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Essex Troop's History Forges Future at JTF-GTMO

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

Spc. Jon Card, a medic from the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor Division of the New Jersey National Guard, is passionate about his unit history. “I think your past makes your future,” he said. “If you have pride in what your unit’s done, you’ll have pride in what your unit’s going to do.”

Many of the New Jersey National Guard Troopers in the Joint Task Force can trace their unit lineage back to a cavalry troop known as the Essex Troop. It is a lineage many Troopers claim with much pride and esprit de corps. Over the years, the Essex Troop was reorganized many times. Today, remnants of the Essex Troop can be found in the Second Battalion 102nd Armor; 250th Signal Company and A Company of the 113th Infantry of the New Jersey National Guard.

The unit was first formed as a social organization in May of 1890 by Col. James Fleming. The idea was to provide a troop of cavalry for city occasions such

as parades and ceremonies. Sixty Civil War veterans were invited to join what would be known as the Essex Troop. The first meeting of the troop was held June 3, 1890, where 40 men agreed to join the new cavalry. Fleming was elected captain and several officers and noncommissioned officers were elected the same night.

Fleming remained captain of the troop until 1895, shortly before his 60th birthday, but even after his resignation as captain he remained active in the troop until his death in 1909.

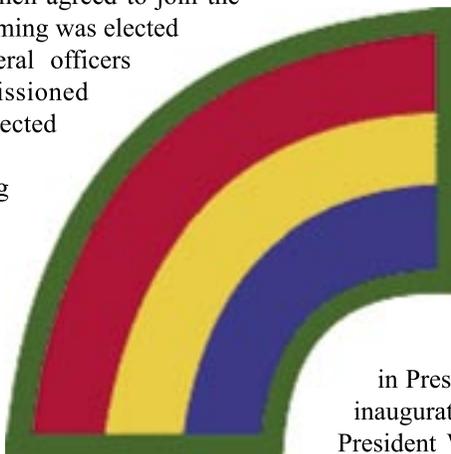
The first encampment of the troop was in July 1892 at Sea Girt, where the troop

worked side by side with the 2nd Brigade of the New Jersey National Guard. The New York Evening Post praised the Essex Troop as a “crack mounted military organization of Orange and Newark.”

It was not until 1893 that the Essex Troop officially swore allegiance to the state of New Jersey and was assigned to the First Brigade of the New Jersey National Guard.

In 1909 the Essex Troop rode honor guard in President William Howard Taft’s inauguration. The troop also escorted President Woodrow Wilson during his inauguration in 1913.

In 1913, the Essex Troop was mobilized under Gen. John “Black Jack” Persh-



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Trooper To Trooper

Living Well While Serving at GTMO

By Brig. Gen. Jay Hood

This month's command theme is "Living Well While Serving at Guantanamo." As I have watched JTF Troopers grow personally and professionally, I have found three things to be keys to living well: Giving your best every day in the JTF mission, seeking variety in your free time, and taking care of each other here at GTMO. Each of these is an important principle by itself, but when you develop them together they produce a powerful combination that will make it easier for you to do your job and live well while here at Guantanamo.

GIVING YOUR BEST EVERY DAY IN THE JTF MISSION

In my Trooper to Trooper message last month, I challenged each of you to bring your 'A' game to the fight every day. Not only is that effort an important part of your personal success, it is also a key to living well here at GTMO. Giving your best shows that you care about yourself, your fellow Troopers, and your mission.

Good things come to those who work hard and work smart. And leaders are more likely to notice and give greater opportunities to those who seek responsibility and fulfill it well. Whether an assignment comes from your first-line leader, your commander, or from me personally, give it your best and you will soon find that by doing so you will work better, play better, and live better.

SEEKING VARIETY IN YOUR FREE TIME

Giving your best at GTMO doesn't end when you leave the workplace each day and return to your quarters. It also means using your free time effectively and responsibly in a variety of activities. Taking the time to plan ahead for your off-duty activities will pay great dividends, not only because you will use your time more wisely, but also because it will prevent you from falling into unhealthy or unsafe routines.

There are as many diversions on the Island as there are people, and I encourage you to take advantage of the dozens of recreational and educational opportunities here at GTMO that may not be available



to you at home. Picking up a new hobby, taking a college class, joining a sports team, and varying your exercise regimen are just a few of the activities you can do to ensure that you finish your GTMO tour a better, more well-rounded person.

TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER

Here at GTMO we are leaders and followers. We all fulfill both roles in one way or another, and the key to our collective success is to take care of each other. As a leader, you must set the example of giving your best every day and maintaining balance in your own leisure-time activities. As a follower, you must take responsibility for your own behavior, support your leaders, and make them aware of situations that could threaten the well being of fellow Troopers.

Whether you are a leader or a follower, you can and you must do your part to help your colleagues to live well. There are a number of ways you can accomplish this: Offer to help a fellow Trooper to reach a goal or overcome a personal challenge; share your talents with others through a mutual common interest or activity; teach a class or a skill in which you have expertise; give encouragement or simply offer a listening ear. We are all a team, and the difference you make can help all of us to live well while we're here at GTMO—and beyond.

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Combat Stress Provides Comfort for Troopers

By Spc. Jody Metzger

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

These words of wisdom spoken by theologian Reinhold Neibuhr exemplifies the inability to deal with change and the stress that it causes in our lives. Even the striking beauty and calm waters that surround us here in Guantanamo Bay bring only so much peace to the Troopers that find themselves stressed and isolated.

Combat Stress is a term used by the military to describe the mission of counseling and training others how to react to demanding situations found specifically in war-time situations.

At one point in our lives we considered stress to be an argument, a traffic jam or being late for an appointment. In these troubled times, we must not only deal with the ordinary stressors but also international terrorists and their threat on American lives and established freedoms.

The emotional trauma has delved deep, laying claim to the modern Trooper's shoulders, burdening them with constant worry of family, friends, long work hours, and high temperatures. All of these are transitional adjustments that a Trooper has to deal with.

As the wars rage on, the level of stress and how we handle it has caused serious consequences for Troopers and their families. Over the years, the Combat Stress Program has been developed to help Troopers deal with their problems. Personal conflicts originate with the situations at home, within the chain of command, or from the experiences of looking war in the face, whether it be on the battlefield or in the eyes of a terrorist.

Dealing with conflicts alone can be hard on anyone, yet with combat stress it doesn't have to be. Combat Stress is supported by a professional combined staff of clinical psychologists, social workers, and psychology technicians who are ready with open ears and minds, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

This is important for Troopers for a sense of peace and understanding of one's own problems without the potentially

harmful interference of others.

A welcoming site, a small sea hut sits in Camp America, labeled A 3206 beckoning with its cheerful turtles peeking out of a willful patch of grass

seeking to bring soldiers off the streets and give them a feeling of comfort.

Dealing with suicide intervention, effective communication skills, sexual assault intervention and stress management, they are fully prepared to dedicate themselves with open ears to any problem. Captain Eduardo Caraveo, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist for the JTF Combat Stress Unit, understands the mental challenge that this isolated area presents to people and encourages communication whether it is with family and friends or Combat Stress.

It is important to "monitor your stress

level by signs," Caraveo explained. "Lack of energy, sleeping, drinking, or eating too much." To prevent this, Caraveo continued, "communicate with family and friends, get involved in activities, and/or enhance your spirituality."

Working in close proximity with each other, Troopers like Infantryman Spc. Cesar Caraballo has a great deal of understanding for combat stress through his dedication and long hours to the mission. Caraballo explained, "There are so many dif-

ferent attitudes and having to deal with each other is very difficult. The best thing is to try to communicate with each other. "If you don't do anything and you let it build up it will eat you up inside."

There are many alternatives to getting help. Not only is Combat Stress offered to the Troopers, counseling can be found throughout the base. You may receive support from the following: Sexual Assault Victim Support: 4153; Emergency Room: 72690; Combat Stress: 3566, the Camp Commandants office, or Naval Base Police, 911.



Essex Service Includes WWII, Homeland Security

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ing to pursue Pancho Villa, the leader of the Mexican Revolution. The Essex Troop was mobilized again in 1917 to serve in World War I. The troop was divided and Troops A and C became the 104th Military Police Company of the 29th Infantry Division, and Troops B and D became artillerymen in Battery F of the 112th Field Artillery.

The Essex Troop was not mobilized again until 1941, when they reported to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and finally turned in their horses for tanks. President Franklin Roosevelt activated the troop because he wanted to improve troop readiness in preparation for World War II. The troop underwent extensive specialized training before arriving in Liverpool, England, in 1942 to train for the D-Day invasion.

During World War II the Essex Troop divided, with half serving in England and France, and the other half serving in North Africa and Italy. The Essex Troop is believed to be the only unit who participated in both the liberation of Rome and the liberation of France. They also are recognized as having the most continuous contact with the enemy of any unit in World War II.

Also during World War II, it was a soldier from the Essex Troop who invented the Rhino Plow, which was a steel wedge device attached to tanks that allowed them to plow through hedgerows rather than ride over them. The Essex Troop won many campaign streamers during World War II.

The troop was not mobilized again until after the 9/11 attacks. "Most just showed up at the armory waiting for something," said Maj. Paul Tavarone of the 102nd Armor Bn. Soon the Essex Troop was at it again

for Homeland Security, guarding airports, bridges and tunnels. Currently, most of the Essex Troop is serving with the JTF as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Card is working on updating a book on the Essex Troop published in the 1930's. Much has occurred for the Essex Troop since then, and much is happening for them now. Card wants to make sure the full history is remembered. "During World War II," he said, "the unit was known as the class of '41. Now we're known as the class of '04."

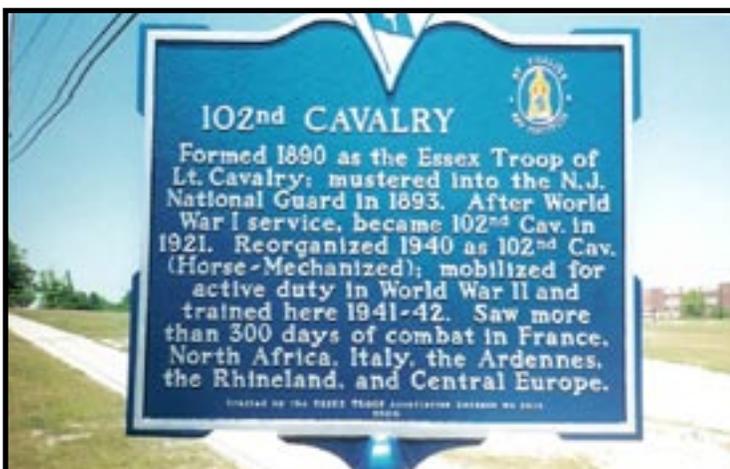
The Essex Troop has played many important roles throughout the history of the nation. To learn more about

them, visit the official website at www.essextroop.org. Sources cited for this article included www.oldnewark.com and the historical knowledge of Maj. Paul Tavarone and Spc. Jon Card.



Images provided by www.essextroop.org

Col. James R. Fleming (above) was the organizer and first commander of the Essex Troop. A monument to the Essex Troop was erected on Ft. Jackson in 2000, where they trained for combat in World War II (left). Essex Troop veterans regularly meet for reunions and historical events (right).



Weather Station Ponders Guantanamo Climate

By Spc. Jody Metzger

Bursting through the ocean's horizon, the sun makes its turn, pulling into its magnetic sphere once again to sizzle a path along the beaches of Guantanamo Bay Naval Base. Close behind the sullen land, forgotten by rain, the rolling green hills that border the mountains lay as a beacon of Cuba's beauty.

The grass really is greener on the other side, which begs the question, "Why is it so dry and hot here, yet we look to the north and see a green haven of trees and plants?" The Leeward Side Weather Station seeks every day to understand and put out a guide to what the weather is going to be like.

Petty Officer 1st Class William Davis, a weather forecaster for the Naval Weather Station, explained that between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. there is an phenomenon that occurs called a sea breeze, which is a powerful wind shift common to coastal areas. Normally the wind in the Caribbean moves from east to west, but in the bay it moves from south to north. This is caused by the ground heating up at a rate four times faster than the water, causing the wind to flow from the cooler, denser air over the water toward the warmer, less dense air.

The dryness of the land comes from when the wind blows north against the mountains, pushing up and creating a sort of wall that stifles the clouds from forming on the bay. As the clouds are pressed against the surrounding Sierra Maestra Mountains, the rain that falls ends up running down the other side of the mountain. "On the other side of the mountains, it is a tropical rainforest," said Davis, "they get all the fruits of our brown land."

Walking out onto the rooftops, one observes a sky wild with wind, surging up across the water, taking the clouds with it. These are some of the things weather technicians do to ensure that they have the correct diagnosis.

This information is then passed on to the forecasters who then compare it to satellite images for confirmation. The most important equipment used for this process is the Automated Surface Observations Systems (ASOS). This system measures the temperature and dew point (humidity), the wind direction and speed, and the baro-

metric pressure. High pressure pushes weather away; low draws it near. This is important as it provides warnings of approaching storms and hurricanes.

Hurricanes are a vital subject as its season spans a good portion of the year, from June through November. With five different categories of hurricanes - a Category One being the weakest and a Five the strongest - hurricanes have a potential to hit us, although as Davis explains, "we are in a pretty unique location."

Only 17 hurricanes have ever hit the base. Because of its geography, a hurricane would have to form directly south of the bay for it to hit us.

So how are hurricanes formed, and what makes them so sporadic here? Hurricanes start as heat lows in North Africa. Pushing across the Atlantic Ocean they become tropical (or Easterly) waves. If the conditions are right a tropical depression can form from this tropical wave. The next stage of development is called a tropical storm. Hurricanes are the result of a tropical storm strengthening beyond 64 knots of wind, earning it a name from a recycling list of names. With the exception of devastating hurricanes, such as Hurricane Andrew, the name gets retired and a new name is put in its place.

The weather here is strange and unusual to many who live on the bay, baffling many with its sweltering-year round heat, with an average high of 88 degrees. With an aver-

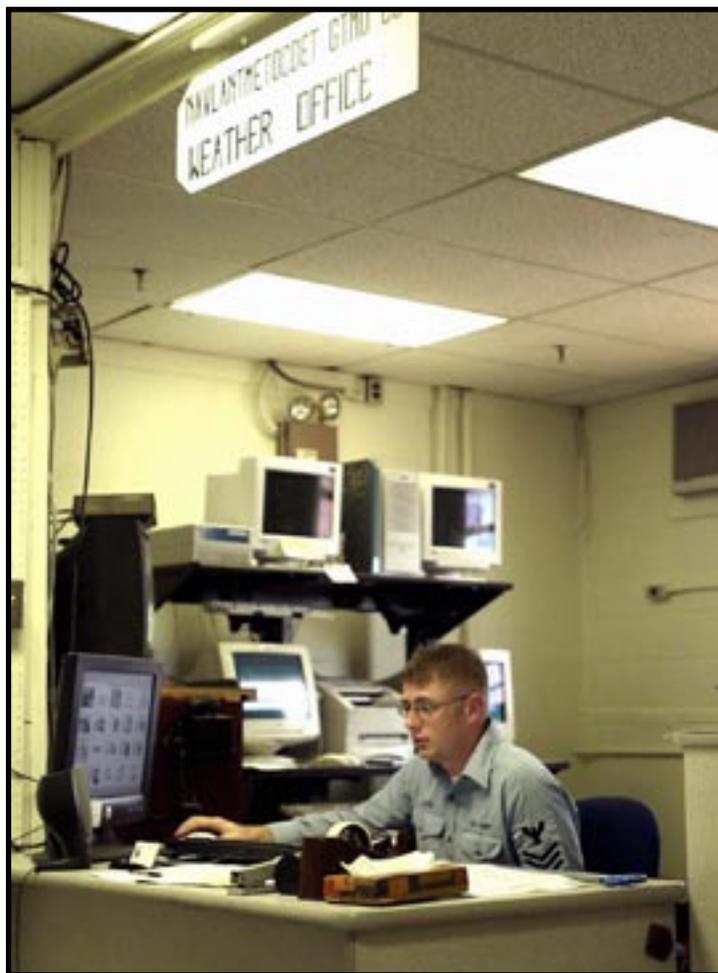


Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

Weather Forecaster Petty Officer 1st Class William Davis interprets various meteorological data to predict Guantanamo Bay's weather patterns.

age of eight inches of rain for the months of January through June, water levels have increasingly dropped by 50 percent. The arid land has a decomposed look, hot yet humid. "The reason it feels so much hotter," Davis explained, "is because of the dew point, or the moisture in the air."

Let's not get discouraged when we see a trickle of water run down the gutter, knowing that a tropical rainforest resides beyond our surrounding mountains. The land may be dry and vapid with decaying shrubs and trees, yet the beauty of its surprising diversity, a contradiction of deep-blue ocean and scenic brown cacti-infested hills, show Mother Nature's humor. As the JTF mission continues, Troopers find themselves adjusting to the land and its hot, humid weather, but never to the clear blue ocean or its scenic beauty.

A Day At The Beach

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They are arguably the most beautiful and popular places in Guantanamo Bay's 45 square miles. They provide some of the island's most spectacular views of the bay and Caribbean Sea.

But which of Guantanamo's beaches best fit your needs? At which beaches can you fish? When is it open? Is there transportation? To answer those questions, *The Wire* takes a look at each of Guantanamo's 13 public beaches and swimming areas.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director Craig Basel encourages beachgoers to have fun, but safety should be paramount.

"If they think something is wrong or unsafe then it probably is," he said.

Beach visitors should remember certain guidelines: Always swim with a buddy. GTMO's beaches don't have lifeguards. Don't feed or harm wildlife. This includes land mammals, iguanas and aquatic life, but fishing is permissible in certain beaches. Visitors are advised to wear beach shoes and to use caution when walking or swimming near rock areas. Glass bottles are permitted only near designated picnic areas. GTMO's beaches are open 24 hours.



tery Beach is open weekends only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Alcoholic

beverages are prohibited at Kittery and Glass beach. For more details, call MWR at 2345.

Windmill Beach

Where: Southeast corner of the island
Directions: Take the Kittery Beach Road south heading towards Camp America. Take the Windmill Beach detour road southwest to the beach. It is within walking distance from Camp America: Simply walk down the Camp America road to the beach gate.

Features: Largest beach in GTMO, and closest to Camp America; 14 cabanas, 10 gazebos, picnic areas, grills, telephone, electric power, restrooms, showers, two volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and a basketball court.

Shallow inlet: Yes

Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving, fishing, surfing and boogie boarding during daylight hours

Safety precautions: Swim only in water parallel to beach; no camping and keep off sea turtle nests.

Transportation: Accessible by vehicle, or within walking distance of Camp America

Kittery Beach

Where: Eastern side of the island.

Directions: Take Kittery Beach detour road past the rifle range off Kittery Beach Road.

Features: One of the smaller beaches, it overlooks the fence line that separates communist Cuba; picnic area, bathrooms and grill.

Due to mission requirements, the beach is open during daylight hours on weekends only.



Experience the Caribbean at Guantanamo's Shorelines

Story and Photos by
Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan



Chapman Beach and Hidden Beach

Where: South of the galley and the Clipper Club on the Leeward side.
Directions: Take the ferry to the Leeward side. Take the Leeward bus to the galley and Clipper Club. The beach is several yards south of the galley. Bike rentals are available at the Clipper Club.
Shallow inlet: Yes
Features: Three cabanas, tables, grills, electrical power, phone, showers, restrooms and volleyball court
Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving, fishing and camping.
Transportation: See directions.

end of road.
Features: One of the most beautiful beaches at GTMO, but visitors should be wary of rocky areas; there is no walking path from Cable Beach. Facilities are at nearby Cable Beach.
Shallow inlet: No
Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, and diving
Safety measures: There is no path to this beach; Troopers are advised to use caution when climbing through rocky areas. No camping is permitted.

Transportation: Personal vehicle required

Hospital Cay

Where: On an island in the north bay area about two miles from Navy Hospital
Directions: A boat is required; boat rentals are available at the Marina.

Features: Two cabanas
Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving, fishing and camping.

Transportation: Boat transportation required

Ferry Landing/Ocean View Beach:

Where: Next to ferry landing on Windward side

Directions: Take Sherman Ave. south and take Mirchner Road Northwest to Windward Ferry Landing parking lot.

Features: Cabanas, showers, grills, restrooms, electric power and telephone
Shallow inlet: No

Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving and fishing.

Transportation: Take the Sherman Ave. bus to the Windward Ferry Landing.

Alcohol is prohibited. Do not swim past fence line; this is the border separating the base from Cuba.

Shallow inlet: Yes

Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving and fishing

Transportation: Personal vehicle required

Cable Beach

Where: Southwestern tip of island.

Directions: Take Sherman Ave. South to the end of road

Features: A popular picnic and swimming spot which features a great shallow inlet swimming area for beginning swimmers, picnic area, six cabanas, grills, electrical power, phone showers and volleyball court.

Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, diving, fishing and camping

Shallow inlet: Yes

Transportation: Personal vehicle required

Glass Beach

Where: Near the Windward Ferry Landing.

Directions: Take Sherman Ave. to Girl Scout camp. The beach is south of camp.

Features: Named glass beach for its shiny stones, picnic areas, grill

Shallow inlet: No

Permitted activities: Swimming, snorkeling, fishing and diving

Transportation: Personal vehicle required

Pebble Beach:

Where: On southwestern part of base, on eastern side of Cable Beach

Directions: Take Sherman Avenue South to



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Rugby: A Ruffian's Sport Played by Gentlemen

By Spc. Simon Cropp

Think of football but with no time outs or breaks for a period of 80 minutes—constant movement on the field. Now think about football, tackles and full contact, and imagine the intensity of those hits without pads. Without pads or breaks or time outs for injuries, think of what it might feel like to be surrounded by a group of Troopers who wanted nothing more than to get their hands on you and the ball no matter what it takes.

Chief Petty Officer Gabe Puello, a towering man from the Navy Public Affairs Office, said rugby is a ruffian's sport played by gentlemen. The driving force behind Guantanamo Bay's rugby team, Puello coaches willing Troopers every Tuesday and Thursday evening in the mechanics and rules of the sport.

"Everywhere you go in the world, on every base, there's a rugby team," Puello said. "Especially with the Army. So if I can teach it to these guys, then whatever bases they go to they can take it with them. I am very dedicated to the sport, and this is my way of giving something back."

Troopers from the Naval Base and Joint Task Force have shown an interest in the sport. Puello's roster currently includes close to 30 Troopers. Spec. Jason Doering of the 491st MP Co. has attended rugby practice since it started roughly eight weeks ago.

"I love it and it's physically tough. There are no rotations, no breaks unless the ball goes out—unless you come out with an injury then you're on your feet, in the game, for the full 80 minutes," Doering said. "You go out there, you meet the guys, everyone is buddy-buddy, but once the whistle blows you're trying to rip each others heads off. Then once the game is over, you all go out and have a good time together."

At one point during practice Doering is lost in a gaggle of Troopers' bodies fighting for the ball as Puello teaches them formations and lineups on how to get a dead

ball back into play. It looked like a giant fight, though somehow Doering popped his arms and head out of the giant lock up and he threw the ball to a teammate who drove it on down the field.

Puello also has rewards in mind for those who work hard for the team.

"Actually, what I'd like to do if at all possible is for us to get off the island as a team and play in a tournament in Jacksonville or Savannah or possibly go to Jamaica. They have very active national teams in Jamaica. That is my eventual goal," Puello said.

Until then, the team will continue to practice. Every so often they will break into games on post against each other. On August 28th, before the Army/Navy Flag Football game, Puello's Troopers will break into two teams of seven and give a full contact demonstration for those interested. He anticipates it will be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to show JTF and Naval base troopers not yet involved in the team what rugby is all about.

His assistant coach, Capt. Dave Melendez from JDOG, stressed that rugby is not similar to football or soccer, but it is something much different and every bit as competitive. However, it has been acknowledged that not all Troopers can make the Tuesday and Thursday practices and that is an issue being worked on.



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

Chief Petty Officer Gabe Puello demonstrates engaging an opponent (above). Practices are fun and friendly but not for those afraid of physical contact (below).

"We want people of every branch of service, both male and female to come out here and join us. The more the merrier," Melendez said.

Practice is currently scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 6 p.m., behind W.T. Sampson High School on the track, which is located behind the Windjammer, and all Troopers are welcome to join in the fun.

Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger



Ceramics Center: Calm, Quiet Creativity



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

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The noisy weapons and cadence-calling of a military environment often produce an atmosphere loud and stripped of silence.

Contrastingly, calmness and peace

Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone



greet Guantanamo Bay Troopers at the Ceramics Center where their creativity can be unleashed.

Troopers choose from thousands of projects to work on, satisfying their urge to create.

From simple household items such as cups, bowls, vases and canisters to complex figurines and decorations, Troopers are sure to find a creative outlet to fit their artistic needs.

The process of creating your masterpiece is simple.

Catalogue browsing helps Troopers select the piece they wish to paint. The molds include figures of tigers, dinosaurs, snails, angels and fish.

Pieces can be as simple and functional as mugs and cereal bowls and as complicated and expressive as a popular Civil War chess set.

After picking the project, it takes about three to five days for the piece to be poured into a mold and fired in a kiln.

Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone



Anxious painters may find their favorite pieces already fired and on the shelf. Then it's simply a matter of picking the glazes and painting the piece.

In addition to making ceramics from molds, the center's clay may be thrown on a wheel. Troopers with experience on a pottery wheel are welcome to hop on and throw a masterpiece.

No experience is no problem. The Ceramics Center offers a wide variety of classes on pottery, ceramics, painting and other arts and crafts.

"Because we aren't looking to make a profit, the cost is still cheaper than in the states," said Scott Ross, manager of the Ceramics Center.

The Ceramics Center takes pride in being so economical; the brushes and glazes carry only a small fee as do firing and cleaning.

Cleaning ceramics means smoothing their rigid imperfections for a near flawless finish.

Peace and quiet—relaxation and creation—all have at least one thing in common: The Ceramics Center.

The Ceramics Center is located on Sherman Avenue across the street from the last bus stop.

It is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information, please call the Ceramics Center at 4795.

Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone



KC Cheerleaders Treat Troopers with Tribute

By Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

JTF troopers got a preview of the upcoming football season and a little bit more.

The Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders dazzled and wowed JTF members with a three-hour song and dance performance Friday at Camp Bulkeley. Performing to the theme "As Time Goes, Memories Last Forever," the 12 cheerleaders choreographed a show specially produced for military members.

The dance numbers chronicled notable moments in the nation's history and popular music of each decade. There were also solo vocal performances by cheerleaders.

The Chiefs Cheerleaders accepted an invitation to perform here from Armed Forces Entertainment with the support of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department. "We just think it's important to support our troops," said Donna Scott, Kansas City Chiefs entertainment manager. "We wanted to show some patriotism and bring some entertainment and joy to (the Troopers) while they're overseas."

Some of the performances included dance numbers of Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation," Nirvana's, "Smells Like Teen Spirit," and songs by the Beatles and Elvis Presley. The women capped the performance with a tribute to the USA featuring American classics "Proud To Be An American," and "America The Beautiful."

The cheerleaders called audience



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

members to the stage to participate in a Football trivia contest and gave away autographed posters.

While 12 cheerleaders made the trip here, all 36 collaborated on the special performance, which the women spent two months preparing for the show.

The cheerleaders plan to visit military members in Italy in September and Florida in January.

"We hope (the Troopers) get a little piece of home – a little piece of joy," said KC cheerleader Raquel Lathan, a native of Kansas City. "Even if it's just for one night.

"We just want them to take their minds off what they're doing here because they've worked so hard."

Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

The show at Camp Bulkeley followed the same performance at the Windjammer July 29.

Following each show, the cheerleaders greeted JTF members, posed for pictures, signed autographs and thanked Troopers for their service. The cheerleaders also visited the Youth Center, the Naval Hospital and toured the Northeast Gate.

"The understanding we've received on what goes on here is amazing," Lathan said. "We'll never forget. (The Troopers) truly touched our hearts. We'll continue to pray for them because we know what they're doing is good for America."

Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan



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... News ... Sports ... Entertainment ...

July 30: Homeland Security Chief **Tom Ridge** told colleagues that due to the increasing stress of his job he is considering retirement ... the Democratic Convention fails to give **John Kerry** any kind of boost in registered voter polls.

July 31: A **tiger** escaped the circus in New York City and proceeded to take a calm walk through Queens. No one was attacked, but a few motorists wrecked their vehicles escaping with minor injuries ... Dr. Ronald Sherman, nicknamed **Dr. Maggot**, is successful in bringing maggots back into the medical world. Apparently maggots are extremely effective in cleaning out wounds that won't heal (many wound - care clinics around the country are using

maggots in extreme cases).

August 1: **Michael Moore** recently upset a newspaper in Bloomington, Illinois—the front page of the paper is featured in Moore's new film Fahrenheit 9/11 with a made-up headline. The paper is suing for damages and sent out the following statement: "If (Moore) wants to edit the Pantagraph, he should apply for a copy-edit job"... An **atheist** from Tampa is asked to lead a city council meeting prayer which in turn caused some members to leave, outraged.

August 2: A Lebanese **hostage** is released after Iraqi authorities raid the kidnappers hideout. A two hour shootout ensued, but thankfully no one was killed

on either side ... The husband of a missing pregnant woman in Salt Lake City was arrested on charges of aggravated murder ... **Oil prices** in U.S. reach a record high after the most recent terror threats.

August 3: **M. Night Shyamalan**, director of *Sixth Sense* and *Signs*, released his newest movie, *The Village*. The movie brought in \$50.8 million dollars, despite bad early reviews by critics who blasted Shyamalan as a one-trick pony ... The **Statue of Liberty** reopens for the first time since 9/11. However, for the time being the statue's crown will remain closed.

Spc. Simon Cropp compiles the World-Wire from a variety of online and print news resources.

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WORSHIP WIRE

Chaplain: Watch What You Pray For

One Sunday, each child in a Sunday School class was asked to write a letter to the pastor of their church. Here are some of the letters:

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, but He never met my sister. *Arnold, age 8.*

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to church if you moved it to Disneyland. *Loreen, age 9.*

Dear Pastor, Please pray for our Little League team. We need God's help, or a new pitcher. *Alexander, age 10.*

Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. *Carla, age 10.*

While these letters are amusing, they are also a wonderful insight into the lives of each child. The pastor of that church now knew what these children were thinking.

These letters remind me of some of the prayers we send to God. Our Father

in Heaven must be amused at times by our requests as well. In the Bible we read: *You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives. James 4:2-3.*

How often our prayers are reflective of our selfish motives! How grateful I am that we have a God who is wise enough to NOT answer all our prayers. I'm sure there are days we all have prayed for God to change things, people, or places (like GTMO) in our lives. But God is wise enough to know that some of the trials through which we pass make us better people.

How much better to pray along the lines of St Francis:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I cannot accept, and the wisdom to know the difference.

-Chaplain (MAJ) Steven Herman

Padre's Corner

"Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" This line dovetails nicely with the Gospel as Jesus teaches using the parable of the rich man who stores up treasures in expanded barns with the intention of eating, drinking, and making merry! He ends up being called a fool because death is coming to his house that very night! The question we might ask ourselves is this: Are we rich in what matters to God? Our riches consist in the right relationships we foster, in a deep and reflective spiritual life, in kind acts done freely and joyfully, in our humble efforts to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. These attributes make us wealthy, now and forever. Perhaps this time in GTMO is an opportunity to look carefully at one's spiritual portfolio. Please consider attending one of the worship services here at Camp America or choose from a midweek offering of programs for your spiritual enrichment.

-Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr) James Dowds

15 Minutes of Fame

... with Petty Officer 2nd Class Patty Malone-Kelley ...

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

The Wire: What motivates you to perform your job?

Petty Officer 2nd Class Malone-Kelley: I've loved to cook all my life. I've loved every minute of it. I love working with people. I'm very sociable. My mom would never cook, so I was always the one in the kitchen cooking.

What do you get the most enjoyment out of cooking?

Mostly Italian food; lasagna, mostacoli. I also love to cook salmon.

Your duties on your ship are different from your duties in the JTF?

Yes. On my ship I work in the bake shop. I bake cakes, cookies and donuts and I prepare meats. Here I'm not cooking, I'm delivering food for the detainees.

Why did you join the Navy?

I joined the Navy for the benefits and to go around and see places.

How does your family feel about your current deployment?

My family doesn't like it too much, but they're proud of me.

How often do you talk to them?

Every day.

How do you feel about working for the JTF and supporting the mission here?

I love it. I volunteered to go on this mission because I wanted to see some places. I like to work hard.

What are your favorite sports teams and why?

I'm from Illinois, so I'm a big Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan.

What are your goals while deployed to GTMO?

To see a lot of the sights, meet a lot of people and try to enjoy my job the whole time I'm here, and to get fit -- I've been going to the gym a lot.

What's your typical weekly workout schedule like?

We have PT three times a week. And on my days off I run 2 miles twice a week.

Where is your home base?

Newport News Shipyard, Va. I work on the Eisenhower carrier.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

What's it like working on a ship?

Long hours. I work 15 hours a day. You get used to it after a while.

Do you plan to make a career out of the Navy?

Yes, I do. I'm doing the full 20 years.

What are your goals while you're in the Navy?

I hope to make chief before I get out. I'm going to study and work hard and get my college degree.

What are you studying?

Communications.

What has been your best experience in the military?

I would say the best experience that I've had in the Navy was preparing the homecoming meal for the carrier's (crew)

coming home from deployment; planning and setting up. We set up snacks and food for the families. We also set up things for the kids to do. It's a big, tough ordeal. It's an all-day experience. You'll be out there for about 12 hours. The ship pulls in at noon but you'll be there at 4 a.m. and you won't leave until 5 p.m. It's a hard job, but it's the best job I've done.

Has your time in the Navy changed you in any way?

I'm a stronger person. I have higher morals now. My self-esteem has gone up a whole lot. I love being in the military. The military is the best thing for me.

I have a bigger head on my shoulders. I'm very independent now. I was never independent before I joined the military.

BAD TASTE BOWL-A-RAMA!

The Combat Stress Control Team is hosting a Bad Taste Bowl-A-Rama on Sunday, August 22nd, and wants YOU to participate! The event includes free food for all, free bowling for participants, free fun, and prizes. Prizes will be awarded for the tackiest outfit and highest and lowest team scores (no throwing of the game, please).

The competition is open to all Joint Task Force Troopers, and will

include a panel of VERY distinguished judges.

The fun starts at 3 p.m. at Marblehead Lanes.

For more information call 3566.



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Wednesdays and

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4A at Chapel Hill.

BUSES

Bus Stop Routes include the following stops. Not all stops are listed. Times listed are for every hour of the day (i.e. First Street - 12:00, 12:30, Ferry Landing - 12:17, 12:51, etc.).

Sherman Avenue

First Street - :00; :30
 East Caravella - :03; :33
 Marine Hill - :05; :35
 Post Office - :10; :40
 Windjammer - :11; :41
 NEX - :14; :44
 Bulkeley Landing - :17; :47
 Ferry landing - :21; :51
 Commissions Building - :23; :53
 Ordnance - :26; :56
 Bulkeley Landing - :28; :58
 NEX - :32; :02
 Windjammer - :36; :06
 Post Office - :37; :07
 Marine Hill - :41; :11
 Hospital - :48; :18
 Windward Loop 1 - :52; :22

Camp America/NEX

Camp Alpha - :00; :20; :40
 NEX trailer - :02; :22; :42
 Camp Delta 2 - :06; :26; :46
 TK 4 - :12; :32; :52
 TK 1 - :16; :36; :56
 Windjammer Gym - :23; :43; :03
 NEX - :30; :50; :10
 Windjammer Gym - :35; :55; :15
 TK 1 - :40; :00; :20
 TK 4 - :46; :06; :26
 Camp Delta 1 - :52; :12; :32
 Camp Alpha - :00; :20; :40

CINEMA

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM FRIDAY

8 p.m. *Around The World In 80 Days*

PG - 120 min

10 p.m. *Catwoman*

PG-13 - 104 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. *Dodgeball*

PG-13 - 92 min

10 p.m. *The Bourne Supremacy*

PG-13 - 108 min

SUNDAY

8 p.m. *The Terminal*

PG-13 - 128 min

MONDAY

8 p.m. *Around The World In 80 Days*

PG - 120 min

TUESDAY

8 p.m. *Catwoman*

PG-13 - 104 min

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. *Dodgeball*

PG-13 - 92 min

THURSDAY

8 p.m. *The Bourne Supremacy*

PG-13 - 108 min

CAMP BULKELEY FRIDAY

8 p.m. *The Chronicles Of Riddick*

R - 119 min

10 p.m. *Spider Man 2*

PG-13 - 120 min

SATURDAY

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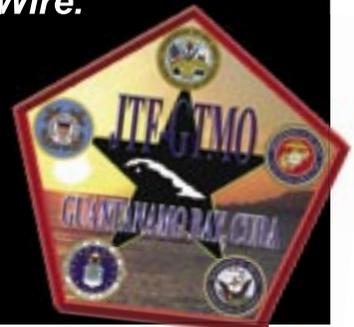
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FOR THE RECORD

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. Please call Sgt. Scott Griffin

at 3499 if you see an error in *The Wire*.



We'll Make You Famous!

Do you know a Trooper with a future? Is your section leader one of the best in the JTF? Does your buddy deserve some recognition for his or her extra efforts? If so, contact The Wire! Let us know why this Trooper stands out above the crowd and The Wire will feature them in 15 Minutes of Fame.

All JTF Troopers are eligible for coverage for the article, but

please consider OP-SEC before recommending the person. Some folks would rather not be featured, so please consider their personal security before contacting us.

Achievements can be military or personal, at home or for the JTF.

So if you want to make someone famous, call or e-mail us at 3499 or griffinsc@JTFGTMO.southcom.mil.



WORSHIP

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service Catholic Mass Protestant Service	Troopers Chapel Troopers Chapel Bldg. 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Bldg. L001
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	Bldg. L001

NAVBASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 9 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel Catholic Mass Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Protestant Sunday School Protestant Service New Life Fellowship Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C Main Chapel Sanctuary A Sanctuary A Main Chapel Main Chapel Sanctuary C
Monday	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

For information on Jewish services call 2323

VOTE 2004!

DINING

- Today:** Lunch - Baked Fish; dinner - Crab Legs
- Saturday:** Lunch - Bombay Chicken; dinner - Italian Veal Steak
- Sunday:** Lunch - Jamaican Chicken; dinner - Stuffed Flounder
- Monday:** Lunch - Scalloped Ham; dinner - Salmon Steak
- Tuesday:** Lunch - Turkey Pot Pie; dinner - Herbed Baked Chicken
- Wednesday:** Lunch - Chalupa; dinner - Honey Glazed Duck
- Thursday:** Lunch - Barbecued Ribs; dinner - Fiesta Chicken
- Friday:** Lunch - Fish Amandine; dinner - Shrimp Scampi

