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## Teaming up for success: 368th MI Bn. joins Guantanamo

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

Serving as a unit for the first time, the Army Reserve's Detachment 15, 368th Military Intelligence Battalion arrived in Guantanamo Nov. 7 to continue the mission of gathering intelligence to win the war on terrorism. The team of interrogators and analysts joined from locations throughout the United States to replace the outgoing 260th MI Bn.

"I'm excited to be here," commented one unit member. "I work in law enforcement, and this is a different side of what I've been trained to do. I expect to learn a great deal from this mission."

Another member added, "Knowing that I'm getting the chance to perform the job for which I joined definitely helped soften the shock of being mobilized."

"This is an extremely important mission. I am at the halfway point in my career, and this is definitely the highest point so far," expressed a third soldier from the 368th MI Bn.

The unit arrived in Guantanamo seeming to bear the military experience, teamwork, training and mental focus needed to succeed.

The 368th MI Bn. first learned in July 2003



Photo by Spc. Katherine L. Collins

*"Vanguard of the Pacific, Pirates of the Caribbean," Det. 15, 368th Military Intelligence Battalion joins JTF Guantanamo to fight terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom. The mission of this California-based unit is to gather and analyze all intelligence, a major key leading to the destruction of terrorism and spread of world peace.*

of its intent to mobilize. At that point, many soldiers who would later become part of the deploying unit had already trained together

building their unit cohesion. "Our collective four-day training period in May, which consisted of weapons qualification and a soldier's skills competition, helped immensely in building camaraderie and teamwork," said unit commander, MAJ Bjorn Hauerbach.

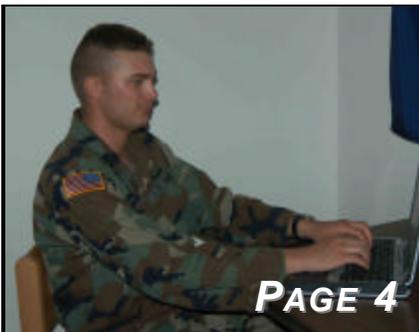
As the California-based unit learned more about its Guantanamo mission, it sought the assistance of other interrogators and analysts from throughout the United States. Various military intelligence soldiers joined the unit, creating Detachment 15, 368th MI Bn. For the first time in history, the battalion also called active Guard Reserve soldiers to mobilize, due to its limited number of part-time interrogators and analysts who were not yet deployed.

"Although the unit is a collection of interrogators and analysts from throughout the United States, we are now very much one unit because we've been able to maintain unit integrity through the mobilization and training process," said Hauerbach. According to Hauerbach, the unit was the first military intelligence unit to actually mobilize directly to Guantanamo Bay from Fort Huachuca after complet-

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# Trooper to Trooper

By CSM George Nieves

Out with the old, in with the new. The JTF is constantly going through personnel changes. Units are rotating through the JTF on a regular basis. As the new members from the 368th Military Intelligence Battalion and members from the Air Force arrive on Guantanamo, we want to welcome them and thank them for joining the JTF-GTMO team. Troopers who are being replaced can see that their time in GTMO is coming to an end. Soon these members of the JTF who have served their tour will go back to the states and reunite themselves with family and friends. However, there is still some work to be done. They must ensure their replacements are ready to assume the mission. The process the JTF is using to get newly arrived personnel prepared is the right seat/left seat ride program. I ask all leaders to supervise the execution of this program so that we do not take a step backwards as the changeover occurs.

A heartfelt thanks from all the troopers of the JTF goes out to those who will soon depart Guantanamo Bay. Your time here has made a difference as we continue to win the war on terrorism. The dedication shown has laid the foundation for others to follow. Soldiers from the 368th and the airmen from different staff sections have made a valuable contribution to the JTF and improved the way we do business.

Since 9/11, the nation has been at war with a new foe, and the challenges confronting our military are more complex and varied than at any time in its history. Do not forget what you have learned here, because your experience and leadership will be needed again as we continue this fight.

This week our nation observed Veterans Day. I'd like everyone to keep in mind that our successes today and in the future are a reflection of our past. Our veterans and retirees left the military better than they found it. We must endeavor to do the same. It is also important we take time to remember our heritage and pay tribute to our fallen comrades. We cannot forget their contributions and sac-



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

rifices. The willingness to pay the ultimate price for our way of life is something we can never take for granted. We all have to energize our efforts to not pass by mistakes. Deficiencies need to be corrected. Training needs to be realistic and hard. Soldiers need to be inspected. Height and weight standards must be met. Force protection must remain rigid. I am not talking about a revolutionary way of doing business. These are the basics and that's how we make our military and this JTF better each day.

All of you are doing an absolutely great job, and I hope you would share that with every trooper in the JTF. The JTF is moving at a tremendous pace these days, and I'm not seeing any evidence of the "toad-in-the-road" syndrome. Our troopers are genuinely excited about the direction our military is traveling, and we remain the best fighting force in the world.

My confidence in the JTF is rewarded daily when I view the caliber, enthusiasm and dedication of the troopers of this organization. I can't thank you enough for the help you give me in taking care of them each and every day of the week.

**HONOR BOUND!**

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# Military service: It's a family tradition

By SGT Jolene Staker

*The JTF has veteran troopers who are following in the footsteps of other military members in their family. Serving in the military is truly a family affair for some.*

## *Father served in Guantanamo in late 40's*

COL Nelson Cannon, Vietnam veteran and JDOG commander, finds himself serving in the same place his father, retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Regis Cannon, World War II veteran, served during the late 40's.

"He did this as a young man and here I am walking in the same places. Of course with his passing it makes it that much more real for me. I wonder if he ever thought his kid would be here," said COL Cannon. Regis Cannon passed away while COL Cannon was serving here at Guantanamo.

"When my dad passed I took my boys down the street from the funeral home in my Dad's hometown to a monument about the World War II, Korea and Vietnam guys. It's not just those who died but those who served. All the boys in my Dad's family served."

COL Cannon credits his Dad with making him want to join the military. "He instilled in us the sense that you have to serve your country. It's an honor and privilege to serve," he said. COL Cannon served with the Marines for three years and with the Michigan Army National Guard for 26 years. COL Cannon's brother, David Regis Cannon, also served in the military.

The family tradition continues on with the next generation as well. COL Cannon's son, Nelson Cannon Jr., served four years in the Michigan Army National Guard. Another son, Joseph Cannon, an ROTC candidate, will graduate from Michigan Tech University as an engineer and be commissioned into the active Army Dec. 13.

COL Cannon said, "We don't encourage or discourage our sons in their choices about the military." But he added, "I think everyone should serve their country in some way, shape or form. There's something you can do."

As far as his own career he said, "I'm going to stay as long as they'll have me; I thoroughly enjoy this; it's important to me."



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

*COL Nelson Cannon pauses before the stained glass window of a sailor in the chapel to remember his dad, retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Regis Cannon, World War II veteran. Regis Cannon had told COL Cannon about this stained glass window he remembered from serving here in the late 40's and asked him to see if it was still here.*

## *Two brothers, two branches of the military, two fates*

2LT Charles Caruana, of the 177th MP Bde. and a Gulf War veteran, joined the Marines because his brother, retired SPC Mike Caruana, joined the Army. Joining a different branch of the service did not keep 2LT Caruana from ending up within 30 miles of his brother while both were serving in the Gulf War.

2LT Caruana was a Marine corporal intelligence analyst, and SPC Caruana was a Bradley driver for the Tiger brigade. Although geographically close they were logistically separated due to missions. They never saw each other.

It was in a phone call home that 2LT Caruana learned that his brother had been

injured when the truck he was riding in the back of hit a land mine. He went directly from the phone tent to his chain of command to let them know he had to find his brother. They took him to the Red Cross.

2LT Caruana borrowed the chaplain's vehicle and started looking for him. Everywhere he went he was one day

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***"I tell him I have to stay in until I have a medal higher than his purple heart."***

*2LT Charles Caruana*

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behind his brother until his brother left. "My original intention was to fly home with him. That's what my parents wanted," 2LT Caruana said.

2LT Caruana stayed in country for about another month to finish the mission. He suffered from survivor guilt for awhile. "My brother got hurt, and I couldn't do anything," he said.

While the accident shattered both his heels, SPC Caruana is walking again even though doctors originally told him he wouldn't. He would like to get back in the military. 2LT Caruana is working on that for him.

2LT Caruana got out of the Marines and then joined the Army National Guard. His brother now jokes with him about being in the Army and tells him it's good he finally came around.

Even though 2LT Caruana served 15 years as an enlisted member, he plans to serve a full 20 as an officer. "I can get out in four years if I want, but in four years will I have accomplished the goals that I want to accomplish as an officer, I doubt it."

2LT Caruana admitted that at times he does feel that he is serving for both he and his brother, but there is still some sibling rivalry. "I tell him I have to stay in until I have a medal higher than his purple heart."

## *Father and son both serve in Global War on Terrorism*

SPC Anthony Wynands the III, Task Force Falcon-Kosovo veteran of the 169th MP Co., attached to the 217th MP Co., joined the military because of his father's

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ing its training. "This helped a lot in keeping the team together and simplifying and streamlining the whole mobilization and train-up phase," he said.

Hauerbach praised the unit's unifying efforts. "We've tried to focus on teamwork and selfless service, and our accomplishments are evident. This unit has demonstrated more integrity and esprit de corps than units we've mobilized that were 100 percent internal. I'm very proud of that," he said. "This teamwork has pulled us through every step of our journey, and I totally expect it to continue, pushing us forward on our path of success."

In addition to these soldiers' experience together as a team, the unit boasts individual experience that will serve as a great asset. The 368th MI Bn. served in Bosnia in 1996, and Det. 15 contains a few Desert Storm veterans as well.

As a group of reservists, the unit also carries a set of civilian skills benefiting the unit in its mission. According to Hauerbach, many of the interrogators hold law enforcement backgrounds. "Others who have done well through the training

program thus far have marketing and sales type jobs," he added. "Both involve social skills, which is necessary in interrogating."

In further preparation, the unit underwent extensive training at Fort Huachuca, readying it for Guantanamo's important world mission.

As the unit begins its mission in Guantanamo, it will undergo the standard right-seat/left-seat program with the 260th MI Bn. "Each interrogation team has already put together a right-seat/left-seat schedule, in which they will observe, then be observed, and the schedules vary by job function. This training will really just be an extension of what they learned at the ISCT school but now in a live environment," Hauerbach said.

Hauerbach commented on the unit's goals for itself while in Guantanamo. "The first and primary goal is to maintain unit integrity without letting that get in the way of the fact that our soldiers will be split up into different sections with different missions and have different [officers in charge]," he said. "I think it's one that we can do because we anticipated this even before we arrived here. We

plan to informally gather once each week at Club Survivor and gather once each month for a more formal time of sharing about how the mission is going."

1SG Aaron Calvert, 368th first sergeant, added his vision for the unit. "Our unit faces the challenge of having a commander and first sergeant that will hold positions outside the unit as well as within," he said. They will oversee the joint interrogation group (JIG) as well as their unit. "Mentally I've got my soldiers mixed in the big picture of the JIG, and it's my goal, my job, to make sure all the soldiers are getting the same equal treatment," Calvert said.

"In addition, as the acting first sergeant, the key thing I've been telling them since we mobilized is that there's a lot of important work to be done here, so we just need to stay focused," said Calvert. "I tell them, 'Our goal is to mix in some fun activities while maintaining technical proficiency in our jobs. The war may not be over by the time we leave here. If our country calls us to further duty elsewhere after here, we must be ready to go with full force,'" he said.

"Another goal I have is to keep their morale up by focusing them on the fact that this mission is a great growth opportunity for them in their military professions. It is the first big show for most of the unit members, and they can learn a great deal from it," added Calvert.

Hauerbach said he views the unit's greatest challenges in Guantanamo as accomplishing more with fewer personnel. "We'll definitely overcome both challenges," he assured.

Some of Hauerbach's confidence is rooted in his predecessors' Guantanamo experience. "Our battalion has quite a bit of experience here. We are the third rotation. Another reason Det. 15 has been able to pull together so quickly and easily is because our other battalion members have returned able to explain all the little nuances of the mission in Guantanamo that take a while to learn," he said. "We've got many assets to work with, and we received the best training we could get. We're ready to get the job done. We'll build on our predecessors' accomplishments. Then, when the time comes, we'll pass the torch and all we've learned to the next rotation, and so on until the mission is complete."

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Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

*SPC Anthony Wynands III writes his dad, SFC Anthony Wynands Jr., who is serving in Kuwait as a motor sergeant for B Co., 368th Combat Engineer Battalion. Wynands III also has three younger sisters, mom, and stepmom to write.*

influence. Now father and son are both away from home serving their country during the Global War on Terrorism.

Wynands III said of his dad, "He motivated me to do it by giving a lot of advice and showing me his armory and how things work. He let me know what to expect and what to be hesitant of."

SFC Anthony Wynands Jr., of B Co., 368th Combat Engineer Battalion, is the motor sergeant serving in Kuwait. Wynands, Jr. left for his tour of duty while Wynands III was still stationed in Korea. Due to an illness he was home on convalescent leave, so father and son had some time to visit before Wynands Jr. returned

to Kuwait and Wynands III came to Guantanamo.

Wynands Jr. and Wynands III got more from Anthony Wynands Sr. than just their name. Wynands Sr. also served in the Navy.

Wynands III mother, Dawn Waites, has served in the army as a ballistic meteorologist. She got out soon after Wynands III's birth.

"She is proud of me. She is happy because she wishes she was in my shoes again, still in the military," said Wynands III.

Wynands III is proud of his heritage and the men's steps he walks in. He knows he is cut from the same cloth as his grandfather and father. "It's so

# How to deal with the gorilla on your back

LTC Kathy Platoni, Psy.D.  
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Stress: Can't live with it, can't live without it. To be stress-free, one must also be dead. This is not a recommended route.

Each of us requires a certain amount of stress simply to remain sufficiently awake and alert to function. In its more positive aspects, stress does permit us to focus and to attend to information. Positive stress can enhance performance and lead to operating at peak efficiency.

No Olympiad can win the race without some degree of pressure to perform. Positive stress or "eustress" allows the body to meet immediate and recognizable challenges and then to decompress from these stressors once the challenge has been met or the task, completed. Many of us do our best work under pressure. Just ask any procrastinator. With positive stress, one can

relax and enjoy what has been achieved after the test has been passed and the threat or stressful event, confronted and overcome. This allows the individual to develop the necessary physical and emotional reserves to tackle whatever stressful life events may follow; a key element of eustress.

Stress takes on a far more negative connotation when an individual stays stuck on high alert status, unable to unwind after the stressor has been met head-on. In today's society and even more so, during deployments, there are a multitude of extraordinarily stressful events and situations that exact a tremendous toll and "push our buttons" to the point that our resources rapidly deplete themselves. Living life in a continuous state of high gear has become the norm in this pickle; business as usual. Negative stress or distress can become a deadly state of affairs and seriously damage

our health, welfare, and quality of life. Left untreated, stress can kill. Medical researchers estimate that 50 to 80 percent of all illnesses and disease processes are stress-related. These are staggering figures.

That familiar and unremitting bombardment with endless stressors can readily lead to any number of physical or psychological ailments.

Cumulative stress, which occurs over a prolonged period of time, can be a setup for burnout; a state of complete physical and mental exhaustion. Over the long haul and without medical and/or psychological intervention, an individual may expect to experience feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, and powerlessness. The desire to seek a "geographic cure" may become overwhelming, but swimming to Miami is not the best option. Burnout frequently leads to clinical depression and consideration of self-destructive

acts or the intent to self-harm.

Although the burden of stress may be equivalent to that relentless 500 pound gorilla on your back, there are other alternatives for casting off the beast. Stress management is a choice and burnout is not a sealed fate. Make a bargain with yourself to become adept at more effective coping.

Practice relaxation strategies in your everyday life. Make this a creative art form. Genuine, bona fide relaxation calls for an acute awareness of your own basic and personal needs for quiet reflection and finding a peaceful sanctuary in your own mind. Forget pretending that the need for decompression from stress does not exist. Seek social supports. Ride a bike. Take a Tae Kwon Do class. Learn salsa dancing. Realize that this deployment IS time-limited and will come to an end. And most of all, remember that the Combat Stress Police are watching.

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obvious. You see our picture together. It's the same face — it's just a younger, middle age, and older version, he said."

## Third generation veteran is proud of his heritage

SGT Stephen Dennis, Dynamic Response Operation veteran, of the 169th MP Co. attached to the 217th MP Co., is the third generation veteran in his family.

Both Norman Dennis, grandfather and World War II veteran, and Michael Dennis, father and Vietnam veteran, were in the Army. SGT Dennis joined the Marine Corps first and then the Army National Guard. Admitting that his grandfather and father's service motivated him to join, he said, "I felt like I needed to prove to them that I could do it as well."

Norman Dennis was in the cavalry when it still had horses and then he served under Gen. George S. Patton in Africa. About his grandfather's stories SGT Dennis said, "I love talk-

ing to him. He's like my best friend."

Michael Dennis could have played triple A baseball with the Pawtucket Red Sox. His thinking was he wasn't tall enough to make it in the majors so he'd just waste his time so he joined the Army.

SGT Dennis credits his grandfather's and father's military bearing for motivating him to respect the military lifestyle. "If I got in trouble in high school I would stack wood when I got home. There was always a consequence for my actions and always structure," he said. "They raised me well."

"Always means more to me when I go home to my grandparents' and see my grandfather, my dad, and myself up on the top of the mantle," he said. "That's when my heritage hits home."

"The men they are made me the man I am today," he said.

*SGT Stephen Dennis, Dynamic Response Operation veteran with father (left), former SSG Michael Dennis, Vietnam veteran, and grandfather, former SSG Norman Dennis, World War II veteran pose after SGT Dennis's promotion ceremony where both father and grandfather pinned him. Norman Dennis reminded his grandson, "I still outrank you."*



Photo by Angela Dennis

# A Special Thanks to Air Force Troopers

By SSG Patrick Cloward and  
MSGT Tammy Cournoyer

A handful of Air Force troopers, supporting Joint Task Force Guantanamo, will be giving us a fond farewell in the near future.

The small, but important contingent of enlisted and officers deployed from various air bases around the United States will be finishing up their deployment times to make room for their replacements.

"The Air Force is a contributing service like the other services," said MG Geoffrey Miller. "They bring a special skill set. They're part of our intelligence capability."

One of those serving is Master Sgt. Andy Davis, NCOIC of the Strategic Mobility Office. Coming from Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, he has nothing but good things to say about his time here.

"The unit rotations were the highlights of my time here," he said, of the more than 2000 military service members coming and going during the transfer of JTF GTMO's rotations three and four in the past few months. "The amount of workload was amazing."

Living and working in a joint environment is a new experience for many of the airmen.

"You get to learn a lot about the other services," said Staff Sgt. Todd Cook, who is deployed from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. His job is to in-process newcomers as part of the Joint Personnel Reception Center. "You get to see how what you do in the Air Force compares to the other services and how they go about their day-to-day business."

1st Lt. Imelda LeMasters, Strategic Mobility Officer and Logistics Readiness Officer for the Strategic Mobility Office, has found that the change in workload has been invigorating.

"I've loved it here. It's been amazing," she said. "I've learned things here that I've never had a chance to learn at my home base [in Travis, Air Force Base, Ca.]."

While the work for most is more than satisfying, many task force troopers are enjoying the conditions off duty. Tents have given way to hardened structures, including some renovated Navy family

housing units, and there are plenty of activities on the island to keep people busy.

Quality living is one benefit Miller said he believes the people deserve. Due to his influence, task force operations have come a long way since starting in January 2002 with hastily built structures.

"... We worked very hard to ensure that our commitment to the (troopers mirrored) their commitment to winning the global war on terror," Miller said.

The more than 40 Air Force troops at Guantanamo Bay who are helping develop intelligence and detaining enemy combatants are earning that support by making the mission a success.

"We get to see real product from our job," said Davis, who coordinates the movement of all JTF members in and off base. "We usually don't get to see the fruits of our job, so it was great to be able to see how we affect the people that transfer in and out of here."

"They have deployed to the fight. They are a great team and they have made a huge difference," Miller said to Air Force personnel deploying back to the U.S. "Whether they are in the J-4 or the J-1. Whatever helm you have come to do, you



Photo By SSG Patrick Cloward

Master Sgt. Andy Davis, NCOIC of the Strategic Mobility Office, comes from Pope AFB, N.C., to work as the Logistics Readiness NCO for JTF GTMO

have made a difference, and we are proud to have had you in the JTF. You're part of the family. The great news is you're always to feel welcome to come back to this organization."



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

## Taking aim for training success

SGT William Reed of B Co., 1st Bn., 181st Inf. Regt., readies his weapon during rifle qualification at Guantanamo Bay. This type of training is invaluable to the infantry troopers. "If we came into enemy contact, this training is definitely valuable," Reed said. Training conditions here have been shown to offer a variety of experiences for troopers deployed. "It's good to be able to train in a different environment," said SPC Jeff Chartier of B Co., 1st Bn., 181st Inf. Regt., "I've never shot at a range with an ocean in the background."

# Razorbacks: proud to serve

By SGT Jolene Staker

While the 216th MP Company out of West Memphis, Ark., is a fairly new MP company, the troopers are definitely not the new kids on the block. Even though this unit formed in September 1999, its members have been continually serving since 9/11, giving them the experience of seasoned MPs. Their success at Guantanamo has been a combination of training, experience and plain ole Arkansas pride.

"I think the troops are doing an outstanding job. I think that we've come a long way since we are a new MP company. Everybody has pulled together and they are performing the mission outstanding — they are doing a great job," said CPT Betty Anderson, company commander.

The unit was activated six days after 9/11 to provide security at Camp Robinson, the Arkansas National Guard headquarters located in North Little Rock. The unit provided MPs to the Little Rock National Airport and Arkansas Nuclear One, a nuclear plant. Some unit members were on active duty

up until three months before they were activated to go to Fort Leonard Wood.

In October of 2002, the unit was activated to provide homeland defense at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., From there they went home for a short leave, trained at Fort. Dix, N.J., and then forward mobilized to Guantanamo in August.

"The guys are doing a fantastic job, especially since this is a second deployment. It's hard to stay motivated, but they are. They know what they are doing is important to our nation, and they give their best," said SFC Terry Robinson, unit first sergeant.

Training has been ongoing for the 216th since its beginning. "We started from scratch with no MP-qualified folks at all. Everybody had to go through training," said SGT Jeff Shehan, JDOG S-2.

While at Fort Leonard Wood the unit picked up 95C as a secondary MOS. They trained at Fort Dix on the mock detention facility, which gave them the realistic feel of what they would be doing at Camp Delta.

Experience has also been a



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SSG Doug Newsom worked a month on the unit headquarters sign. "I just wanted people to know that Arkansas is here on the ground," he said.

vital role in the 216th's success. While the unit has only been a MP Company since 1999, there has been a unit at West Memphis since 1959. About 33 percent of the unit members were in the unit when it was field artillery. What these members couldn't contribute in MP experience they offer in military experience and the experience of knowing how to grow and adapt.

SGT William Suggs, B team leader in 1st squad, 2nd platoon, is one of these seasoned unit members. "Being on this mission has given us the opportunity to bond as a unit and show the military and the rest of the world that the 216th is a National Guard unit that is totally mission capable and proud to serve," he said.

Unit members are proud to serve and excited to be a part of history. "Other than being away from family, I feel good about being down here. I'm glad I have this opportunity to serve my country and be a part of history," said 2LT Derrick Williams, 1st platoon leader.

As proud as they are to be here they are also ready to get back to their loved ones. If you notice that the razorback on their unit headquarters is faced a different direction than their unit patch, it is because the razorback on the building is headed home. "I want to make sure I take care of my troops, accomplish the mission and return home safely," said SSG Tony Robinson, training, plans and operation NCO.

## Trooper on the Street

By SPC William Ingram

This week's question:

What have you learned since deploying to JTF Guantanamo?



SPC Cheryl Kingham  
177th MP Bde.  
J-4 Maintenance

"How to work with different branches of the military."



SPC Daniel Crouch  
463rd MP Co.  
J-DOG

"This deployment is the only place I will ever get the type of training needed to help with the JTF mission."



Navy  
Petty Officer 3rd Class  
Virginio Torres  
J-4 Supply

"How to work with different branches of the military, and that no matter what the difference is, we are doing the same job."



Air Force  
SSG Charles Ballard  
J-4 Supply

"Learning there is more than one way to complete a mission, and that all branch of service have similar ways to complete a mission."



SPC Desiree Timothy  
14th Finance Det.  
J-8 Finance

"Getting myself physically and mentally in shape to perform my job to the best of my abilities"

# Abreu sees JTF as amazing opportunity



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins

Chaplain Felix Abreu readies his equipment just prior to the chaplain's ruck march.

By SSG Patrick Cloward

Serving members of the JTF community here at Guantanamo, Chaplain Felix Abreu has taken his new calling seriously.

An ordained Catholic priest since 1989 and a chaplain for the Puerto Rico National Guard since January 1993, Chaplain Abreu speaks only in the humblest of terms about his life and service.

"I never expected to be at GTMO doing this job that I was trained for," said Abreu. "It is just an amazing opportunity."

Opportunities have been many that Abreu has participated in. Serving as a missionary in Brazil, Guyana, France, Haiti and the Dominican Republic have

been part of his dedication to spreading the word. He has been able to take these experiences and apply them here.

"I have been in service twenty-one years practicing to do a job," he said. "For me it represents the amazing things of the Army. You do your best while practicing and sometimes you think you will never use some skills. Suddenly you find yourself somewhere doing what you never expected; but it feels good knowing that I am ready for it."

As one of the newer members of the JTF chaplaincy, Abreu sees his contribution as a significant one.

"The high points are being able to apply all the knowledge that I have, military and civilian, and put them to work with my fellow soldiers and civilians," he said. "I can contribute with them because as a civilian religious person and military chaplain I possess a big knowledge on spiritual and family matters that can help soldiers if they come to face any of these situations."

As a counselor to many here on base, he understands the stresses and emotional strains many troopers experience being separated from their loved ones.

"As we have stated before, one of the big challenges is being away from the family. I have been able to address it by having a strong and well-organized mind supported by my beliefs and moral values," he said. "Taking care of my family by preparing them prior to my departure and following up. I always make sure I do the things in a way that keeps me out of trouble."

## Worship Services

### Catholic

#### Main Chapel

Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. (Cobre Chapel)
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:15 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanct. B)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

#### 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-Evan's Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
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.	Seaside Galley (Temporary location until further notice)
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

### New Life Community Fellowship

#### Main Chapel

Sun.	12:45 p.m.	Service*
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### Penecostal Gospel

Sun.	8 a.m.	Service (Sanc C)
	5 p.m.	Service (Sanc C)

### 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 Chapel Complex
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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 following worship.

## We will survive!

Need a spiritual lift? Join Chaplain Daniel Odean and other JTF troopers for music and fellowship during Soul Survivor.

Soul Survivor is at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Club Survivor.

Join the fun!

## Survey Reminder

Survey forms were distributed to section heads and unit commanders last weekend.

**YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT**

Completed forms should be returned to any collection box no later than Friday, 21 NOV 03, located at the galleys, motorpool and JTF HQ

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christian Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Nov. 26, 7 p.m. at Seaside Galley

Thanksgiving Day Mass (Catholic)

Thanksgiving Day

9 a.m. at TFS-2 (the clam shell tent)

## RECREATION & LEISURE

# Special Thanksgiving meal planned at four locations

JTF troopers have a tasty Thanksgiving meal in store.

The appetizer will be shrimp cocktail with cocktail sauce and a salad bar.

Main courses will be roast turkey and giblet gravy, baked Virginia ham and prime rib with au jus.

Side items will be glazed sweet potatoes, snowflake potatoes, corn-bread dressing, seasoned green beans, O'Brien corn, pineapple raisin sauce, natural gravy, chilled cranberry sauce, chilled horseradish, smoked salmon salad and Parkerhouse rolls.

Deserts will be fruit cake, pumpkin pie and whipped topping, pecan pie, apple pie, assorted fruit pies a la mode and assorted mixed nuts and candies.

Beverages will include egg nog, coffee, tea and beverage counter drinks.

The meal will be available at four locations – Leeward Galley, Quick Hall, Seaside Galley and the troop feeding tent inside the wire.

The meal will be available at any time from lunch through dinner. The dining facility inside the wire, however, will close from 3 to 5 p.m.

### Basketball outreach



JTF chaplain LTC Michael Britton defends a shot by SSG Reeve Winters of JTF HHQ during a three-on-three basketball game Monday night. Britton uses such games as a unique way to minister to troopers.

Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr



## Movie Schedule

### Camp Bulkeley

#### Fri., Nov. 14

8 p.m. *How to Deal*  
PG13 - 102 min

10 p.m. *Bad Boys 2*  
R - 146 min

#### Sat., Nov. 15

8 p.m. *Batman Returns*  
PG13 - 118 min

10 p.m. *S.W.A.T.*  
PG13 - 116 min

#### Sun., Nov. 16

8 p.m. *Pirates of the Caribbean*  
PG13 - 143 min

#### Mon., Nov. 17

8 p.m. *Demolition Man*  
R - 115 min

#### Tues., Nov. 18

8 p.m. *Open Range*  
R - 139 min

#### Wed., Nov. 19

8 p.m. *Dirty Harry*  
R - 103 min

#### Thurs., Nov. 20

8 p.m. *American Wedding*  
R - 102 min

### Downtown Lyceum

#### Fri., Nov. 14

8 p.m. *Secondhand Lion*  
PG - 107 min

10 p.m. *Intolerable Cruelty*  
PG13 - 95 min

#### Sat., Nov. 15

8 p.m. *Brother Bear*  
G - 80 min

10 p.m. *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*  
R - 97 min

#### Sun., Nov. 16

8 p.m. *Cabin Fever*  
R - 94 min

#### Mon., Nov. 17

8 p.m. *Secondhand Lion*  
R - 107 min

#### Tues., Nov. 18

8 p.m. *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*  
R - 97 min

#### Wed., Nov. 19

8 p.m. *Matchstick Men*  
PG13 - 120 min

#### Thurs., Nov. 20

8 p.m. *Runaway Jury*  
PG13 - 128 min

## MNF at Club Survivor

Club Survivor invites you to watch the Monday Night Football game in the company of fellow JTF troopers. The game starts at 9 p.m., and refreshments will be available. Club Survivor also offers weekly Friday night karaoke for those wishing to stretch their vocal cords!

# Troopers compete in tourney

A Veterans' Day softball tournament featured a number of JTF troopers. Pictured are: (top, right) SFC Danny Johns of the 177th MP Brigade prepares to pitch while MAJ Ray Roldan of the JIG stands on second base; (bottom right) SSG Duane Pike of the 177th runs to first base; (bottom) SSG Lee Arnold of the 177th takes a big swing and (below) Roldan lofts a ball to the outfield; The double-elimination tournament began Tuesday morning and culminated in the early evening at Cooper Field. More than half a dozen teams participated.

Photos by Spc. Rick Fahr

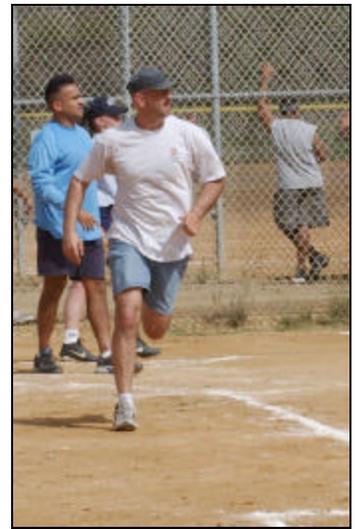


Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

## 5K winners

Winners of Saturday's JTF 5K run at Camp America were: (females from left) third place, CPT Betty Anderson of the 216th MP Company; second place, SGT Amy Ruggero of the 177th MP Brigade; first place, Jill Nelson, FBI; (males from left) first place, SPC Tom Collins of 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment; second place, LTC Steven Westphal, J-3 headquarters; third place, CPT John Crohan, 1st Bn., 181st Inf. Regt. Pictured with the winners are BG Mitchell LeClaire (right), JTF deputy commander of operations, and CSM George Nieves, JTF command sergeant major.

# Trooper picks

JTF personnel's predictions for this week's games

## Games

**Air Force at New Mexico**  
**Houston at Army**  
**BYU at Notre Dame**  
**Auburn at Georgia**  
**Texas Tech at Texas**  
**Packers at Bucs**  
**Cowboys at Patriots**  
**Lions at Seahawks**  
**Ravens at Dolphins**  
**Jaguars at Titans**  
**Last week's record**  
**Overall record**



1st Sgt.  
Sandra Adams-Jones  
273rd MP Co.

**Air Force**  
**Houston**  
**BYU**  
**Georgia**  
**Texas**  
**Bucs**  
**Cowboys**  
**Seahawks**  
**Ravens**  
**Titans**  
**7-3**  
**41-25**



Craig Basel  
MWR director

**Air Force**  
**Houston**  
**Notre Dame**  
**Georgia**  
**Texas**  
**Bucs**  
**Patriots**  
**Seahawks**  
**Ravens**  
**Jaguars**  
**5-5**  
**39-27**



Staff Sgt.  
Deon Lee  
216th MP Co.

**Air Force**  
**Houston**  
**Notre Dame**  
**Georgia**  
**Texas**  
**Bucs**  
**Cowboys**  
**Seahawks**  
**Dolphins**  
**Titans**  
**8-2**  
**45-21**



Staff Sgt.  
Stephanie Nielsen  
384th MP Bn.

**Air Force**  
**Houston**  
**BYU**  
**Georgia**  
**Texas**  
**Bucs**  
**Cowboys**  
**Seahawks**  
**Dolphins**  
**Titans**  
**7-3**  
**43-23**

## Sports highlights

# Chiefs continue roll to perfection

Compiled by  
Spc. Rick Fahr

It's safe to say that **Bob Griese** won't be inviting any of the **Kansas City Chiefs** over for a cookout anytime soon.

Sitting at 9-0 and looking at a fairly weak November schedule, the Chiefs are probably the least-favorite current NFL team of any of the **1972 Miami Dolphins**, the only NFL team to complete a perfect season.

It's no secret that those Dolphins covet their place in history, and they don't like to see unbeaten teams this late into an NFL season.

That hardly seems to matter to **Dick Vermeil's** Chiefs.

Kansas City thumped the **Cleveland Browns** on Sunday, 41-20, and could be 12-0 when they go to **Denver** on Dec. 7. If the Chiefs can make it to Dec. 20 unbeaten, they'll have the

**Minnesota Vikings** standing between them and perfection.

In other action on Sunday, several teams pulled off upset victories. **Washington** beat **Seattle**. **San Diego** outlasted **Minnesota**, and **Jacksonville** edged **Indianapolis**.

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It took one game for NBA phenom **LeBron James** to prove he can play at the highest level. It took six games for his team, the **Cleveland Cavaliers**, to win.

The Cavs outlasted the **Washington Wizards** on Saturday night to give the team its first win of the young season. Through six games, James averaged 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. **Carmelo Anthony**, the **Denver Nuggets'** heralded rookie, has put up 17 points per game, while grabbing five rebounds and handing out about three assists.

For all the turmoil on and off the court, the **Los Angeles Lakers** won five of their first six games. Who'd a thunk it?

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In the college football world, the **Oklahoma Sooners** have basically begun the countdown to the national title game in the Sugar Bowl.

Three teams – **USC**, **LSU** and **Ohio State** – have inside tracks to join the Sooners. Which of those teams has the easiest schedule remaining? LSU travels to No. 19 **Ole Miss** and hosts **Arkansas** before perhaps playing in the Southeastern Conference championship game. Ohio State hosts No. 10 **Purdue** and travels to No. 5 **Michigan**. USC, though, has three games remaining. None are against ranked opponents.

Compiled from [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com)

## 661st making volleyball push

More than a dozen games into the Captain's Cup volleyball season, the 661st MP Co. is two games out of first place in the men's division.

The team's record is 11-3. The only team with a better record is Hospital Dos, which has posted a 12-1 mark.

JTF MP 38th is in third place with a record of 8-5, while NEX is at 8-6. MCSF is 7-6, with one forfeit, and W.T. Sampson is 6-8. Hospital Uno is 5-7, with one forfeit.

In the women's division, the 661st MP Co. team is in last place with a record of 2-6, with one forfeit.

Hospital leads the division at 8-0. P.W.D. is in second place at 5-3, with one record, and W.T. Sampson is in third at 4-4.

# 15 Minutes of Fame...

## With SGT Kevin Wallace, 216<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company

*Husband, father and small-town friend, Wallace is a trooper looking to represent his family and fellow citizens in Guantanamo as he fights for freedom from behind the scenes. As an administrative specialist, he also seeks to make his children proud as he helps to better their future and the future of all mankind.*

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

**Q: What inspired you to join the military?**

**A:** "When I was in high school some of the older gentlemen in the 216th inspired me to join. I looked up to them, and their National Guard experience sounded like something I wanted to do."

**Q: What do you recall as your best military experience?**

**A:** "When my first-line supervisor taught me a number of things that have really helped me in my military job, such as creating databases on the computer. These skills have greatly benefited me in my civilian career as well."

**Q: How has your military service impacted and molded you as a service member and a person?**

**A:** "Foremost, it's given me a lot of patience. In my job I have to listen to and help a number of soldiers with pay and family issues, trying to help them as best as I can. I also do other tasks such as mail runs. Learning to fit every task into my schedule has also taught me time management. These are the two biggest benefits, and they've impacted me all around."

**Q: In what ways have your family, friends and civilian employer supported you in your active military career?**

**A:** "They've all been behind me the whole time. It was hard for my family and employer to



Photo by Spc. Katherine L. Collins

*SGT Kevin Wallace, of the 216th Military Police Company, serves with JTF Guantanamo as an administrative specialist. His military service consists of nine years in this field with the Arkansas Army National Guard. Wallace has been married for two years, and he is the father of two.*

see me leave for Cuba right after serving at Fort Leonard Wood [for 10 months], but they understood I had to go. My hometown has shown great support too. It ran a piece in the paper about my deployment service."

**Q: In what ways have you kept in contact with your family while here?**

**A:** "We have a computer at home, so we instant message each other, and I've tried the Dial Pad. My daughter also sends me cards and pictures that she's drawn. She sent me a card the other day that asked me, 'why won't I come home.' That was nice."

**Q: What experiences and personal qualities do you believe have benefited you most professionally and personally on this deployment?**

**A:** "I draw on my college

experience of dealing with lots of different kinds of people. I also use thoughts of my family to get me through each day. I have pictures of my wife and children as my screensaver. So I look at them every day as I am working. It reminds me to keep my mind focused on doing the mission and getting back home to them."

**Q: What do you do to relax at home and on deployment?**

**A:** "At home I play video games and basketball and hang out with my fraternity brothers. As a family, we take trips to visit relatives in northeastern Arkansas. Here I play PlayStation and watch movies. I also bowled for the first time."

**Q: What goals do you hope to accomplish while in Guantanamo?**

**A:** "One goal is to become very physically fit before I leave.

My other goal is to finish my master's in my double major of human resource management and human resource development. I have just 18 hours left."

**Q: What do you find most rewarding about this mission?**

**A:** "This is a high profile mission. It's great to just be a part of it. I am helping to make history even though I am not working directly with the detainees."

**Q: How do you think this mission will impact you when you leave Guantanamo?**

**A:** "First, it will help me understand what our nation's goals are for freedom. Also, my biggest growth will be in regards to my family. When I return home it will have been almost two years that we have been apart. Still, it will be an adjustment when we become a family again. Daddy will actually be there, not just on the other end of a phone."

**Q: Looking back on your overall military experience, what makes you most proud to serve?**

**A:** "The way my family and the people in my town react to my service, especially my daughter. She's very, very proud of me serving. Around the house she likes to play army and walk around like daddy does. That makes me feel good. Also, I feel like I am representing my town and I'm helping my children's future by fighting for freedom here."