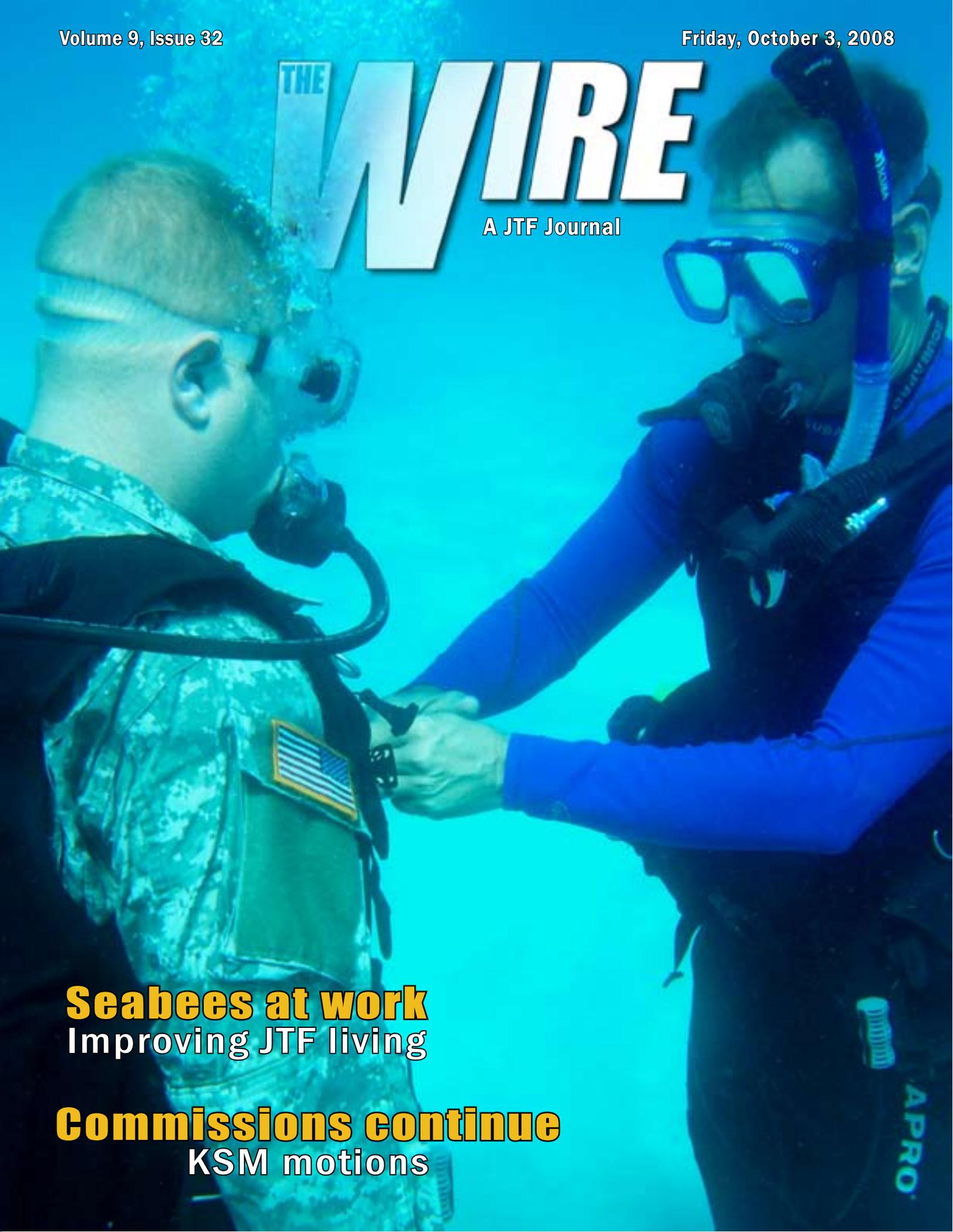


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A JTF Journal



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# Leadership defined

**Army 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.  
Rodney Sanchez**  
525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion

Leadership is keeping your young Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen alive and never leaving wounded behind.

Leadership allows for no compromise in the integrity of one's word, deed or signature. Setting high standards and seeing that they are met; applying intelligence, dedication, creativity and selflessness; and employing stamina, vigor, commitment, and drive for self-improvement – these are key factors in leadership. Spontaneous enthusiasm is contagious.

Leadership is rewarding a Soldier, Marine, Airman, Sailor, Coast Guardsman or civilian with the appropriate recognition **immediately** after exceptional service.

Leadership is commanding and managing with professionalism and establishing and meeting, by priority, specific objectives.

Trusting the ideas and decisions of well-trained Troopers is leadership.

Leadership is treating men and women equally without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age or custom.

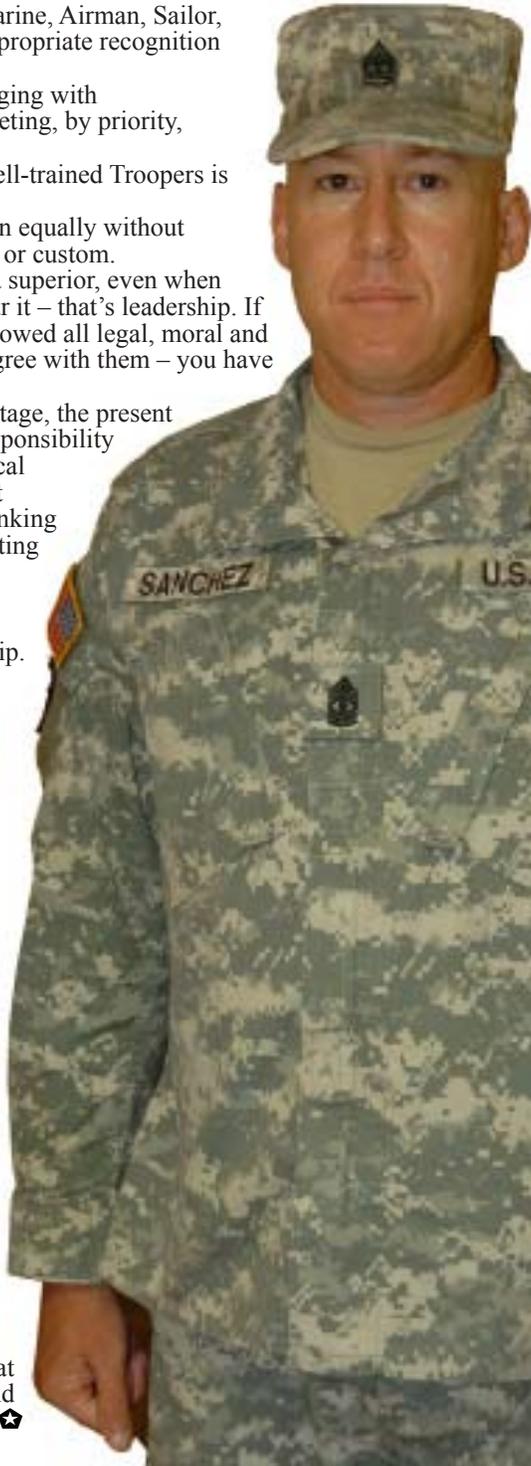
Giving sound professional advice to a superior, even when you know he or she does not want to hear it – that's leadership. If you have given your best advice and followed all legal, moral and ethical orders – even when you do not agree with them – you have accomplished effective leadership.

Remembering that the past is our heritage, the present is our challenge, and the future is our responsibility – that is leadership. Staying in top physical condition – maintaining your weight, not smoking, saying no to drugs, and not drinking alcohol in excess – is leadership. Delegating authority, commanding confidence and respect and accepting full responsibility for your actions is leadership. Ingenuity, sociability, tact and tenacity are leadership.

Leadership is not being right all the time, and it is certainly not being wrong most of the time. Leadership does not place blame; it fixes problems.

Leadership is caring, compassion, understanding and leading by example. Leaders look you in the eye, kick you in the butt, cover your flank, and take your place on the most dangerous missions. Leadership is admitting mistakes and learning from them. Eating last is leadership. Practicing servant leadership and sharing the pains of heat, dirt, sand, cold, wet, insects and other harsh environmental conditions is leadership.

Leadership comes from experience, but experience comes from making mistakes. Leaders ensure that their troops always have the tactical advantage, the best training and equipment, the highest morale and plenty of food and water. Leaders work hard to ensure that the workload is distributed equally among all troops. Leadership can be learned and taught, but it cannot be forgotten or bought. Finally, a leader is so in love with life that he or she is willing to die for the lives and freedom of others and our great Nation! ☆



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**Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti "pins" rank on Army Capt. Shane Lauritzen Saturday, Sept. 27 during an underwater promotion ceremony at Windmill Beach.**  
– JTF Guantanamo photo by Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Adam Bradley



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# Seabees save JTF assets

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Saving time, money and resources for the Joint Task Force is the name of the game for the Seabee-operated Public Works Self-Help department.

This self-help department, a naval station asset, typically works on smaller projects like office repairs or painting. However when the JTF needed help with some larger tasks that required construction equipment and more time, the Seabees were ready to rise to the challenge.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Jason Marino, JTF engineer noncommissioned officer-in-charge, contacted public works self-help to request support for building the new Tierra Kay Liberty Center.

“To get this particular job done we would have had to contract it,” said Marino. “It would have taken a long period of time to get it through contracting, then order materials, and [wait for] other projects [to finish first]. We expedited the project and the Seabees were willing to do the work-it was really a great fit.”

“We definitely move faster than a contractor,” said Navy Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Freddie Pagan, project supervisor for the self-help department. “Basically, give us



**Above – Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Rachel Thompson and Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Mario Perez shovel and spread fresh concrete as it pours from the chute of a cement truck.**

**Left – Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Harry Drake screeds concrete to ensure it is level within the forms.**

the scope of work, materials and equipment and we’ll complete the project.”

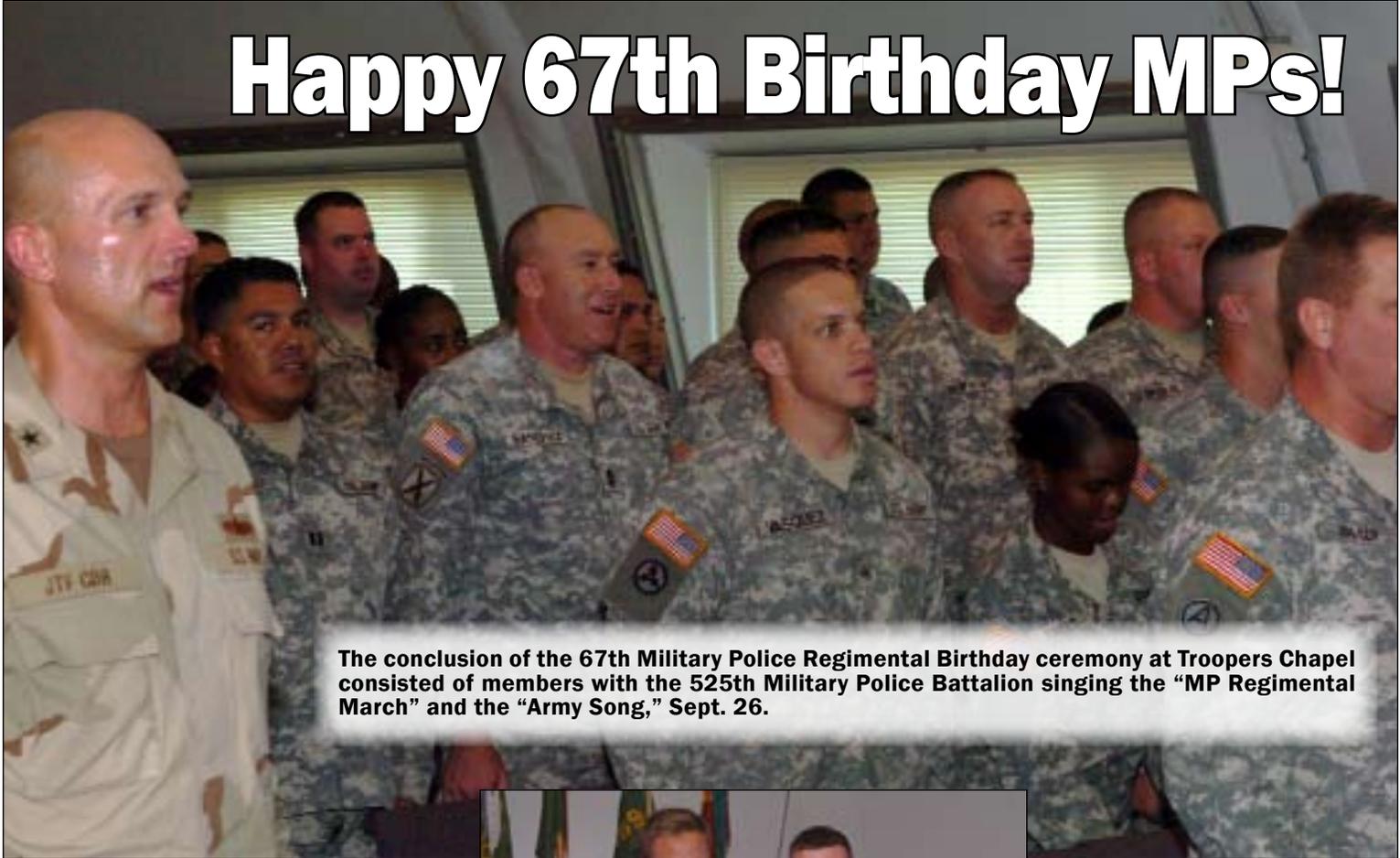
The TK Liberty Center project has proved to be the most difficult job the self-help department has taken on, largely because it is more labor intensive. From digging and compacting soil, laying gravel and placing cement, the six-person work crew has had their hands full.

“We’re not equipped to do that kind of work,” said Pagan. “But having been here [three years] and networking [with other departments], the team was able to get the proper equipment to do the job.”

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# Happy 67th Birthday MPs!



The conclusion of the 67th Military Police Regimental Birthday ceremony at Troopers Chapel consisted of members with the 525th Military Police Battalion singing the “MP Regimental March” and the “Army Song,” Sept. 26.

## Army Spc. Megan Burnham

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Celebrating a birthday, no matter the recipient, is always an occasion to look forward to with excitement and remembrance. The 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion celebrated their own Military Police Regimental birthday Sept. 26 and recognized distinguished Soldiers during their end-of-the-month ceremony at Troopers Chapel.

It has been 67 years since the U.S. Army formally recognized and officially established the Military Police Corps, – Sept. 26, 1941 – making it one of the youngest branches. In addition, it has now been recognized as the most deployed branch of the services outside of the Special Forces.

“The Soldiers have a lot to be proud of,” said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Fowler of the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion.

For Soldiers who were unable to attend the ceremony due to work, senior leadership prepared a birthday cake and met with them at Café Caribe for lunch.

“We [senior leadership] brought the Soldiers the birthday cake and during lunch interacted and mingled with them,” said Fowler. “We wished them well and gave them a little about the Military Police history.”

The ceremony began at 4 p.m. at Troopers Chapel where the pews were filled with the 189<sup>th</sup> and 193<sup>rd</sup> battalions, members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company



At left, Army Col. Bruce Vargo and Army Pfc. Joshua Spelas participated in the cake cutting ceremony during the Military Police Regimental Birthday ceremony Friday, Sept. 26.

“It reminds us daily of the mission we do, the awesome responsibilities that we carry and sometimes the price we pay,” said Conyers.

After Army Col. Bruce Vargo spoke to the Troops, recognition and awards were given to distinguished individuals. Staff Sgt. Phillips and Sgt. Ancona received recognition for their outstanding service over the past 12 months, and eight Soldiers were presented a Joint Task Force Coin of Excellence from Navy Rear Adm. David M. Thomas, Jr. for their exceptional daily contribution to the mission of the JTF.

The traditional cake cutting ceremony followed with the highest ranking Soldier, Vargo, and the youngest soldier in attendance cutting the cake, symbolizing the continuation of the history and traditions of the Military Police to the next generation.

The singing of the “Regimental March” and the “Army Song” concluded the ceremony.

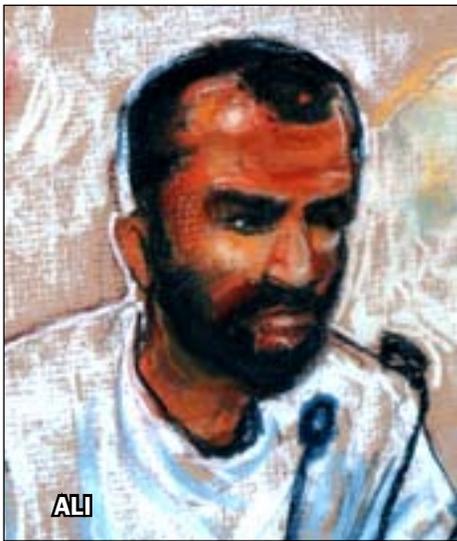
“Even though we weren’t able to host a formal ball, given the mission,” said Conyers, “we did celebrate and will continue to celebrate our history in the confines of the mission here.” ☆

and 2/162 Field Artillery of the Puerto Rico National Guard – all that make up the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion.

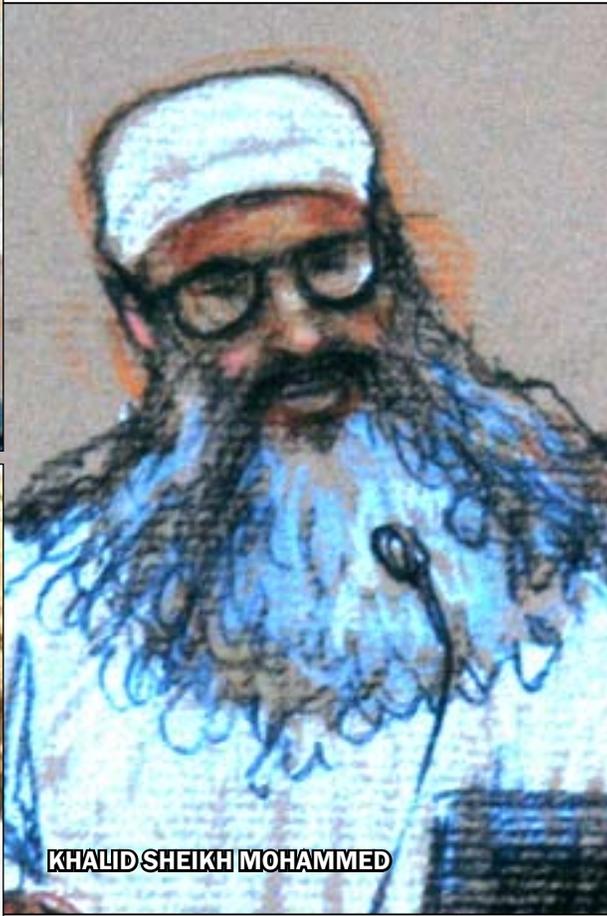
The ceremony included the welcome speech, the singing of the National Anthem and the invocation. A slide show gave viewers an overview of the history of the regiment and missions that military police Soldiers have conducted.

“We wanted to take the time and opportunity to recognize the history of the Military Police Corps,” said Army Lt. Col. Alex Conyers, Commander of the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion. “We want to remind the Soldiers of their past and the linkage with their past. That is what the video was about.”

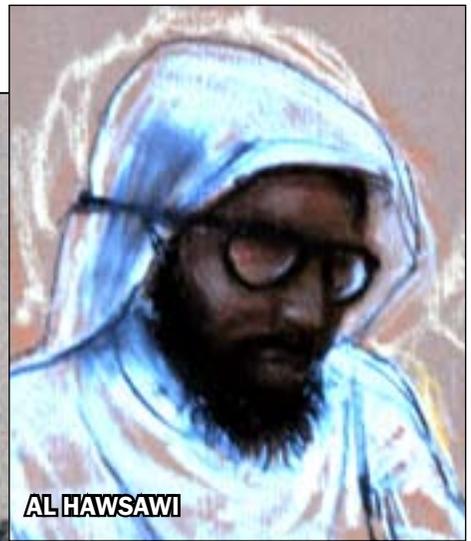
The slide show ended with a moment of silence as names of fallen comrades were listed on the screen.



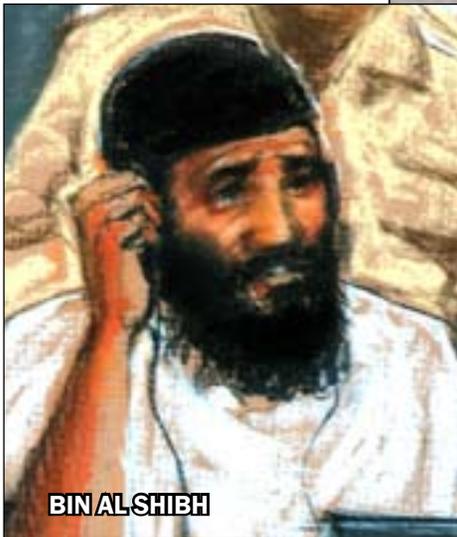
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Courtroom sketches by Janet Hamlin

# Attending to details

## ■ Concerns addressed as Sept. 11 co-conspirator war crimes case proceeds

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

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The menu has already been announced: A war crimes trial for the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 terror attacks and four alleged co-conspirators.

But before the main course can be served, the table must be set.

Continuing with that metaphor, court proceedings here last week for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid Muhammed Salih Mubarek bin 'Attash, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, Ramzi bin al Shihb, and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi helped clear that table.

The proceedings were delayed, however, when one of the defendants refused to be

seated at the table.

Defendant bin al Shihb would not leave his detention cell Monday morning, prompting Prosecutor Robert Swann to ask the military judge, Marine Col. Ralph Kohlmann, to order bin al Shihb's extraction.

Kohlmann directed bin al Shihb to be brought to court the next morning, voluntarily or involuntarily. He also allowed the other defendants, on a recommendation from Mohammed, to draft letters encouraging bin al Shihb to appear in court.

Bin al Shihb later appeared in court voluntarily and protested his detailed counsel, saying the military and civilian attorneys did not represent him and that he wished to represent himself.

"I reject this court," bin al Shihb said last Wednesday. "I have to be given the right to defend myself. When will I be given this right?"

Kohlmann said he understood and appreciated bin al Shihb's frustration, but

explained that because bin al Shihb's mental competency to stand trial was questioned, measures must be taken to resolve that question. If bin al Shihb is found to be competent, Kohlmann would then ask bin al Shihb about defending himself rather than using detailed counsel.

"I have to go through this process," Kohlmann said. "It's unfortunately long, and I'm as eager to get it done as anyone."

Kohlmann also advised Mohammed, bin 'Attash and Ali that they needed to follow his directions just as any other attorneys in his courtroom.

"I will not allow you to act in a way that is disrespectful to this court," he explained.

During the second and third days of court proceedings, detainees and their detailed legal counsel took advantage of *voir dire*, a procedure that in commissions allows the defense to challenge the judge on claims of bias against the defendants. One such claim prompted Mohammed, acting

# Bowling for camaraderie

**Army Pfc.  
Carlynn M. Knaak**

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“Cuzco Trailer Trash,” “Rabid Badgers” and “4 of a Kind” are not names of up-and-coming reality television shows, but teams taking part in the world of competitive bowling during 2008’s Monday Night Fun League at the Bowling Center.

Monday evenings, amateur and skilled bowlers alike convene for a night of strength, accuracy and high-flying white and red pins.

Raymond Slayton, a member of team It Don’t Matter, has been bowling for four years and prior to joining the Navy was on a bowling league close to home.

“I’ve had three 300 games before but never one here,” he said. “My highest score here has been a 279, which I got a couple of weeks ago.”

Slayton and team currently hold the season high scores for scratch game and men’s handicap series, along with placing seventh among the 14 teams entered in the tournament.

However, not much time remains for teams to move up in the standings. Three weeks remain in the 14 week-long Monday night league, and competition is on the rise for the opposing teams as well as for teammates.

Slayton and teammate Murton Gray went head to head during the final game of their three-game series Monday night after a very close second game.

Gray, who in the final frame of the second game nearly defeated Slayton, closed out his tenth frame with three consecutive strikes [known in the bowling community as a ‘Turkey’] and had a final score of 244 to Slayton’s 247.

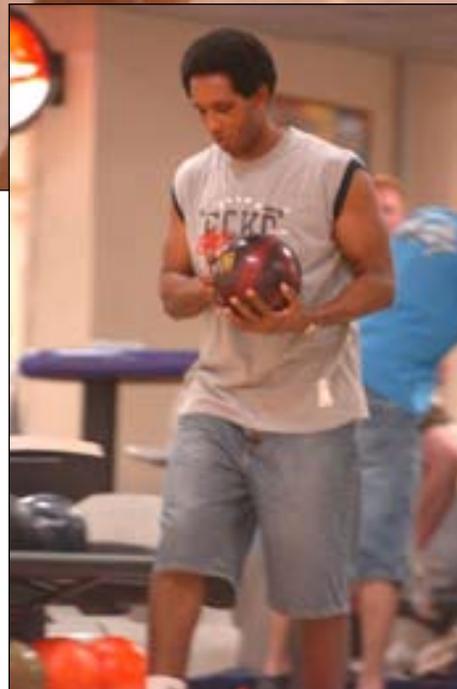
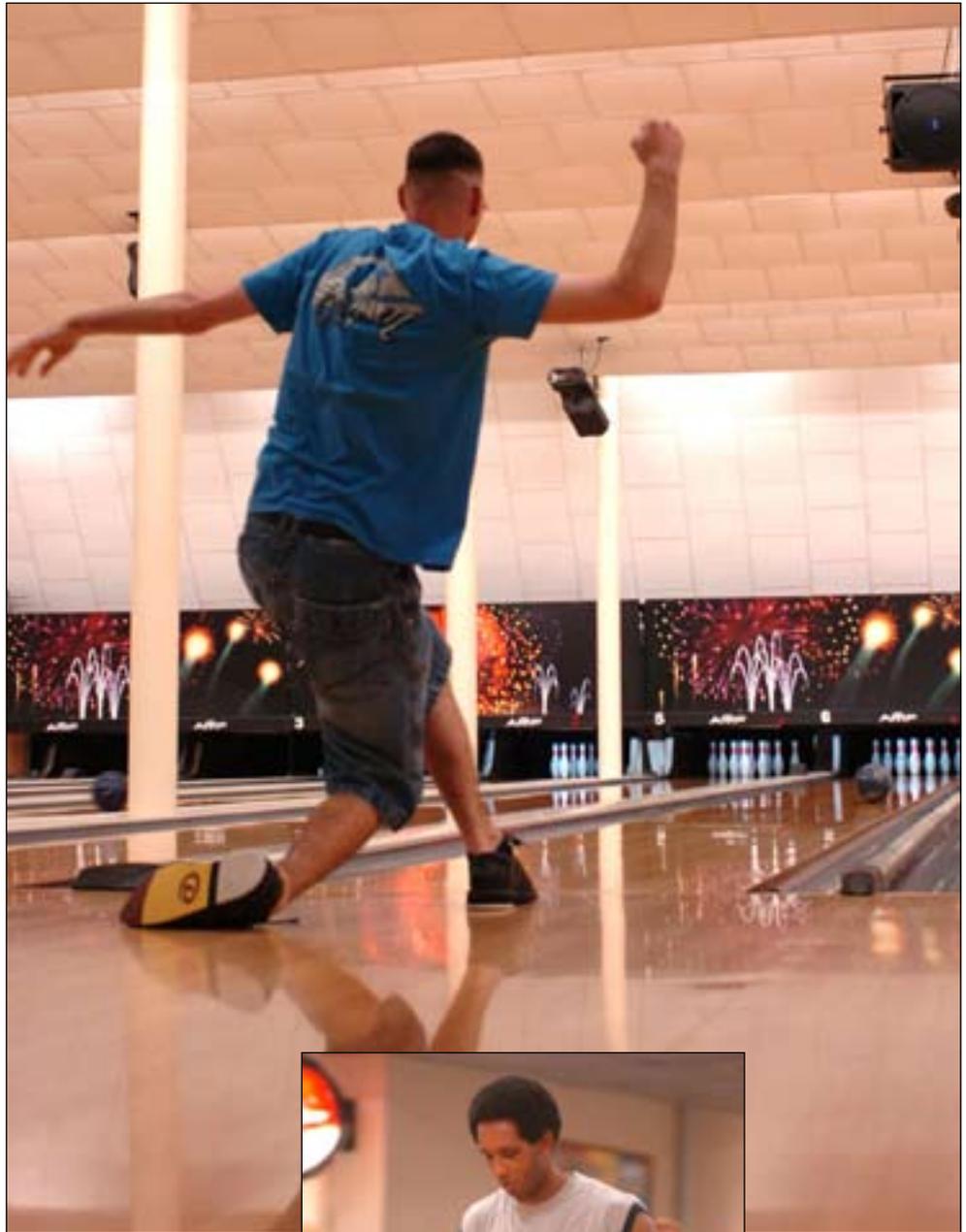
“It felt good to pick up those three strikes in the last frame,” said Gray. “But he had a good start so unfortunately I knew he was going to win.”

“If it happens it happens,” said Slayton with a quirky smile. “Just keep bowling, that’s all that matters.”

Pins flew through the air as the bowling balls of It Don’t Matter’s members slid down the polished wooden lanes. Ten frames, a few high-fives and some joking banter later, Murton turned and dejectedly said, “Oh it’s over, and he got it. [Slayton] won.”

The night ended with another glorious defeat, yet with no hard feelings.

“It’s all about having fun,” said Slayton. “We just like having a good time and sometimes a little friendly competition is a great way to do that.”



**Raymond Slayton, a member of the team “It Don’t Matter,” watches his ball glide down the lane in hopes of a strike. Slayton ended the evening with 674 points.**

The lanes grew quiet as neon bowling balls were placed back in their bags and smooth-soled shoes were replaced by regular sneakers – until the next Monday, when the epic battle between teams and teammates alike commences yet again. ☆

**Murton Gray from “It Don’t Matter,” walks toward lane 6 preparing to lob his bowling ball down the glossy lanes during Monday Night Fun League. Monday Night Fun League is a tournament that tests Gitmo residents bowling skills.**

What is a romantic drama without a seaside setting? Diane Lane and Richard Gere soak up the scenery during a weekend of bliss.



# A 21<sup>st</sup> century love story

**Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Vaughn R. Larson**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Hollywood love stories tend to emphasize the improbable, which perhaps makes sense. Real love grows over time and is nourished by acts both grand and small, whereas most Hollywood romances erupt in a sudden blaze of passion.

In “Nights in Rodanthe,” Hollywood tries to have it both ways.

Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, “Nights” is the story of two wounded souls who cross paths under a looming storm, literal and figurative. Adrienne Willis (Diane Lane) is the mother of two, separated for the past seven months from her unfaithful husband Jack. When he picks up the children for a vacation in Orlando, Jack unexpectedly asks to move back home. Reeling, Adrienne puts off her decision until she returns from house-sitting her best friend’s seaside inn at the coastal town of Rodanthe, N.C.

Enter Dr. Paul Flanner (Richard Gere), haunted by a routine surgical procedure gone wrong, resulting in the patient’s death. Paul is also estranged from his son, a doctor as well. He books a stay at the inn, despite warnings of an approaching hurricane.

This pairing of tormented souls, though formulaic, is almost poetic – knowing the

rhythm of the cadence does not lessen the anticipation or satisfaction. Personal pain, wine, isolation and severe weather combine for a potent love potion, realized as the inn shudders under the unrelenting elements.

Like typical Hollywood love stories, the passion begins unexpectedly. There is no talk of love, but there is a deep sense of happiness – never mind that Adrienne is still married, and conflicted, when she happens upon physical bliss. At least we are spared any bodice-ripping, or a shirtless Paul laboring in the sun.

But then, having grown from this amorous encounter, Paul and Adrienne begin a long-distance courtship through love letters. Formerly unable to connect when it matters, Paul now maintains contact via prose women not only long to hear, but need to hear. Adrienne sheds her resignation to a lesser life and embraces the possibility that dreams can come true – her first step being to reject Jack’s reconciliation offer.

It is only after the course of several letters – and two-thirds of the movie – that



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**97 minutes**  
**Rating:** ★★☆☆☆

Paul and Adrienne express the word “love,” though their actions have suggested as much. This is probably a fair assessment of “love” today – surrendering to your feelings, and then exploring where those feelings lead. The movie also validates the belief in a second chance for romance.

Such stories can have happy or sad endings. I won’t reveal the ending, other than to note the beautiful French horn and cello melodies as the movie winds down.

Despite choppy pacing in the opening minutes, the movie flows fairly well.

Lane is always enjoyable and Gere has aged to the point where he cannot coast on charisma alone, though he is still credible as a love interest. I dare any parent to remain unmoved by the developing relationship between Adrienne and her young teenage daughter.

This is certainly not a “guy” movie, but it plays well as a “couples” movie. While not love in the vintage sense, Lane and Gere succeed in telling a love story for the values of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. ✪

# Navy Quintet

The Navy Brass Quintet Southeast played to an audience at the Windjammer Sept. 25. The quintet performed throughout the day too, beginning with the Naval Station change of command ceremony, and following up with grade school and high school performances which included question and answer sessions with the students.

The evening concert was a musical buffet of classical, folk, jazz, swing and of course, military marches with songs by Aaron Copland, Gustav Holst and John Phillip Sousa.

The evening ended on a high note with the final performance dedicated to all deployed Troopers. The quintet played each branch of service's song and encouraged members of the audience to stand and sing.



JTF Guantanamo photos by  
Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

# Ringging in the Jewish new year



Navy Chaplain Rabbi Seth Phillips (center) prays over the Kos L'Kiddush, or Kiddush cup, before a Shabbat dinner at the naval station residence of Jeff and Kathy Einhorn Friday, Sept. 26. Kathy Einhorn is seen at left.



Phillips blows the ram's horn, called a Shofar in Hebrew, during the ceremony of casting away sins by throwing bread into the sea at Cable Beach, Tuesday, Sept. 30.

“ I’m in awe of the professionalism, courage, bravery and all the things that are shown here

– Navy Chaplain Rabbi Seth Phillips

## Army Spc. Megan Burnham

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay residents of the Jewish faith welcomed Navy Chaplain Rabbi Seth Phillips, Sept. 26 as he helped Gitmo chaplains provide Jewish services to celebrate the Jewish New Year.

“It is the way and how the Navy and the Chaplain Corps work that if you don’t have a Chaplain of a particular religion, you try to get one to meet the needs of the folks,” said Phillips.

As soon as Phillips landed here, he began preparing for a weekly dinner gathering called a Shabbat. This dinner is the seventh day of the Jewish week, which is their day of rest.

“Friday evening to Saturday evening is a time of community, a time of prayer, a time of fellowship, and a time of rest and relaxation,” said Phillips. “The dinner

ritual is to remind us of God’s graciousness to us as well as opportunities to rest and be restored.”

The services of the Jewish New Year are known as Rosh Hashanah, meaning “head of the year,” that start at sundown the night before and continue for 24 hours. The first service began the evening of Sept. 29 with a ceremony of dipping apples in honey to symbolize a sweet new year.

The day of the new year started with a synagogue service at the Fellowship Hall at the Naval Station Chapel, and the final service at Cable Beach where bread was thrown into the water to symbolize casting away sins into the depths of the sea. A ram’s horn, known as Shofar in Hebrew, was blown as a spiritual alarm clock.

“Blowing the ram’s horn calls us to repentance, calls us to remember who we want to be in the new year,” said Phillips.

While Phillips’ duty here has been accomplished, rituals of the Jewish New Year continue. Ten days after the day of

new year is the Day of Atonement.

“This day is the first and very important opportunity of the new year to get right with God,” said Phillips. “But equally, if not more important, this is the time to apologize for the past year and ask for forgiveness from our neighbors, family members, co-workers, shipmates, and battle buddies.”

Phillips was able to tour the base and keep up his running regimen as he trains for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C., Oct. 26.

“My biggest challenge here as I keep up my training are the hills and the humidity,” said Phillips. “But I’ve kept to my running schedule despite it all.”

When asked what he was most impressed by in his visit to Gitmo, Phillips replied, “It was the sense of shared hardship, the sense of reasoning, the sense of the mission, the sacrifice and the support I felt while sitting in meetings and talking to the Troops here.”



# Financial crisis, in general terms

**Army Sgt. 1st Class  
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Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti, the Joint Task Force deputy commander, shed some light Tuesday night on the current economic crisis that has Wall Street reeling and the Bush Administration asking Congress to pass a \$700 billion rescue plan to stave off a mortgage meltdown and banking collapse.

Zanetti, a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, has been a professional money manager since 1986, and owns a financial advisor/stock broker business.

The culprits, Zanetti explained, are inflation, debt and the historical pendulum of the markets. These all affect consumer confidence in the value of the U.S. dollar, which is the basis for many global markets.

Inflation occurs when the volume of currency exceeds the treasure that backs the currency. Imagine a glass half full of juice – adding water will increase the amount of drink, but the drink will be weaker. This is significant, Zanetti noted, because of how the U.S. will likely come up with the \$700 billion emergency funding plan, commonly referred to as a “bailout.”

“Have you heard anyone say they will raise taxes?” he asked the capacity crowd at Bulkeley auditorium. “Have you heard anyone say they will cut government programs, like Social Security?”

Inflation has three factors: volume, or the amount of currency produced; velocity, or the amount of inflated currency in motion; and distribution, or where that inflated money goes. The more inflated currency is put into consumer goods, for example, the higher inflation rates climb. This was demonstrated in the late 1970s when inflation was in the high teens.

The national debt today is around \$10 trillion, Zanetti said – unless unfunded liabilities are factored in, at which point he estimated the debt swells to somewhere between \$60 trillion to \$99 trillion. The debt can be retired by raising the income tax by 44 percent and cutting government spending by about 40 percent – neither of which is likely.

“You can’t tax enough to pay for it, you can’t cut spending enough, so what’s the third option?” he asked. “Print it.”

The markets typically experience a 16-to-18-year cycle between two sources of wealth, Zanetti said. One source, real assets, includes precious metals, energy, water and commodities. The second source is paper assets such as stocks, bonds and mortgages, among other financial devices. Since 2000 the stock market has plateaued, while real assets such as oil have gained in value, suggesting that the U.S. is roughly halfway



**Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti draws on his experience as a financial advisor and stock broker to explain to a capacity crowd at Bulkeley Auditorium Tuesday night how the current financial market crisis came about.**



**Have we been through this before? Yes.**

**– Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti**

through a cycle favoring real assets. When trust breaks down, he explained, people tend to invest in gold and other tangible commodities – until the practical value of such investments is questioned, prompting the pendulum to swing the other way.

The tipping point, Zanetti said, is reached when the Dow Jones average exceeds or falls below five times the price of an ounce of gold.

But while the U.S. has been printing more money, the inflation rate has not exploded – yet. According to InflationData.com, the inflation rate for August, the latest month available, was 5.37 percent – among the highest in eight years, but still lower than in the late 1970s. Zanetti said this is because much of that new money went into reservoirs such as retirement accounts and real estate rather than into consumer goods. The inflationary growth was seen in the stock market and then real estate prices. But now money is leaving both the

stock and housing markets, and if it enters consumer goods, then Zanetti predicted that the price of such goods will go up. He argued that inflation is really closer to 8-12 percent, despite official ratings, saying that the rise in the stock market did not reflect an increase in wealth of the average person.

The current crisis is more than just sub-prime mortgages, Zanetti said. Mortgages made to consumers with good credit are beginning to fail, meaning that up to \$1.6 trillion in mortgages could be at risk.

The inflationary crisis of the late 1970s – sparked by abandoning the gold standard and subsequent measures to control the currency’s value – was reversed by raising interest rates, which in turn curbed spending. While these steps increased the value of currency and slowed the velocity of that currency, it also led to the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Zanetti predicted that Congress would pass the \$700 billion request, but he was not confident that was the right remedy.

“If [Congress does not] do a bailout, you will see massive financial disruption,” he said. “It’s still coming down the road, but if they don’t do it, it will happen sooner rather than later. I’d rather have it happen and get it over with.”

“Have we been through this before? Yes,” he told the crowd. “Will we get through it? Yes, and we will come out better for it.” ☆



## Welcome aboard

Navy Capt. Steven Blaisdell, new Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, departs at the conclusion of the Change of Command ceremony. Navy Capt. Mark M. Leary, former commanding officer, was formally relieved of his duties by Capt. Blaisdell after three years of service to the Naval Station. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Megan Burnham

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# Trial issues aired

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as his own attorney, to ask Kohlmann if he followed the teachings of ministers Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson or Billy Graham. Mohammed alleged that those religious leaders preached intolerance of Islam.

Other claims of bias against Kohlmann included his status as a Marine officer; his professional relationship with Marine Col. Lawrence Morris, now chief prosecutor for the military commissions at Guantanamo Bay; his lack of experience with capital cases; his upcoming retirement next April that could expedite court proceedings to the disadvantage of the defense, or disrupt proceedings with a change of judges; and the allegation that he believed the defendants to be Islamic extremists and disrespected their religion.

Kohlmann dismissed all claims of potential bias last Wednesday afternoon as "completely wrong."

Discussion throughout the three days was marked by repeated requests to talk slowly and complaints about errors in translations. Army Maj. Jon Jackson, Hawsawi's detailed attorney, called the situation "troubling" during a press conference last Tuesday after court had recessed for the day.

"One translator is poor," he said. "The other two are keeping up. This is not going to work in a trial."

Civilian attorney Nina Ginsburg, also a detailed counsel for Hawsawi, said that the court is responsible to provide accurate translation for the accused. She urged the media to play up the issue.

"The judge has the ultimate obligation to ensure fairness in his courtroom," she said. ☆



From left to right: Navy petty officers Tyler Wilmot, Honer Villanueva, Mario Perez, Rachel Thompson, project manager Freddie Pagan and crew leader Harry Drake took on the Tierra Kay Liberty Center project Sept. 25. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

# Seabees dig in to help JTF

## SEABEES from 3

With the TK Liberty Center project underway it's only a matter of time before the center can relocate from the current location into the new building. "That will give back some space to the Troopers by moving it out of the TK [housing] area," said Marino.

In addition to helping the JTF keep projects moving in a timely manner, the self-help department has had an impact on resource use and monetary savings.

"All the materials we use are excess materials from other jobs, with the exception of the concrete," said Pagan. "The contractor was paid to bring it over."

On this project alone, the self-help department has saved the JTF approximately \$26,000.

"We try to find ways to utilize all resources on island so we can expedite everything to help the JTF out," said Marino. "If we can use [the self-help department] and it fulfills their man-hour requirements, we'll definitely use them."

The self-help department has worked on a variety of projects for the JTF. Whether it's building walls, filling the gap between sidewalks and roads with gravel to improve safety for walkers and runners, or increasing the physical security of a room to ensure it is compliant with technical requirements, self help has the ability to get the job done.

"I have a good crew," Pagan continued. "Everybody is willing to learn and do everyone else's job. [That kind of attitude] improves morale and helps get the job done faster. This is the best crew I've worked with." ☆

# Boots on the Ground

by Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Christopher Little

Who do you think will win the World Series this year?

Army Pfc. Jonathan Kratoska



"I'm going with the Cubs. It's been 100 years since they've won it, so hopefully they can do it this year."

Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael Berry



"I don't even know who is in it, so ... Boston."

Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class John Wilke



"I'm going with the White Sox. They took the game [Tuesday] night."

Army Sgt. Michael Hempfield



"I'm not really a baseball fan, but I'm from Baltimore, so how about the Orioles?"

# Pressure Pressure Pressure putts

**Navy Lt. Cmdr.  
Clint Pickett**

JTF Command Chaplain

Sometimes we find inspiration in unexpected places. One day I was waiting in the break room for the microwave to heat my lunch, and I was flipping through an issue of Golf Magazine that I found on the table. That is when I saw a short piece by golf instructor Patti McGowan called "Focus for Pressure Putts." Now, I am not really a golfer, but what captured my imagination was that what she said about golf made sense for day-to-day living as well. All of us face situations every day in our relationships and interactions with others that can have consequences that will stay with us for a long time. And very often it is the little things that count.

"You'll always have your share of pressure putts," McGowan said. "How well you handle them could be the difference between an average score and a career best – or worst."

Then she gave three tips. First, "Stay in the present." She says to avoid "back-pacing" and "future-tripping." I like to call it the "coulda-woulda-shoulda game" and just plain worry. It is one thing to learn from our mistakes in the past, but it is quite another to dwell on them, and obsess about all the things we could have said, or should have done. We can't change the past, nor can we control the future, no matter how much we worry about it. We need to stay in the present, and do the best we can in the here and now.

McGowan's second tip is to "Think only positive thoughts." Our expectations can have a big impact in our lives. If we expect to see the worst in our partner, for example, very often that is exactly what we will perceive. "Imagine hearing the ball dropping in the cup." Think about how you want your relationship to be, or think about where you want to be in your career. And then make sure the words you say or the things you do each day are consistent with your goals. Think positively. Interpret the actions of others around you in the kindest possible way.

And then McGowan's last tip is "Make a decisive stroke." I thought of commitment when I was reading the article. Being committed means knowing what the right thing to do is, and then doing it. Don't second-guess yourself. From what I know about golf, there are too many things going on during a swing, for example, to be able to pay attention to each little step individually. You work on the fundamentals, and then you just have to let your swing happen. It is much the same in life. Our character is the result of all the little things we do during our lives. If we have been making a habit of doing the right things, we will do the right thing when we encounter the "pressure putts" of our lives.

Stay in the present. Think positive thoughts. Be decisive. I am not sure how much God is involved with or is concerned about our golf game, but people of faith do believe that God definitely cares about how our lives go. Staying in the present is a lot easier if we believe and trust that God does care about how our lives end up. We can be positive when we have faith that God is the Lord of all creation. We can be decisive if we look outside of our own lives and our own desires and wishes.

Stay in the present. Think positive thoughts. Be decisive. Great advice for the "pressure putts" of our daily lives. I am convinced that these simple thoughts can have a positive impact in our lives. And who knows? Maybe even our golf game will be better. ☆

## JTF CHAPEL SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

### **Catholic Mass**

**Sunday:** 7 a.m. Confession

7:30 Mass

**Wednesday:** 11 a.m. Mass

### **Protestant Worship**

**Sunday:** 9 a.m.

**Spanish Protestant Worship**

**Sunday:** Noon



# Helping fuel the Trooper

**Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Woodward coordinates with Pentad and the Navy to feed detainees, Joint Task Force and Naval Station personnel.** – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Benjamin Dennis

**Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jayme Pastorik**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

With more than 1,500 meals being prepared every day, there is one Trooper maintaining the balance, making sure the Troopers are fed. Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Woodward is the Joint Detention Group Food Operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

“I coordinate with Pentad and the Navy to accomplish the detainee, Joint Task Force and Naval Station personnel feeding mission,” said Woodward. “We see to the transfer and service of food on site, as well as in the galley, serving over 1,500 meals per serving period.”

With a mission as diverse as the meals, Woodward does what he can to keep the process running smoothly. Woodward assists in the setup of the Kittery Café, the movement of supplies and equipment out of the Caribbean Café, and works with J-4 during detainee food inspections.

Woodward is a hard worker and is known around JTF as someone who accomplishes the job at hand. He moves through daily

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– Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Woodward

challenges and builds bridges between services to get what is needed and the job accomplished.

“Obtaining everything we need for the mission has proved to be a challenge. So, my guys and I have to get creative to get the job done,” said Woodward. “We do a lot of networking. I tend to be a bit hard-headed and I don’t like to hear no, or it can’t be done.”

“As a noncommissioned officer in the Army, our job is to make things happen. Normally, as a cook, we work the long hard hours, but the guards here, I don’t envy them one bit,” said Woodward. “So we do anything to support them. To us, it’s all about them.”

A normal day is jam-packed with events for Woodward, with no two days the same.

“Today I had to move some items from one storage place to another and had various equipment go down both at Seaside and Kittery Café,” said Woodward, “I also had a new steamer installed.”

As Troopers enjoy well-balanced meals in the dining room, this Trooper orchestrates the personnel and equipment to prepare meals and get them out on time.

Woodward says it’s a tough job to work in the food industry, long hours and constant prepping and cooking. He takes every day in stride and keeps a positive attitude.

“I enjoy the time I have had here,” said Woodward. “Plenty of sun and beaches. The only thing I have to worry about is dodging iguanas with my truck.” ☆



**Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Chris Lipke, a member of Port Security Unit 307, tightens a bolt on a wood motor brace during routine maintenance Sept. 30.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Erica Isaacson



**Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honer Villanueva, a Seabee with the Public Works Self-Help Department, shovels cement as it pours out of the cement truck's chute at the new site of the Tierra Kay Liberty Center.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

# Around the JTF



**Army Staff Sgt. Krystal Cole, a member of the 525th Military Police Battalion, reassembles her M-16A2 rifle after cleaning it at Windward Range.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Brian Jopek



**Friends and co-workers of Army Cpt. Shane Lauritzen extend their underwater congratulations following his promotion 20 feet under the surface at Windmill Beach, Sept. 27.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army 1st Lt. Adam Bradley