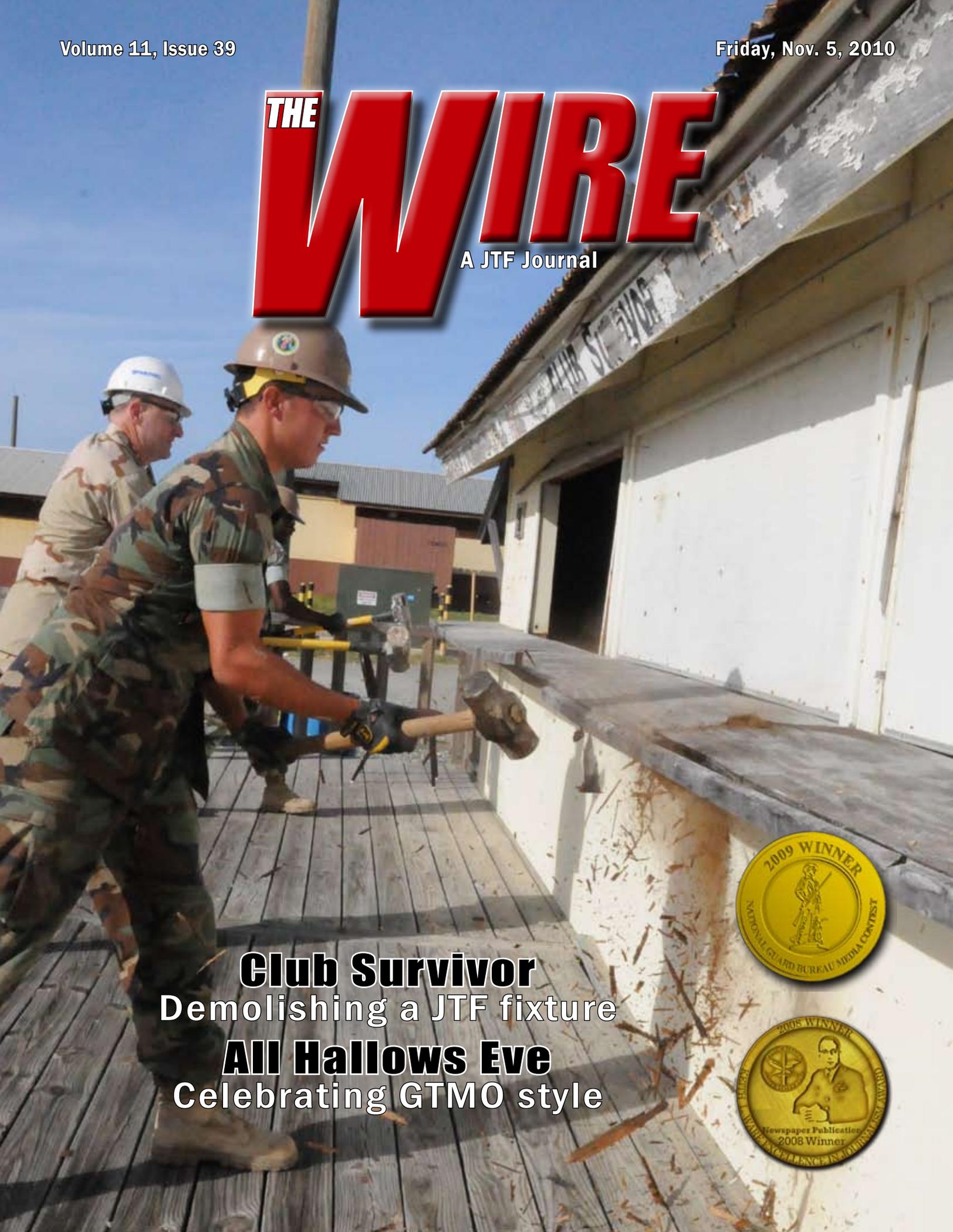


THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



Club Survivor
Demolishing a JTF fixture
All Hallows Eve
Celebrating GTMO style



**Navy Senior Chief Machinist Mate
Donald Brock**

NEGB Battalion Operations LCPO

“No man can always be right. So the struggle is to do one’s best, to keep the brain and conscience clear, never be swayed by unworthy motives or inconsequential reasons, but to strive to unearth the basic factors involved, then do one’s duty,” said Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Troopers, integrity means to always be honest, truthful and do the right thing even when no one else is looking or when faced with adversity. Each of us came to Joint Task Force Guantanamo from all walks of life, different branches of service and different communities. We each have a diverse background of talents within our specific job classification to do a difficult mission that is not understood by many.

One very important thing that binds us all together is the immense sense of integrity each of us shares. This bond is so strong that each individual can trust one another to meet the needs of the moment and accomplish the mission.

To me, integrity is the foundation of who we are as service men and women. It is the very essence of our core values.

The military has a tradition of producing great leaders that possess the highest ethical standards and integrity. It produces men and women of character; character that allows them to deal ethically with the challenges of today and to make conscious decisions about how they approach tomorrow.

However, this is not done instantly. It requires that integrity become a way of life. It must be woven into the very fabric of our soul.

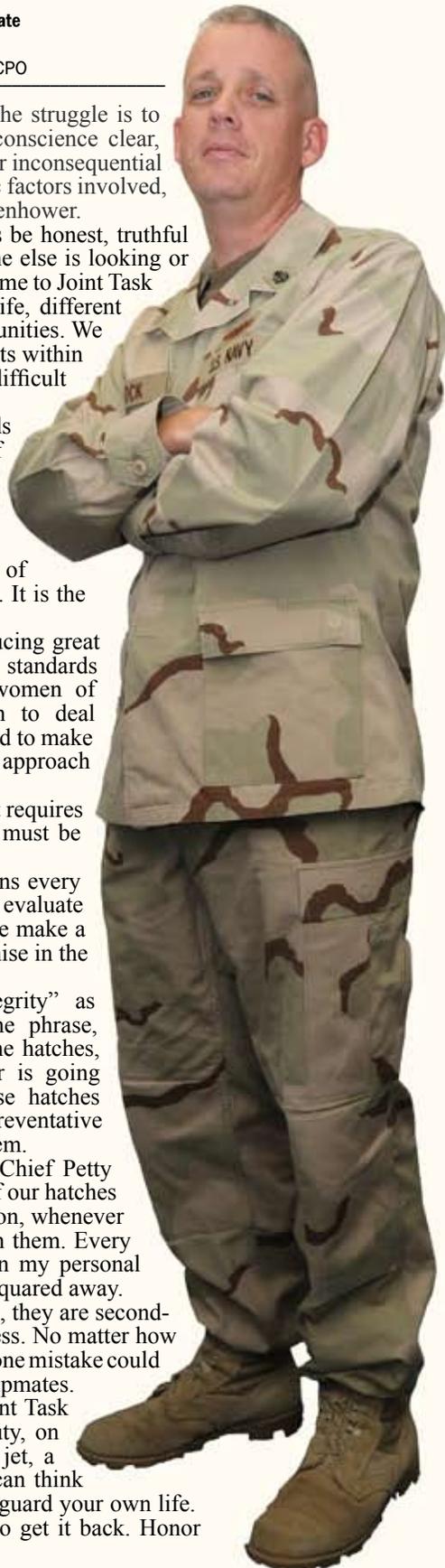
We are faced with important decisions every day of our lives. It is vital that we evaluate every detail of every situation before we make a decision. There is no room for compromise in the integrity of our word and actions.

When I think of the word “integrity” as a submariner, I think naturally of the phrase, “watertight integrity.” When we shut the hatches, we value the assurance that no water is going to enter into the “people” tank. Those hatches have been inspected, both during preventative maintenance and just before shutting them.

As a Auxiliary Division’s Leading Chief Petty Officer, I am charged with taking care of our hatches and ensuring the quality of their condition, whenever we inspect and conduct maintenance on them. Every one of my shipmates’ lives depends on my personal integrity to ensure that our hatches are squared away.

Even when they are rigged for a dive, they are second-checked to guarantee their water-tightness. No matter how big or small the task I am entrusted with, one mistake could threaten the lives of every one of my shipmates.

To all my fellow Troopers in the Joint Task Force, whether you are on-duty, off-duty, on a nuclear submarine, a tank, a fighter jet, a sally port guard or any other job you can think of, guard your integrity like you would guard your own life. Once you have lost it, it is very hard to get it back. Honor Bound! ☆



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Navy Equipment Operator 3rd Class Jared Wygant and Rear. Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson take down the Club Survivor shelf during a demolition ceremony, Nov. 3. The Club Survivor building, in use since 1993, will be replaced by a pre-engineered building. -

JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

BACK COVER:

Diver shows off his newly carved pumpkin during the underwater pumpkin carving contest, Oct. 31. - photo by Christopher Hileman

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Club Survivor comes down

Club Survivor and adjacent buildings are scheduled to be demolished during November 2010. – JTF Guantanamo
photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip



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Club Survivor and other adjoining sea huts are scheduled to be demolished. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion will construct a new club over the course of the next few months.

The Joint Task Force Guantanamo structure that houses Club Survivor has been a part of the landscape long before there was a Camp America.

“The building has been here for quite some years,” said Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson. “It goes back to 1993-1994 during OPERATION SEA SIGNAL.”

OPERATION SEA SIGNAL was a humanitarian operation that took place in the mid-1990s when Navy personnel and the Marine Expeditionary Force assumed the mission of caring for Haitian and Cuban migrants seeking asylum.

Morale Welfare and Recreation, who operates Club Survivor in direct support of JTF Guantanamo, was able to provide a pre-engineered building to replace the current structure. The Seabees are performing the work to install it.

“I think this will be an exciting and beneficial addition to the JTF/MWR partnership to provide quality recreation and morale programs for troopers,” said Tara Culbertson, the MWR Director. “We’re really looking forward to the new structure!”

Once the building is replaced, plans are to resurface the deck, and install an awning for protection from the sun.

“It’s going to be a positive addition for morale,” Harbeson said.

“It’s a tough job the Troopers do day in and day out. They work in tough conditions. If they can come here and relax for a bit, and watch a football game, that would be great.”

“It is time for an upgrade for our Troopers.” ☆

(Below) Navy Rear. Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson and Navy Equipment Operator 3rd Class Jared Wygant take down shelving at Club Survivor during a demolition ceremony, Nov. 3. The Club Survivor building has been in use since 1993 and will be replaced by a pre-engineered building. – JTF Guantanamo
photo by Navy Mass Communication 1st Class David Coleman



(Above) Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Builder 3rd Class Lynda Romero knocks off a remaining piece of shelving on the outside of Club survivor, Nov. 3. – JTF Guantanamo
photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Honoring those who served



Army Spc.

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On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, known at that time as “the Great War.” From that act Veteran’s Day evolved.

In Nov. 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations ...”

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles. However,

fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, between the Allied nations of the United Kingdom, France and the Russian Empire and Germany went into effect. It is for that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the day that marked the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Armistice Day became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. The federal act which was approved May 13, 1938, made Nov. 11 a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated. It was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

This came about in 1954 when Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American

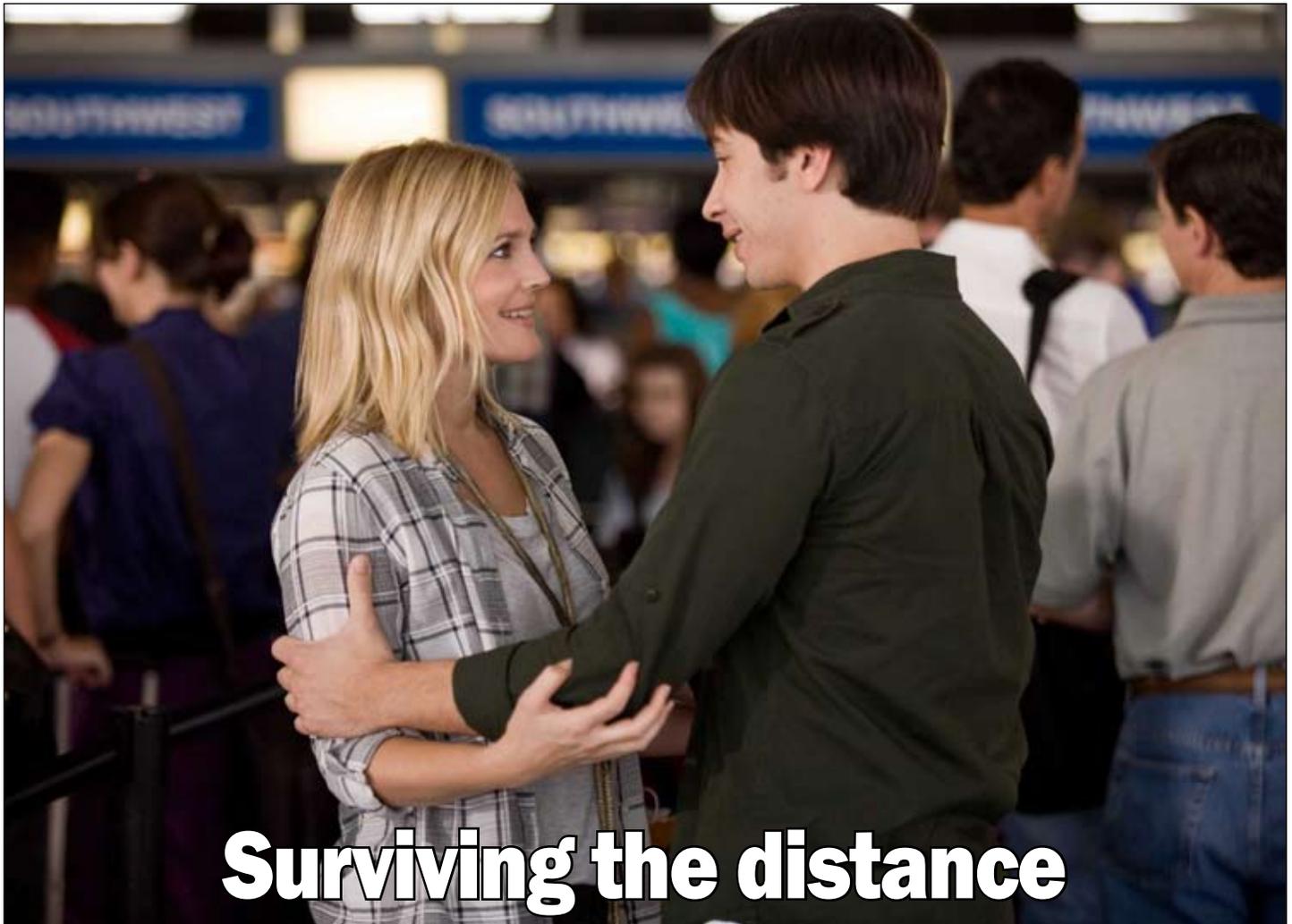
veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose.”

The proclamation also designated the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee tasked with coordinating the national level observance.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery in Va. It commences precisely at 11 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans’ organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Observances throughout the country include parades and ceremonies. 🇺🇸



Surviving the distance

**Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Shane Arrington**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

It is sort of fitting that my last movie review is on “Going the Distance.” That’s right my loyal readers, all three of you, this is my last review. After 13 months, my time to leave has finally come.

“Going the Distance” stars Drew Barrymore and Justin Long, and focuses on two people suffering a long distance relationship ... sounds like many Troopers here.

Erin (Barrymore) meets Garrett (Long) while doing an internship at a big New York newspaper. Knowing their time is limited, they have an understanding that when the internship is over and she goes back to San Francisco their relationship is over. Yeah, that didn’t happen.

When it is time for Erin to leave, she and Garrett decide they can’t break it off and decide to continue their relationship long distance.

Long distance relationships are tough, but doable. Just like many Troopers here, Erin and Garrett go through ups and downs. While the premise of the movie may lead you to believe it is a drama, you’d be wrong. While the movie can be slow at

times, when it makes you laugh ... it makes you laugh!

Barrymore and Long do a great job of bringing their off-camera chemistry to the silver screen, or in our case, the piece of fabric stretched across some wood. The situation may not make you smile, but the skills of these actors and the hilarious moments that spring up definitely make this movie worth watching.

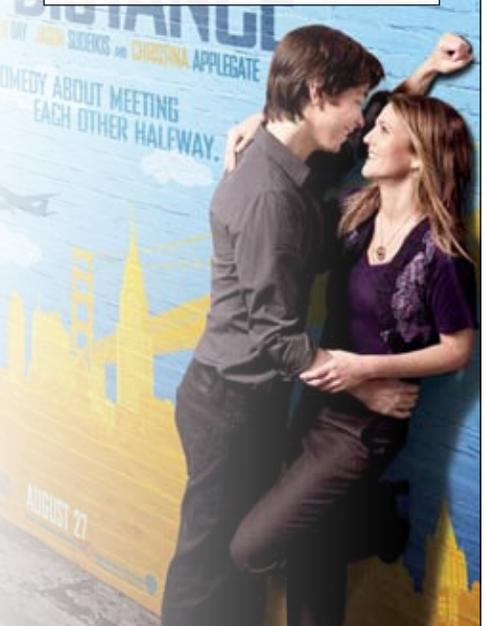
I can’t believe this is my last review for The Wire. Being the guy that voices his opinion about the movies we’re lucky enough to get has been a pretty awesome experience.

I have had many people ask me if I hate every movie I see ... no, but I do enjoy ripping a movie apart. The first time I had someone say they hated me for a review, “Eclipse,” I was stoked!

They weren’t all bad though, “Toy Story 3,” “Get Him to the Greek,” and “Scott Pilgrim vs. the World,” were some of the greatest movies of the year. I admit though, there were movies I picked just because I knew I’d have a blast tearing them apart!

I’m ready to finally get back home, but there are things I will miss about this place, one of the main ones being the review guy. It’s been fun. PEACE! ☆

R
102 minutes
Rating: ★★☆☆☆



MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCES COMPANY AT THE RANGE



Marine Corps Security Forces Company (MCSFCO) Marines train on the Squad Automatic Weapon M249 Light Machine Gun at the Grenadillo Range. MCSFCO is responsible for providing perimeter security for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

JTF Guantanamo photos by
Air Force Senior Airman
Gino Reyes



MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION HALLOWEEN PARTY



(Top) Christina Enstice, Madonna, performs with a volunteer from the audience.

(Bottom) A group of costumed party-goers come on stage during a costume contest – JTF Guantanamo photos by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Shane Arrington
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Cher, Madonna and Lady Gaga recently came to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to put on a show for base residents as part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Celebrity Halloween Party.

Well not exactly, women impersonating the celebrities did.

Multi-talented Betty Atchinson wowed the audience of costumed service members, dependents and contractors as both Cher and Lady Gaga. Christina Enstice performed as the world's top selling female artist of all time, Madonna.

Atchinson said this was her first time performing on a military base and it was an honor to have received the opportunity to come to Guantanamo Bay and perform for those stationed there.

"I'm totally thrilled," Atchinson said. "This is something I thought I'd never have the chance to do. I have a lot of jealous friends right now that wish they could have come with me."

Atchinson also said if she is ever offered another opportunity to perform for the military she would gladly do it.

Enstice said not only did she enjoy entertaining the residents of Guantanamo Bay, she also enjoyed the chance to be somewhere so beautiful.

"I was very impressed," Enstice said. "It was breathtaking, from the plane all the way down to the ground."

Enstice is no stranger to military bases. She has performed for service members before, but she said Guantanamo Bay was her largest audience. Her familiarity with the military is not just due to her performances. She spent a lot of time growing up on bases because her father was in the Army. She is excited to be able to give back to the military.

"I just want to say thank you for having us down," Enstice said. "We're so impressed with everything and everyone. We are more than happy to support our U.S. troops and we're very proud

of them."

Navy Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Ellyse Corbeil said she had a great time at the Halloween party, but she enjoyed one performer over the other.

"The Cher impersonator was very energetic and her voice was very similar to the actual singer," Corbeil said. "I loved that she involved the audience in her act and I think that helped to make it more fun."

Like many in the audience, Corbeil was in costume. The costumes ranged from expensive full body suits to cheap masks. Morale, Welfare and Recreation put on a great party for the residents of Guantanamo Bay and the residents didn't fail to bring their own entertainment to the party. ☆



Spreading holiday spirit

One package at a time



Navy Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Terry Alexander stamps a first class envelope as Army Spc. Emely Nieves of B. Company 1/296th Infantry Regiment looks on.- JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Army Spc.
Juanita Philip

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for the U.S. Postal Service. In turn, the Camp America Post Office at Joint Task Force Guantanamo is not immune to the corresponding increase in customer traffic.

Service members will be busy sending out packages, cards and souvenirs as well as receiving holiday care packages and gifts.

“Plan ahead, make sure to use the mailing deadline table to ensure that your packages will make it on time,” said Navy Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Terry Alexander.

The main concern for customers is likely to be the mailing of parcel post packages, which is known to take a much longer time to reach recipients than letters.

“As a reminder to our customers, we will post the ship dates in a visible location, so our customers will be aware,” said Navy Logistic Specialist 2nd Class Tobias Stiewing.

According to Alexander, he sends things 10 to 15 days in advance to ensure the packages get to their destination for the holiday season.

The Camp America post office provides everything a normal post office would: registered, insured, certified, and return receipt mail. It also receives parcels, sells stamps and boxes, and mails packages out.

In addition to mailing items on time, there are a few things service members can do to send their mail more efficiently. A plain box is the best for shipping items. If the box has other markings, be sure to darken them out and make sure the addresses for both sender and recipient are legible.

For further information, JTF Post Office personnel can be reached at extension 2331. ★

CHRISTMAS MAILING DEADLINES TO CONUS

TO ENSURE YOUR LETTERS AND PACKAGES TO THE UNITED STATES ARE DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS MAIL NO LATER THAN

- 20 November..... SAM Parcel (Space Available)
- 1 December.....PAL (Parcel Airlift)
- 4 December.....FIRST CLASS LTRS/CARDS
- 4 December.....PRIORITY PARCELS

FMI contact your local Post Office at NAVSTA #2156/JTF #2331

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Marines celebrate 235th

**Marine Corps Lance Cpl.
Anthony Ward Jr.**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Oohrah Marine Corps! Nov. 10, the United States Marine Corps will celebrate 235 years of excellence and hard work throughout the far reaches of the world.

The Marine Corps birthday was established at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pa. by the Second Continental Congress, Nov. 10, 1775. The congress passed a resolution that allowed Marine Corps Capt. Samuel Nicholas to establish two battalions of Marines.

Since its inception, The United States Marine Corps have been a part of many wars and created a reputation of being the best at whatever it does.

Marines have fought in the Civil War and World War I, and they have overcome the enemy from Tripoli to Afghanistan. Due to these triumphs, Marines throughout its 234 years of existence have celebrated this hallowed day in their own special way.

In 1921, Marine Corps Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, which summarized the history, mission and traditions of the Marine Corps. Lejeune declared this message would be read to all Marines on the 10th of November every year.

This order paved the way for the first formal Marine Corps Birthday Ball in 1925, which was held in historic fashion at the birthplace of the Marine Corps; Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pa.

Over the years the Marine Corps Ball has grown and developed. In 1952 Marine Corps Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, made the cake cutting ceremony official. During this ceremony, the oldest and youngest Marines present are recognized and have the honor of cutting the cake. The first piece of cake is presented to the oldest Marine and the second piece goes to the youngest.

The Marine Corps Birthday has become an event that encompasses the success of the past year. It offers Marines the opportunity to reflect on a year of personal accomplishments and those of the entire Marine Corps.

Marines are known for their hard work and dedication to the mission and their willingness to give all in the name of mission accomplishment, so when it comes time to unwind they truly "play hard."

I urge all of those who attend a Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year to not just look at it as a celebration of the great deeds the Marine Corps has done, but also as a time to reflect upon the great credit you have brought upon yourself.

Semper Fidelis and Godspeed. ☆



Boots on the Ground

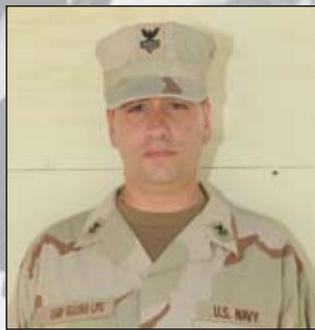
Why did you join the military?

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chuck Powell



"It's a family tradition."

Navy Master-at-Arms 1st Class Johnny Miller



"I joined right after 9/11 out of a sense of patriotic duty."

Army Spc. Migdalia Torres



"I admire the order and discipline of the Army."

by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Coast Guard Machinery Technician 2nd Class Ian Hileman



"To follow my dad's footsteps."

Rise of the anti-hero



Navy Lt.
Anthony T. Carr
 NEGB Command chaplain

When I was growing up, Superman was the top superhero. He stands for truth, justice and the “American Way.” No one could match the powers of Superman, in Detective Comics crossovers with their biggest rival Marvel, not even the Hulk can match Superman in strength. With all of Superman’s powers, his personality is a little flat. Clark Kent is a nerd, and Superman is pretty much a boy scout with a cape.

The top superhero now is Batman, a crime-fighting vigilante with billions of dollars for military grade hardware. His parents were victims of a horrible crime which left him an orphan; he is dark, brooding with limited social skills. He does the right thing, but he does it with an edge, willing to go a little past the boundaries to get the job done. Batman is the ultimate anti-hero.

Intention and motive are the major differences between Superman and Batman. Superman is motivated by a deep desire to protect and care for his adopted planet; Batman is motivated by revenge for the death of his parents. Do our motives matter as long as the job gets done? Is why we do something just as important as what we do?

I have been watching the Showtime series, “Dexter,” based on the book series by Jeff Lindsay. Dexter is a psychopathic serial killer who tries to only kill by a code his deceased adopted father gave him. He has friends, a good job, and people who love and care deeply for him.

He only tries to kill bad guys based on this code. However, he has killed a couple of innocent people either by accident or if they got too close to knowing the truth about him.

It is very hard not to get sucked into the story and not to start liking Dexter. I even find myself rooting for him. Dexter will mislead the police, lie and obstruct justice in order to kill, which makes his likability even more disturbing.

Some ethic principles believe motive is important, most religions agree that motives are very important in determining the rightness of an action.

Did you join the military for some deep sense of duty or because you like the heat of battle? Will you get the job done by any means necessary or does character and integrity matter?

All military branches are guided by their core values, all of them emphasize that character does matter. It is important to give ourselves gut checks to make sure we do the right things for the right reasons. Our codes have no room for anti-heroes, just heroes. ☆

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
 Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
 Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
 Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
 Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
 Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.
 Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
 Room C
Jewish Service
 FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
 Room D
Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
 Chapel Annex
 Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday 11 a.m.
 Room B
Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
 Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
 Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
 Room A

Liturgical Service

Sunday 11 a.m.
 Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
 Main Chapel
United Jamaican
Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
 Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
 Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.
 Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
 Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project
Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
 Troopers' Chapel



Air Force Staff Sgts. Patrick Celaya and Charles Glover of the Base Emergency Engineer Force remove the Camp America chaplain's flagpole for relocation. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip



Army Sgt. Miguel Robles hands paperwork to Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Perez during a random vehicle check to ensure required documents are on board, Oct. 28. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Around the
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A diver puts the finishing touches to his pumpkin during the underwater pumpkin carving contest, Oct. 31. - photo by Christopher Hileman

