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A JTF Journal



J6 in action
Keeping your information safe

Navy Chief, Navy Pride
Sweet, sweet advancement

Tactics change, but not intent

**Army Master Sgt.
Thomas Richards**

J6 Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge

The Army ain't what it used to be ... and it never was.

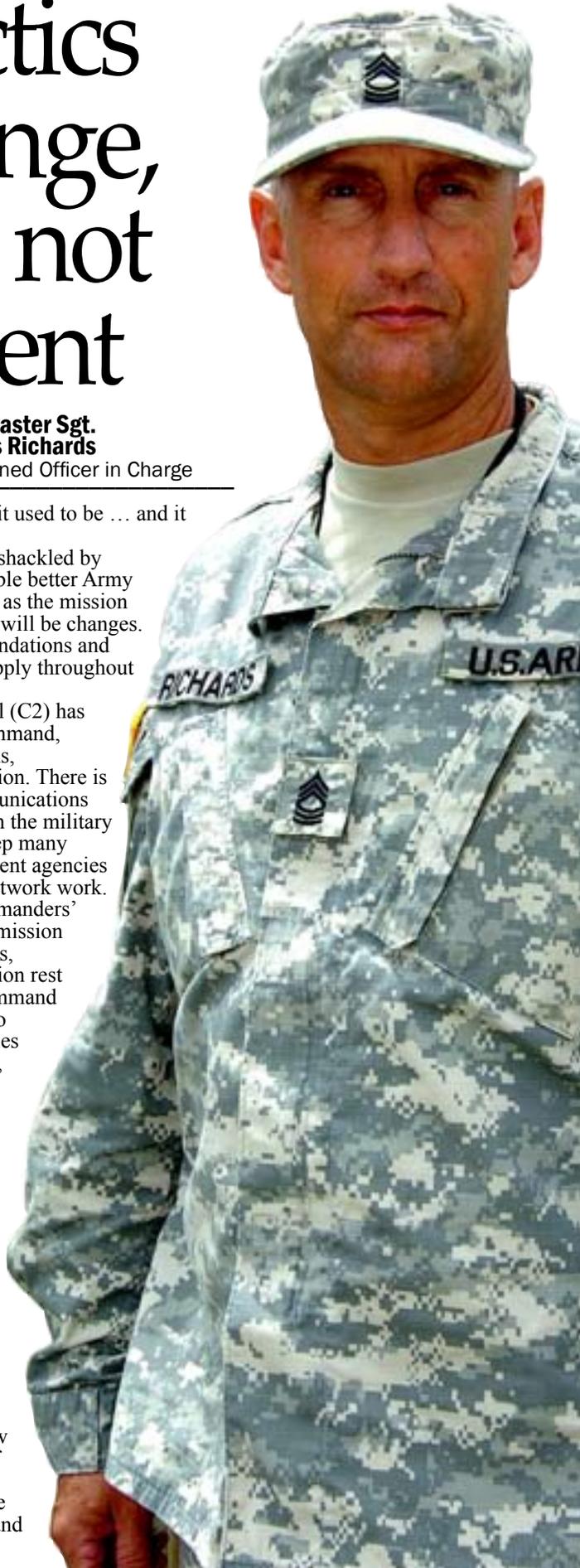
Example: We are not shackled by doctrine, but we can enable better Army doctrine to be developed as the mission changes – and yes, there will be changes. Yet keep in mind the foundations and fundamentals that will apply throughout your career.

Command and control (C2) has evolved into C4I, or Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information. There is an eclectic mix of communications and computer products in the military and open market that keep many contractors and government agencies employed making our network work.

Yet knowing the commanders' intent is fundamental to mission success. Communications, Computers and Information rest on the foundation of Command and Control, and ought to be based on four principles – Mobility, Survivability, Sustainability, and Responsiveness.

Yes, commanders may use multi-band satellite links over complex networks or just audio frequency (voice), yet you can be sure the commands will be based on sure foundations.

Consider the United States Constitution – this code has proven invulnerable to attacks and is often copied. Because it allows for new and different concepts of freedom, allowing future generations to evolve, we will continue to uphold and defend it. ☆



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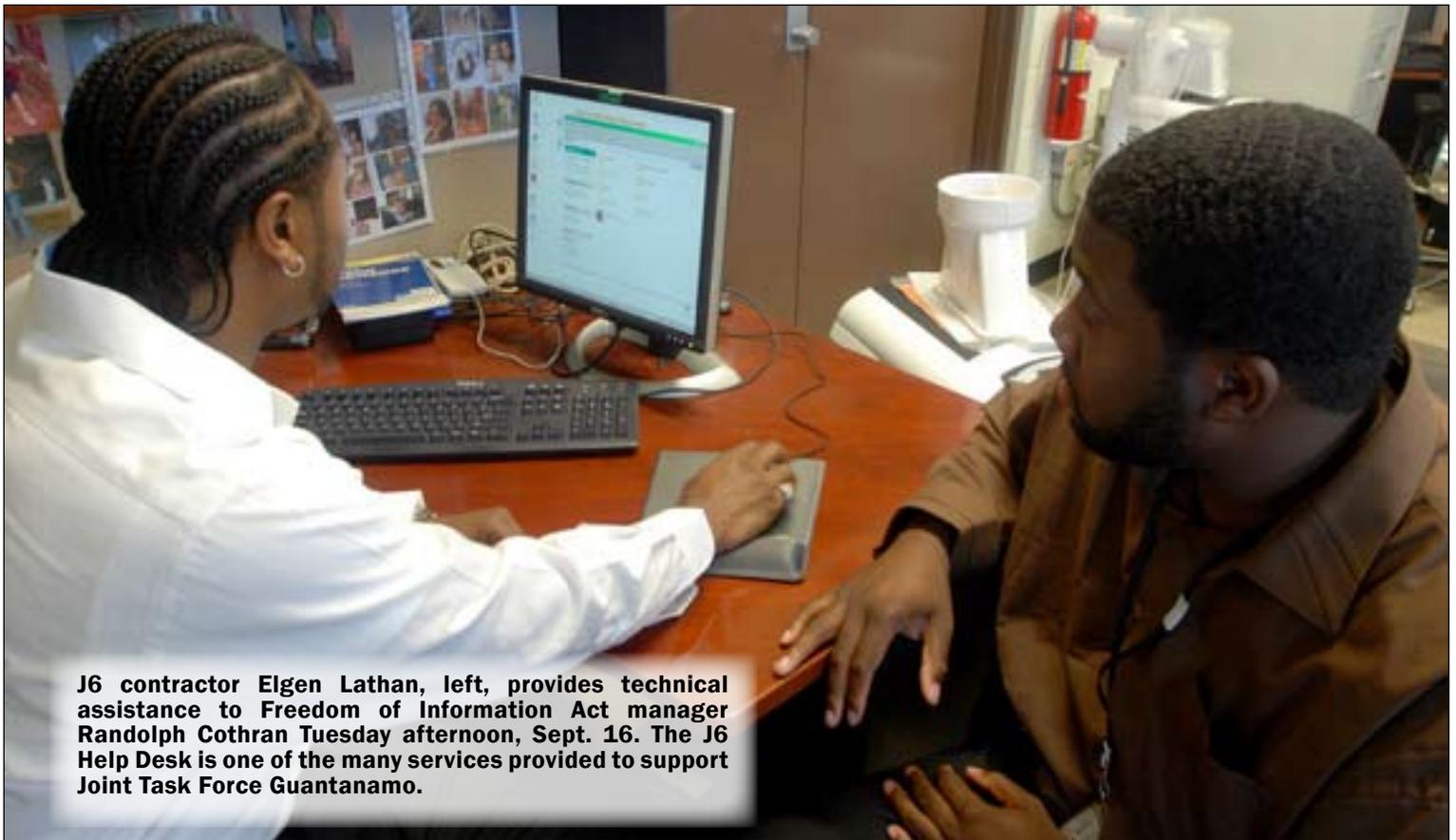
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Nineteen Sailors participated in a Chief pinning ceremony at the Windjammer Ballroom Tuesday, Sept. 16. For more details, see story on page 4. –

JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jayme Pastoric



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J6 contractor Elgen Lathan, left, provides technical assistance to Freedom of Information Act manager Randolph Cothran Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 16. The J6 Help Desk is one of the many services provided to support Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

J6 keeps all systems online

**Army Sgt. 1st Class
Vaughn R. Larson**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

He's not Neo from the film "The Matrix," but Robert Worrell knows how the mysterious world of J6 works.

And well he should. Worrell – a General Dynamics employee – has been chief of operations for J6 the past three and one-half years, and has seen his area of responsibility grow.

"We used to call it LAN [Local Area Network] in a can," he recalled. "We've expanded significantly."

Today J6 provides round the clock support to more than 50 locations on base for communications, including approximately 1,200 NIPR, 800 SIPR, and 150 JWICS computing systems and accounts with asynchronous transfer mode redundancy between the major distribution nodes.

In addition, J6 manages a number of resources from Internet access, electronic mail, file and print services, video teleconferencing, closed-circuit television feeds, video over Internet protocol, network routing and switching. J6 also liaises with a number of program offices to support database applications such as

the Detainee Information Management System (DIMS) for camp management, Biometric Automated Toolset, Document Exploitation, proGres for Migrant Operations, and others.

J6 uses several enterprise management applications to track software licensing, application subscriptions, asset tracking, network configuration changes, as well as provide real-time network status, and remote management of switches, routers, encryption devices, and bandwidth utilization.

During his tenure, Worrell oversaw the migration of approximately 75 servers spanning across four networks from Windows NT to an active directory environment, more than 1,300 client migrations to Windows XP, as well as the periodic hardware refresh of systems reaching their end of life.

J6 also supports communications requirements for new building infrastructure, from conducting site surveys, determining equipment specification, preparing the bill of material for contracting, and the installation of networking equipment, which allows the various automated systems across the Joint Task Force to communicate with each other.



This server farm supports the various computer networks of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. By the end of November these units will be transferred to a newer facility in Camp Bulkeley that will provide greater protection from heavy rains and hurricanes.

These major projects are a collective effort between J6, Base Communications Office, Naval Station and JTF engineers, and other partners whose support ranges from inside plant to long-haul communications.

"The list goes on and on," Worrell said. Worrell credits the success of the J6

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Newly pinned Chief Petty Officers stand waiting for each of the 19 members in the ceremony to be pinned in a ceremony held in the Windjammer Ballroom, Sept. 16. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jayme Pastoric

Ask the Chief

**Army Staff Sgt.
Gretel Sharpee**

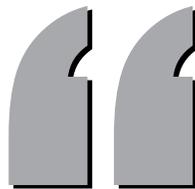
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Nineteen Navy chief covers lay glimmering under the hot lights in the Windjammer ballroom for the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony, held here on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Sept. 16.

“The voice of a Chief is clear and direct ... Once spoken, there is no question of intent,” said Navy Capt. Mark Leary, commander of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. “Chiefs are the builders of Sailors and the builders of the future.”

Achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer, or E-7, is a prestigious accomplishment no other service regards as highly as the Navy. Chief’s are considered experts in their field and are charged with completing the mission and developing Sailors.

These newly pinned Chiefs started the



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**– Navy Capt. Mark Leary,
commander U.S. Naval
Station Guantanamo Bay**

promotion process by taking their rating exam in January. If they passed, they had to put a packet together to be reviewed by a board who would then decide if they could be eligible to become a Chief Select. Once a Chief Select, these candidates endured a 47-day training regime to ensure they were proficient in all areas needed in order to be named Chief.

The ceremony only lasted one hour, but in its duration, 19 Navy Petty Officers and one Coast Guard Petty Officer were pinned the rank of Chief Petty Officer and charged with all of its responsibilities.

“You are now a Chief. The exalted position you have now achieved – and the word exalted is used advisedly – exists because of the attitude and performance of the Chiefs before you. It shall exist only as long as you and your fellow Chiefs maintain these standards.” – Chief Petty Officer’s Creed ☆



Fly like an eagle

■ J-1 section helps JTF Troopers clear for takeoff

Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Out-processing. Words that signify the beginning of the end of a Trooper’s tour at Guantanamo Bay—but can also bring a groan of discontent with thoughts of the work ahead to get cleared from the island.

Clearing Guantanamo Bay isn’t nearly as complicated as it once may have been thanks to the efforts of the Joint Personnel Reception Center and a re-invented procedure intended to help Joint Task Force Troopers cut down on the time it takes them to complete their out-processing checklist.

“Our out and in-processing procedures have improved tremendously because we’re passionate about what we do [at the JPRC],” said Air Force Capt. Kira Cooper, officer in charge of the JPRC.

“Out-processing begins long before service members realize,” said Army Sgt. Chris Kutyleff, non-commissioned officer in charge of out-processing. “About six weeks prior [to their departure date], the JPRC gets a list of everyone scheduled to out-process. Once we generate this roster, I send it to 13 different agencies, like Phoenix Cable, J-4 motor pool and the armory, and have them verify if the individual is cleared or not. This helps to pre-clear them and save them time running all over the base.”

Once the various agencies confirm whether a Trooper has any unresolved issues, Kutyleff creates individual out processing check lists that allow Troopers to skip that agency, if they’ve been cleared.

“Your average Trooper can expect out-processing to take one week if they do not have access to a vehicle and are required to take a bus or depend on others



Army Sgt. Chris Kutyleff, out-processing NCOIC for the JPRC, stands at the entrance of the air terminal where JTF personnel turn in their out process checklists, meal cards and in some cases, JTF badges. If Kutyleff is not present, leave your checklist and other turn in items in the drop box.

for transportation. A diligent Trooper with a vehicle can realistically out-process in one day, but not everyone has access to a vehicle,” said Kutyleff.

Completing the out-processing checklist is important. A representative from each agency must sign off to verify the Trooper made the visit, unless they were pre-cleared and not required to stop. If an agency pre-clears the Trooper, it is indicated on their out-processing checklist.

“Before pre-clearing, the most common mistake Troopers made was not clearing

with a certain agency, like Phoenix Cable [for example]. Troopers assumed that if they did not do business with a certain agency, they didn’t have to visit them. That was incorrect,” Kutyleff continued. “Pre-clearing eliminates that confusion.”

Without the clearing process complete, an individual can easily be held on the island until their paperwork is done. Should someone leave with any outstanding debts or unresolved issues, the potential negative result could follow them to their next command.

The JPRC has the authority to retain anyone who has not successfully completed their out-processing checklist.

“We have delayed departures for individuals who did not complete the process properly,” said Kutyleff. “If someone leaves an outstanding debt, the government, and ultimately the tax payer, is left holding the bill.”

When Troopers arrive at Guantanamo and in-process, the JPRC get an estimate on their departure date. That information goes into their database. The only way they know if a departure date has changed is if a service member or unit admin clerk contacts them.

“We encourage communication between service members, their command, and our office,” said Kutyleff. “It is very important that units give us accurate information on individual departure dates. We want units to stress the importance of out-processing properly to their people so service members complete the process.”

The purpose of the JPRC is to maintain 100 percent accountability of every person that comes to Guantanamo Bay.

“I dedicate my time to taking care of JTF Troopers,” said Kutyleff. “If they have any issues they should call or email our office. My goal is to take the mystery out of out-processing and show Troopers how easy the process really is.” ☆

Intense competition in close proximities



Eric Bey serves the ball to John Tickner in their first game of the singles racquetball tournament held at Denich Gym, Sept. 12.



Top finishers of the singles racquetball tournament include Eric Bey and Bob Grassino.

Doubles Results

1st - Eric Bey & Lee Cuthbertson
2nd - Bob Grassino & Jesse Webster

Army Spc. Megan Burnham

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The chance for experienced and novice players to compete in an enclosed room, armed with only goggles and a racquet, striking a rubber ball at speeds up to 200 mph was an opportunity that couldn't be missed by 14 racquetball enthusiasts. The chance arose at Denich Gym, Sept. 12 and 13 when Morale Welfare and Recreation hosted a singles and doubles racquetball tournament.

Both tournaments were double elimination which gave a single player or two-person team a second chance if they lost a set at any point during the tournament.

The game of racquetball is a confusing

sport in terms of all the rules associated with the game. To start off, a set is made up of three games where opponents need to win two out of the three to advance to the next round. The first two games are played to 15 points and if both players win a game, the third game is conducted as a tie-breaker is played to 11 points.

To obtain points, the player serving must win the rally by outplaying their opponent. Ways to lose a rally include: letting the ball bounce twice on the floor before being struck, the ball not reaching the front wall after being struck, hitting the ball where it hits another player, or touching the ball with body or uniform.

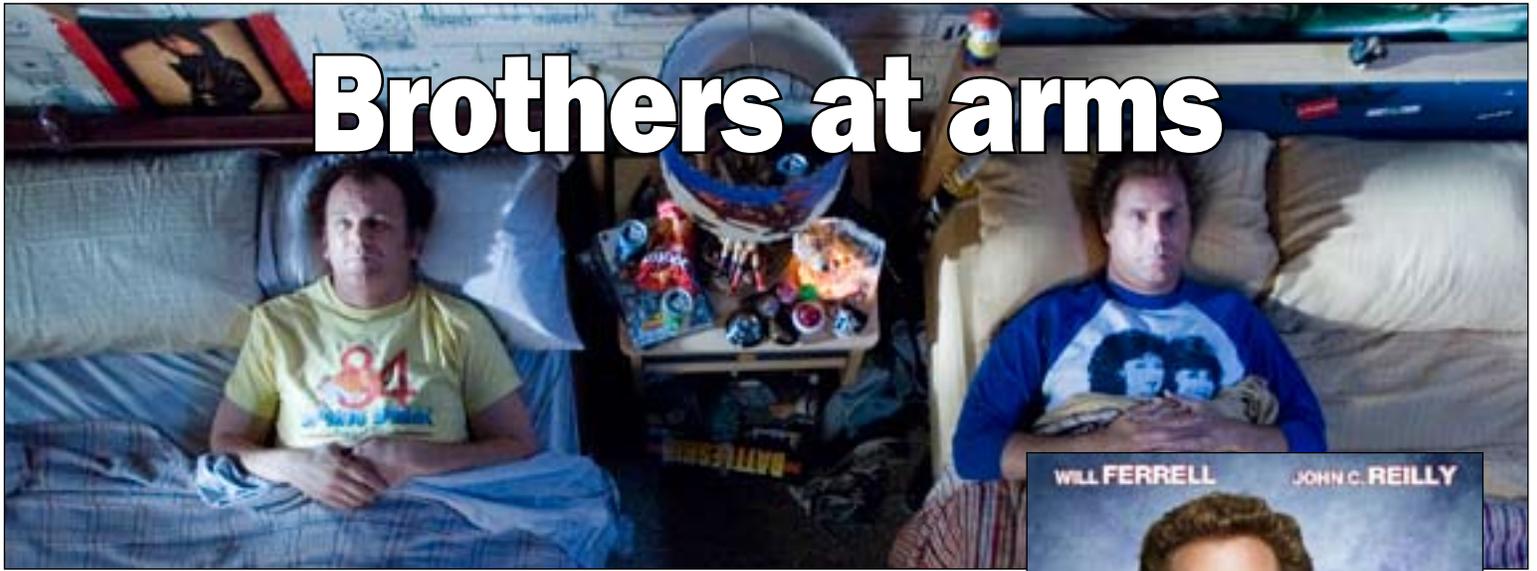
The singles tournament consisted of eight players and was conducted on Sept. 12,

starting at 6 p.m. and lasted until midnight. Army Capt. Eric Bey won the singles tournament over second place finisher Rob Boyce while Coast Guard Cmdr. Bob Grassino finished third. The top three finishers were awarded trophies.

Only three two-player teams attended the doubles tournament on Sept. 13. After four hours of intense competition, Bey with teammate Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Lee Cuthbertson took first place over Grassino and Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Jesse Webster. With only three teams participating in the tournament, everyone was awarded with a trophy.

The tournament was provided on behalf of MWR. For information on upcoming events, contact the Denich Gym at 77262. ☆

Brothers at arms



**Army Pfc.
Eric Liesse**

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Will Farrell and Judd Apatow have essentially cornered the market on raunchy and idiotic comedy, and America loves them for it. “Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby” was painfully hilarious, but it was clever and sometimes almost subtle. However, the team’s latest, “Step Brothers,” couldn’t be more overt – even if it had Andrew Dice Clay.

With a script by Farrell and the film’s director Adam McKay, Farrell and John C. Reilly star as jobless, sleepwalking 39 and 40 year olds, respectively. Farrell plays Brennan Huff, who lives with his divorced mother, played classily by Mary Steenburgen. Reilly plays Dale Doback and lives off his short-fused, doctor-father, played by Richard Jenkins. When the slackers’ parents meet and quickly marry, Brennan and Dale must learn to live together

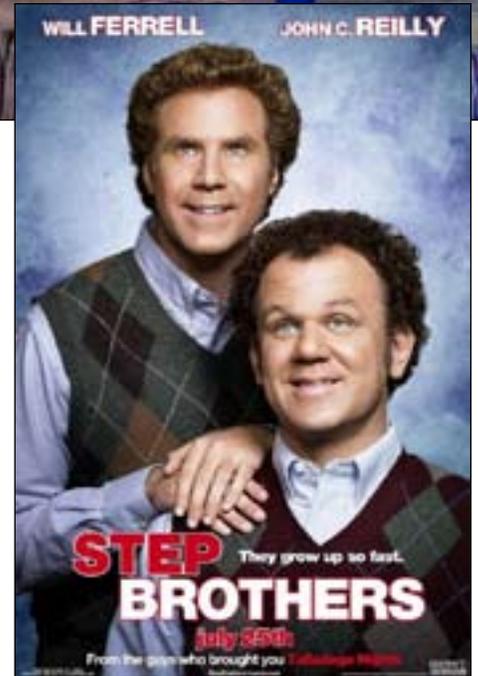
– including sharing the same room.

The new siblings start hating each other before even meeting, and it soon erupts in a house-destroying, all-out, hilarious brawl after Brennan plays Dale’s sacred drum set.

Once the fight slips onto the lawn, Brennan’s mom has Dale’s dad break up the fight. The parents decide the slackers need to take responsibly for their lives and get jobs. When the brothers go to interviews together – in tuxedos – their failure is perpetual humor.

The pair truly bond when Brennan’s younger, successful, sleazy brother Derek (Adam Scott), shows for dinner. Dale and Brennan hide in the tree house, and Derek finds them, only to insult them like never before. Finally, Dale punches Derek straight out of the tree. From then on, the stepbrothers are best friends.

Farrell and Reilly have worked together successfully before, and their comedy plays off each other perfectly for these lame-brain



outings. Most scenes appear to be mostly improvisation, but if they are tightly scripted, that just shows their natural on-screen chemistry. Thankfully, the comedy is never “high-brow,” so the quick and nonsensical jokes work well for Three Stooges-level slapstick and one-liners.

The latest outing by Farrell and producer Apatow, may be more extreme than their previous works, as it pushes the R rating to its limits. From mild nudity to gross misuse of a Guns N’ Roses song, the audience will laugh and flinch. Even Oscar-winning Steenburgen screams multiple profanities at one point – though it seems classy when she does it.

“Step Brothers” probably won’t win over new Farrell or Reilly fans, but it definitely plays to their current ones. For fans of raunchy and idiotic cinema with a touch of feeling, this is one sibling rivalry worth watching. ☆

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1 hours, 35 minutes

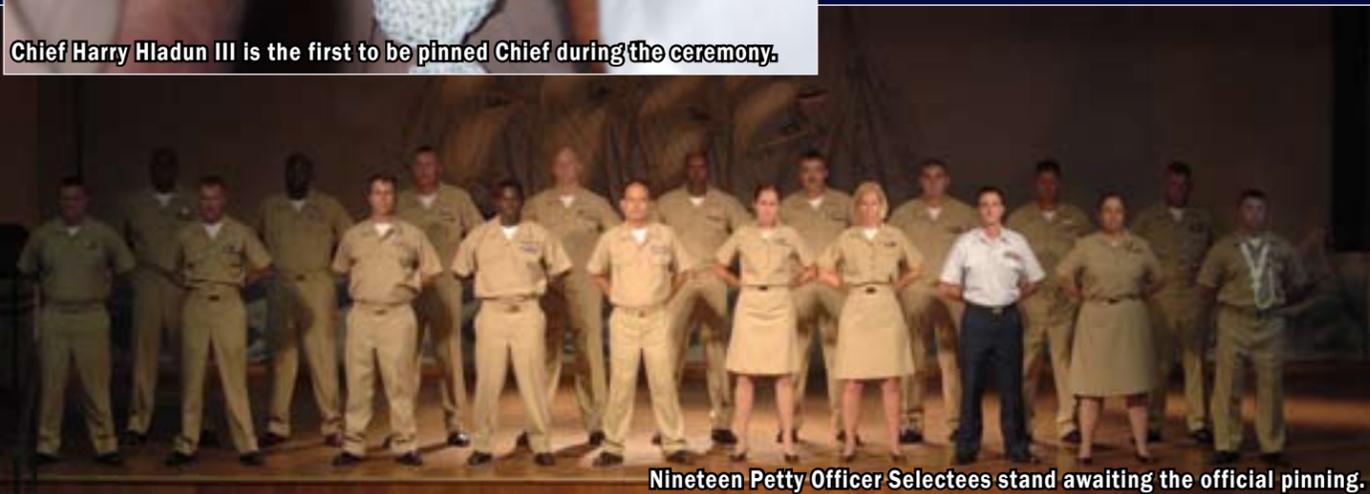
Rating: ★★★★★☆



The Navy's newest Chief Petty Officers



Chief Harry Hladun III is the first to be pinned Chief during the ceremony.



Nineteen Petty Officer Selectees stand awaiting the official pinning.

Guantanamo Bay inducted the U.S. Navy's newest Chief Petty Officers in the time-honored Chief's pinning ceremony at the Windjammer ballroom Tuesday, Sept. 16. Many rates were included from both Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Naval Station commands - including one Coast Guard chief dressed in blue.

JTF Guantanamo photos by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Josh Treadwell and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jayme Pastoric



Chief Ricky Carter has the chief's hat placed on him during the pinning ceremony.



The Hospital Color Guard officially commences the ceremony.



Navy Chiefs salute as the newly pinned Chief arrives.



After the ceremony, a receiving line was formed to congratulate the new Chiefs.

Radio Gitmo rocks to support JTF

**Army Staff Sgt.
Emily J. Russell**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Morale Welfare and Recreation teamed up with Radio Gitmo to entertain Troopers at Kittery Café with music and contests to cultivate interest in upcoming MWR events.

Army Sgt. Brandin Paul Schumann, MWR representative for the JTF, realized the potential for bringing the radio station to the café.

“This is a morale builder for the Troopers. It’s good advertisement for the program and gives Troopers a chance to win or buy Radio Gitmo T-shirt, and listen to some good jams,” said Schumann. “The mission is to advertise MWR events and get the word out to JTF Troopers, especially those who work in the camps because they haven’t been getting the word about events that take place.”

Radio Gitmo, a naval station asset, has had little direct involvement with the JTF in the past.

“Planning and coordination has been the biggest obstacle we’ve had. We didn’t have a point of contact for the JTF before Sgt. Schumann. Hopefully we can do this more often,” said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Camerino Pagan, officer in charge of the radio station.



Troopers were in for a surprise at Kittery Café when they were challenged to give their best pirate impression for a chance to win a T-shirt. Radio Gitmo, in conjunction with Joint Task Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation were on-site to promote the MWR program with song requests, contests and giveaways.



Army Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Anaya, right, pictured with JTF MWR representative Sgt. Brandin Schumann, used his best pirate talk to win one of many Radio Gitmo contests held Monday at Kittery Café. Anaya opted for a Radio Gitmo coin because it is unique.

Despite some minor technical difficulties, the radio station worked hard to pull off a successful and engaging event for the Troopers.

“We don’t have the technology to do live shows [onsite], so we call in to the radio station and do a radio remote [show],” said Navy Seaman Apprentice Christina Gabaldon, a radio personality who worked the event. “JTF Troopers have a hard time getting Radio Gitmo T-shirts so we came to them. We’re having contests to see who can speak like the best pirate, and giving away T-shirts, coins, and bags.”

Schumann’s goal is to see more

Troopers at MWR events so they know what is available for them. Any ideas for MWR events can be emailed to him to send through the chain of command for approval.

“The day was very successful—we got a lot of MWR info and made some Troopers happy,” said Pagan.

“Sgt. Schumann is making it happen, and we’re glad to support him,” he added.

Radio Gitmo will be teaming up with Schumann for another MWR promotion at Kittery Café on Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and at the Seaside Galley on Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. – noon. 🍀



Remembering the day

Navy Chief Petty Officer Select Harry Hladun rings a bell during the closing moments of a 9/11 memorial service last Thursday at the Naval Station Chapel.

**Army Sgt. 1st Class
Vaughn R. Larson**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Outside the Naval Station Chapel, last Thursday was just another day.

Inside, a near-capacity crowd gathered to quietly remember the attacks that prompted the United States to declare a War on Terror, and to remember the victims of those attacks.

Navy Cmdr. Sal Aguilera, the head chaplain for the Naval Station, noted that the word *memorial* means “serving to help people remember some person or event.”

“On 9/11, we do both,” Aguilera said. “We pause to remember the people who gave their lives in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania, and we recall the events as a remembrance on the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks.”

Navy Command Master Chief Bradley LeVault, the top-ranking non-commissioned officer for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, introduced himself as a Sailor. He explained that the oath of enlistment, in which he vowed to protect the nation against foreign or domestic enemies, took on added meaning seven years ago.

“It took several years, but now here I am, supporting with all of you – our nation’s war

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Navy Command Master Chief Bradley LeVault provides remarks during the memorial service last Thursday.

J6 section keeps Joint Task Force systems up and running

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to the professional men and women – contractor and military – who support the JTF detention and intelligence mission. He also stressed the importance of the Help Desk, which he refers to as “the face of the J6” – a staff of 15 that covers every territory comprising the JTF. Help Desk technicians interact daily with customers, from manning the phones, providing remote assistance, and supporting users in the field. Worrell said his technicians strive to provide prompt resolution to inquiries, or seek deep-level support.

Worrell said that many service calls to the Help Desk are application-related, such as guidance on how to use a program or a particular feature. These calls can take up to 30 minutes, limiting Help Desk availability for hardware or network issues.

J6 offers training for groups at its Camp America training facility (N001), or one-on-one for MS Office Suite applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook. Training can be scheduled by calling the Help Desk, and Worrell said that taking advantage of this offer would reduce the number of service calls.

Worrell also urged each unit to make better use of their information technology (IT) officers.

“They are the liaison between you and J6,” he explained. “They should be able to help you with most day-to-day IT incidents.”

Worrell said that J6 also provides training for IT officers on how to use the incident management application (USD),

which provides visibility of their unit work orders.

“Take advantage of the IT training we provide,” he said. “It empowers ITOs.”

J6 is preparing to move its server farm to a new site behind the Joint Task Force Headquarters by the end of November.

Worrell explained that the new location offers better protection from heavy rains or hurricanes.

For technical assistance or to schedule a training session, call 8333/8335 or e-mail JTFGTMO-J6-HELPLESK@jftgtmo.southcom.mil



Co-ed volleyball champs

PPI Company won the MWR Co-ed Summer Volleyball League with a record of 14-1, leading a 16-team competition.

Pictured are (front row, left to right): Daglus Bosco and Linda Perez. Second row (l-r): Lupe Beltran, team captain, and Shelly Waterman. Back row (l-r): Shijo Chacko, Jay Sivadasan, Dileep Divakaran, Sikandar Rai and Anu Kuriakose. – Submitted photo

Conducting physical fitness properly and safely

Before Working Out

- Get a medical check-up if have not been exercising regularly
- Warm-up and stretch 10 to 15 minutes before, prevents strains and sprains
- Hydrate – at least 20 oz. of cool water 30 min. prior
 - When it’s hot, schedule activity during the coolest part of the day or exercise indoors
- Do not consume alcohol
 - Alcohol accelerates dehydration, reduces performance, impairs judgment and increases willingness to take risks
- Get acclimated to new climates before conducting intense outdoor exercises
- Wear proper clothing

During Work Out

- Start slowly and gradually build up to a sustained level of performance
 - A complete program will develop flexibility, cardiovascular and muscular strength
- Don’t overstress on body parts
- Jog on established jogging paths where available; run against traffic flow
 - Reduce running on concrete
 - Wear light colored and reflective clothing
- Use proper types equipment and know how to use them properly

Signs of Limits

- Irregularities in heart beat
- Chest discomfort
 - Including pain, tightness, pressure, constriction, or a feeling of smothering
- Cessation of perspiration – hot, dry skin and confusion
- Muscle cramps

After Work Out

- Cool down
 - Stretch and sip water
- Put away equipment
- Allow enough time for recovery before next workout session

If injury occurs:

- R – Rest the sprain
- I – Ice it
- C – Compress it
- E – Elevate the part of the body

*Seek medical attention if experiencing any of the following symptoms: inability to move arm or leg, a locked joint is noticeable, persistent swelling occurs, detect a grinding feeling





Navy chief petty officer selectees, led by Navy Lt. Chaplain David Mowbray, sing the Navy Hymn during last Thursday's 9/11 Memorial Service at the Naval Station Chapel. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Vaughn R. Larson

Gitmo service marks seventh anniversary of Sept. 11

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fighters – on our own front in the Global War on Terror,” LeVault said. “And, in fact, there are alleged 9/11 conspirators only a few thousand yards from this very spot.”

“In Guantanamo, every day is a 9/11 Memorial Day,” he continued. “We, like those in Iraq or Afghanistan, need no prompting on any day of the year to remember why our nation is at war and the

importance of this date.”

LeVault said that Troopers here support and defend the U.S. constitution, directly or indirectly, by maintaining safe and humane care of enemy combatants. He also spoke about what he described as American ideology, one that does not discriminate based on race, color or religious beliefs.

“By the grace of God we became the United States of America,” LeVault said,

“and by the grace of God we will protect our liberties as citizens or residents of the United States – protect them from those who want to destroy our ideology and erase our liberties.”

The program concluded with a solemn ringing of a bell in the back of the chapel.

Navy Chief Petty Officer selectees coordinated the memorial, and participated with readings and singing. ☆

Boots on the Ground

by Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

What is your favorite saying or movie quote?

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer Barnard



“What the duck?”

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Henry Papa



“Honorbound.”

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ron Alinger



“Boy, your mama sure does care about your education.” – Forrest Gump

Army Sgt. Sean Reeves



“Hold on Baby Jesus, this is gonna get bumpy!” – Talledega Nights

How should a Warrior pray

**Army Col.
Don Martin, retired**

(Editor's Note: This message was originally published by OCF Publications, 2002, and is reprinted in The Soldier's Bible)

In time of war – How Should a Warrior Pray?

After the death of Moses, Joshua led Israel to besiege Jericho. As he approached the city, an armed figure stood in his way. Joshua's natural response was to demand "Are You for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," He replied. "I have now come as commander of the Lord's army." ... "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so (*Joshua 5:13-15*).

In like manner, Christian warriors today should not focus on the question: "Is God on our side?" Instead, they should test their attitudes and actions with the question: "Am I serving the Lord and praying in obedience to Jesus Christ?"

What fundamentals and themes of prayer should a Christian warrior focus on when war comes? A response limited to one page in **COMMAND** can't be exhaustive. It can, however, offer a starting point for warriors who long to pray effectively and for those who love them and support them in prayer.

A Warrior's Perspective

Continually give thanks that, spiritually, you are seated with Christ in the heavens (*Ephesians 2:4-7*). Keep focused on the Lord Jesus and on His power to lead and assist you. Give Him praise and glory in every circumstance of your life.

Pray for a biblical understanding of your duty as an agent of human government. Chapters 12 and 13 of Romans provide clear direction. Do not seek to punish others for personal wrongs done to you. Instead, obey human rulers who are fulfilling the God-given obligation of suppressing evil deeds and punishing those who commit them. Ask God to grant you confidence and strength in your role as an obedient servant of the American people, as you execute the legal orders of those who have been elected to lead our nation in a conflict with evildoers.

Pray that God will conform your character into the character of Jesus Christ. This is His eternal purpose for you (*Romans 8:29*). The reason why "all things work together for the good" is that God uses them to fulfill His intent to make you like His Son. Pray that He will do so in these days.

Pray that Jesus Christ will be exalted and that God's purposes for the nations, peoples, and tribes of the world will be fulfilled. The God who created the universe and who sustains it by His word of power was not surprised by the attacks of these terrorists. Ask Him to display His holiness, majesty, power, love, mercy, and righteous judgment to all peoples throughout the world.

A Warrior's Preparation

Ask God to teach you to become more effective in prayer. Study the Scripture, and learn to pray using biblical content or passages from the Bible.

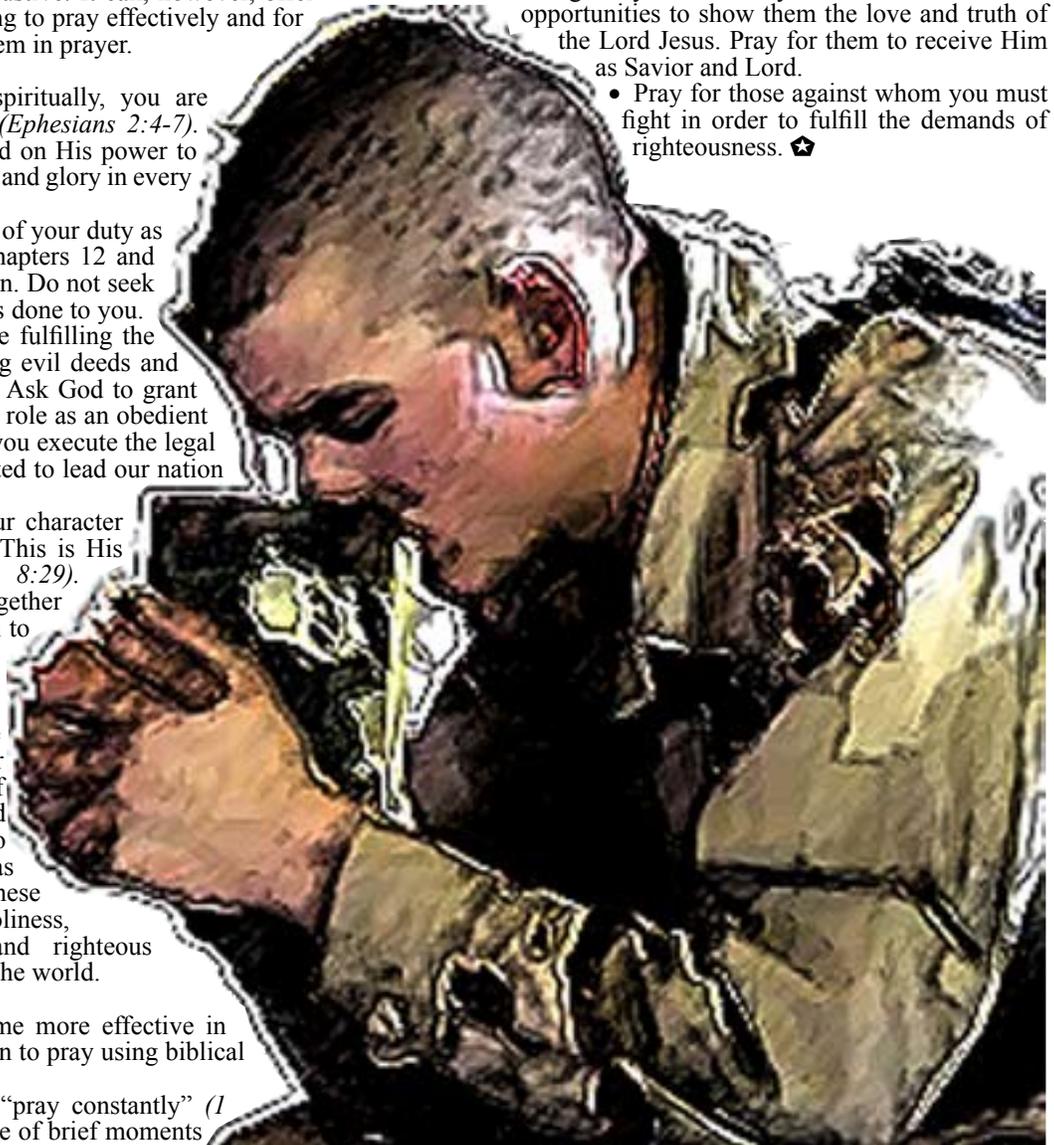
Ask God to teach you how to "pray constantly" (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*). Take advantage of brief moments

throughout the day when you can praise and thank God or ask for His divine help for yourself and others. When the operation tempo is intense, brief prayers interspersed throughout your duty day may offer the best opportunity for effective communion with the Lord. Decide that you will pray even though "there is no time to pray."

A Warrior's Practice

Some major prayer themes:

- Ask God to guard your body, soul, and spirit and to help you put on "the full armor of God" (*Ephesians 6:10-18*).
- Ask God to guard your loved ones and to give them His strength, courage, peace, and joy.
- Ask God to help you execute your duties with skill, courage, and diligence, and to make you an example to your comrades-in-arms of how a Christ-like warrior should live and serve.
- Ask God to give supernatural discernment, willpower, courage, and ability to those who lead the nation, the armed forces, and your unit.
- Ask God to protect the warriors who serve with you and their loved ones.
- Ask God to grant you love for your fellow warriors and opportunities to show them the love and truth of the Lord Jesus. Pray for them to receive Him as Savior and Lord.
- Pray for those against whom you must fight in order to fulfill the demands of righteousness. ✪





Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Frederick sprays lubricant on hair clippers prior to a detainee haircut. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Josh Treadwell.

A cut above the rest

**Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
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In the military, we hold our standard of appearance to high levels. We make sure our shave in clean and in regulations, and our uniforms are neat and pressed. We conduct physical training regularly making sure we can meet our physical test requirements. Our appearance is half of how we are perceived.

Appearance and grooming standards for the detainees are also kept in the in the forefront of Joint Task Force. Making sure the detainees have the opportunity to have hair cuts is one of the luxuries one JTF Troopers provides.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Frederick is the Joint Detention Group detainee barber. Frederick provides his services of hair cuts and beard trimming to all of the camps and is constantly busy.

“The best part of my job is working with the detainees,” said Frederick. “I only see them in their best state of mind, because they want their hair cut.”

Frederick, a licensed barber, uses his tools and his techniques to keep the detainee’s quality of life at a high standard.

“They usually get a number two with

the clippers all over,” said Frederick, referring to the most popular haircut style asked for. “I will also trim their beards and mustaches only if they request it.”

In a predetermined room, or in the middle of the block, Frederick lays out all of his grooming tools and prepares his clippers. He takes his time cleaning the edges and applying oil to keep the heat and friction to a minimum. Once a detainee asks for a trim, they are moved to a makeshift barber chair and a sheet is draped over the top half of the body. Frederick begins, taking the utmost care make the process smooth and comfortable.

“The detainees really enjoy when I show up to offer haircuts,” said Frederick. “They like the way I cut their hair and know I will do a good job.” ☆



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Favro, an operations specialist for the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, opens a care package sent by the General Mills corporation to a large number Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Erica Isaacson

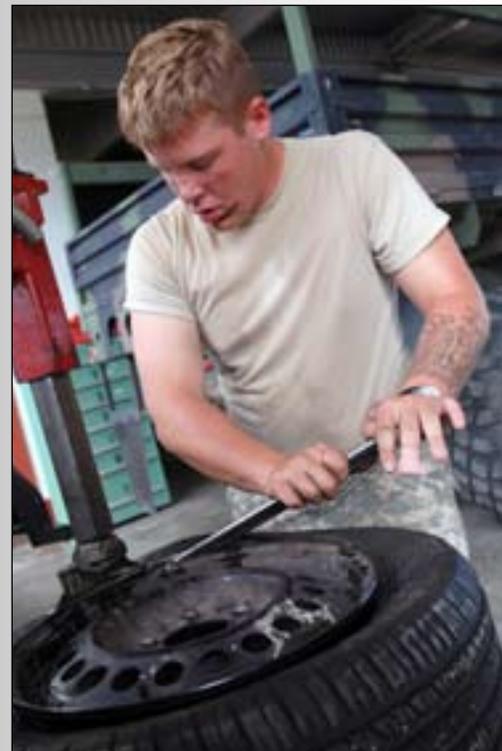


Around the JTF

Army Maj. Anthony Guerrero, of the Joint Task Force J3 section, examines a handmade wooden humidor made by Cuban migrants in the Navy Exchange atrium. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Vaughn Larson



Army Pfc. Christopher Johnson, a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 525th Military Police Battalion, removes the rim from a tire. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Erica Isaacson



Naval Station's Radio Gitmo rocks Kittery Cafe to support Joint Task Force Troopers, promote morale, welfare and recreation, and give Troopers a chance to win Radio Gitmo gear. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily Russell