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From Capitol Hill to Guantanamo Bay JTF

By SGT Jolene Staker

The 273rd Military Police Company out of Washington, D.C., is the only federal National Guard unit that answers directly to the president of the United States.

They brought valuable experience – both civilian and military – to Guantanamo that has allowed them to excel in their responsibilities here. “They’re doing outstanding,” said CPT Roland Lane, 273rd MP Co. commander.

Members of the 273rd MP Co. have been on active duty since 9/11. First they augmented the Capitol Hill Police, and then they had a Pentagon mission. Their next stop was Guantanamo Bay, where they put their experience gained on their previous deployments, annual trainings with real life missions out of country and their civilian backgrounds to



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SFC Anthony Atkinson, 273rd Military Police Company 2nd platoon sergeant, holds formation to perform pre-guard mount checks and assign guards to their shifts.

work for the JTF.

“There is nothing we can’t handle,” said 1SG Sandra Adams-Jones, company first sergeant. This became the unit’s motto while serving at the Pentagon providing perimeter security. “We get called for a

mission, and we do it to the best of our ability,” she said.

During their Capitol Hill mission the 273rd MPs had the same duties as any Capitol Hill police officer. They guarded barricaded entrances into Capitol Hill and directed traffic. The

State of the Union address was one high profile event they provided security for.

The 273rd MP Co. also served about eight months during the Gulf War providing security for Al Khobar Towers, operating an enemy prisoner of war mission, and working in Customs and Agriculture.

They also provided law enforcement support in Germany for about seven months as part of Joint Endeavor. Law enforcement includes anything a police officer would do, such as responding to domestic disturbances and traffic stops.

The 273rd MP Co. members have been to Italy, Honduras, Panama and Turkey for annual training where they had actual missions – they were not just training. They did everything from security, law enforcement and Customs and Agriculture.

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Time comes to look forward, backward

It is hard to imagine that November has slipped by and December and the Holidays loom in the immediate future. Time has a way of passing quickly at Guantanamo. The OPTEMPO is fast paced and complex. Now is an excellent time to not only take stock in what we have accomplished but to look ahead as the mission continues. The majority of us have been here for some time and we are settling in so to speak. Let us not become complacent in what we do. We must constantly strive to be better.

If you haven't been conducting good After Action Reviews it's past the time to start. TC 25-20, "A Leaders Guide to After Action Reviews" is the reference. Don't forget to plan training to correct deficiencies. And remember that AARs get everyone involved and that everyone's input is necessary. Your training should be well planned, well executed and focused upon the mission. All of this relates to doing things right. Again, know the standard!

Over the past few months I have been able to visit with many of you. Whether it be in the dining facility or galley, the fitness center, on dismounted patrol or inside the wire, it has been great to meet the troopers of the JTF. We come from all walks of life and various backgrounds and from all branches of the Service. More amazing is how we have formed into a



BG Mitch LeClaire
Deputy Joint Task Force
Commander for Operations
JTF Guantanamo

cohesive team focused upon the mission.

As we progress, the troopers may change, but the mission remains constant. Along those lines I think it is appropriate for leaders to develop a "continuity book" that will assist our follow on personnel in quickly understanding their role within the Joint Task Force community. JTF Guantanamo Regulation 10-1 Organization and Functions Headquarters, JTF describes the major staff roles and functions, but leaders need to go beyond this in order to fully describe the inner workings of the job that you perform.

Troopers, you work hard. We expect you to work hard. We also thank you and appreciate what you do.

Honor Bound!

Command climate survey due Saturday

*JTF troopers may still complete the
command climate survey.*

*Collection boxes will be available at the Headquarters and
Commissions buildings, all galleys and the TK and
Windward Loop MWR locations until 4 p.m. Saturday.
Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard.*

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Thanksgiving Guantanamo style



Photo by SPC Rick Fahr

We are a nation of many nationalities, many races, and religions bound together by a single unity, the unity of freedom and equality.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

SPC Jason Low (left) of the 258th Military Police Co. selects his lunch from the Thanksgiving offerings at Quick Hall Galley. Marine SSG Jean Wagnac (below) delivers a scripture reading during Wednesday night's Thanksgiving service at Camp America's Seaside Galley. During the service, MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander, delivered a message of appreciation to JTF troopers and their families for their sacrifices in the name of freedom.



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins

Lyceum work

Troopers can expect some upgrades at Bulkely Lyceum in the future, according to Craig Basel, MWR director. New seats are on the horizon as well as an upgraded 35mm film system.



Photo by SPC Tammi Meyer

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Deployments and annual training missions are not the only military experience these MPs brought to Guantanamo. "Most people are prior service – a lot of former Marines," said SFC William Wells, training and physical security NCO who joined the Marines in 1973.

The 273rd MP Co. is also rich with people with civilian experience that adds to the mission. "A significant percentage of folks have law enforcement backgrounds, whether it be in corrections, D.C. police officer or county police officer," said Lane. "What they bring is a wealth of practical experience. They complement the training making it more effective."

Lane said that one of the many things his soldiers with law enforcement experience brought to the mission was the mindset you need when doing corrections or detainee operations.

They can teach the skills required to enable MPs to safely and effectively stay



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SSG Kirk Douglas, SGT Deron Jenkins and SGT Vanessa Whitley of the 273rd Military Police Company board the bus to go to Camp Delta to begin their shift. Travelling is nothing new to these soldiers who all travel from out of state to drill with their unit in Washington D.C., Douglas travels in from Florida, Jenkins from Georgia and Whitley from North Carolina.

within the SOP. This is comprised if you lose the mindset.

"In the civilian world I am a corrections officer, so this gives me a chance to teach my MPs how to do corrections. Gives me a chance to give them some hands on experience of the do's and don'ts," said SFC Juan Mitchell, 273rd MP Co. 1st platoon sergeant.

"Our experience makes the mission safer. We know to

always be on alert," said SGT Michael Chestnut, 273rd MP Co. 3rd platoon, 3rd squad leader with 10 years experience in law enforcement said. "We can teach younger troops to know what to expect and how to protect themselves."

Less experienced troops agree that they have benefited from this shared experience. "I've learned how to be more receptive to the dangers of the

job," said SPC Marcus T. Cummings of the 273rd MP Co. "Experienced leadership has taught me how to leave the attitude of retaliation at home." While it may be instinct to react when someone does something to you, Cummings said he's learned to drive on with the job.

The 273rd MP Co. members may have come with a lot of experience, but they are adding to that experience each day, so that when it is time for them to go home they will not be going empty handed.

"The experience I'm taking home is dealing with different nationalities and learning other religions and cultures. I've learned this not only from the detainees but also from the third country nationals around the base," said Cummings.

"I think the most rewarding experience of being here is the opportunity to work with a task force comprised of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Navy," said SFC Anthony Baker, 273rd MP Co. 3rd Platoon sergeant. "In my 24 years with the Guard this is the first time I've been part of a joint task force."

JTF taking measures against alcohol abuse

By SrA. Thomas J. Doscher

The JTF is taking steps to address a problem common in deployed locations – alcohol abuse.

The JTF Combat Stress Company and the base hospital are working on ways to limit alcohol abuse in the JTF.

"It's not a right; it's a privilege to be able to drink," said 1SG David Folsom, JTF first sergeant. "Unfortunately, troopers find it a way to decompress."

Some methods being put into place are things like limiting the purchase of alcohol to one case of beer per person per day or 1 bottle of liquor and implementing 100 percent ID checks for alcohol purchases.

Alcohol abuse is a common problem in deployed locations, said Chief Petty Officer Charles Jenkins, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program alcohol and drug counselor, and JTF GTMO is no exception to the rule.

"It's normal in deployments," Jenkins said. "Being away from a constrained environment gives people a chance to indulge or overindulge."

To help combat alcohol abuse, the JTF has appointed Petty Officer 2nd Class Kamesa Albert as the JTF's new Drug and Alcohol Program advisor to act as a liaison between the JTF command and the treatment center at the hospital.

"If a person feels they have a problem, they can talk to her and they'll make the determination if they need to come here for screening and counseling," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said Albert will also go out to individual units and conduct alcohol abuse prevention briefs.

JTF troops who think they might have an alcohol problem have to want help.

"They don't have to be in trouble," Jenkins said. "They just have to have a concern."

Folsom said it's the trooper's choice.

"We're setting up more MWR so troops don't have to use alcohol as decompression," he said. "We're trying to get leaders more involved."

Troops should be able to trust their leaders to help and look out for them, Folsom said.

"They should have the trust in their chain of command to feel free and come to their leadership to present their problem and get the assistance they need," he said. "We have the means on the island to help, including the CSC and a great chaplain program."

Folsom said his door is always open to JTF troops in trouble.

"Alcohol is sometimes a sign that they want help," he said. "Sometimes they feel they have no one to talk to but the bottle. The JTF is trying to curb that."

For more information about alcohol abuse and treatment, call Albert at 7-2090.

C2PC course enhances battlefield proficiency

By SSG Patrick Cloward

Surveying the battle scene, the commander sees there is heavy rifle fire to his left flank; up ahead there are vehicles which he does not recognize, coming toward his position. How can he be sure if they're friendly forces?

Kris Zebra, technical training specialist for command and control systems from the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group-Atlantic, explains, how the Command and Control Personal Computer (C2PC) seminar, which was recently given in

a 30-hour instruction course at Camp America, is now being used in the U.S. Armed Forces to help tactical coordination.

"C2PC applications isn't just an overlay tool," said Zebra of the networked computer program. "It's designed to be the manager of the common operation picture. Suppose units would use it to display infiltrators to cut them off, or it could keep track of my units and help reduce operations fratricide."

Zebra mentioned that during the Gulf War, there were occasions of not enough information finding its way to troops in the field. This is a result in a slowed ability to gather information on friendly troop movement and coordinate their position in regard to the position of the enemy.

"With this system, you're

no longer shooting each other," he said.

Location information can be routed in digitally or manually to the network, where everyone involved can see moment-by-moment changes in the battlefield picture, giving the command structure an easier assessment of tactics and security. Advancements like this are a step ahead in battle planning.

Airman 1st Class Carl Cleary, JTF JOC J-3, originating from the Air Force PACAM Computer Support Squadron based at Hickam AFB in Hawaii, found its ease of use a bonus.

"This is like a course that helps keep track of everything," said Cleary. "Understanding this

is not only beneficial for the JTF, but for my Air Force career."

CSM Richard Michael of JTF J-3 Plans and Operations also saw its appeal.

"The program is pretty easy to work with," he said. "Everyone operating it can have a complete overview of people on the battlefield. I've never used it before and had no problems with it. You can take a whole world-view and just zoom right in on an area real easy."

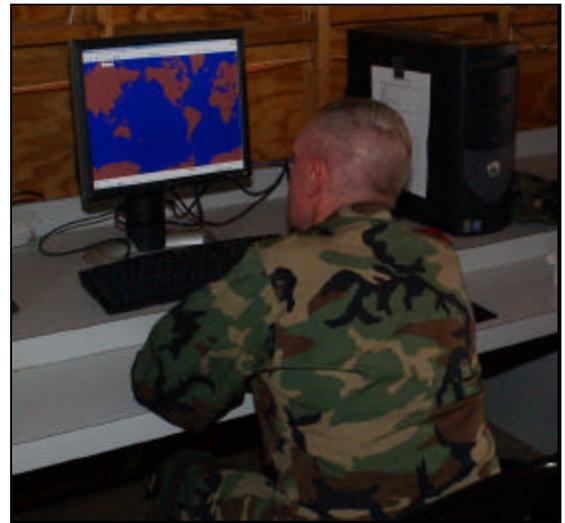
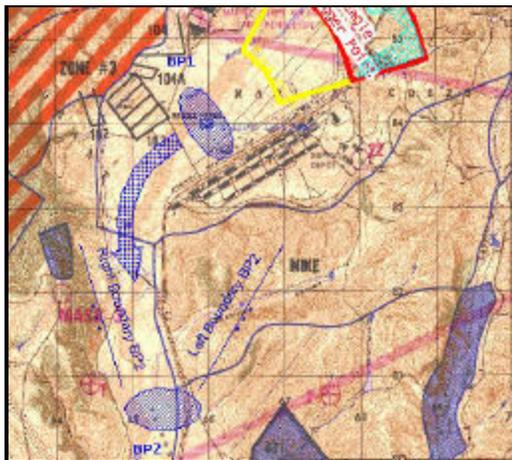


Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward
With the C2PC software program (above), students can use bird's-eye views of tactical situations (bottom-left) to assess troop movement.

Main Exchange readies for Christmas rush

By SSG Patrick Cloward

The Christmas shopping jitters have finally arrived at Guantanamo Bay.

In order to serve the frenzied masses, the main Navy Exchange has contributed to the holiday spirit by participating in the post-Thanksgiving early-bird sales teasers we're all so used to in the U.S.

"Every store in the states does this," said Don Mohlman, general manager for the Navy Exchange here on base. "So I said, 'Let's try this. Let's have some fun.'"

Starting at 6 a.m. today, a large inventory of items fresh from the barge were put on display for significant discounts until 11 a.m.



Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward
Rosamarie Rodgers and Fabian Lopez display an example of what is being offered in the Main Navy Exchange before the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas sales to come in the next few weeks.

"Then we take down the signs and keep up the regular sale items we have that day until 8 p.m.," said Mohlman.

Tomorrow is no different, except the special sales start at 8 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. after which the regular Thanksgiving sale will go on until 8 p.m. Sunday will continue with sales from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The NEX will also be contributing to a special "Breakfast With Santa" for families at McDonalds from 8 to 10 a.m. on Nov. 29.

There will be many more specials and altered business hours to coincide with the holidays. For those interested in following up on the changes, you can check the front of the main exchange, where specific hours will be posted.

Native Americans: Keeping the tradition alive

Indians warriors, military warriors

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

They live with a passion, fight with a vision. They are the Native Americans of the U.S. military.

Historically, Native Americans have held the highest record of military service per capita compared to other ethnic groups, according to Department of Defense officials. Their cultural values drive them to serve their country, and their warrior spirit becomes one with their military service. The reason behind this disproportionate contribution is that, although Native Americans are no different from others who volunteer for military service, they do, however, have distinctive cultural values that drive them to serve their country. One such value is their proud warrior tradition, which is best exemplified by the following qualities said to be inherent to most, if not all, Native American societies: strength, honor, pride, devotion and wisdom. These qualities make a perfect fit with military tradition.

To be a Native American warrior is to have physical, mental and spiritual strength, which means being prepared to overpower the enemy and face death head-on. In return for drawing on their strength to fight, Native Americans further develop each form of strength as they battle. To survive the chaos of war is to gain a more intimate knowledge of life.

United States military service provides an outlet for Native Americans to fulfill a cultural purpose rooted in tradition—to fight and defend their homeland. Native American warriors are devoted to the survival of their people and their homeland. If necessary, warriors will lay down their lives for the preservation of their culture, for death to the Native American warrior is just another step in the advancement of life. It is understood that the warrior's spirit lives on eternally.



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins
SPC Marcus Sepulveda
747th Postal Detachment

The warrior seeks wisdom. Wisdom, as used in this context, means the sum total of formal learning and worldly experiences. In wartime, those Native Americans seeing heavy combat had to learn how to survive, often using skills that many unit commanders thought were inherent to the Native American's cultural background.

During the 21st century, the United States military can be expected to provide continuing opportunity for Native American men and women. For their part, Native Americans can be expected to carry on their centuries-old warrior tradition—serving with pride, courage, and distinction.

A long tradition

The people of the United States recognize the month of November as Native American Heritage Month. Recently, President George W. Bush stated, "The strength of our Nation comes from its people. As the early inhabitants of this land, the native peoples of North America played a unique role in the shaping of our Nation's history and culture." Native Americans continue this warrior mission still today, fighting for freedom throughout the world. JTF honors all who served before us and those now serving beside us, in Guantanamo and abroad.

American Indians have participated with distinction in U.S. military actions for more than



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins
SSG Kristine Patton
384th Military Police Battalion

200 years. At the close of the 20th century, nearly 190,000 Native Americans were recorded as military veterans.

Among the greatest of Native American military veterans are the Navajo code talkers, who took part in every assault the U.S. Marines conducted in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. These men transmitted messages by telephone and radio in their native language—a code that the Japanese never broke. Native American military warriors today aspire to the level of excellence of these U.S. heroes.

JTF warriors

Today's Native Americans carry on the heroic warrior tradition of their ancestors. Men and women from all tribes have answered the call to defend the United States and their own tribal nations by serving in varied military capacities throughout the world. JTF Guantanamo is among the numerous military operations witnessing Native American military service. From various states and units, JTF Native American troopers fight for freedom in such roles as medics, postal workers, journalists, supply workers and military police.

Among JTF's Native American service members are SPC Marcus Sepulveda of the 747th Postal Detachment and SSG Kristine Patton of the 384th Military Police Battalion.

Sepulveda joined the military

in search of discipline. He has served in the Army Reserve in Montana for seven years, first as an ammunitions specialist. Here he serves in Camp America's post office, using skills quite different from those of his position as a correctional officer in Montana's state prison. Married with four children, Sepulveda draws on his Sioux and Chippewa values and experiences to succeed in his military service. He most credits his family.

"I lived with both my full-blooded Sioux grandmother and full-blooded Chippewa grandmother growing up. One had 13 kids and one had 12. I was pretty close with all my aunts and uncles. They were like my brothers and sisters. Growing up with limited space and lots of people around prepared me well for the typical military living environment, especially on deployments. Having lots of relatives also taught me how to form close relationships. Some of us in the unit have become so close that we are like a family. It helps us work together better and helps our moral too."

Patton is a senior medic at the Camp America joint aid station. She has served in the Army Reserve for six years in Indiana, three of which were with the 337th Combat Support Hospital. She works as a critical care technician in Indiana and is engaged to be married. In her effort to defend freedom and heal troopers, she looks to the values she's been handed from her full-blooded Cherokee grandfather and her full-blooded Sioux great-grandmother.

"I grew up in the military. My grandpa was in the Army for over 30 years, during which he ran a howitzer division at Fort Custer. This inspired me to join too. Now that I'm serving, one great Native American value I look to is that of the tribe, which means 'family.' Our culture teaches that you are to devote yourself only to your tribe. This value helps me care for all my troops assigned to me. I see them as family."

Information compiled from Internet sources.

Troopers' move to Camp America II delayed; Large project pushed beyond holiday season

By SrA. Thomas J. Doscher

The much-awaited move of JTF personnel from Windward Loop to Camp America II has been delayed, but will continue nonetheless.

Citing a desire to ensure that JTF troops would be comfortable in their new surroundings, JTF leadership said there will be a short delay.

"We're trying to get some quality furniture and equipment put in before we move," Navy Lt. Cmdr. Frankie "J" Hand said. "It's still going to happen. At this point it's not going to happen in the timeframe we originally set."

The delay also provides more troop stability and convenience during the coming holiday season.

Hand said an exact date for the move has not been set.

"We're working that out," he said. "By moving it to the right, it keeps everything on an even plane until after the holidays."

The final decision on exactly who in the JTF will be moving has not been made, but Hand said J-4 and the JTF leadership are hard at work developing a fair, quick and

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**—Navy Lt. Cmdr. Frankie "J" Hand,
J-4 operations officer**

efficient move plan.

Navy Capt. Paul McNeill, J-4 Director of Logistics, said the move will make the JTF staff a more efficient unit as well as free up NavBase housing for their families.

"It will cause the JTF HHC to be a more cohesive unit than one where the housing conditions are separated," McNeill said. "We are occupying houses meant for NavBase families, so we need to move out of family housing and into something more akin to bachelor quarters."

Camp America II has 312 beds, Hand said, and the JTF HHC intends to fill most of them while still leaving some for incoming personnel.

McNeill said the barracks-type quarters fits the role and mission of the JTF.

"This is field billeting because of the transitory nature of JTF personnel," he said. "It's important that we turn over the NavBase housing so they can get more families in there."

McNeill said the move will affect only housing and nothing else.

"This doesn't change a thing with MWR on the base," he said. "This has solely to do with housing and billeting. ... The end result will be a better location, better unit cohesion and help us more effectively promote our JTF mission."

Hand said the move to Camp America II is only the beginning.

Details of the final plan for the move to Camp America II will be released in early December.

Trooper on the Street

By SPC Tommi Meyer

This week's question:

What unique ways have you found to stay fit here at Guantanamo Bay?



Navy
Petty Officer 2nd Class
Kris Goland
PSU Detachment

"I work out five days a week. ... I have enough self-discipline to not eat desert at the galley."



SPC
Stephen McGurn
181st Infantry Regiment

"Camp Bulkeley gym has been my main source, and I'm infantry, so I go patrolling through the hills of GTMO."



SPC
Edgar Torres
463rd Military Police Co.

"In our free time, we get together and we use the gym for physical stuff [like basketball] to entertain us."



SPC
Domenik Guglielmo
217th Military Police Co.

"I found a partner. We keep each other motivated at the gym and on the track."



SPC
Christopher Collins
181st Infantry Regiment

"I go to Windmill Beach and go snorkeling for hours, and I run in battalion runs."

Get answers to faith questions at Alpha program

By SGT Jolene Staker

Do you have questions about the validity and relevance of the Christian faith in today's world?

Chaplain Paul Minor offers troopers a unique 14-week program, Alpha, Tuesday and Friday nights from 7-8:30 that has a 45-minute DVD presentation covering the basics of Christianity and then gives troopers the chance to engage in small group discussions or debates.

Environment is key to the success of the program. Minor said, "The big thing is to create a safe environment, and I think we've done that."

The safe environment makes Alpha ideal for those just wanting to investigate Christianity without any pressure, new Christians, those who feel their Christian life needs a jump start, newcomers to church and those just wanting to brush up on the basics.

Minor said, "The question mark emblem represents that they can participate no matter where they are coming from. They can be a part of the conversation. If they have questions; if they aren't sure; that's OK."

People not necessarily comfortable in church are also encouraged to attend. "There can be a lot of social pressure within a church to get on board with a certain belief system," said Minor. "Here we try to create an environment where whatever faith they are, no matter where they are — even if they are angry with the church — they can bring that."

Alpha originated at Holy Trinity Brompton, an Anglican church in London, England,

over 20 years ago by Reverend Nicky Gumbel. Today, churches of every type and background, including Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, Free Church and House Churches, are offering Alpha.

Gumbel is the speaker on the DVD used in the program. "The way he talks is good for those who may not know anything about God, but it's also good for those who have a church back home," said SPC Luis Marrero, chaplain assistant.

Alpha is able to cross the denominational lines because it focuses on the basics of Christianity. The topics covered include: week one — Who is Jesus?; week two — Why did Jesus die?; week three — How can I be sure of my faith?; week four — Why and how should I read the Bible?; week five — Why and how do I pray?; week six — Who is the Holy Spirit?; week seven — What does the Holy Spirit do?; week eight — How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?; week nine — How can I resist evil?; week 10 — How does God guide us?; week 11 — Why and how should I tell others?; week 12 — Does God heal today?; week 13 — What about the church? and week 14 — How can I make the most out of the rest of my life?

Even though it is a 14-week program with subjects that are interwoven, each week's session can stand on its own. Not being able to attend each and every session should not keep anyone from attending when they can, said Minor.

Church leaders from all denominations have reported the "astonishing" impact the course has had in their

areas. The program has had the same effect here at Guantanamo.

"It's a great course. It fills me up. It gives me strength," said SPC Irvin Maldonado, of the Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment. "I'm learning to be better than I am day by day."



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 Fellowship

Main Chapel

Sun.	12:45 p.m.	Service
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Pentecostal 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.



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

Chaplain Paul Minor and SPC Luis Marrero, chaplain's assistant, talk with SPC Irvin Maldonado, of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, during small group discussion at Alpha.



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

Delta Galley ribbon-cutting

JTF officials cut the ribbon to open Cafe Caribe, a new galley at Camp America. Participating in the event were (from left) COL Nelson Cannon; SGM Anthony Mendez; CSM George Nieves, JTF command sergeant major; and MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander.

Parade, concert slated for Saturday

To get JTF troopers in the Christmas spirit, a holiday parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The parade route is along Sherman Avenue from the LCN parking lot to the Downtown Lyceum.

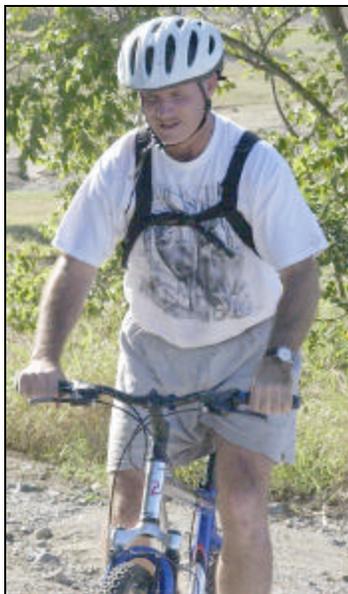
After the parade, Allison and the Wildwood Band will be performing at the Downtown Lyceum. The concert – along with predicted “snowfall” – will begin at 8 p.m.

Call MWR at extension 2345 for more information.

Extreme racing

Photo by SPC William Ingram

JTF trooper SFC Danny Johns rides a bike during Saturday's extreme adventure race, which consisted of running, biking and kayaking. Ten four-person teams participated in the event, and the NavBase GTMO Dive Locker team won with a time of 3:09:38. Team members were John Theriot, Bill Dorman, Everett Hairston and Cheryl Hairston.



Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Nov. 28

8 p.m. *The Mask*
PG13 - 102 min

10 p.m. *Love & Action in Chicago*

R - 91 min

Sat., Nov. 29

8 p.m. *Ring of Fire*
PG13 - 104 min

10 p.m. *Chain of Command*

R - 95 min

Sun., Nov. 30

8 p.m. *Pitch Black*
R - 107 min

Mon., Dec. 1

8 p.m. *Lost Souls*
R - 102 min

Tues., Dec. 2

8 p.m. *Shaft*
R - 100 min

Wed., Dec. 3

8 p.m. *Mystic Pizza*
R - 104 min

Thurs., Dec. 4

8 p.m. *Timecop*
R - 98 min

Movie Schedule

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Nov. 28

7 p.m. *School of Rock*
PG13 - 110 min

9 p.m. *Cold Creek Manor*
R - 119 min

Sat., Nov. 29

No movie because of
Electric Light
Holiday Parade

Sun., Nov. 30

7 p.m. *Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World*
PG13 - 138 min

Mon., Dec. 1

7 p.m. *Under the Tuscan Sun*
PG13 - 113 min

Tues., Dec. 2

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

Wed., Dec. 3

7 p.m. *The Fighting Temptations*
PG13 - 123 min

Thurs., Dec. 4

7 p.m. *Cold Creek Manor*
R - 119 min

Golf tourney set for Sunday

Dunlop golf clubs will be among the prizes at Sunday's MWR Thanksgiving golf tournament.

The event, in advance of another tournament on Dec. 7, will begin at 8 a.m. and will be an individual stroke play tournament. Players who do not have registered handicaps will be handicapped using the Callaway handicapping system.

The tournament is limited to 36 players, who must be at the golf course no later than 7:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Prizes will be awarded in men's and women's divisions, and other prizes will be given for longest drive and closest shot to the pin. There is no entry fee for the event, but players must furnish their own carts and clubs. For more information, call MWR at 2193.

Leaders should show example through fitness

By SGT Talal Elkhatib

Putting on more rank means accepting more responsibility.

Good leadership means a better tomorrow for enlisted troopers and officers, and your appearance has a big influence on your leadership. The way to win soldiers' hearts and trust is to lead by example. The first thing that your company or squad sees is your appearance. As a leader, being fit will earn you respect and confidence from your troops. Good health will also take you to victory.

Again, your first judgment from your troops is your appearance. You simply cannot order your troops to do physical exercise when you are out of shape yourself. You have to practice what you preach. Your



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JTF master fitness trainer

troops expect you, as a leader, to know and do all.

Active duty personnel should be in this mind-set already. If you are in the National Guard or Reserve, this deployment is a

good chance to change your lifestyle and improve your military career. Looking like a soldier and having a command voice are two essential elements to being a good leader.

As a leader, your duty includes ensuring that your soldiers are fit for combat. War is brutal, and being fit will increase your chances for survival. Having endurance can take you through the long day and the exhausting combat movements. When technology fails, your strength will enable you to defeat enemy soldiers coming at you with a bayonet. That rarely happens, but we have to train for the worst and hope for the best. How can you, as a leader, possibly train your soldiers for strength and stamina if you are not fit?

The future is in the hands of young and upcoming troopers. Remember that your appearance is the first impression others will have of you.

Troopers may execute your commands for fear of punishment or because they have trust and confidence in you. Your actions and not your words will help troopers in your command accomplish your missions. If your soldiers believe in you, they will do anything you tell them to do without asking questions.

Get fit. Lead by example and take care of your troops. You never know where tomorrow will take you.

Honor bound.

Coming next week: good and bad workout habits.

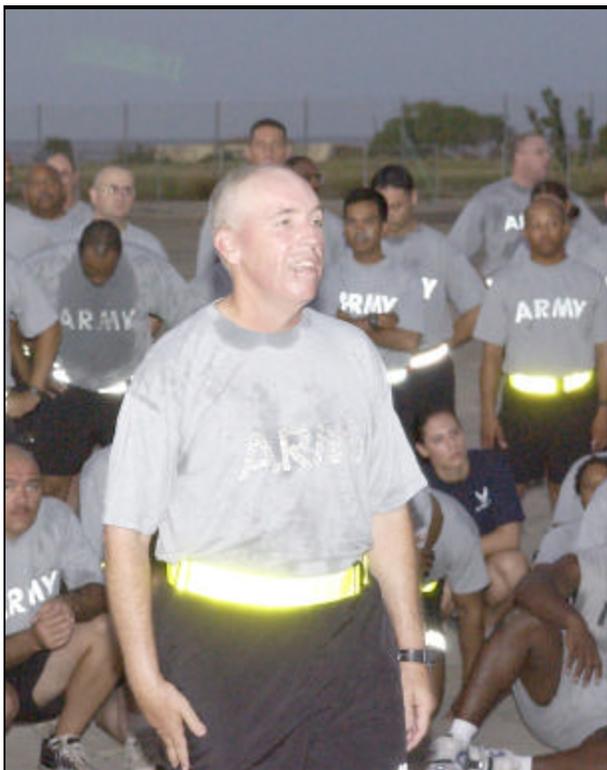


Photo by SPC William Ingram

Spirit run

MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander, speaks to troopers after a spirit run Wednesday morning. His message to the troopers focused on building a winning team through leadership. The commander also spoke briefly about the many things that troopers and Americans have to be thankful for. He concluded his remarks by telling troopers to prepare for an "attention to detail" physical training event coming soon.

Volleyball league in full swing

Two JTF teams have emerged as division leaders in beach volleyball play.

The 384th Military Police Battalion leads the Atlantic Division with a 4-0 record, while the 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment leads the Caribbean Division with a 3-0 mark.

Other Atlantic team records are: J-6, 2-1; 258th Military Police Company, 1-2 and J-3 and 217th Military Police Company, 0-1-2.

Other Caribbean team records are: 273rd Military Police Company, 2-1; JAS, 2-2; PAO-1 and J-8, 1-2; and PAO-2, 1-3.



Photo by SPC Rick Fahr

Volleyball players SSG Bennie Womack (left), SGT Ceonia Jones (center) and SSG Kirk Douglas warm up before their game on Friday morning.

Trooper picks

JTF personnel's predictions for this week's games

Games

Miami (Fla.) at Pittsburgh
 Notre Dame at Stanford
 Georgia at Georgia Tech
 Florida State at Florida
 Iowa State at Missouri
 Patriots at Colts
 Vikings at Rams
 Broncos at Raiders
 Falcons at Texans
 Bengals at Steelers
 Last week's record
 Overall record



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

Pittsburgh
 Notre Dame
 Georgia
 Florida State
 Missouri
 Colts
 Vikings
 Raiders
 Falcons
 Bengals
 7-3
 53-33



Craig Basel
 MWR director

Miami
 Notre Dame
 Georgia
 Florida State
 Missouri
 Patriots
 Rams
 Broncos
 Texans
 Steelers
 7-3
 52-34



SSG
 Deon Lee
 216th MP Co.

Miami
 Notre Dame
 Georgia
 Florida
 Missouri
 Colts
 Rams
 Broncos
 Texans
 Steelers
 10-0
 62-24



SSG
 Stephanie Nielsen
 384th MP Bn.

Miami
 Stanford
 Georgia
 Florida
 Iowa State
 Patriots
 Rams
 Broncos
 Texans
 Bengals
 6-4
 55-31

Sports highlights

Oklahoma, USC on collision course

Compiled by
 SPC Rick Fahr

Last weekend's college football rivalry matchups ended some teams' national title hopes and kept others' alive.

Michigan rained on Ohio State's parade, beating the Buckeyes 35-21 in front of more than 112,000 people. The loss will prevent OSU from defending the title it won in January. TCU's perfect season – and Bowl Championship Series game – ended at Southern Mississippi when the Horned Frogs lost 40-28.

USC is in virtual control of its destiny, needing only to win its remaining game to secure its place in the national title game against, most likely, Oklahoma.

Look for the four BCS bowls to feature: Sugar – Oklahoma vs. USC; Rose – Michi-

gan vs. Texas; Fiesta – LSU vs. Florida State; Orange – Miami vs. Ohio State.

With their 34-27 victory Sunday over the San Diego Chargers, the Cincinnati Bengals improved to 6-5 and lead their division.

Another surprising team is the Dallas Cowboys, who beat the Carolina Panthers on Sunday and have notched an 8-3 record this year.

The Kansas City Chiefs got back on the winning track by outlasting their nemesis, the Oakland Raiders, 27-24. Overshadowed by the Chiefs' stellar record, the Indianapolis Colts have posted a 9-2 mark and lead their division.

On the NBA hardwood, the Los Angeles Lakers have continued their winning ways, bursting out to a league-best 11-3 record.

The Indiana Pacers are hot on their heels, though, with a 10-2 mark. Other division leaders are the Dallas Mavericks (9-4) and Philadelphia 76ers (7-7).

Rookie sensations LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony have not disappointed, averaging 17.4 and 17.2 points per game respectively.

In baseball news, Alex Rodriguez remains a Texas Ranger, despite the fact that the team has been shopping him around. The MVP shortstop has said that he'd consider a trade to either the New York Yankees or the Boston Red Sox.

The problem with either scenario is that both teams have all-star shortstops in Derek Jeter and Nomar Garciaparra.

Compiled from www.espn.com

FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Scheduled fitness activities include:

Tae kwon do – Marine Hill multi-fitness center; Monday through Friday, 7-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m.; \$20 per month.

Yoga – G.J. Denich Gymnasium; beginners classes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:15-6:15 p.m.; power class, Saturday, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Cardio kickboxing – G.J. Denich Gymnasium; Tuesday and Thursday, 5-6 p.m.

Spinning – G.J. Denich Gymnasium; Monday through Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Step aerobics – Marine Hill multifitness center; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

15 Minutes of Fame...

With SPC Edward Brave Thunder, 463rd MP Co.

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

Cheyenne River Sioux Edward Brave Thunder grew up on a South Dakota reservation. Following in his family's footsteps, he joined the military to serve as a warrior. As a military policeman, Brave Thunder draws on his cultural values and experiences to succeed in his military service, and, in turn, serves as a role model to the next American and Native American generation. He has been married for three years and has two daughters.

Q: What inspired you to join the military?

A: "I wanted to be a warrior, but Native American warriors don't exist as they used to. Serving as a soldier was the next closest thing for me. Most of my family is in the military for a similar reason. I am the only one in the Army; the rest are in the Marines."

Q: How many years and in what branches and components have you served?

A: "I've served four years, all on active duty. I served in Germany, then at Fort Leonard Wood, in Missouri."

Q: Where have you deployed?

A: "I went to Kosovo and Poland, and I've gone on many short trips to show the unarmored security vehicle for the MPs."

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

A: "Meeting a lot of people, from both other cultures and my own. In Kosovo I met another MP who was from the Sioux Nation. It's amazing how small the world seems at times."

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

A: "It's taught me patience. This is about my fourth deployment in four years. In that time, the longest time I've spent with my family at once is about five months. I just took leave, and I noticed on leave how much more patient I was with my family than in the past. Time away from them has made me value the time with them and respect them more, so I am more patient with them."

Q: In what ways has your family supported you in your active military career?

A: "Since most of my family is military, they are very supportive. I am serving like a



Photo by SPC Katherine L. Collins

SPC Edward Brave Thunder displays, for demonstration purposes, a dream catcher that he brought with him to Guantanamo Bay. He received the eagle-shaped dream catcher, which provides protection, upon graduating high school. In Native American culture the medicine man or an elder presents a boy such a feather, with a particular design, when he passes into manhood, enters a new phase in life or achieves a great accomplishment.

warrior. They also support me because they know the medicine man, my uncle, directed me to serve."

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

A: "We try to call a lot. The funny thing is, my family and I usually seem to know when the other is feeling down, even before we talk. It's just the connection between family. So we call."

Q: What is the greatest challenge you anticipate experiencing here?

A: "In the military as a whole, it's hard to adjust going from living on a reservation, where you're surrounded by the Indian culture, to living where there is really is no sign of it at all. My uncles ask me how I'm doing in adjusting to the white world. [In Guantanamo] I often miss home because it's hard to practice my culture here due to a lack of resources, spiritual guidance for us, and understanding for my culture."

Q: How do you feel your personal experiences have equipped you to succeed here professionally and personally?

A: "Growing up on a reservation helped me quickly adjust to living in a military structured

environment. Their structures have many similarities. Still, the military is very diverse. As I grew up on a reservation, I went to a private school, then to a public school. When I first went to public school I was one of just a few Native Americans. It was hard to fit in. Learning to fit in there has helped me adjust to living in an environment where many do not understand the Indian way and few accommodations exist to practice our Indian culture."

Q: What qualities within yourself and what other sources assist you most in overcoming life's challenges?

A: "I laugh a lot. I try to not take anyone's negative comments or actions too seriously. People think that when you join the Army everyone sees you as just another person in green. That's not true. The military's diversity is a positive thing. I am proud of who I am, but not everyone sees our culture as we do. I just try to not worry about what others think."

Q: What cultural values and beliefs assist you in your military service?

A: "Back in the day the Indian warrior would go to the top of a hill to the medicine man to seek guidance in life. He and his family would remain for three days and three nights, fasting while there. The Great Spirit would give him direction. The medicine man does the same today. I call my uncle, who's a medicine man, when I feel lost. I guess I can also say I draw on the Indian value of family. It helps me work as a team with my unit."

Q: Do you see yourself as a role model to the young Native American population?

A: "Definitely. Many Native Americans struggle. I joined the Army because the medicine man guided me to. There's a lot the Army's done for me, and I am proud of what I do. ... My little godson, who lost his dad, tells me every day, 'I'm going to be just like you. I'm going to join the military and be a warrior. But I just want you to come home. That's all I want.'"

Q: As Americans celebrate Thanksgiving this week, explain how you give thanks for all your blessings, including the harvest and bounty of the earth?

A: "[Native Americans] don't celebrate the traditional November Thanksgiving and don't have a specific day or time of year that's equivalent to it. Rather, we give thanks throughout the year for the different seasons by performing a variety of ceremonies, such as celebration dances."