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**“ HONOR BOUND TO DEFEND FREEDOM ”**

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## Junior leaders - the backbone of the JTF

**Story & photos by  
Sgt. Erin P. Viola**

The backbone protects our central nervous system, ensuring we can feel, breathe, and communicate, among other things. Without it, we would be helpless. We couldn't shoot a weapon, run our PT test, or tell our troops what they need to know, much less anything else.

Just as our backbone provides a critical link in our bodies, junior enlisted leaders serve an equally critical role as a link between the lower enlisted and command leadership. They are the backbone of the JTF, ensuring units are able to shoot, move and communicate as a team.

"The junior NCOs are the glue that binds, they are the ones in the trenches and will either insure mission success or failure," said Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Puskar, 2-116th Infantry Regiment, Virginia Army National Guard. "In a light Infantry platoon, there is about a nine to one ratio of junior NCOs to one officer. As



*Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Cox (on phone) of the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212 works one of the watch sites.*

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## Message from the Top



**CSM George L. Nieves**  
Joint Task Force CSM  
JTF Guantanamo

A day does not go by in the Joint Task Force where junior noncommissioned officers and petty officers do not influence the accomplishment of our mission here in Guantanamo Bay. As in the Army NCO Creed where it considers the NCO as "The Backbone of the Army," here in JTF-GTMO we consider junior NCOs and petty officers as "The Backbone of the JTF," young men and women who step up and assume the additional responsibility of caring for and training junior enlisted troopers.

Junior NCOs and petty officers are normally squad, section and team leaders and are a critical link in the chain of command in the JTF. They are responsible for the health, welfare and safety of each trooper under their leadership. Junior NCOs and petty officers ensure their troopers meet standards in personal appearance and teach them to maintain and account for their individual equipment. As NCOs and petty officers, they enforce standards and develop and train troops. I ask that you never walk by a mistake.

You, as a junior NCO and a petty officer in the JTF have a tough, demanding, but very rewarding job. The troopers you lead are the heart of the JTF. Because you are deployed here, you live and work directly with and among your troopers and have the best opportunity to know them as they really are. You are the first to identify and teach your troopers how to best use their strengths and help them detect and overcome their shortcomings. You continue to make us and the nation proud of your accomplishments as you lead your troopers in the difficult business of winning the Global War On Terrorism every day.

This JTF could not function effectively without the dedication of our junior NCOs and petty officers. They have been charged to obey orders and directions given by their supervisors. As I walk through the cell blocks in the camp, it's junior NCOs who are in charge. They ensure everything runs smoothly by enforcing the standards dictated in the Camp SOPs. And when quick decisions need to be made, they are the ones out front leading the way by word and deed. During patrols of the JTF sector, it is a junior NCO who is in charge of leading their troops through the rugged terrain ensuring no one has compromised our sector. I am glad to have you on our team and extremely proud to be serving with you.

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## From the Field

### *What ribbons or awards will be received for participation in the Global War on Terrorism?*

President Bush has issued an executive order establishing two military awards for actions in the Global War on Terrorism.

The President signed the order March 12 establishing the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

The medals recognize the "sacrifices and contributions" military members make in the Global War on Terror. JTF Guantanamo service members will most likely receive The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be awarded to service members who serve in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Operation Noble Eagle is an example of the type of operation the medal may be awarded for.

Department of Defense and military service officials, including the Coast Guard, are working on provisions to award the medals.

### War on Terrorism Medals



*Answer provided by J1*

# JTF dealt a wild card, but dials up a new number

By Sgt. Benari Poulten

Stop & Shop wanted to help members of Joint Task Force Guantanamo reach out and touch someone. Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances made putting words into action a little more complicated.

"This has been a big week for telephones," MG Geoffrey Miller declared on the latest edition of the *JTF Forum*. An understatement, to be sure.

It all started when the leadership of the JTF worked out a deal with Stop & Shop, a Northeastern grocery chain, to provide troopers with a 30-minute AT&T pre-paid phone card. The JTF purchased 1,800 of the phone cards and distributed them to the troops, as a way to reward them for their service and sacrifice.

But, as the old adage goes, no good deed goes unpunished.

In a normal review of their rates and costs across the board, AT&T detected an error in their rates and adjusted them accordingly. The cards, meanwhile, were activated on Friday, May 17th, but when troopers tried to use them, they found that the phone cards had dropped from 30 minutes to three minutes of phone time.

As Miller explained, "[AT&T] thought they had been charging a different rate. But it's a computer that runs their program and when they went back and did a search ... they found out that their computer had made an error and they were charging below what it cost them to do the service. And so it's significantly more expensive than it was previously ... 16-to-one on the cost for doing this."

Determined to get to the bottom of this troubling turn of events, the JTF leadership set out to find a way to remedy the

problem.

"We called the corporation," said Miller, "and they agreed to change the rate - only for these cards - for one time, so the cards will now give each trooper a 15-minute call. The company... had made a mistake on their rates. It wasn't just Guantanamo's rate that was changed, but a number of places across the world ... it cost the company \$23,000.00 to [add the additional units to give each trooper an additional 14 minutes]. And so, in a good faith gesture, they went ahead and changed it."

Troopers are already allowed two 15-minute morale calls, so the cards now provide each trooper with an additional 15-minute phone call back to the United States. CSM George Nieves stressed the fact that the cards can only be used one time for a 15-minute call at this low rate.

"[Troopers] can make a call to the States and it will last for 15 minutes and at the end, the

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*MG Geoffrey Miller  
Commanding General, JTF Guantanamo*

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card will just shut off. And if they choose to recharge it, fine. But they need to know when they recharge it, it's going to be at the higher, much higher rate."

Miller acknowledged that 15 minutes isn't quite what they expected when they purchased the cards, but he pointed out that AT&T has done an admirable job in rectifying the situation quickly, to the best of their ability.

"The facts are the company



Spc. George L. Allen

made an honest mistake. They corrected that ... they wanted to ensure that our troopers didn't get short changed from here. And so that's how this has come out."

He added, "[AT&T] is a for-profit company, but they did do a very good thing for us to recognize [the mistake]."

Both Miller and Nieves encouraged the JTF service members to seek the best possible rates on phone cards after they use these now infamous calling cards. "Once that 15 minute card is exhausted," said Miller, "then the new higher

may prove to be useful once service members leave the island.

"They need to also know that they can hold on to those cards," urged Nieves. "Because when you go back to the States, you'll get that minute-to-minute ratio. So do not discard your card. And although once the 15 minutes that they're giving you expires, if you choose not to recharge it, don't throw the card away. Take it back to the States and you can use it there and you'll get that minute-for-minute ratio."

The JTF Headquarters Commander, 1st Lt. David Kerr, elaborated. "If used with the morale call home - for those not local to a DSN operator - where they need to use a credit or calling card, troopers can use this card and it would have approximately 224 minutes available. When you call to DSN, that is in the U.S., so the one-for-one rate applies ... in essence, you can use this card 14 times with the morale calls."

So, after much discussion and cooperation, AT&T and the JTF have settled on a reasonable compromise, thus avoiding a disastrous turn of events. Although the cards do not provide as much time as the JTF had originally hoped, Miller still sees the silver lining. "They still get a phone call out of it - Hooah!"

rate will go into effect. So I'd recommend that everyone who has a card [take another look] after that first 15 minutes, and then make a decision on what's the best value from different services that are being offered by the different companies."

Nieves also encouraged troopers not to throw away their cards once they're done using them here. Although they may be expensive to re-charge while troopers are serving here in Guantanamo Bay, the cards

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soldiers move up within the NCO chain, they begin to realize that the right call is not always the most popular one. A good NCO will learn and grow from their mistakes and not repeat them."

Growing is an important element in the evolving qualities of a good leader, Puskar emphasized. Many Joint Task Force personnel here have had the opportunity to receive promotions and grow into new positions while serving in the JTF. For example, Sgt. Michael Gwaltney, B Co. 2-116th Inf., was recently promoted from E4 to E5 a few weeks ago, and is looking forward to taking on some new responsibilities.

Now a mortar gun sergeant, Gwaltney is responsible not only for the supervision and safety of four to five soldiers, but he is ultimately responsible for making sure the mortar is in full working order. "I make sure the mortar is set up properly, that it is oriented in the right direction, and that it is safe for firing," Gwaltney said.

In combination with his soldiering skills, Gwaltney must effectively communicate and execute what the senior leaders want and expect from the soldiers in the field. Gwaltney says he understands his new role and he's grown into it fairly easily because he has had good leadership before him. He now knows that soldiers will be turning to him and is ready for it.

"As an E-5 I'm more in touch with the E-4s and below. If they have a problem at home or with training here, they are more likely to go to an E-5 like myself because they know I can relate and appreciate where they are coming from," Gwaltney said.

"I'd like to think I have a laid back leadership style. You don't have to be a hard individual to lead. Just treat your soldiers with respect and you'll get the respect you deserve in return. If they don't offer you that respect, that's when you need to talk to them about it," Gwaltney said.

Along with new responsibilities comes a new perspective, says Gwaltney. "Now I

have to look at the big picture and hear both sides of the story. I have to look at the whole scenario and push to be more open minded," he said.

For some, this deployment serves as an excellent opportunity to learn more about leadership. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Cox, an operations specialist with Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit



Coast Guardsmen Petty Officer 2nd Class Neil Canuel (r) of the Maritime Safety and Security Team 91102 teaches tactical maneuvers to a junior Coast Guardsmen.

212 was recently promoted here. He'll soon be trained to take on additional responsibilities as a watch supervisor.

"This deployment has served as a great opportunity for me to learn how to become a better leader," said Cox. "That's why I was so excited to make the rank here because I'm already on active duty and we are on a real-world mission, so it gives me a chance to learn a lot more as far as how things work on the operation side, as a first class, rather than as a reservist just doing the one weekend a month. It's not the same at all. This is much better and I get a lot more experience."

Many times junior leaders provide the critical link between the lower enlisted and upper enlisted. Sgt. Monica Sanchez with the 344th Military Police Company, believes that communication plays a vital role in maintaining this vital link. "The junior enlisted come to you.

You're their team leader. They look up to you. You're kind of like their role model," said Sanchez. "The higher enlisted, they come to you to find out what's going on with the soldiers, what the soldiers are looking for, what they're lacking, what they want more of, to better the mission, to complete the mission."

Often junior leaders play an integral role in training the lower enlisted. Such is the case with recently promoted Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Neil Canuel of the Maritime Safety and Security Team 91102.

"I'm a small boat coxswain and am responsible for the boat, everyone on my boat and everything that happens on the boat. I now have a much bigger role in the training and the qualification process of the subordinates as it pertains to both law enforcement duties and boat crew responsibilities," said Canuel.

From the anti-terrorism force protection aspect, there are a lot of things to teach the younger unit members, stressed Canuel. "The whole style of driving the boat is different. It is a more aggressive style of driving, more advanced tactics," Canuel said.

It is now up to Canuel to take what he has learned from his mentors and pass it on to the junior members of his unit, while ensuring the safety of those he is teaching.

"I try to emulate traits that I have learned from previous supervisors and take care of the people that work for me. When I left

my last unit the last piece of advice that my Master Chief had given me was that if you don't take care of your people, nothing else matters. And I've always kept that in the back of my mind and put them before me," Canuel said.

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*Sgt. Michael Gwaltney, B Co., 2-116th Infantry*

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# Breathing life into his job at Guantanamo

**Story & photo by  
Sgt. Erin P. Viola**

Leading by example is one of many ways Joint Task Force Guantanamo junior noncommissioned officers and petty officers are paving the way here. Petty Officer 3rd Class Juan Valdez has been leading by example for quite some time now, both as a hospital corpsman, and as a civilian. He is a perfect example of what junior leaders are doing for their units and for JTF.

A reservist, currently attached to the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212, Valdez likes to take initiative. This trait has taken him to where he is today.

Valdez's zest for initiative led him to take on an additional task of qualifying MIUWU 212 members in CPR. By doing so, Valdez brought the unit's CPR qualified personnel from approximately 10 percent to 100 percent. "Part of my job is to coordinate the readiness for MIUWU 212, in terms of making sure they are up to



Spc. George Allen

**Grin and bear it** - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Juan Valdez, a hospital corpsman currently attached to the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212, administers a vaccination to Lt. Cmdr. David Harrod, also of MIUWU 212.

***"We've been lucky to have three corpsmen in this unit who are very task oriented. Everything is done so that we have an efficiently running machine."***

*Petty Officer 3rd Class Juan Valdez, MIUWU 12*

date on their shots and certified for Basic Life Support, among other things. Our commander wanted everyone to be CPR certified due to the nature of our job. So, I conducted CPR classes and by the end of March everyone in the unit was CPR certified," Valdez said.

Valdez was also the driving force behind creating a database that tracks the unit's immunizations. "There wasn't a tickler file where you could query for example, how many people needed Hepatitis B shots. Before, if we had to give a count, we'd have to go through many records, it would take hours," Valdez said. Now with the push of a button, he can provide information to the command immediately. His model was later used by JTF to track the immunization

status of 300 soldiers.

Valdez says the medical team he works with, all junior enlisted, serve as a critical link between their Commanding Officer and or Executive Officer and the rest of the personnel, when it comes to medical issues. "We've been lucky to have three corpsmen in this unit who are very task oriented. Everything is done so that we have an efficiently running machine," Valdez said.

## JTF Health Source

### Targeting Tobacco

**Submitted by Army Lt. Col. Robert Stewart  
85th Medical Detachment Combat Stress Control**  
*Part one of a two-part series*

Okay! Here we go again. Another article telling people to quit smoking... Actually, it has been my experience that people don't quit unless they want to (and I mean really want to). I will not attempt to bore you (too much) with the mounds of data associated with the risks of smoking, although nicotine use has been implicated as having adverse impact on any number of body systems (e.g., heart, lungs, etc.). It should also be noted that cigarette smoking appears to negatively affect the physical readiness of the so-called "healthy" population. Different studies have revealed the following: smokers, on average, take more than two minutes longer than non-smokers to complete a two-mile run; people who smoke cigarettes have been found more likely to sustain injuries

during physical activities and operational activities; military personnel who smoke have up to a 2.5 times greater risk of joint and bone injuries; and smoking significantly increased the risk of sustaining a musculoskeletal injury in female trainees.

Bottom line - smoking may be hazardous to your overall health! Nicotine use is responsible for more than 400,000 deaths per year and represents the number one cause of preventable deaths in our society. It may also be hazardous to our pocket books. It has been estimated that each pack of cigarettes sold costs about \$3.90 in related expenses, most notably, medical expenses.

So, if you really want to quit smoking - please contact Lt. Cmdr. Gallagher at 7-2944 to inquire about the dates of the next Smoking Cessation classes, or call 3566, or stop by the 85th Combat Stress Control team at Camp America building A3206. A Tobacco Facilitator Training Course will be held the week of June 2. If you're an ex-smoker who would like to help others attempting to quit, please contact Karen Perin at 7-2944 for more detail.

# One trooper's pursuit of the "Art" of war

Story by Sgt. Benari Poulten

Jo-Jo was a man who thought he was an art student, but he knew it couldn't last. At least, not without some financial help.

Jo-Jo works in the Joint Interrogation Group, so we cannot reveal his real name or his actual job, for security purposes. However, we can tell you why Jo-Jo joined the Army and how he feels about the work he's doing here.

When he joined the Army Reserve, Jo-Jo was 29 years old and he

saw the Army as a good way to earn money and answer his nation's call. "With school, I wanted to continue my education, and I found that the Army was a good way to make a little extra money," explains Jo-Jo. "And also, I think, since I was very young, I've just always wanted to be a part of the military. I just think it's an honor to serve your country."

At 34, Jo-Jo is still in school, pursuing his dream of one day becoming a professor of art. His decision to major in art came about gradually, but looking back, art was a natural fit for him.

"I've always been into art, I've always

enjoyed it, and eventually, it just seemed like the thing to do. In my education, it seemed like I had tried everything else out and just come to the conclusion that this is the best field for me. I had decided to continue that education and the Army has helped me do that."

Jo-Jo enjoys drawing during what little down time he has, but he still keeps his focus on his job. In fact, thanks to his

exemplary leadership skills, Jo-Jo has just been promoted to E-5. As he awaits his impending promotion, Jo-Jo reflects on

*"I think that the JTF environment is a really good environment to develop life skills, such as leadership."*

*Jo-Jo from the JIG*

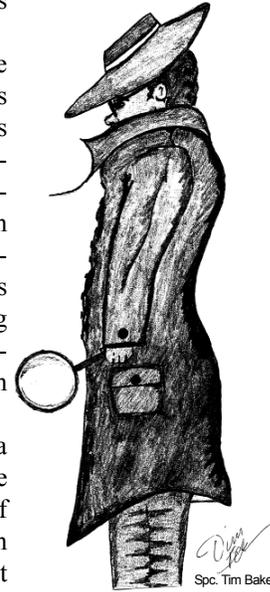
his time in the JTF.

"I think that the JTF environment is a really good environment to develop life skills, such as leadership," he says. "All of us fit into the bigger puzzle in a certain way. Sometimes it's hard to see that because you get bogged down with what you have to do, but when you step back and look at the bigger picture, you see that, 'well yeah, I am making a difference in this larger picture.' And each and every one of us in the JTF has a function."

As he prepares to take on a greater deal of responsibility as a noncommissioned officer, Jo-Jo contends that the example he

sets for his 4 year-old son is just as important as the example he sets for his fellow troopers. He looks forward to returning home and showing his son that he has followed through on his promise. "I think a

lot of people don't realize that this is a commitment. We've made a commitment to ... serve our country and to protect our friends and family. And just the fact that we follow through is really important."



Jo-Jo remains excited about his contribution to the JTF and sees his work here as having some far-reaching affects. "I'm honored to be a part of this cooperation,

even though it's hard to be away from my family and friends and to stop my life," says Jo-Jo. "I know it's something I can take with me and say, 'yeah, that was something that I was a part of.' And I'm sure that ... when we look back, we'll see that it's a big part of history, so I'm glad to be a part of that, as well."

## JTF passes the test, according to 94th RSC Commander

Story by Sgt. Benari Poulten

"For me, this was sort of a homecoming," declared Maj. Gen. Dennis J. Laich as he finished his tour of Guantanamo Bay last Tuesday. Laich, the commander of New England's 94th Regional Support Command, took pleasure in seeing units under his current command - the 344th Military Police Company and the 362nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment - working side-by-side with his former command, the 300th Military Police Brigade, here in Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Laich commended the superb efforts of the non commissioned officers who provide the backbone of the JTF, calling on them to continue their commitment to excellence. "We have to continue to leverage the benefits that we have of having the

best NCO corps of any [military] in the history of the world. And we need to continue that leverage, train it, and carry it on."

Army Sgt. Eric Dillman of the 362nd MPAD is one such NCO who will continue to raise the bar in terms of performance and leadership. "Whether it's here in the JTF or at home as part of the 94th RSC, I will always set high standards for myself and I will continue to strive to exceed military standards," asserted Dillman. "As a group, I think we have proven our strengths and we continue to work on eliminating our weaknesses."

"I think they recognize clearly that they're learning some skills and also some nuances of skills that are important in this complex world that we're part of now," added Laich. "This whole operation is in



Sp. Delaney Jackson  
MG Dennis Laich, Commanding General of the 94th Regional Support Command, speaks to soldiers of the 344th MP Co. during his visit to Guantanamo Bay Tuesday.

the eye of a world that's looking to us to see how we treat detainees in situations like this. And every indication I get is that we're passing every one of those tests - rigorous tests held to world-class standards - in great form."

# Legible + accurate = speedy mail delivery

By Sgt. Erin P. Viola

When mailing a letter or package home from Guantanamo Bay, you want to make sure it arrives in a timely manner. The same goes for your loved ones who are sending mail to you here. All of us can ensure a more speedy delivery of mail, both incoming and outgoing by using the following tips.

Sgt. 1st Class Fernando Ramos, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 806th Postal Detachment says the first thing everyone should make sure they do is write addresses legibly. "Making sure your lettering is legible always helps. It prevents the letter or package from being mis-sorted. The most common mistakes are when people write an eight or a six that looks like a zero, resulting in the mail going to the wrong ZIP code," Ramos said.

When friends and family are sending mail to Guantanamo, Ramos says it is very



important that they have the correct address. "Another common mistake people make is putting Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for the mailing address, instead of JTF-GTMO. This causes big delays. Often these pieces wind up in Guantanamo City, Cuba, which can cause major delays," Ramos said.

It should also be noted that the section

or unit should be included in the address, just after, and on the same line as JTF-GTMO. An example of a good complete address is as follows:

*Sgt John Smith  
JTF-GTMO A Co. 2/116 INF  
APO AE 09360*

Bad or incomplete address,

*Sgt John Smith  
JTF JDOG  
APO AE 09360*

or

*Sgt John Smith  
JTF-GTMO  
Guantanamo Bay Cuba  
APO AE 09360*

Ramos said, "The incomplete address will require looking up the name in Alpha rosters or asking mail clerks, which can cause a delay in mail delivery time. If personnel are not sure of their correct address they should check with their Unit Mail Clerk."

## Man on the Street

Compiled by Army Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Lewald

This week's question:

**What is your first most important priority in taking care of the troops you lead?**



**Air Force Staff Sgt.  
Paul N. Tuggle  
JTF Motor Pool**

*"To insure my troops have what they need for the mission, as well as taking care of their personal needs."*



**Air Force Tech. Sgt.  
Karen Bland  
J-4 Strategic Mobility**

*"Make sure my troops have the proper equipment to accomplish their daily tasks, and to ensure that they are well taken care of."*



**Army Staff Sgt.  
Ted  
JTF JIG**

*"Training to keep my soldiers alive in any type of environment, no matter how austere it is."*



**Army Staff Sgt.  
Elizabeth M. Ray  
J-1 Personnel**

*"To keep my soldiers informed and to look out for their morale and welfare."*



**Army Sgt.  
Charlie B. Windham  
J-8 Finance**

*"Knowing your soldiers and knowing that they are physically fit and trained up to accomplish the mission, so that they return home safe."*

# Chaplain's Corner

## Honoring the dead

**By CH (LTC) Raymond Bucon  
JTF Guantanamo  
Deputy Command Chaplain**

Memorial Day in 2003 will be observed on May 26. Our nation and our world have changed significantly in the last two years. Our Memorial Day celebrations have acquired a deeper meaning. As a nation, we have spent many months solemnly recollecting the lives of more than 3,000 American service members and civilians who died in the worst terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. Now more than ever, we recognize what it means to honor the lives of those who die in service to our great nation.

This day honors all those who died defending America - those who were active duty and those who served in our Reserve components, and those who were short-term volunteers, those who were drafted and those who made the military a career. We honor the veterans of every service: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

On Memorial Day our thoughts will be focused on sacrifices made during previous wars. We are mindful, as well, of the daily peril of troops stationed around the world to keep our nation safe. It seems

appropriate that this Memorial Day we should single out the casualties of our war against terrorism.

Regrettably, the deaths of September 11, 2001 have been followed by the deaths of service members sent abroad to prevent other such disasters.

These are times that test us as citizens and define our nation.

Throughout the years, precious lives, connected to loved-ones at home, have been sent into battle ... some have not returned. Their examples of heroism, perseverance, integrity, honor, and reconciliation are what we honor on Memorial Day. Their legacy will continue to live on in our memory and we honor them as we will honor those who will come after them. They made incredible contributions and even more incredible sacrifices so that our nation can be known as the land of the free. May it also be widely acknowledged as the home of the brave.

We must never forget the service and sacrifice - the enduring legacy - of those brave souls who gave their full measure for all of us. Take time next Monday to honor these special Americans - those who paid the ultimate price in demonstrating that freedom is not free.

May God bless us and may God bless America.

## Memorial Day Ceremony at Cuzco Wells

**By Spc. George Allen**

This year, Memorial Day will be observed on May 26. A ceremony will be held for the Guantanamo Bay community at Cuzco Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend this event, and transportation is available. Buses will run from the **D o w n t o w n Lyceum** at 6:45 a.m. to Cuzco Cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 a.m., lasting an hour.

"MG Miller will be the guest speaker at the ceremony," said Navy Chief Sonya

Schaefer, NAVBASE Admin.

Memorial Day was officially established in 1868 by an association for Union veterans, as "a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service." ( From [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org) ) The first Memorial Day was observed on May 30, 1868, by the placing of flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Cuzco Cemetery, established in 1940, is the Naval Cemetery for the base, according to *The History of Guantanamo Bay Vol. I*, by Rear Adm. M. E. Murphy, 1953. Buried there are people from several nationalities, including troops from the Spanish American War, said Schaefer.

## Worship Services

### Catholic

#### Main Chapel

Daily	6:30 a.m.	Mass Cobre Chapel
Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. Cobre Chapel
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	11 a.m.	Mass (Sanctuary B)

#### Camp America

Sun.	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
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### Protestant

#### Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	7 p.m.	Spanish Group 390-Even's Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
	7:15 p.m.	Youth 7-12 Fellowship*
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*

\* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

#### Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Service White Tent
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

### Church of Jesus Christ of

#### Latter Day Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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### Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 ChapelComplex
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### Jewish

Fri.	8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
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#### **Camp America Church Bus schedule:**

Sun.	8 a.m.	Windward Loop
	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay

The bus will return immediately following worship.



## RECREATION & LEISURE

### Martellini earns title as the Pong Master

By Sgt. Benari Poulten

Mighty thwaks and hearty whaps filled the hall of the Liberty Center Wednesday night as opponents competed against each other in the monthly Table Tennis Tournament. In the final moments of the competition, two men faced off against each other in an intense battle of table tennis mastery. But, in the end, Cliff "the Little Hammer" Martellini emerged victorious as his slick table tennis

moves overpowered his equally powerful ping-pong opponent, John "the Paddle."

With his first-place win, Army Master Sgt. Cliff Martellini of the JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs Office earned a trifecta, as he has previously finished second and third. The Joint Task Force Guantanamo's John "the Paddle" and R.R. "Pong Man" finished in second and third places, respectively.



Sgt. Dan Johnson

Master Sgt. Cliff Martellini of the JTF Public Affairs Office returns a super-sonic serve in an all out effort for first place in Wednesday's table tennis tournament.



Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Lewald

Spc. Richard Walter, from the 132nd MP Co., warms up before the start of the second Guantanamo Bay Dart Tournament. Walter placed third in the first tournament last month.

## Movie Schedule

### Camp Bulkeley

**Fri., May 23**

8 p.m. *The Hours*  
PG13 - 115 min

10 p.m. *The Guru*  
R - 94 min

**Sat., May 24**

8 p.m. *Darkness Falls*  
PG13 - 85 min

10 p.m. *About Schmidt*  
R - 125 min

**Sun., May 25**

8 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
*Gangs of New York*  
R - 167 min

**Mon., May 26**

8 p.m. *The Empire's Club*  
PG13 - 109 min

**Tues., May 27**

8 p.m. *The Bourne Identity* PG13 - 118 min

**Wed., May 28**

8 p.m. *Slm0ne*  
PG13 - 117 min

**Thurs., May 29**

8 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
*Dark Blue*  
R - 118 min

### Downtown Lyceum

**Fri., May 23**

8 p.m. *Chicago*  
PG - 100 min

10 p.m. *Tears of the Sun*  
R - 121 min

**Sat., May 24**

8 p.m. *X2: X Men United*  
PG13 - 120 min

10 p.m. *Poolhall Junkies*  
R - 94 min

**Sun., May 25**

8 p.m. *Bringing Down the House* PG13 - 105 min

10 p.m. *Cradle 2 the Grave* R - 101 min

**Mon., May 26**

8 p.m. *Deliver Us From Eva* R - 105 min

**Tues., May 27**

8 p.m. *Dreamcatcher*  
R - 134 min

**Wed., May 28**

8 p.m. *The Hunted*  
R - 121 min

**Thurs., May 29**

8 p.m. *Agent Cody Banks*  
R - 101 min

### Spring Bowling Leagues

Sign-up teams or individual participants for Spring Bowling League.

Call 2118 to sign up

## NATIONAL SPORTS

## On the Mark !!!

Eastern Question: Nets or Pistons?



photo by Spc. Delaney Jackson

**Sports commentary by  
Spc. Mark Leone**  
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The Eastern Conference Finals feature two teams with anything but, similar styles of play. You have the run and gun offense of the New Jersey Nets led by point guard Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin and then you have big Ben Wallace of the Detroit Pistons who sends chills of fear to anyone driving the lane, and point guard Chauncey Billups who has emerged as a major scoring threat. But the question is who has more talent and who can overcome the strengths of the other team to play for the title of NBA Champion.

Jason Kidd is the best point guard in basketball at generating a quick-tempo transition game. He scores well and is a great clutch player, as shown by his game-winning shot in game one. Kerry Kittles runs the floor hard, finishes strong at the hoop and is a good spot-up shooter. Both Kittles and Kidd are outstanding defenders.

For Detroit, Chauncey Billups has done a great job leading the Pistons to the Eastern finals by hitting big three-pointers in previous rounds, but he's not in Kidd's class as a playmaker and defender. Shooting guard Richard Hamilton is a good match-up for Kittles because he's a slasher with a good pull-up jumper and, like Kittles, defends tough.

Last season's run to the NBA Finals gives the Nets valuable experience and confidence at critical parts of games. Although they trailed by eight points in the fourth quarter of game one, they never blinked. Also, Byron Scott can still use Dikembe Mutumbo as a defensive trump card if needed. Mutumbo has been the forgotten man in the playoffs thus far for the Nets. The Pistons' ability to control the game's tempo, with their defense, allows them to hang in games. The Nets were averaging 103 points per game heading into the series but only scored 76 in the first game. The Pistons almost stole the opener, but they will need to generate more scoring. And their deep bench may be the answer.

Whoever comes out on top at the end of this series is gonna be beat up. I see this series as a tough physical contest between two young teams that want to prove to the world that they can compete with the Western conference. They are going to give it all they have so they can at least have the opportunity to prove what they can accomplish.

## Sports Highlights

Summary by Spc. Mark Leone

It has been three months since the best women's golfer in the world, **Annika Sorenstam**, declared she would play on the men's professional golf tour and this weekend she will make history as being the first woman since 1945 to play on the men's PGA Tour. This could be a defining moment in Sorenstam's career. Whether she makes the cut or finishes at the bottom of the pack, her performance at Colonial might be remembered more than her 43 victories, four majors and her record round of 59.

**New York Mets** catcher Mike Piazza will miss at least six weeks, and possibly the rest of the season, after tearing his right groin muscle last week. "Six weeks is certainly the low end of it," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "It's hard to pinpoint beyond that." When asked if the injury could be season-ending, Phillips said, "It's possible. We don't know. We're leaving it as an indefinite period of time. We can't pinpoint it. It depends on the symptoms and the rehab process."

Derrick Mason, a sure-handed receiver for the **Tennessee Titans**, broke his right hand Sunday while teeing off. "It's just one of those freak things that happened," Mason told The Tennessean on Monday. "I hit the ball the wrong way and kind of twisted my hand. I might as well rest it now and get back at it at the end of June." Mason hopes to be back for the June minicamp.

The 14-year-old son of **Green Bay Packers** assistant coach Ray Sherman shot himself in the head with his father's gun, a death the medical examiner ruled a suicide. Ray Sherman Jr., was helping his family move from a rented home Sunday afternoon when he found his father's weapon while alone in the garage, police Lt. Jim Arts said. There was "no note left behind and or anything in his life to suggest that this young man had any plans other than living his life to the fullest," Mike Sherman said. "I appeal to everyone to offer prayers as this family begins the process of dealing with their loss."

*Sports highlights compiled from Yahoo! News.com., Boston.com, NHL.com and ESPN.com.*

## Head to head ...

Who will win the NBA Eastern Conference Playoffs?



Spc. Kenneth  
Murrell  
HHC, 2-116th  
Infantry

I think New Jersey will win because they are an all around team and Detroit is really slacking at the point guard position, especially on defense. They are a fast break team and with Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin leading the way, they'll be on their way to the finals.



Spc. Kevin Porter  
J-4 Maintenance  
300th MP Brigade

Detroit should win the series because they are the better team. New Jersey doesn't have a big man. Jason Kidd is amazing but they do not have a prolific scorer. He's not a player that can carry the team on his shoulders in the fourth quarter and win the game. He needs help from the supporting cast. Detroit has a deep bench that will outlast the Nets.

## JTF SPORTS & FITNESS

### JTF troop reaches APFT perfection

Story by Sgt. Bob Mitchell

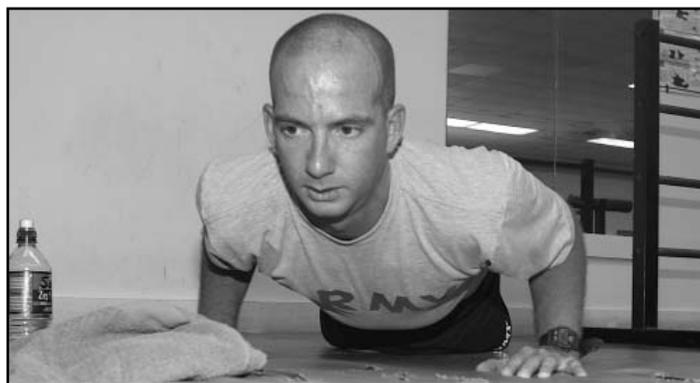
Sgt. Michael Kuflik was born and raised in Idaho. "I'm a country boy, but I didn't get to country boy size," he admitted. Standing at a modest 5 feet 7 inches in height and tipping the scales at a mere 155 pounds, Kuflik doesn't appear to be a physically imposing, corn-fed specimen. However, his latest numbers on the Army Physical Fitness Test are nothing short of perfection.

The truck driver from the 96th Transportation Company amassed 300 points, the maximum tally, on his most recent PT test. It made the fourth time that Kuflik has reached the summit of scores. "I did 81 pushups, 83 sit-ups, and I ran the two-mile in 12:58," he said proudly. "If I don't get at least 280 points or above, I feel like a failure."

How does Kuflik train to maintain such lofty standards? Like any good NCO, he leads by example. While some soldiers are content to simply go to PT three times a week, Kuflik prefers to go the extra mile. Literally.

Three times a week? That may not work for folks who want to be the best. If your name is Sgt. Michael Kuflik, you will do today what others will not do, so that on test day you will have what others won't have: a 300 score on the APFT.

"I basically took initiative on my own, went to the gym at



Spc. Mark Leone

Sgt. Michael Kuflik pushes himself hard to maintain his high physical fitness standards. He has scored 300 on the APFT four times.

lunch time and worked out with my section sergeant, a few of my other fellow NCOs and a couple of the troops. We got in there and we lifted, did some sit-ups, and ran on our own time."

The 30-year-old worked overtime to make sure his two-mile time was minimal. "On the run, when I run with my fellow NCOs, like Sgt. Gray, I tell myself that if I can keep up with him, I'm doing good. He is a great runner. Neither one of us likes running that much, but we want to score high and do what we have to do." Kuflik may not have reached "country boy" size, but by APFT standards he couldn't get any bigger.

## JTF makes strong showing at track & field meet

JTF Guantanamo members announced their presence with authority at the track and field meet held at the W.T. Sampson High School track. JTF athletes finished first in six different events and placed second or third in 10 others.

On the men's side, Spc. Lewis Wilbourn II, 132nd MP Co., came away with two victories and two third place showings. Wilbourn ruled the field events with triumphs in the discus (106 feet 6 inches) and javelin (131 feet six inches). Spc. Myreon Grant, 132nd MP Co., won the shot put with a heave of 37 feet 6 inches. Pfc. Monroe Kelso, A/2-116 Inf., sprinted to victory in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.47 seconds and Sgt. Jesse Presson, A/1-116 Inf., won going away in the two-mile run with a time of 11:44, which was almost a minute ahead of the second place runner. Presson was a second slower than the winner in the mile as he finished second with a time of 5:37.

Grant also turned in a toss of 100 feet 5 inches in the discus, which was good enough for second place in that event. In the 200-meter dash, Kelso and Wilbourn finished

second and third. Kelso was clocked at 26.08 seconds while Wilbourn turned in a time of 27.02 seconds. 2nd Lt. James Childers, 132nd MP Co., rounded out the individual scoring for the JTF men with a third place showing in the softball throw.

On the women's scene, Spc. Joy Hawkins, 785th MP Bn., was the lone gold medalist with a distance of 84 feet 5 inches in the discus. Spc. Lanette Sadler, 300th MP Bde., came home with three top three placements. She sprinted to a second place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 33.75 seconds, and turned in the second-best women's discus throw of the day with a 74-foot effort. Sadler finished third in the shot put with a 28 foot 8 inch toss. Spc. Latasha Weeks, 132nd MP Co., finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.27 seconds.

The 132nd MP Co., team finished second in the 4 x 400 relay, third in the 4 x 100 relay and third in the 4 x 200 relay. The JTF women's team comprised of Hawkins, Paquette, Sadler and Roberts came in second in the 4 x 200 relay and third in the 4 x 100 relay.



Spc. Delaney T. Jackson

Participants in the two-mile event break out from the starting line during Saturday's Track & Field meet held at W.T. Sampson High School. Army Sgt. Jesse Presson won the event with a time of 11:44.

# 15 Minutes of Fame...

with Spc. Timothy Baker  
785th MP Battalion

## Cooking up something good at Camp Delta

**Interview & photo by  
Sgt. Dan Johnson**

*Specialist Timothy Baker, of the 785th Military Police Battalion from Fraser, Mich., serves JTF Guantanamo and his country by playing an active role in food service operations at Camp Delta. Baker, who calls Madison Heights, Mich., home, has taken the initiative to learn basic leadership skills that will serve him well in his future with the Army Reserve.*

**Q: Why did you join the Army Reserve?**

**A:** I was going through college and it was pretty hard to afford it so I wanted the opportunity to do it on my own rather than leaning on my family for help. It gave me a lot of self-pride to know that I'm doing something good.

**Q: What did you study in college?**

**A:** I started out with biology. I was going into the medical field [Radiology], but I started with just the basic courses that I missed in high school like Algebra II, English 102, and general classes.

**Q: What style leadership do you have?**

**A:** I like to train new people coming into the military starting out, show them what I know and that I'm willing to learn from the people ahead of me. I like to show others what I can, and I'm not going to be stopped in my career. I train people to be better than me so they can take my position.

**Q: Where did you get this leadership style?**

**A:** My father. He taught me to do



*Spc. Timothy Baker loads "Meals, Ready-to-Eat" onto a pallet for transport to Camp Delta.*

things the right way and not take short cuts and to be a hard worker. He told me that basically just because you get a higher rank does not mean that you still have to be willing to do what the E-1 would do ... and show him/her that you'll do it too ... I'll get in the mud with you.

**Q: What examples do you set?**

**A:** I wouldn't tell someone to do something that I wouldn't do myself. I try to respect people as people and not necessarily as a rank. In turn they'll respect me. I don't think that respect is something that you're given ... it's something that you earn.

**Q: Do you have a mentor with regard to leadership?**

**A:** Sgt. Adams who's in my house.

He's helped teach me to be a better cook. He's given me the character that I need and has been forming me as a person.

**Q: Are you thinking of becoming an NCO?**

**A:** It looks very possible in the future. It's kind of heading that way.

**Q: What are you doing right now to become an NCO?**

**A:** I'm doing some hands on training for PLDC. So I've started working on just basic leadership skills that are required to be qualified for it. I've passed my PT Test and have learned how to march troops. I've also talked with Sgt. Adams about how to talk to people better.

**Q: How have you grown into your role here?**

**A:** When I first came here, I sat back just to see how things were going to go. Then I learned my job. I fell into place took my position as a leader who wants to learn and help the younger and make the deployment easier for the rest of the MPs.

**Q: What's the best thing that you've taught other soldiers here?**

**A:** Discipline and being on time. I'm very punctual. It's one of the first keys to being a leader is to always be there and ready to work and to have the hard drive to go and do the job. I do like to play when it's time to play and I have the desire to work when it's time to work and they see that.

**Q: What do you do on the civilian side?**

**A:** I do construction. I'm not really fond of it, but it's something that I'm fair at. I specialize in [seamless aluminum] gutters and I do just about anything general as far as laying down cement to putting up siding, to roofing.

**Q: What's the most rewarding part of being part of the Global War on Terrorism?**

**A:** I'm doing my part ... if they were into any criminal acts that help put September 11th or any of the other crimes that happened, I feel good in the part that we are holding them. You can't let people who do wrong out on the street. I know that by serving my Nation I'm helping to keep us free and paving the way for a better future.