Response, a new policy was implemented to allow for a conservation of our limited resources, as well as continued safe and efficient support at the air terminal,” said Navy Capt. Steven Blaisdell, commanding officer of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. “The new, temporary policy is to allow for the focus necessary to achieve our mission. While some GTMO residents were affected by the revocation of personal visitor requests for their friends and family, the numbers were low.”

This has been a slight inconvenience for Troopers, including Army 2nd Lt. Dawn Magiera, with the 115th Military Police Company of the Rhode Island National Guard. Her husband was supposed to arrive at GTMO Feb. 13, but with the circumstances in Haiti, and the importance of the role that GTMO has in support of Operation Unified Response, Magiera understands that the mission comes first.

“I am disappointed that I can’t see my husband, but part of our mission requires us to support [Operation Unified Response],” said Magiera. “It is more important for our military to be able to work successfully on the mission. We have our priorities, which include supporting the people of Haiti. It is trivial for me to complain about not seeing my husband, while there are women in Haiti who

have lost their husbands.”

She already had the entry clearance forms completed and bought the plane tickets. Fortunately, Blaisdell has already addressed this issue.

“The naval station administrative office promulgated a letter that explains why personal airline tickets previously purchased cannot be utilized,” Blaisdell explained. “Many airlines will either refund the money spent or provide a credit for future travel upon receiving this letter.”

Troopers and personnel can contact the naval station administrative office at ext. 4003 or 4511 for further assistance.

The temporary change in policy has also affected Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

“The contractors that come in almost every quarter, like the beauty battalion and the tattoo artists, contacted us and said they understand the conditions,” said Brenda J. Griffin, MWR operations manager. “We will of course keep them posted.”

There is currently no end date for this new policy, but Blaisdell believes it to be imperative that the navy base conserve resources for this emergent mission.

“In order to best utilize the skill sets of NAVSTA staff, we need to work as a team with all of our players,” Blaisdell said. “The naval station’s current primary mission is to support Operation Unified Response, and I have no doubt every member of the naval station team realizes the importance of each of their roles in this overall mission set.

“Naval station personnel are providing contingency logistical support to military and civilian personnel in support of [Operation Unified Response], and the continued support is making a difference in the lives of the Haitian people,” Blaisdell added. “I continue to be impressed with the professionalism and dedication displayed by all who work toward seamless operations in support of this important humanitarian mission.”

E-2C provides eyes in the sky

**Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Zachary Harris**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Humanitarian assistance efforts in Haiti are being conducted by numerous nations from around the globe. Hundreds of tons of food, personnel and medical supplies have already been delivered to the small island nation, with more pouring in daily.

The airspace over Haiti is crowded with aircraft from various agencies. To ensure airspace and mission safety, the “Tiger Tails” of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 125 are playing the part of the conductor during this intricate symphony of airspace management. VAW-125 is operating out of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, because of its strategic location near Haiti.

The crew of VAW-125 provides an information conduit for aircraft operating over Haiti, making the orchestration of humanitarian assistance more manageable.

“We maximize the efficiency of the efforts,” said Navy Cmdr. Wesley Bannister, the commanding officer of the VAW-125.

The squadron operates the E-2C Hawkeye, an aircraft designed for all-weather, carrier-based tactical battle management and airborne early warning. The Hawkeye acts as a communication link to provide the big picture of what’s happening in the air and on the ground.

“The aircraft was designed to go up and provide the eyes and ears in the sky,”



The E-2C Hawkeye is providing support for Operation Unified Response at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kenyon Kellogg, the VAW-125 personnel officer.

According to Bannister, the E-2C and its crew help maintain control of U.S. Navy helicopters moving relief supplies, including medicine and personnel. They also coordinate with personnel on the ground and aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) to direct air asset tasking.

Within 96 hours of being activated, the

crew of VAW-125 had gone from their homeport in Norfolk, Va., to being fully operational over Haiti, providing command and control of airborne assets as well as those on the ground.

Bannister believes the entire effort has been a positive and successful undertaking.

“We have a long history with Haiti,” he said. “We should do everything we can to help. We have the capability as a nation.” ☆

Prevent mildew and mold



- Clean regularly to prevent and get rid of mold and mildew growth
- Keep closets, dresser drawers or any place where mildew is likely to grow, as clean as possible
 - Circulate air
 - Manage temperatures to discourage mold and mildew growth (not cooler than 72°)
 - Avoid leaving damp laundry in a pile or in contact with other surfaces
- Clean up any spilled or pooling water right away
- Use a sponge to remove excess moisture from areas like shower walls and shower curtains
- Get rid of musty odors to prevent further mold growth.
 - Use in the refrigerator and in closets
 - Keep everything as dry as possible
 - Vinegar and lemon juice are effective natural cleansers; natural solutions for mold and mildew removal
 - Baking soda effectively eliminates mildew odor



Guantanamo Bay serves as logistics hub

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Force Guantanamo commander. “Since the arrival of Task Force 48, we have provided our expertise and local knowledge for their continued support in Operation Unified Response.”

To make this large-scale movement of supplies possible, TF-48 is using a combination of air and sea assets, both civilian and military, to coordinate and move life-saving aid to the earthquake victims.

“We’re using every conceivable means to get supplies to Haiti where they are needed,” Wolfe said.

The air terminal at Guantanamo is playing host to a variety of aircraft including cargo planes, passenger aircraft, helicopter support and the C-2 Greyhound carrier onboard delivery aircraft which facilitate movement between the naval base and the many ships in the area. The sea port at Guantanamo Bay is another important asset to the humanitarian mission. Various military and international ships dock at the naval station to pick up, transfer or deliver supplies.

“If [the aircraft] can come in here, we can load supplies on and ship them out,” said Wolfe, whose past experience includes working Operation Restore Democracy in 1994 which worked to reinstate Haiti’s ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and provide humanitarian assistance to Haitians who fled the country due to political strife.

Wolfe knows the importance of routing assets through Guantanamo, just 170 miles from Port-au-Prince, and getting the TF-48 infrastructure and command in place in



Service members load humanitarian assistance supplies onto an MV-22 Osprey at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 26. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Cody Black

order to make the delivery of humanitarian assistance quicker and smoother.

“The airport in Haiti is overwhelmed,” said Wolfe. “Without coordination, material would come from all over and no one would have control.”

Although supplies and assets continue to arrive to augment the mission at Guantanamo Bay, Wolfe is pleased with the progress of the task force in such a short time.

“So far the mission has been successful,” said Wolfe. “We’re keeping the ships supplied and moving supplies out of Guantanamo.”

Task Force 48 will continue to manage all air and sea assets at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and work with all multinational partners in the effort to provide humanitarian assistance and to sustain the force in the relief effort. ✪

Boots on the Ground

by Army Spc. Tiffany Addair

What team will win Super Bowl XLIV? What will be the “X” factor?

**Air Force Tech. Sgt.
Violeta N. Campos-Garcia**



“The Colts. I think the quarterback, Peyton Manning, will be the factor.”

**Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd
Class Jonathan O’Connor**



“I think the Saints will win, because they will get lucky.”

**Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Jordan Grainger**



“That is easy, the Colts. Peyton Manning because he is the best quarterback ever.”

**Army Sgt.
William J. Blackburn**



“Colts. The lack of defense from the Saints will not be able to stop Peyton Manning.”



Inquire and obey the Lord

**Army Capt.
Eric Bey**

525th MP Battalion Chaplain

In the Bible, in the book of I Kings 13, we are told that a certain man of God received a word that he was to deliver to the northern kingdom of Israel. In addition to the message, he was also given several very specific instructions. He was obedient and delivered the message, and God supernaturally protected him against the king's anger. While on his way home, an old prophet from Israel was told of the man of God and his message and decided to pursue him. He catches up with him and entices him to come back to the old prophet's house to eat and drink, for the Lord had told him to do so. Trusting the old prophet, the young man of God goes back and eats, drinks and gets refreshed. There, the Word of the Lord comes to the old prophet, and he prophesies to the young man of God that he will die for not having obeyed the Word of the Lord completely. On his way home, he is overtaken by a lion and killed.

When I was just starting my academic

career at International Bible College in San Antonio, Texas, in 1995, I was one of 64 students in the freshman class. They began by asking the students why they had come and why they chose Bible college over the other opportunities. Some spoke of signs, some spoke of parents and friends, and some spoke of feelings, but without exception, they all said that it was the will of God for them to be there. Four years later, with a graduating class of six, I wondered what happened to all those who had heard from God to be there. Had He changed His mind? Had He given them some other direction?

The first point I would like to make, to both stories, is that you have to have a direction from God and indeed you should wait until you have one, but then it is full speed ahead until He gives you a different direction. Do what the Lord tells you to do. Go where the Lord tells you to go. Say what the Lord tells you to say.

My second point would be that not everyone who says they have a word that they heard from the Lord for you does. You should always go back to the Lord for confirmation, especially when it is

something that directly contradicts what you know to be true or directions or tasks you have been given to do. Israel failed to do just that when approached by the Gibeonites, and so they were deceived into a covenant that they never should have entered (Joshua 9).

The third point would be that you will be held personally and solely responsible for your actions or lack thereof. On the Day of Judgment, you will be alone. Trying to explain to God that you were told thus and such will not suffice. Your soul is in your own keeping. The blame game will not work.

My final thought is this: everyone should read the Bible for themselves using it to interpret itself. In other words, John has to be saying the same thing as Moses and Mark must be saying the same thing as Isaiah and Paul must be saying the same thing as James. In the end, the church will not stand in the day of judgment and say, "Oh, he belongs to us. He is a member in good standing." You will be there alone, giving an account for all your deeds, actions and thoughts. ★

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Main Chapel

Vigil Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Main Chapel

Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Main Chapel

Gospel Service

Sunday 1:00 p.m.

Main Chapel

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Islamic Service

Friday 1:15 p.m.

Room C

Jewish Service

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LORIMI Gospel

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Room D

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Room B

Iglesia Ni Cristo

Sunday 5:30 a.m.

Room A

Pentecostal Gospel

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Room D

LDS Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Room A

Liturgical Service

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Room B

General Protestant

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Main Chapel

United Jamaican

Fellowship

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Building 1036

GTMO Bay Christian

Fellowship

Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Main Chapel

Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Troopers' Chapel

The Truth Project

Bible study

Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Troopers' Chapel

Acosta: More to give

**Army Spc.
Tiffany Addair**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

After being hit by an improvised explosive device Dec. 7, 2005, former Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Acosta, an explosive ordinance disposal specialist, suffered a severe injury that had a huge impact on his life. He sustained a traumatic left arm amputation, third-degree burns to 18 percent of both of his legs, damage to his right femoral artery, shrapnel damage to his abdomen and severe blood loss. He spent months in the hospital recovering from his physical injuries.

"I looked back at my security team member and told him to get back on the road because he was too close to me, if something happens he didn't need to get hurt," Acosta said. "That was the last thing I remember."

Now, Acosta has the rest of his life to overcome many obstacles, while trying to find a sense of normalcy.

"I used to play baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer," Acosta said. "You name it, I played every sport on every base that I have been to and then one day, I thought, 'I'm not going to be able to do this anymore, this is depressing.'"

According to Acosta, it has been challenging just trying to maintain a positive attitude.

"One thing that I tell people and live my life through, is that no matter how hard you may think you have it – you can have the worst possible day and feel really down – but there is always someone out there that has it worse than you and you don't have it that bad," Acosta said. "Even when I got injured, people were expecting me to be mad and depressed and I thought 'you know what, I am alive.' [While in the hospital] I looked around and saw guys that were 98 percent burned or missing arms and legs and then I thought 'there are always people that have it worse than me. I won't complain.'"

After meeting Acosta at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Chris Hileman, a civilian contractor here in support of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, was humbled and inspired.

"[Acosta] is a remarkable young man who suffered a disability that would leave

most ready to give up and not go on," Hileman said. "He is outgoing and has an outlook on life that many should, and few seldom do. He can find humor in any situation. He is the kind of person that people want to know, and after a few minutes with [Acosta] you no longer see a disabled veteran, but instead, someone with a bright future that can serve as an inspiration to others."

Eight to 10 months after his injury, an awards ceremony was held at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, with more than 2,000 people in attendance. One of Acosta's mentors was there as well. After receiving his awards, Acosta's mentor urged him to say a few words.

"I had nothing prepared, but once I started talking, I stood up there for about 30 minutes and just let it all out," Acosta said.

At the conclusion of Acosta's speech, multiple people approached him inviting him to tell his story to others and his

motivational speaking evolved from there.

"At first, it was hard to talk about my injury," Acosta said. "What happens is, a lot of people don't ever talk about their [injury], they don't talk about their experiences and they just keep it all in and then one day they lose it because they are hurting inside. For me, it was a way to get it out and just talk about it a little bit. There were times that it was tough to talk about some stuff but it made the speech that much better. It became sort of like therapy to me."

Today, Acosta makes motivational speeches at various venues about his experience to aid other people through tough times in their lives. After giving seven and a half years of service to his country and suffering severe injuries, Acosta still has more to give.

"The reason I do motivational speaking is to help people," Acosta said. "There were so many people throughout my recovery who helped me, so it is kind of my way of giving back. I get to know that I am motivating people to live their life to the fullest, whatever it may be."

Through Acosta's speeches he encourages individuals to stay positive.

"His 'can do' attitude rubs off easily and, despite his disability, he goes after anything he wants," Hileman said. "It is hard not to be humbled and inspired."

Recently, Acosta visited Naval Station Guantanamo Bay through the Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba program. He was able to receive his advance diving certification.

"For me, diving is something I can keep doing to stay active," Acosta said. "It is important. It's a huge part of my rehabilitation process and it makes me feel alive again."

With a great outlook on life, Acosta continues displaying an optimistic attitude, whatever life may bring.

"[Acosta] shows that no matter what life deals you, you can move past it and succeed," Hileman said. "It is just a matter of self-determination to overcome the odds and drive on – even when things get tough and you face what would be one of the toughest moments in any person's life." ★



Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Acosta prepares dive gear before entering Guantanamo Bay, Jan. 15, 2010. Acosta visited Guantanamo Bay through the Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba program, receiving his advance open water certification upon completion of class. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Tiffany Addair

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kenneth Powell, an aviation machinist's mate, leads a group cheer with his flight crew at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay airfield, Jan. 24. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Nistas



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Gallaher, an aviation electrician's mate, reads the back of a can of solvent while performing maintenance on a C-2 Greyhound aircraft, Jan. 21. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily Russell



Air Force Staff Sgt. Alex Chi, with the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron of the New York Air National Guard, adjusts surveying equipment while working on a road improvement project near the airfield, Jan. 26. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

