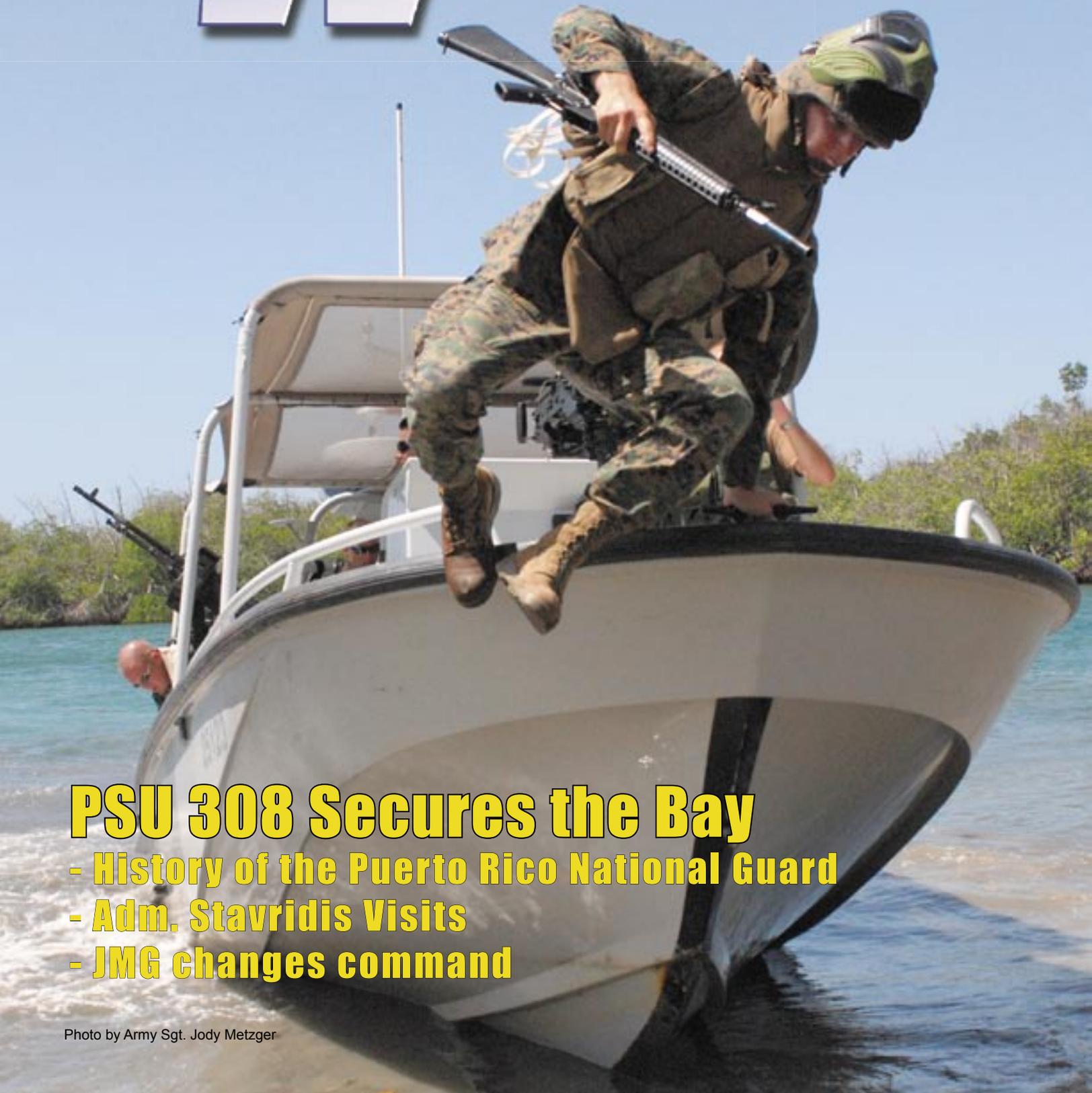


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The GTMO Symphony

By Army Sgt. Maj. Jaime Perez

JTF-GTMO JDG SGM

The other day, I was in a briefing and one of our officers presented a slide with a quote by General George S. Patton that said: "If the band played a piece first with the piccolo, then with the brass horn, then with the trumpet, there would be a hell of a lot of noise but no music; each weapon must support the other". His words apply to us as well.

Like musicians, our Troopers have come to Guantanamo to be part of the Joint Task Force "symphony"; and like everywhere else in the military many individual Troopers are very good at what they do. However, for Joint Task Force – Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) to succeed it doesn't need great musicians, it needs beautiful music, and the right attitude regarding teamwork is the difference.

Successful teamwork here at JTF GTMO is more than a willingness to participate. It means having a little more patience with your fellow services as they learn, adjust and grow into their joint mission roles. After one or two weeks of being mentored by their predecessors, they, like you, adapt to the new groups and are ready to be part of the "musicians" that play in our "symphony." Sometimes Troopers need a little more time to adjust to this new experience, but with the help of their peers, in no time they are playing in tune with the rest of us. Every day that goes by, they become better at what they do. Remember, practice makes perfection.

For any symphony to perform well, it needs good compositions, great conductors, a lot of rehearsals and musicians of all levels who are willing to make the sacrifices



to complete the mission. From the Commander to our most junior Trooper, we all must play our sheets of music to the best of our ability.

Unlike actual symphonies, the music never stops in GTMO. It can't because the threat from our enemies won't allow it. Our vigilance, our dedication to duty and to defend America means we have to continue "playing." After all, our audience is really more than just GTMO, or America; it is the entire world. Our music is heard throughout the world. Some applaud. Some boo. But know this fellow Troopers: our music is good!

With all our elements in place, there is no doubt in my mind, nor in the minds of our leadership, that our mission is and will continue to be accomplished in a professional manner. The Joint Task Force composed of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and other federal agencies will continue to play from the same sheet of music and continue to perform our great "concert" for the world.

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Sollock leaves command in good hands

By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

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Navy Capt. Ronald L. Sollock handed over command of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo and the Joint Medical Group, Joint Task Force - Guantanamo to Navy Capt. Bruce C. Meneley in a ceremony held at the Bayview Club on July 6.

In attendance at the change of command was special guest Rear Adm. Donald R. Gintzig, the deputy commander of Navy Medicine East, who praised Sollock for his distinguished service as both a hospital commander and commander of medical services for enemy combatant detainees.

“During his time, he [Sollock] served with distinction and brilliance in support of Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay which presents a set of challenges, skill sets and demands that are in many ways, unequaled within all of Navy medicine,” said Gintzig. “Through all this, Captain Sollock has led in an exemplary manner and served as an example for all of us.”

Sollock was commissioned as a naval officer in 1979 following his internship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He assumed command at Guantanamo in 2006 after serving as the senior physician inspector at the Medical Inspector General’s Office in Washington, D.C. Sollock will return to Washington to hold the position of deputy chief of installation and logistics at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.



Captain Bruce C. Meneley (center) relieved Capt. Ronald L. Sollock (left) as Commander, U.S. Naval Hospital and Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay Joint Medical Group, during a change of command ceremony Friday, July 6. Deputy Commander, Navy Medicine East, Rear Adm. Donald Gintzig presided over the ceremony. (Photo by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger)



Sideboys render honors as incoming Commander, Capt. Bruce Meneley makes his way to the Bayview Club patio for the change of command ceremony (Army Sgt. Jody Metzger).

During the ceremony, Sollock received the Legion of Merit award for his service as the medical liaison officer to the commander of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo. He was recognized for his safe and compassionate care of patients while working with senior staff to coordinate detainee specialty care.

Sollock thanked the leaders for their support, hard work and dedication during his time of service.

“To the Joint Task Force leadership, you have faced unparalleled military challenges and have made life and death decisions on a daily basis. You have worked in a politically charged environment and have done it flawlessly. Your performance has established operating procedures that are not only in use in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but have begun to become the structure by which the United States government policy is being developed to care for detainees in other parts of the world,” said Sollock.

Meneley thanked Sollock for relinquishing to him such a fine command that has earned an excellent reputation for medical services. Meneley expressed feeling honored and privileged to be able to work with the Naval Station and Joint Task Force leadership as they continue to serve the entire Guantanamo population.

Meneley entered Naval Service in 1975 and subsequently earned his Doctorate of Medicine in 1986 from the University of Nevada. Before assuming command at Guantanamo, Meneley served as the executive officer of Naval Health Clinic, Quantico, Virginia.

Stavridis pleased with work at Gitmo

By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Commander, U.S. Southern Command visited Joint Task Force-Guantanamo July 9 where he was pleased to see projects underway to improve detainee and migrant operations here.

Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis toured various facilities where he witnessed the progress of ongoing projects since his last visit in June. He mentioned that he was particularly impressed with the many improvements made within the detention facilities.

During the tour, JTF leaders highlighted the current status of construction plans underway to ensure detainees continue to be housed in a safe and humane environment. Stavridis also greeted members of the JTF guard force and thanked them for their support of the mission.

“I am incredibly proud of the guard force who are just as professional as can be; they are doing a terrific job under very demanding circumstances everyday,” said Stavridis. “The super work that I see in all the facilities and particularly the new and improved facilities is impressive.”

Stavridis was also updated on plans to expand migrant operations on the leeward side of the naval station. JTF engineers explained future plans to build structures that will house more than 10,000 migrants. Stavridis mentioned that the naval station may become an integral platform in responding to a migrant crisis. As the political climate remains unpredictable in many island nations located within the Caribbean, Stavridis added that the naval station must be able to support a possible influx of migrants.

In addition to acting as a hub

for migrant operations, Stavridis mentioned that there is an incredible strategic value in having a Naval Station located within the Caribbean. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay is the only full-spectrum mission capable U.S. military installation in the Southern Command area of operations with both a port and airfield capable of transporting logistics and personnel during a crisis.

While Stavridis focused on logistical operations, his wife, Laura Stavridis, visited Guantanamo facilities geared towards improving Troopers’ morale.

Mrs. Stavridis attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fleet and Family Support Center’s annex located in Camp America’s One Stop building. This satellite office will provide a wide range of services for Troopers in a more convenient location. Mrs. Stavridis also visited recreational facilities, such as the liberty centers, where she spoke with naval station and JTF personnel to gain their perspectives on their time here.

“I think you all have done a good job at creating facilities that work for the Troopers. Since Troopers work such unusual hours, it must help their morale to have facilities that are accommodating to their work schedule,” said Mrs. Stavridis. “The leadership here has done



Adm. James Stavridis, Commander, United States Southern Command, visited Guantanamo July 9 to learn about migrant and detainee operations here. “[The guard force] ... is doing a terrific job under very demanding circumstances,” said Stavridis. (Photo by Army Sgt. Joseph Scozzari)

a good job of making these facilities accessible and obviously the people running the facilities really enjoy their jobs.”

Adm. Stavridis added that he will continue to periodically visit the facilities here to oversee projects aimed at improving operations. Stavridis assumed command of Southern Command in 2006 and has visited five times. His command’s area of focus includes more than 30 countries and covers about 15.6 million square miles, which includes the Caribbean Sea with its 12 island nations and other territories.

A History of the Puerto Rico National Guard

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

When Troopers serving in Joint Task Force - Guantanamo hear a good bit of Spanish spoken by Soldiers in Army Combat Uniforms, they are likely hearing the lively conversations of members of the Puerto Rico National Guard. Two primary elements of the 92nd Separate Infantry Brigade, Charlie Company 1/65 and Headquarters and Headquarters Company are serving a year plus here in support of the Global War on Terror. If Troopers listen closely and ask some questions, they'll discover a rich military history, as well as a rich culture and language.

The history of Puerto Rican citizen soldiers can be traced back to the early conflicts between the original inhabitants of Puerto Rico, the Taino Indians, and the Spanish conquerors and citizens who began to inhabit Puerto Rico after Columbus' "discovery" of the island in 1493.

Juan Ponce de Leon, the first appointed governor of Puerto Rico in 1509, enslaved the local Taino people and forced them to work in the mines and build fortifications. Not surprisingly, many Taino died as a result of the cruel treatment they received from the Spanish conquerors.

In retaliation, the Taino *cacique* (chief) Agueybana and his brother, Urayoan, rebelled against de Leon and the Spanish settlers. In 1511, their uprising began with the capture and drowning of a Spanish citizen, Diego Salcedo. The purpose of the murder was to determine whether the Spanish were truly immortal or not, as the Indians had believed. After watching his corpse decompose for a few days, the Taino had their answer.

In response, the Spanish settlers, also known as *Borinqueners*, organized themselves as a militia in order to defend themselves from the enraged Taino Indians.

Over time, new militias formed and disbanded and then formed again as organizations of settlers, now Spanish,



The Commanding Officer and Staff of the First Volunteer Battalion of Puerto Rico, circa 1897 (photo courtesy Instituto de Voluntarios de Puerto Rico).

Indian, and African, began to stand against imperial Spain, which was more concerned with removing the island's wealth than in developing its colony for the benefit of the Puerto Rican citizens.

Following the American takeover of Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War of 1898, a new militia, the Puerto Rico Regiment, was formed. By the end of World War I, approximately 18,000 Puerto Rican citizen soldiers served in the U.S. military with 4,000 assigned to defend the Panama Canal and protect American shipping interests.

Puerto Rico National Guardsmen again answered the call to duty during World War II with 53,000 Guardsmen serving at home and in Europe. During the Korean War, the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment ("Los Borinqueners") performed admirably as one of the 3rd Infantry Division's more capable fighting formations.

Unfortunately, in both WW II and the Korean War, many Puerto Rico guard units suffered at the expense of poorly conceived and commanded missions which caused many unnecessary casualties. The first commanding officer of the Puerto Rico National Guard, Adjutant General Luis Raul Esteves worked hard to overcome

the ethnic and language discrimination these Puerto Rican units endured within the U.S. Armed Forces. He made it his mission to assert and support what he knew to be true, that "Puerto Ricans make good soldiers, as good as the best of any country." His service to the Puerto Rican forces and citizens between the years of 1938 and 1957 earned him the unofficial title of "Father of the Puerto Rico National Guard."

Besides serving proudly here in Joint Task Force - Guantanamo, citizen soldiers of the Puerto Rico National Guard serve honorably in Afghanistan and Iraq, in hurricane relief efforts such as 2005's Hurricane Katrina and in major counter-drug missions both at home and in the larger Caribbean and Latin American areas of operation. Here at Joint Task Force - Guantanamo they're known by their headquarters sign at Camp America - "A lo que vinimos," translated roughly to mean "Let's do what we came here to do" - an apt slogan for any proud unit to claim.

Sources: Army Maj. Miguel Mendez, Puerto Rico National Guard and www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/army/arng-pr.htm.

Historic hit seals deal for AL All-Stars

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
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For the tenth consecutive year, the American League (AL) All-Stars upended their National League (NL) brethren in Tuesday's All-Star game in San Francisco. Japanese superstar Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners was named the night's Most Valuable Player (MVP) following what became a game-winning inside-the-park home run.

Ichiro became the third All-Star game MVP in four years born outside the U.S., joining Miguel Tejada in 2005 and Alfonso Soriano in 2004.

This was the first inside-the-park home run in All-Star game history. Ichiro scored two runs with the homer. Stunned NL pitcher Chris Young watched in disbelief as Ichiro's third hit of the night sailed into the furthest corner of AT&T Park, way out of the reach of outfielder Junior Griffey.

As Griffey explained to the press after the game, the ball "faked left, then went right." One could imagine what was going through his mind at the time of the hit.

"Well, it's a four-letter word," he laughed to reporters after the game.

"And there was an 'Oh' in front of it," he continued.

NL defenders made no excuses for the game changing play. Many thought that even if Griffey could have reached the ball, it would've still been all for naught.

NL second baseman Chase Utley said it wouldn't have mattered. He said that even if Griffey would have unleashed a perfect throw from the outfield, Ichiro would have rounded the bases too fast to be caught.

Ichiro was all smiles after the game.

"It's one that I'll never forget," Ichiro told a crowd of reporters. "The past six years, I never had an All-Star game that I really thought I gave it my all or was able to give it all. I'm very happy. It was a fun All-Star game!"

Even home team hero Barry Bonds referred to the hit as "fabulous."

At the time of the hit, the NL held a 1-0 lead. Ichiro,



The Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki was named AL MVP following their tenth consecutive victory over their NL rivals Tuesday night (Sports Illustrated photo).

with one swing, took the AL All-Stars to a 2-1 lead – a lead they wouldn't let go of. A 3-1 lead can be credited to Carl Crawford of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, a team that has collectively produced only one hit in their history of All-Star game representation.

Aside from the All-Star game's historic firsts, Major League Baseball legend Willie Mays (also Barry Bonds' godfather) was honored before the game. Mays made a lap around the field in a pink 1958 Cadillac Eldorado. Mays, now 76, was ecstatic about the reception he received from the fans.

"This is a great honor," Mays said. "There have been so many great All-Star games. I think the Giants really went all out. ... I don't think it's about Barry [Bonds] or me. It's about the city of San Francisco. I was glad to be someone picked to be the representative of San Francisco."

Fossil Hunters

Scour Gitmo's Reef

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

Clamoring along the walls of the broken and decaying reefs of Guantanamo Bay, paleontologists Roger Portell and James Toomey are thrilled to be examining the invertebrate fossils that seem so plentiful.

They began late afternoon on Tuesday and their excitement to be tracking undiscovered coral fossils could not be hidden. To them, this is an opportunity of a lifetime since for many years the prospect of collecting data from Cuba has been virtually impossible.

It was just a year ago that Marine Col. Nathaniel McCleskey, who had developed a genuine interest in the coral formations here, decided to contact the science department at the Museum of Natural History, University of Florida (Gainesville) for more in-depth information. He never anticipated that his call to the museum would have such impact on the science community. This was the break that Portell and Toomey were salivating for, because it opened the door for them to study an island that they had never had access to before.

Although Portell and Toomey have worked elsewhere in the Caribbean, there has been a giant void of information concerning fossil formations in Cuba. "Cuba has been in kind of like a black hole. We haven't been able to get into Cuba," Portell explained.

This opportunity, Portell said, will allow scientists to do studies and comparisons on the geology of Cuba and make direct connections between Cuba and the other islands around it.

These connections will allow scientists to map a general process of evolution and land transformation in this area that covers the last 40 million years.

Portell and Toomey both hope that this chance to study Cuban fossils will be the first of many, not just for their mission,

but for others such as coral specialists or trace fossil scientists who have an interest in this geography.

A chisel and bare hands are the only rudimentary tools Portell and Toomey need to dig into the coral samples. They are looking for invertebrate fossils compressed into the coral, like snails and clams (Mollusks), crabs and barnacles (Arthropods), as well as microscopic shrimp (Ostracodes), which are housed in shells.

Based on the examination of the samples they've surveyed so far, Portell estimates that the coral wall may have stood for about 125,000 years, meaning that these invertebrates have lived for at least that length of time. As far as evidence for evolution is concerned, Portell noted that, "It is normal for some species to not change much over even a million years. Some evolve rapidly and some don't, it really depends on their strategies for living and how they capture and consume their prey."

Paleontologists have their own way of gathering data that involves taking samples and sorting out the fossils by a method of sifting. Sifting is used to wash away most of the sediments and loose particles. This is important for the paleontologists because they are already planning on taking 30 boxes weighing about 30 pounds each back to Florida with them.

Their mission is to take the samples gathered here back to the museum. There, they will wash them and identify them based on what predominates in a given layer. Portell believes that the samples gathered this week will be very diagnostic



Paleontologist Roger Portell looks for fossils embedded in the coral matrix around Guantanamo (photo by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger).

in determining what type of environment the coral and its inhabitants lived in at the time of their deaths.

After the fossils have been processed, scientists from the museum will start to look for differences between these fossils and those of local Caribbean islands like Jamaica and Puerto Rico. According to Portell, fossils from these neighboring countries are different from what they have been seeing here in Guantanamo.

Another goal of Portell and Toomey's research is to look at what caused the wall of coral here to gather and die. "We want to know whether it was one big storm, a hurricane or an accumulation that has accrued over hundreds of years," Portell said.

This is very helpful, explained Portell, because it helps establish where all the sediment comes from and from what types of water. "We will be able to tell whether they lived in brackish water, open marine or deep water," he explained.

Looking over the wall he had been studying for hours, his eyes rarely left the fossils that seemed to pop out at him. "All these are little stories," he said tracing their outlines with his fingers.

"I love my job," Portell said. "I know that when I am fossil hunting, I am having fun," he said.

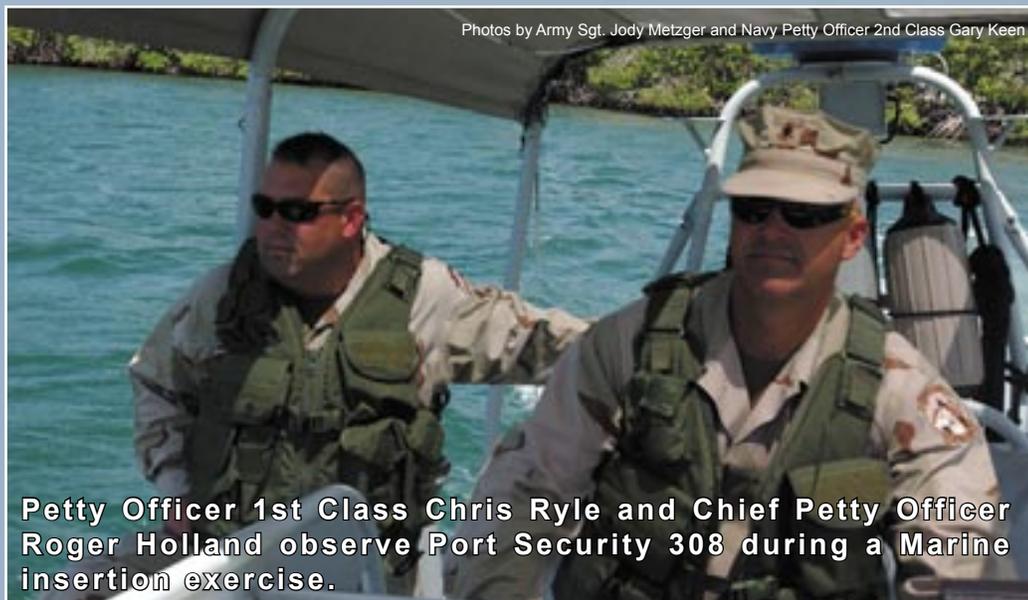
USCG PSU Plays Major JTF Mi

Port Security Unit 308 transports Marines in a tactical exercise, cutting through the waves of Guantanamo Bay en route to the insertion site. PSU 308 is proud to be an integral team player in the overall JTF-GTMO mission alongside the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.



Role in Mission

Photos by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen



Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Ryle and Chief Petty Officer Roger Holland observe Port Security 308 during a Marine insertion exercise.

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Harbor defense, port security, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) and the “denial of entry and any maneuverability to the enemy in Guantanamo Bay” are just a few of the many important missions of the U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit (PSU) 308 deployed here at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Other specific contributions to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) include AT/FP support for detainee movement operations and support for military commissions and hearings, transporting distinguished visitors and U.S. Marine Corps insertions/extractions.

The unit’s area of responsibility consists of the entire naval station bay, the Guantanamo River, the southern coast line of the naval station (Leeward and Windward borders) and many miles out to occasionally perform anchorage sweeps.

Port Security Coast Guardsmen make up a versatile force that is well-trained in boat operations as well as in mission-specific combat operations.

“Each PSU member begins training from the moment they arrive,” said Chief Petty Officer Patti Geistfeld, PSU 308 Communications Chief. “There’s an immense amount of training that goes into qualifying to be a PSU member. Everyone from the yeoman to the medic receives combat and weapons training, and is expected to complete qualifications in both areas. With specific divisions, particularly the boat crews/divisions, they have to meet Coast Guard requirements in addition to requirements of the Port Security Unit, which is more search and rescue, law enforcement and tactical operations.” said Geistfeld.

The unit’s Weapons Division is responsible for ensuring that members are up to date with qualifications as well as upholding weapons standards and safety procedures. They inventory all weapons and ammunition assigned to the Maritime Security Detachment (MSD) and provide instruction and supervision at the small arms and crew-serve ranges.

PSU Coxswains are required to have the same level of training that other coxswains receive. This includes search and rescue fundamentals and navigation rules of the road. In fact, in order to advance in rank as a boatswain’s mate, you have to make coxswain.

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Port Security, from Pg. 9

“The desire of the Coast Guard is that a PSU coxswain, with a minimum of additional training, can be seamlessly interchanged with a coxswain on a surf boat or a 47-foot utility boat,” said Chief Roger Holland, PSU 308 Chief of the Boats.

Holland went on to explain the varying levels of coxswain qualifications.

“In the PSU, we focus on Level I and Level II. Level I is a boat driver,” he said. “You can jump in a boat and get underway to perform a variety of non-tactical activities like transporting personnel and search-and-rescue. You need to be familiar with the boat, the crew, the electronic navigations and communications systems, and the standards that the Coast Guard prescribes for specific tasks.

“Level II coxswains receive additional training that involves a lot of small boat tactics. This training is primarily done at the USCG Special Missions Training Center at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina,” Holland added.

The MSD sees their deployment here as an opportunity to support the JTF’s continuing mission on the Global War on Terror.

“GTMO is totally different from previous deployments for PSU 308,” said Holland. “Each deployment presents different challenges, and a big challenge here is the high operations tempo. It’s high profile for us, and we have a lot of interaction with the other services.”

“This is a very good deployment.

It’s high profile for us, and we have a lot of interaction with the other services,” said Holland. “It’s fun for us, because we aren’t sitting and watching the horizon.”

The high tempo of operations for PSU 308 takes its toll on the boats and keeping the boats operating under these conditions is a daily challenge for the MSD Engineering Division, the “true unsung hero on this deployment” according to Holland.

PSU 308 is proud to be an integral team player in the overall JTF-GTMO mission alongside the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

“Of the two previous deployments our unit has been on, this is the one we feel the most integrated and the most part of the team,” said Geistfeld. “We were welcomed the minute we hit the ground. We felt that the minute we got here we were an important part of the JTF team, and that was a delight for us. We feel that we are an integral and important part of the mission here.”

Security Clearance FAQ (Part 2)

By Tony Camera

JTF-Security Manager

Polygraphs

What are polygraphs?

Polygraphs are instruments used to help determine an individual's eligibility for access to classified information. The polygraph may or may not be used in a particular clearance investigation.

What are the differences between Counter Intelligence, Lifestyle, and Full Scope Polygraphs?

The purpose of a polygraph is to determine, to the greatest extent possible, whether or not a given applicant can be trusted with sensitive information. Two basic types of polygraphs exist, and either one or both polygraphs may be administered to the candidate in question. Polygraphs are conducted by trained polygraph examiners who have been trained on administering them.

A Counter Intelligence polygraph asks the candidate questions limited to the subject's allegiance to the United States. The questions are based on foreign contacts, foreign associations, etc. A Counter Intelligence polygraph is the most common polygraph.

A Lifestyle Polygraph asks the candidate questions the concern the subject's personal life and conduct and can involve all aspects of present and past behavior. Questions asked might concern drug and alcohol use, sexual preference and behavior, mental health, family relationships, compulsive or addictive behavior, and more. A Lifestyle Polygraph attempts to look for issues in a person's private life for that which he or she might be blackmailed.

A Full Scope polygraph is a combination of both the Counter Intelligence and Lifestyle polygraphs.

Software

What is the EPSQ (Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire)?

Until July 2005, the EPSQ was the electronic security clearance application used by all people applying for a security clearance.

What is e-QIP (Electronic Questionnaire for Investigations Processing)?

The e-QIP is the automated request for personnel security investigations which in July, 2005, replaced the Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire (EPSQ).

What is the JPAS (Joint Personnel Adjudication System)?

The JPAS is the official personnel security clearance database management system for the Department of Defense. All security managers will use this system for all types of personnel clearance actions. For more information, visit the JPAS website at <https://jpas.osd.mil>.

Type of Investigations

Periodic Reinvestigation (PR)

A periodic reinvestigation is when a currently cleared individual is required to review, update and resubmit his or her clearance application for a reinvestigation. Periodic Reinvestigations are routinely required every 5 years for those with top secret clearances, every 10 years for those with Secret clearances and every 15 years for those with confidential clearances. A PR is done to ensure that a candidate should still have access to classified information. Random Periodic Reinvestigations are also administered at will.

National Agency Check (NAC)

A NAC is the type of investigation required for a Secret or Confidential clearance. It includes a thorough review of the candidate's national and local records. It generally does not require an interview with an investigator.

Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI)

An SSBI is a more detailed investigation and is required for a top secret investigation. It includes a review of the applicant's national and local records and an interview with an investigator.

Special Inquiry Investigation (SII)

An SII is a special investigation conducted when some type of adverse information has been reported or discovered on a cleared individual.

Trustworthiness Investigation (TI)

A TI is not conducted for a security clearance. It is requested when an applicant is going to have access to Sensitive but Unclassified Information. For example, trustworthiness investigations are sometimes conducted on those that will have access to a sensitive site (eg, cleaning crew on a military installation).

Security Clearance Jobs

Where can I search for jobs that require an active or current security clearance?

Candidates with active clearances can search for jobs that make use of that clearance at

<http://www.clearancejobs.com>.

Reunion Issue #3

From the JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain's Office

If you have children, there are some basic behaviors that can be expected.

1) Some children get angry about their parent being gone.

Toddlers and preschoolers may act like their parent is a stranger. They don't understand duty or mission.

2) Elementary school children and teenagers may understand, but show anger or fear by "acting out."

You need to get reacquainted and take things slowly. Children are able to adjust to change better than we are, but you have to give them time. The younger your children are, the harder it is for them to put their feelings into words. This is why they misbehave, show anger, shyness, and fear toward us when we return.

Counselors through Fleet and Family Support Centers, Family Assistance Centers, and Childhood Development Centers can assist us with understanding our children's reactions and suggesting methods to help them overcome the problems of reunion and reintegration.

The most important reaction to avoid is becoming a stern and strict disciplinarian as a reaction to your children misbehaving upon our return. They so desperately want us to love them and become reconnected with that love.

Discipline can be interpreted as hate and disapproval to a child. This can only amplify their misbehavior.

Again, time and support from our friends, family, chaplains, counselors, medical staff, and child psychologists are all resources we should consider if our reunion with our children is difficult and sustained for more than a couple of weeks.

SURVIVING SEPARATION

From the JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain's Office

Action Item #3 – If you have children, visit the following websites that can give complete guides to dealing with separation and reunion: www.guardyouth.org, www.guardfamily.org, www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil, www.militaryonesource.com. Any of us who are deployed without dependents or partners are experiencing an abnormal state for ourselves. We are by nature people who enjoy the love and companionship of the family, friends, and partners whom are an everyday part of our lives. We therefore enter into an abnormal experience for us when we go on a deployment. What can we do to overcome feelings of loneliness, sadness, and boredom while we are separated?

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, July 14

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.

Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Sunday, July 15

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 20%

Monday, July 16

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the high-70's.



Scattered T-storms

Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Tuesday, July 17

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the high-70's.

Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Scattered T-storms

Wednesday, July 18

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Scattered T-storms

Thursday, July 19

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 7:43 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Scattered T-storms

Friday, July 20

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 7:42 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Isolated T-storms



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

By Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

Hot Fuzz

Rated: R
Duration: 120 minutes

When a street-performing mime, an errant swan and a gaggle of under-age pub patrons become high priority assignments for the Village of Sandford's new high-speed police officer, Sergeant Nicholas Angel (Simon Pegg) one can expect more than a fair share of sight gags and dry, off-color British repartee.

The Village of Sandford is a modern-day English Mayberry populated by all manner of eccentric and seemingly harmless townsfolk. Angel, recently and somewhat forcibly transferred there by his London command who were tired of being shown up by his officious competence and street successes, takes to his

assignments with singular enthusiasm. He's a man who follows orders – to the letter.

He is joined in these early rural adventures by Officer Danny Butterman (Nick Frost), the child-like, cherubic son of Sandford's top cop, Chief Inspector Butterman (Jim Broadbent). Officer Butterman continuously peppers Angel with earnest, but ridiculous questions about Hollywood-style police work drawing from his extensive knowledge of big-budget Hollywood action movies like "Point Break" and "Bad Boys 2."

Well, the old adage, "Things are not as they appear," soon becomes a reality. A cabal of leading townsfolk begins knocking off annoying citizens in gruesome fashion for a host of embarrassing behaviors that include bad Shakespearean acting, noxious laughter and street corner pantomime.

Angel and Butterman spring to action in perfect Hollywood action-flick parody with tires squealing, arsenals blazing and high-octane explosions. Macabre crimes bring on big-city justice by small-town cops: a perfect recipe for the testosterone junkie that appreciates some good-natured jabs at a sometimes tiresome genre – the Hollywood action flick.

Rating: ★★★★★

Boots on the Ground *By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons*

"Where do you see your military career in five years?"



"I would like to be in the Active Guard Reserves as a paralegal."

-Army Sgt. Wendy Williams



"I would like to be promoted to an E-6 or E-7 or be a commissioned officer."

-Army Specialist Lavelle Jones



"I will still be in the military on active duty, hopefully as a paralegal noncommissioned officer."

-Army Specialist Luis Araujo



"I would like to be on active duty and promoted to Major as a mission support squadron commander."

-Air Force 2nd Lt. Edwin S. Hudson-Odoi

Our buttons: Push the *right* ones

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

If you have a spouse, child or a sibling, you know how to get them mad as well as how to make them laugh. You know their vulnerabilities and weaknesses. You have learned where to push their reaction buttons. Oh, by the way, they know yours too, don't they? They know what makes you mad and what makes you sad. They know what makes you laugh and what makes you grin. It happens at home and at work. This happens in the corporate world as well.

With more than twelve billion catalogs being mailed annually, it's little wonder that marketers are distributing mailing lists anywhere possible. In one particularly cruel move, the proprietors of a chocolate catalog purchased the mailing list of a weight-loss organization. Chocolate sales rose almost immediately, but the weight-loss group wised up and now keep their clients' names to themselves.

It's not so bad to use our knowledge of another's weaknesses to help, but to take advantage of them is another story. I've seen, and so have you, a spouse use that knowledge to put down and manipulate the other. I've seen parents use the fears and ignorance of their children to manipulate and control. Siblings do it, co-workers do it and bosses do it to help, yet sadly, they also use it to hurt. You've felt the effects of this type of behavior yourself. Didn't feel good, if it was to harm, did it?

I would like to propose that we find and push the humor and positive attitude buttons of each other rather than the harmful ones. Look today at what you know of another and their vulnerabilities and try to elicit a laugh and a warm supportive feeling. Try not to give them chocolate unless they need it and it will help them.

As one famous movie character reminds us, "Life is like a box of chocolates..."

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Been wonderin' what all the ruckus is across from McDonald's? Have no fear – it's simply demolition of the old warehouses to make room for the expansion of Cuzco Barracks. Keep an eye on *The Wire* for more info on projected completion dates. (Photo by Army Sgt. Scott Griffin)

15 MINUTES OF FAME

By Army Sgt. Scott Griffin
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office



MARINE STAFF SGT. JAMES FRANKLIN

Marine Staff Sgt. James Franklin is more than happy to be here.

“I like isolated surroundings like this,” Franklin said. “The Joint Task Force itself—dealing with different entities—that’s a plus. [The Marines] don’t get a lot of chances to deal with the Army or the National Guard or the Coast Guard, so it’s been an experience. We get to share ideas and different views on things and learn so much.”

Franklin is the embarkation supply chief for Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). That means that anything that comes in or goes out, goes through him. He moves all of the stuff needed to keep the JTF up and running. “Anything that comes in or goes out, we pack it up and ship it or unpack it and bring it in,” Franklin said. “I move all the gear.”

Beyond being a ‘go-to guy’ for shipping, Franklin is also working part-time at Denich Gym.

“I’m a certified personal trainer, a certified sports nutritionist and a certified cardio-kickboxing trainer,” Franklin explained.

He helps out with the cardio-kickboxing class when needed, but most days, he’s a participant.

“[The class] is brutal. That’s [the instructor] Carl, he teaches the kickboxing,” Franklin said. “I’m right up front [in that class] and he really pushes me.”

Franklin recently applied his experience and certifications to the JTF by enthusiastically running Monday morning’s physical fitness (PT) formation with a cardio-kickboxing routine set to music for the JTF Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

“Since I got here, it’s like I got infected and I can’t control it,” Franklin said. “Every day I go and listen to new music and come up with new moves. We’re going to do it [for PT] again and I want to bring the people that are interested back.”

Franklin enjoys his leadership position, but has a unique perspective on leadership success.

“I think it’s the people -- the people make the leader,” Franklin said. “If I don’t train

them and show them respect, they won’t work hard to make things happen.”

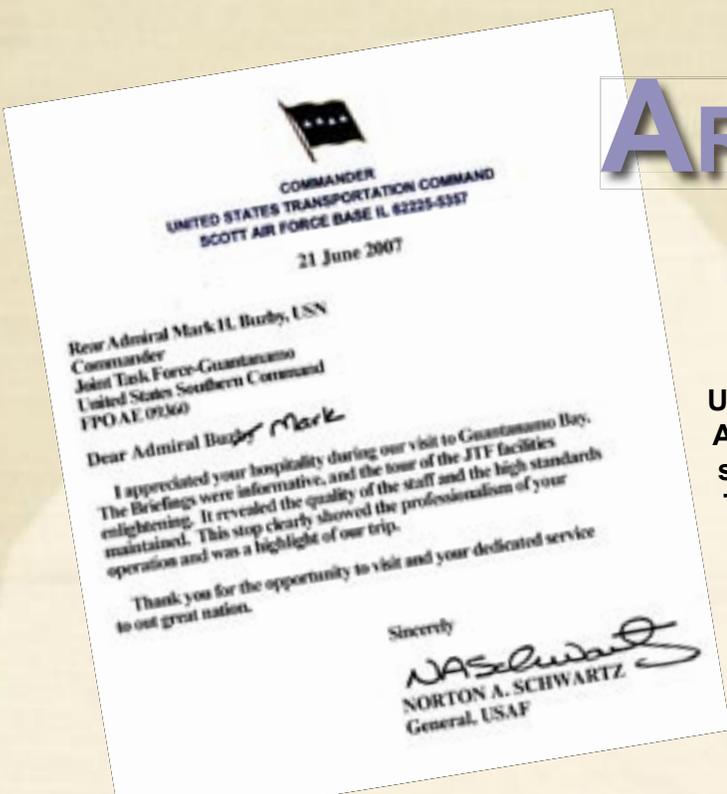
“Dealing with different entities has really helped me out, too” Franklin explained. “As part of the JTF, I have to be more diplomatic because everyone doesn’t understand the same lingo. That’s helped me a lot – to be open to new ideas. We don’t know it all. I can’t say the Marines are number one at this and the Army at that because in truth, we work together and make it better. It’s about knowledge and sharing that knowledge. That’s the key.”

Franklin had a final message for Troopers serving with the JTF.

“Don’t ever take any of your training for granted. I’ve been to Iraq several times, and you never know when you may have to fall back on that training. Share your knowledge with everyone, because that could help someone else at an important point in their life. Be receptive to change and absorb all of the knowledge you can from everyone around you, because we all need each other,” Franklin said. “That’s how I operate.”

AROUND THE

JTF



U.S. Transportation Commander, Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz, sent a note to Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Rear Adm. Mark Buzby praising the Soldiers and Sailors of the JTF for their professionalism during his visit .

Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph A. Harriman receives the Joint Service Achievement Medal from Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, Friday, July 6. (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone)



Mothman prophecies hit Gitmo ... Not really. Just a rather large moth found in Camp America searching for uniforms to devour. Beware! (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone)