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I STAND RELIEVED

By Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

After a year as the Director of Public Affairs for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, it's now my turn to exchange salutes and, in Navy tradition, say, "I stand relieved."

It's been an incredible experience working here. When I tell people that I work with the news media that covers Guantanamo Bay, the general reaction is, 'wow, that sounds like a tough job.'

To them I say:

I have the best job in the world. I have the privilege of representing young American men and women who are doing a difficult job in a dangerous place.

They are keeping some of the world's most dangerous men off the battlefield.

They are holding some of the men who organized the 9/11 attacks on our country.

They are holding some of the men who recruited, trained, financed and armed terrorists that killed innocent men and women in attacks around the world.

They are doing the job professionally, ethically, safely and humanely. America has much to be proud of here.

I didn't know much about Guantanamo before I came here. From what I read, some people seemed convinced that we were detaining a group of carpet traders and goat herders.

Are there carpet traders and goat herders here? Yes. Since coming here, I've learned that terrorists often have day jobs that provide excellent cover. It is possible to be both a traveling salesman and a weapons smuggler. Business executives who know how to transfer large sums of money without detection are even more vital to the operation of a 21st century terrorist organization as front-line fighters.

What surprised me most was learning how a relatively small number of people could possess so much destructive capability. Terror is an amazingly efficient tactic for those who are attempting to destroy the freedoms we enjoy and cherish. Fighting terror takes time, effort



and continued determination.

The media that report on Guantanamo ask me tough questions. That's their job. I've been proud to answer their challenging questions because I know what we do is ethical, legal and transparent.

I've seen some pretty outrageous adjectives tossed around to describe Guantanamo – but I've never had a bodily fluid cocktail tossed at me. I stand in awe of the dignity, pride and professionalism of the guard force and the care and compassion of the medical group.

Whatever your job here, we are all part of a bigger mission. And at the end of the hard day, the mission is what matters most.

JTF-Guantanamo conducts safe and humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants. We conduct interrogation operations to collect strategic intelligence in support of the Global War on Terror. We support law enforcement and war crimes investigations. We are committed to the safety and security of American service members and civilians working inside the wire. We conduct our operations legally and transparently.

This is a noble mission – embrace it. It is worthy of our highest effort. Every trooper here is making the world a safer place. Take care of yourselves. Take care of each other. Take care of the men and women you are entrusted to lead.

Our nation is blessed to have all of you here doing this job. Thank you for your service. ■

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After four decades, Schoomaker bids Army Farewell

By Army Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker
35th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army

Tomorrow we will stand on the parade field at Fort Myer and the mantle of Army Chief of Staff will pass to General George W. Casey. It has been a tremendous privilege and honor to serve alongside you, the Soldiers, Civilians, and family members, who make the Army the world's preeminent land force, the ultimate instrument of national resolve.

Upon becoming 35th Army Chief of Staff in August 2003, I issued an "Arrival Message" to the force. In that message I spoke of standing in an Iranian desert in 1980, on a moonlit night, at a place called *Desert One*, where eight of our comrades lost their lives and others were forever scarred. I spoke of keeping a photo of the carnage that night to remind me of the grief and failure of that mission and the commitment survivors of that operation made to a different future.

Having now been in this Army for almost four decades, and having seen the Army my father served in for 32 years before that, I can tell you in no uncertain terms that today's battle-hardened Army does, in fact, reflect the different "future" we envisioned. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, the men and women of today's Army have remained focused on our nonnegotiable responsibility to the Nation.

For almost 232 years, the Army has never failed the American people, and it never will. We have been resolute in the pursuit of our four overarching strategies – providing relevant and ready landpower; training and equipping Soldiers to serve as warriors and growing adaptive leaders; sustaining the all-volunteer force composed of highly competent Soldiers who are provided a quality

of life commensurate with the level of their service; and providing infrastructure and support to enable the force to fulfill its strategic roles and missions. Furthermore,



instead of reigning-in our drive to transform during a time of war, we have leveraged opportunities in this conflict to establish and accelerate the momentum necessary to reshape the entire force into a more capable campaign-quality force with vastly improved joint and expeditionary capabilities.

Specifically, as we serve alongside our joint and allied partners in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, we have improved the Army's ability to operate and dominate in any environment against current, emerging, and unforeseen threats. While working to grow the Regular Army by 30,000 since 2004, we now have authority to permanently increase our endstrength by over 74,000 Soldiers across all components – Active, National Guard, and Army Reserve.

We have created far more capable and strategically deployable brigade-sized formations that are designed to

receive and integrate new technologies and equipment as soon as they become available. There has been a significant expansion and enhancement of Army Special Operations Forces. We have and are continuing to increase Soldier and unit effectiveness and protection, as evidenced in our reset efforts and modernization plans. We have been developing a forward-looking doctrine which guides how we organize, train, fight, and sustain our forces. Finally, and perhaps most importantly given that Soldiers are our centerpiece, the Army's intellectual and cultural transformation is creating and maintaining a learning and adaptive force that will dramatically improve how we face future challenges. We are growing innovative Soldiers and pentathlete leaders through training and education built on recent combat experience. Literally, every aspect of today's Army has been touched by change, with the exception of our enduring values.

During my tenure as Army Chief of Staff, I have seen our Soldiers continuously demonstrate why they are our greatest strength. Their adherence to the Warrior Ethos is as inspiring as it is necessary. Their

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ability to learn and adapt as we fight an ever-changing enemy and transform to meet complex future threats is essential. Their dedication and optimism about our future are contagious.

We must never forget that war is

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Security bulletin: Classified Information

By **Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Classified information is information that requires special protection. It is divided into three broad categories: CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, TOP SECRET. This type of classified information is colloquially referred to in DOD as “collateral” information. Additionally, there is a category of information that is referred to as “Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)” which, because of its special sensitivity, is afforded additional security protection. The J2 Command Security Manager’s Office exercises staff oversight of matters dealing with Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret information. The JTF SSO exercises staff oversight of matters dealing

with Sensitive Compartmented Information.

Classified information is disseminated on a strict “need-to-know” basis. The “need-to-know” philosophy means that classified information is disseminated only to those individuals who, in addition to possessing a proper clearance, are required to know the information in order to perform their official duties. No one is entitled to classified information solely by virtue of office, position, rank, or security clearance. All personnel are required to practice “need-to-know” as part of their responsibility to protect classified information. Determining need-to-know is an individual responsibility. If there is any doubt in your mind about an individual’s “need-to-know,” check with your supervisor, your Security Manager, or the SSO before

releasing any classified material under your control.

The most basic of security procedures is the individual security responsibility to confine classified conversations to secure areas. Classified conversations should only be held in classified areas. SCI conversations should only be held in the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility. Your home, car, the Windjammer, Tiki Bar, and other public places are not authorized areas to discuss classified information, even if everyone involved in the discussion possesses a proper clearance and need-to-know. The possibility that unauthorized persons could overhear such conversations dictates a need to guard against classified discussions in non-secure areas.

Mission first, security always! ■

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fought in the human dimension.

Therefore, technology will always play an important but distinctly secondary role, because even our most sophisticated satellites and computers cannot get into the mind of the enemy, interact with local leaders, understand other societies and cultures, or make the instantaneous life or death decisions required to meet our 21st century challenges. Men and women with their “boots on the ground” are necessary to do all this.

Let there be no mistake, fighting and adapting today, while transforming for an uncertain and complex future against traditional, irregular, catastrophic, and disruptive threats is vital to America’s security. Although those in uniform have borne a disproportionate burden during the opening engagements of this Long War, we are not fighting and cannot win this war alone. Defeating our enemies requires a shared understanding of the threat and a strategic consensus. It requires a concerted effort, utilizing all elements of power – diplomatic, informational, military, and economic. Finally, it requires a national commitment to recruit, train, equip, and support those in uniform and their families, something that is a matter of priorities, not affordability.

While prudence cautions against ignoring the effect of

war weariness and our tendency toward cyclic national defense flat-footedness let me assure you that from my vantage point, our men and women in uniform continue to enjoy the admiration and appreciation of every American. This is reflected both in public opinion and the Congress. This support has been and will be critical as we continue to fight this Long War.

The road ahead will not be easy and the stakes could not be higher. While there is much we don’t know, I can say with certitude that sustained engagement of our Army will remain the norm, not the exception. Therefore, the Army must continue to demonstrate initiative, resilience, and innovation at all levels. The Army must continue to adhere to its non-negotiable Values and the Warrior Ethos. The Army must continue to learn and adapt. Yet despite challenges, everything I have seen as Army Chief of Staff encourages me.

When recalled from retired rolls nearly four years ago, I stated that “as an American Soldier, I had never left your ranks.” It has been a great privilege to wear the uniform once again. I remain forever humbled by the courage, dedication, and selfless service of those who preceded us and those who remain in service to our Country. I am proud of you. You are indeed Army Strong!

God bless you – the United States Army. ■

CASEY BECOMES ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF

By Army Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

36th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army

Soldiers, Civilians, and Families of the United States Army,

I am extremely proud to be taking charge of an organization that is rightly regarded as the best in the world. I have watched the men and women of our Army in action for the past several years in the most demanding combat environment. I am proud of the courage, competence and commitment of our Soldiers and civilians both to the ideals that made this country great and to making a difference in our world. You epitomize what is best about America. You and your families carry a heavy burden in today's war, with a hard road ahead. Your willingness to sacrifice to build a better future for others and to preserve our way of life is a great strength of our Nation. In every generation, when faced with difficult challenges, Americans have risen to the occasion. Today, such heroes fill the Army's ranks. It is your efforts that will make victory possible.

We are locked in a war against a global extremist network that is fixed on defeating the United States and destroying our way of life. This foe will not go away nor will they give up easily, and the next decade will likely be one of persistent conflict. We are engaged in a long war.

At stake are the power of our values and our civilization, exemplified by the promise of America, to confront and defeat the menace of extremist terrorists. At stake is whether the authority of those who treasure the rights of free individuals will stand firm against the ruthless and pitiless men who wantonly slay the defenseless. At stake is whether the future will be framed by the individual freedoms we hold so dear or dominated by a demented form of extremism. At stake is whether we will continue to expand freedom, opportunity and decency for those who thirst for it, or let fall the darkness of extremism and terror.

We have been at war for over five years, fighting for our freedom, our security and our future as a Nation. We have made hard sacrifices. There will be more. Faced with such a long and difficult struggle, it is useful to remind ourselves that the Army exists to field forces for victory. We are in this war to win. We have fought this way since 1775. We always will.

As Soldiers, we will lead the Nation to victory



over this enemy. Our combat veterans know well the meaning of "Army Strong". They have been "baptized in fire and blood, and they have come out as steel." That steel endures. Our Warrior Ethos has it right:

- I will always place the mission first.
- I will never quit.
- I will never accept defeat.
- I will never leave a fallen comrade.

Seldom in our history have Soldiers faced greater challenges. We serve at a time when the stakes for our Nation and our way of life are high, and the demands on our force significant. We will continue to reflect the very best of our Nation by defeating the enemies of freedom and the proponents of terror, by defending our homeland, and by assisting our Nation to build a better future for coming generations.

I could not be more proud to be a Soldier today and to stand shoulder to shoulder with you and your families during this time of great danger and uncertainty. Together we are, and always will be, ARMY STRONG. ■

Wade's Triumphant Return Dashed by Charlotte

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Dwyane Wade returned to Miami's home court to a boisterous welcome from the Heat crowd. After more than six weeks on the injured list with a dislocated left shoulder, he was finally back to help out his team.

The joy didn't last long though. Charlotte's coach Bernie Bickerstaff immediately called a timeout, seeming to put an early end to the cheerful momentum of the Heat.

That wasn't all the Bobcats did to spoil Wade's fun Sunday night.

Charlotte's Gerard Wallace scored 30 points in the game, and Walter Herrmann drained two big three-pointers in the final minute, further ruining Wade's return with a 111-103 overtime win against the Heat.

The Heat's loss seriously hurt their hopes of having a home-court edge for their first round playoff match up. "It's exciting to get back, but at the end of the day, you always want to win," Wade said after the game. "You always want to come back and help your team win. I came back and at times, I looked okay and at times, I didn't."

That pretty much summed up Miami's night.

Playing 28 minutes, Wade scored 12 points with three goals from the field and six of 12 shots from the foul line. Miami was 26-of-44 from the foul line that night. This, combined with a season-high 26 turnovers, was simply too much for the defending NBA champions to overcome.

"When you don't play as hard as you can play, you make 26 turnovers and the other team is shooting over 50 percent, you're going to have a very difficult time," said the Heat's coach Pat Riley. "Plus, missing 18 free-throws, I don't know how you can win."

Charlotte played nearly flawless in overtime, draining six of seven shots in the extra session, three of which were from Herrmann's 3-for-3 three pointers, two of which were in the final 43 seconds of the game.

Herrmann finished with 15 points on the night while Raymond Felton scored 16, and Emeka Okafor and Brevin Knight each scored 13 points for the Bobcats. Rookie forward Adam Morrison missed his first game of the season with a sprained left knee tendon. Even so, Jake Voskuhl added another 12 points for Charlotte.

Wade could have won it in regulation; his turnaround jumper with 1:02 left on the clock pulled Miami within 92-91, but his short jumper was blocked by Okafor 33 seconds later. After that, the Heat cooled off.



Wade was fouled by Felton with 2.4 seconds left, but Wade only made the second of the two free-throws. The Heat failed to get another shot off and the game went into overtime. The Bobcats took the win over the Heat, 111-103.

Wade's come-back night was tarnished by a major disappointment. The loss knocked Miami back two games behind Toronto for a home-court spot in the first round; both teams have five games left.

"I had a lot of turnovers tonight. I missed a lot of free-throws," Wade said. "But one thing about me, you don't have to worry about that. I won't do that too often." ■

Anchors Aweigh: Chiefs knock off Renegades, 10-7

**By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Jeff Johnstone**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Untouchable Renegades locked horns with the Rocking Anchors in softball action Wednesday night at Cooper Field. Both teams took turns going hot and cold in this one, as no team could keep a distinct advantage, until the Anchors, a team comprised primarily of Navy chief petty officers, set sail in the fifth inning to blow this one open.

The Renegades appeared ready

to rout their opponents in the game's early innings, jumping out to an impressive 6-3 advantage. As the Renegades' confidence began to grow, the Anchors chopped them down in the fifth inning, decimating the Renegades' outfield with a seven run scoring barrage.

As the Anchors' offense finally took shape, so did their defense. They allowed the Renegades a run at the top of the sixth inning, courtesy of a double by Jacob Wilson, but that was all the chiefs would give up. The Renegades would get sent back out to

the field again, as a hit to center field by short stop Todd Ellis was gathered by the Anchors' defense for a third out.

The Renegades never gave up the fight, as they quickly sent the Anchors' offense back to the dugout at the top of the seventh, giving them one more shot at a comeback victory. The Anchors' outfield thwarted any Renegade comeback attempt however, as they collected the three outs they needed to secure the win off the first three batters. The Rocking Anchors dispatched the Untouchable Renegades, 10-7. ■



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone



Photo by Army Col. Lora Tucker



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Timm Duckworth

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION

PROVIDING MANY THINGS TO DO WHILE STATIONED AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Timm Duckworth



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lacy D. Hicks

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

From diving into the depths of the deep blue water to pumping iron at one of three gyms, MWR helps Troopers have a good time while stationed at Guantanamo Bay.

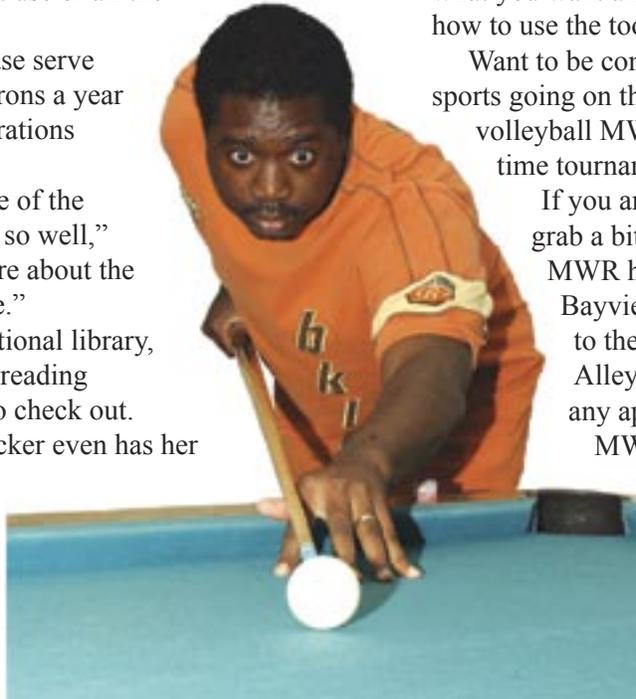
MWR provides Troopers, residents, and visiting fleet personnel with high quality, affordable, safe and clean recreational facilities, programs and services.

Due to being on a remote island, there are no alternatives for Troopers. Because of this, Troopers and other residents make great use of all the MWR facilities.

“MWR facilities on base serve more than 1.2 million patrons a year or more,” said MWR operations manager John Tully.

“The MWR staff is one of the reasons the program does so well,” said Tully. “They truly care about the services they provide here.”

MWR has a fully functional library, with computers, a child’s reading room, books and DVDs to check out. The librarian, Maxine Becker even has her exam-proctoring license to administer tests to residents who may be taking off-island college courses. The library is located at 1840 Sherman Ave.



Not into quiet activities? That’s okay, MWR has something for the Troopers who are looking for outdoor activities too. MWR has a free paintball range and all the rental equipment you will need to paint your fellow Troopers.

Feeling creative? MWR offers crafty Troopers plenty of opportunity to try their skills at pottery, ceramics and woodworking at the wood shop and full service ceramic shop. A variety of classes are offered at the ceramic shop throughout the year for pottery, ceramics, watercolors, oil painting, faux painting and others.

“The wood shop has all the tools you need to create what you want and staff members there can show beginners how to use the tools correctly,” said Tully.

Want to be competitive? MWR has several types of team sports going on throughout each season. From bowling to volleyball MWR offers season-long leagues and one-time tournaments for teams to participate in.

If you are looking for somewhere to relax and grab a bite to eat or even kick up your heels a bit, MWR hasn’t forgotten you either. From The Bayview Dining Room on Deer Point Road to the A&W inside the Marblehead Bowling Alley, MWR offers a variety of places to satisfy any appetite.

MWR has also tapped into the many water sports available here. Boating, fishing, scuba diving, or swimming in one of two pools are all things offered to you by MWR.

So no matter what your interests or hobbies are, MWR has something that will fit your lifestyle. ■



Keeping In Touch With Loved Ones Over Seas

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Serving in the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, means a lot of things. Working in the JTF entails hard work, dedication and honor under difficult circumstances. For many Troopers the most difficult aspect of serving in GTMO is the time spent away from friends and family.

Luckily, there are numerous ways to keep in touch with loved ones.

For Troopers in need of hearing familiar voices, there are two phone card services on the island. You can pick up an AT&T phone card at the many Navy Exchanges on the island. To dial off the island on an AT&T phone card, you must dial ext. 2935 to reach AT&T services.

The other phone cards offered

are the Satellite Communication Systems Incorporated phone cards. SCSi is the local communications service offered here. The rate on their phone cards are nine cents a minute. In order to use the phone cards just follow the simple directions on the back of each one and dial away.

For those trying to save money by not spending on phone cards, you'll be happy to know that there are internet connections available throughout the base.

The Deere Point Liberty Center offers numerous internet stations that are webcam capable. From these internet stations you can use any one of the many instant messenger services available over the Internet to contact friends and family back home. Best of all, computer usage at the Liberty Center is completely free.

If you happen to own your own

laptop computer with a webcam, you can also tap into some of the limited wireless connections on base. Not far from the Liberty Center is Caribbean Coffee and Cream, which has an open wireless connection. So if you're looking for something to satisfy your sweet tooth while you contact friends in the states, swing by.

If you're looking for a little more privacy in your internet usage, you can always establish your own personal internet connection. Both SCSi and Phoenix Cable offer personal Internet services. For more information regarding these services call SCSi at ext. 7362 or call Phoenix Cable at ext. 2510.

The distance between GTMO and loved ones is closer than you think. You're loved ones are a mere phone call or instant message away from you. ■



Satellite Communication Systems Incorporated, GTMO's local communication service, phone cards at a rate of nine cents per minute. Photo courtesy of the Wire.

Rumor control at the JTF

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

We've all heard them. They follow us everywhere we go ... in the galley, in the gym, in our work places. Some choose to indulge in them, some cause them and others try to avoid them. What are they? They are rumors.

The Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary describes a rumor as, "talk or opinion widely disseminated with no discernible source." But a rumor is much more than just that. A rumor is a powerful psychological tool that can potentially result in low morale, low self-esteem and social destruction.

We've all been exposed to them at some point in time, whether we were the culprit or the target. Can you remember how a rumor has affected you?

Some of the people who

have heard a rumor will believe it, others will wonder what to believe, and those who know it isn't true will sit back and hope it all goes away. The thing about this psychological warfare is that rumors are often difficult to prove or disprove. Too often we don't take the rumor back to the source. Too often we don't seek the truth.

Well, it's time to take the source to the rumor. It's time for Rumor Control. Do you want to really know what's going on at the Joint Task Force? Have you heard that Camp America might be receiving internet access in the units? Are you wondering what happened to the Starbucks at Camp America? Help us get to the truth.

If you hear a JTF rumor, call Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs at ext. 3592 or Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis at ext. 3589. Remember, take it to the source! ■



Photo by Army Sgt. Jamieson Pond

RUMOR CONTROL

From the office of the former Camp America Commandant, Army Sgt. Maj. David Hare

Rumor:

The Troopers at Camp America will be moving from the lower camp to the upper camp within the next few weeks to make way for the remodeling of the lower camp.

Truth:

We have started the process to have them renovated into the three person units. I went on a tour with a contracting officer Thursday. He looked at the facilities, asked how we wanted the unit to be. He will pass this information through the system. I was told that it would take four to six months before they start. When they start, it is my plan to have them do one block of six units at a time. Once these are completed, we will move Troopers into the completed units and have the next group done. You may have to move more than once, once out and once back. I don't know if it will be possible to work on the unit while Troopers are in them because of security of your items.

Heard a rumor? Call ext. 3592 and we'll find out the truth.

Reunion Issue #8

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

Yours, mine and ours is not only a phrase that became the title of a movie, it describes a recommended practice during your post-deployment reunion. You can probably add many more items to the list, but for starters making supper, washing the dishes, food shopping, taking the trash out, doing the laundry, taking care of the pets and cleaning the bathroom are some.

Who is responsible, your spouse, your children, your roommate or yourself? If you are single and live alone, the answer is an easy one for you. If you are married with children, it maybe a good idea to rethink and reassign who does certain tasks after you return home. You may even have family members tell you the new tasks they have taken over and how they want to continue doing them.

If you demand that everything goes back to the way it was before you left, you could meet with strong resistance and even have a major argument about a minor issue. Take time to discuss the changes in responsibility. It can be

difficult at first, but after awhile, you can find yourself enjoying the change. It's not about control, it's about cooperation.

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

SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

This week's action item is:

Action Item #8 – If you are in a relationship, demand some private time with your partner

You may think “no one” needs to tell me about what, when, where, why and how I am going to reconnect with the woman or man that I love. And yet, too many people want too much of us at the same time. It is not being selfish to send the kids away to friends or family, or delay a welcome home party with your friends and family. Even if you are just home for leave, demand time to focus on the one you love. ■

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Apr. 14

Partly cloudy with a chance of overnight showers. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.

Sunset: 7:19 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Sunday, Apr. 15

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.

Sunset: 7:19 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Monday, Apr. 16

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.

Sunset: 7:19 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

This week's movie review of "Blades of Glory" by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen

Talladega Nights meets Napoleon Dynamite in a hilarious gut busting movie *Blades of Glory*. Will Ferrell and John Heder play rival figure skaters that are forced to compete as the first all male ice figure skating in the Olympics. Ferrell and Heder are complete opposites that work perfectly together. Just watching them in spandex makes me laugh. They even pull off all the lewd jokes so you don't feel uncomfortable, keeping all the scenes funny but not offensive.

The movie is filled with dozens of one-liners like "You still look like a fifteen year old chick, only not hot!" that will keep getting funnier in hindsight every time they are imitated. This is Will Ferrell's greatest movie thus far, I give it 4 out of 5 stars. To borrow a memorable line from this movie "I could not love a human baby as much as I love.... this movie," said Will Ferrell. ■

- **Blades of Glory** -
 Rating: ★★★★★

Rated: PG 13
Duration: 93 minutes



Boots on the Ground:

"What is one thing you would change if you were the Admiral for a day?"



"Free wireless Internet for all GTMO."
 -Navy Chief Petty Officer James Pinsky



"Serve Latino food at the galley once a week."
 -Army Sgt. Jesus Ortiz



"More MWR events during the week for shift workers."
 -Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Hodges



"Make Jet Ski's available for rent at the MWR Marina."
 -Marine Sgt. Logan C. Witt

TENT PEG LOVE

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

Someone recently asked me to read a special paragraph in an Army manual involving the procedures to put up a tent. The descriptions of each part were insightful but one of them left me a bit confused. You be the judge.

From an Army Manual:

“Tent pegs, aluminum, 9-inch, NSN 8340-00-261-9749, must be painted orange. The bright color provides an easy means of locating the pegs under various light and climatic conditions during field use. When bright orange pegs are used, **they must be driven into the ground completely out of sight.**”

Was there something wrong with the instructions, ‘orange for identity but placed out of sight?’ That sounds a bit contradictory.

Sometimes I don’t understand my wife. She says one thing but I find out she means another and I should have known this. I also don’t understand my kids. They want and need to be told they are loved but when I say it they just roll their eyes

at me and strongly advise me to not ever say that out loud again and embarrass them. Life can be contradictory. It seems sometimes people just don’t know what they really want.

It may seem that way at times but I’ve found that it’s just the human struggle to put wants and needs into words that seem to cheapen the true meaning. To tell someone that they need to say, “I love you”, cheapens it. To tell someone to say caring, intuitive words makes it hollow to our ears. It’s a struggle to share what we all really want and need. We want it to just happen in the right way at the right time when we need it the most. That is hard and it comes out

contradictory.

I believe in the midst of contradictions in relationship communication, we’re all are saying the same thing. We want to be loved. We want to be needed. We want to be first in someone’s life and cared for. What’s contradictory about that?

There is a Creator who made each one of us with no contradiction of intent. It was from pure love and care. Start from that and work it into your other relationships. An orange peg out of sight is still orange. Love that is not shown enough outwardly can still be love. ■



CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers’ Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers’ Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers’ Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Troopers’ Chapel
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Mon. to Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	4:15 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.

15 Minutes of Fame

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone

AIR FORCE CAPT.
KENYATTA CRATEN

Military members are afforded the opportunity to further their education while on active or reserve duty. A higher education greatly improves a service member's chances to achieve that sought after next pay grade. A college degree opens doors for all members, including those who plan on separating from the military at the end of their obligation, be it 20 years or more, or simply a single enlistment hitch.

What service members plan to do with their spare time is completely up to them. The choice of going the extra mile and enrolling in college courses may seem like more work to the average member.

Air Force Capt. Kenyatta Craten fully understands the hard work it takes to reach a level of higher learning, and credits the benefits offered by the military for much of his success. He urges all service members to check out what the military offers them.

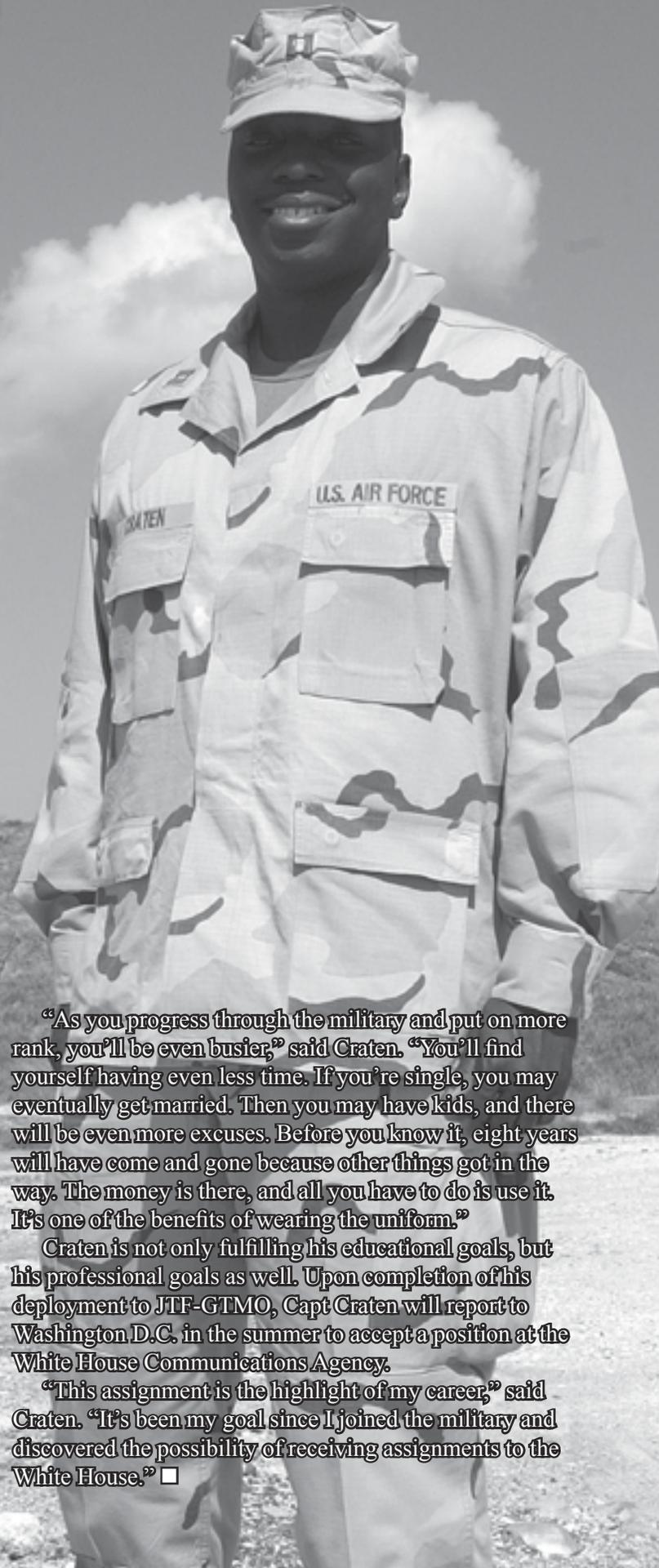
"I'm a constant promoter of using all of your military benefits," said Craten. "I tell people that the benefits are out there for us to take advantage of. The military provides them, and they may not be available forever."

Craten, the Information Assurance Manager for J6, is responsible for upholding the policies and procedures for Joint Task Force Guantanamo network security at the Joint Data Center. He received his commission four years ago through ROTC.

Craten is the proud holder of a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from Alabama State University. His educational accomplishments don't stop there, however.

"I was in ROTC, but I wasn't on a scholarship," said Craten. "That made me eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill. When I first began active duty, I was stationed with a Special Operations unit in Japan. That's when I began pursuing my Master's degree in Computer Information Systems at the University of Phoenix Online. I used military offered Transition Assistance (TA) to complete my degree."

Craten, who is currently in his last semester of a second Master's degree in Government from Harvard University, has advice for those members who are aware of their educational opportunities, but may be "too busy to take a course."



"As you progress through the military and put on more rank, you'll be even busier," said Craten. "You'll find yourself having even less time. If you're single, you may eventually get married. Then you may have kids, and there will be even more excuses. Before you know it, eight years will have come and gone because other things got in the way. The money is there, and all you have to do is use it. It's one of the benefits of wearing the uniform."

Craten is not only fulfilling his educational goals, but his professional goals as well. Upon completion of his deployment to JTF-GTMO, Capt Craten will report to Washington D.C. in the summer to accept a position at the White House Communications Agency.

"This assignment is the highlight of my career," said Craten. "It's been my goal since I joined the military and discovered the possibility of receiving assignments to the White House." ■

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

Army Lt. Col. William "Billy" Griffin is promoted to his current rank by his wife, Monday.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen

Joatam Recayo and Manny Garcia measure a steel support beam for the new car wash located in the back parking lot of the Downtown Lyceum.



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

Working in the soaking rain, members of the Naval Station construction battalion help construct a shelter next to the Camp 6.



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A pair of sailors from the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion take a break from their hectic schedule to play a game of volleyball at Windmill Beach.