

Navy to anchor GTMO 6

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

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This spring brings the sixth rotation (GTMO 6) for the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO).

Troopers who look around Camp America now see a common, very familiar New Jersey National Guard patch. But the era of GTMO 6 will change the days of Guard and Reserve members being the JTF majority. Active-duty personnel are scheduled to take most of the slots this spring.

The key thing to remember here, according to Army Maj. Bob Williams, J3 future operations chief for the JTF, is that the Troopers are changing, not the mission or level of training.

Hundreds of active-duty Sailors are scheduled to work alongside an active-duty Army battalion during the next rotation. The 525th Military Police Battalion is already being stood up, with more Soldiers arriving each week.

The old rumor mill has churned out some beauties lately—anything from Troopers are packing up and going home tomorrow because the active-duty side is taking over, to the Navy has come to take back Guantanamo Bay.

The last part has a grain of truth in the fact that the GTMO 6 rotation will consist of a large number of active-duty Sailors.

“The Navy is compiling (a large number) of Sailors, who will be brought together and formed into multiple companies,” Williams said. “They will go through training as these units, a lot of the same (training) that Troopers who currently are deployed here go through. Ultimately they will as-

sist the JDOG (Joint Operations Detentions Group).”

The Sailors will consist mostly of masters of arms, the Navy’s police force, equivalent to the Army’s military police, so they will already be educated in some of the areas they will perform with the JDOG. Though the units have not yet been formed, their expected arrival is scheduled for as early as the spring.

Right now there is a mix of service branches. According to Williams, the difference with the GTMO 6 rotation is the Navy will supply a lot more Sailors this time around to assist in the detainee operations mission.

“The sourcing was being evaluated, a lot of units were already committed, and the Navy was able to assist,” Williams said. “Based on their makeup and their current missions, they have the ability to provide assistance.”

The main difference between this rotation (GTMO 5 and 5.5) and the next, Williams added, is that GTMO 6 will be comprised of mostly active-duty units. But in a couple of years the GTMO rotations could have a large Guard and Reserve component once again. It is all based on where units are stretched thin and which branches of the military can lend a helping hand.

The number of Troopers coming from the Navy promises to be a large component of JDOG, and though they will still fall under the JTF chain of command, it will be new faces and a larger role for a different service branch to assist in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) here. ■

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Army Staff Sgt. Lance Nash, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry, keeps watch from a tower at the Camp Delta detention facility in Guantanamo Bay this week.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde

Happy New Year!

By Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles

JTF-GTMO Command Sergeant Major

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I am pleased that all who took time off during the holidays returned safely, with no incidents or accidents. It is a testament to leaders and their emphasis on safety.

Last year was a great year—the GTMO 4 (Guantanamo Bay 4) rotation completed its mission and GTMOs 5 and 5.5 began a new chapter in Joint Task Force (JTF) history. The JTF accepted all the challenges, accomplishing all missions with absolute success. The facilities and quality of life (QOL) continue to improve both in the JTF and the Naval Station (NAVSTA).

This New Year will bring further challenges, with the culmination of GTMOs 5 and 5.5 and the commencement of GTMO 6.

We are a nation at war and—like all the services in the Department of Defense, which are transforming into a modulated, more agile force, which can reshape and adapt itself to all the contingencies of the world (most importantly, the Global War on Terrorism)—JTF-GTMO is also evolving into a better, more adaptive organization.

As GTMO 6 arrives, it will consist of the 525th Military Police Battalion (an active-duty regular Army unit with great combat lineage dating back to World War II), a battalion of highly motivated Navy officers, non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and Sailors (the largest Navy force to date assigned to JTF-GTMO) and many other organizations in support of the JTF.

Although it is not the first time the JTF has had Sailors assigned to the joint detention mission, it has not been of the magnitude we will see in the new rotation. It will bring many positives—to include improve-

ment of facilities, QOL, administrative and logistical support, etc.

The Hospital Cay cleanup went very well, and your efforts will provide a clean and safe leisure spot for all to enjoy during their off time. Thank you, Joint Detentions Operations Group, for taking the lead and a job well done.

The installation cleanup also went extremely well. A great effort by all.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

The NAVSTA (Naval Station) has a new command master chief; his name is Command Master Chief Lawrence Cairo, and he is extremely motivated to support both the NAVSTA and the JTF. Leaders, please ensure Troopers render proper courtesies in keeping with the most senior (Navy) NCO on the NAVSTA.

I look forward to the many challenges this new year will bring and have no doubt the team will continue to succeed in all missions, as always. ■

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GTMO Celebrates



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The life of one of our nation's great leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is remembered Jan. 17, the day the USA marks his birthday.

Here at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Troopers can participate in a 6:30 a.m. run and attend a 5 p.m. ceremony in Locke Auditorium at Bulkeley Hall in King's honor.

The Naval Station's Cornelius Williams is coordinating the Bulkeley Hall event.

"The theme is, 'Everyone can be great, because everybody can serve,'" Williams said recently. "This theme is taken from Dr. King's sermon 'The Drum Major Instinct.' In this sermon, Dr. King talks about being out front and being a leader in service to humanity, serving others and the community. This is in keeping with the King Center's theme, 'A day on, not a day off.'"

According to Williams, "Our goal is to inspire others to make GTMO a better place to live and work through individual service and volunteering. We will have an audiovisual presentation and two speakers on the theme of community service and being involved in one's community."

The Joint Task Force's Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Smaw is serving as master of ceremonies. The ceremony is expected to last less than an hour.

Through his work as a Christian clergyman and the social movement he led in the 1950s and '60s, King fought for the freedom of others. In 1963, he orga-

nized a march that drew 200,000 people in a demonstration demanding equal rights for minorities.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, King died from an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968.

From his birth in Atlanta, Ga., King witnessed discrimination against black people. It was this treatment that spurred him to fight for equal rights. He became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

King's role at a pivotal point in modern history contributed to the USA being what it is today. Within the military there are more than 127,135 minorities. That's about 30 percent.

JTF Chief of Staff Col. John Hadjis said recently it is important to have diversity in the military. "At the most basic level, I believe it adds to combat power," Hadjis said. "We talk about the elements of combat power, and we say it's trained soldiers, first class equipment and then we say it's leadership. Of all those three, leadership is the most important."

This leadership and courage brought on by powerful citizens, such as King, has developed our great nation to where it is today. "The American military stands out because of the diversity," Hadjis said. "What a powerful, subtle statement that makes to other nations."

Said Hadjis, "We are still not where we want to be, but we are working on it everyday. We are coming up on Martin Luther King Day and we kind of forget how powerful what that man did is."

Remembering the struggle America and its people went through for freedom is important for both citizens and the American Soldiers that support and defend that freedom.

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MLK Events

Troopers have opportunities Monday to take part in events honoring the civil rights leader.

• 6:30 a.m. MLK 5K Fun Run, G.J. Denich Gym (sign up is not required).

• 5 p.m. MLK Holiday Observance, Bulkeley Hall (Locke Auditorium).

MLK

"I have a dream"

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., delivered possibly his most famous speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963. Some excerpts:

"I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed; we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

"I have a dream, that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

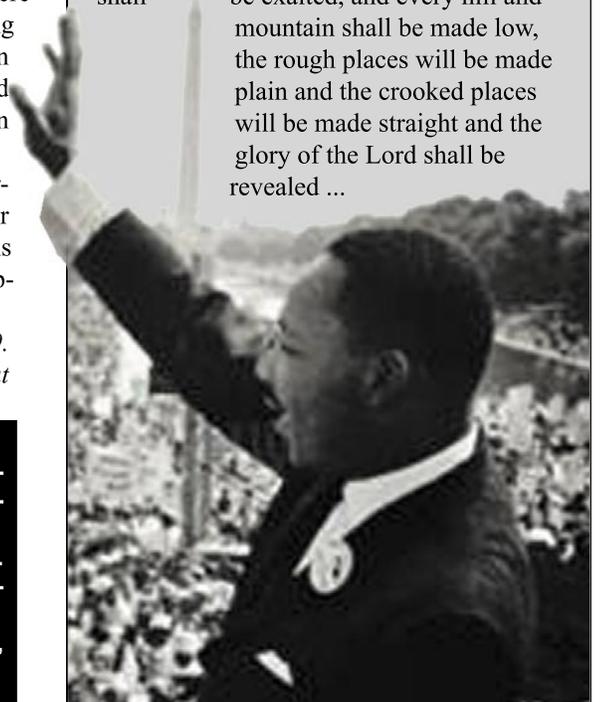
"I have a dream, that one day even the state of Mississippi ... will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

"I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

"I have a dream today!

"I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama ... one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today!

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ...



Going back to the USA

Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood congratulates Senior Airman Neo Martin during the Joint Task Force's recent quarterly awards ceremony at the Windjammer here at Guantanamo Bay. The commanding general told departing Troopers at the ceremony that thanking them personally and on behalf of the Department of Defense and a grateful nation for their service is one of his favorite tasks.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Henry Chade

Still standing



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Army Sgt. Junior Anglon, JTF Morale, Welfare and Recreation, secures a cross overlooking the ocean outside Seaside Galley. Hurricane Ivan uprooted the cross when it grazed Guantanamo Bay in September. The cross was placed as a symbol of hope after the disappearance of a Trooper here in 2003, who to this day remains missing.

AROUND THE JTF

Wear test

Command Sergeant Major Angel Febles models the new Army Combat Uniform (ACU). Febles, Brig. Gen. Jay W. Hood, and other senior Joint Task Force leaders have been wearing the new ACU recently to form their own opinions and to get feedback from Troopers. Dozens of Troopers have stopped to ask the leaders questions about the ACU, scheduled to replace both the Battle Dress Uniform and the Desert Combat Uniform starting with initial entry training Soldiers in October.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Henry Chade

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Army Pfc. Jessi Stone asks ... "What do you think about the new Army ACU (Army Combat Uniform)?"



◀ "They are nicer because they are lighter weight. Also, we'll save a lot of tape around here!"

—Army Sgt. 1st Class Russell Marks

▶ "As far as fashion goes, it's ugly. The pockets are weird, and I don't like the rank or the Velcro."

—Army Spc. Pauline Clark



◀ "I don't like them. It looks too much like we're trying to be Marines. Plus, it goes against the whole historical boot-shining thing. That's an Army tradition."

—Army Spc. Shaiyla Hakeem



▶ "It looks pretty nice. I like the pockets on the side of the arm. The Velcro patches too. That's nice right there."

—Airman 1st Class Christian Nieto



Photos by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone



Web site gets upgrade

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The Joint Task Force (JTF) Web site is redesigned, reorganized and up and running for Troopers and their families.

Previously, two Web sites existed, one for the JTF, another for the JTF Public Affairs Office, said Charles Van Horn, Web master. The new site combines these. New Web site features include a photo gallery, links to news features and issues of *The Wire*.

One of the most noticeable changes to the Web site is the colors and layouts. Spc. Richard McMullen, of the JTF Public Affairs Office, is responsible for the new look. "The reason behind redesigning the Web site was to make it more user-friendly and more aesthetically pleasing than the site that existed on the Naval Base server," McMullen said.

There is another function to the new design that is also important, McMullen said. "The site

incorporated the new JTF logo that is now being disseminated through Guantanamo Bay."

Perhaps one of the most popular new features is the photo gallery, where Troopers and their families can look for and download pictures taken by combat camera and public affairs. Also, Troopers and their families can look at current and past issues of *The Wire*. Archived issues of *The Wire* date back to January 2003.

Along with the Internet Web site, the JTF Intranet has been redesigned. Features of the Intranet include a JTF phone book; Morale, Welfare and Recreation calendars and a photo slide show of sights and Troopers around Guantanamo Bay.

Troopers and their families can view the new Web site at www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil. There is also a link to the Web site on the Intranet under "useful links." ■

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde

▲ Journalists Paisley Dodds (left) and Carol Rosenberg interview Army Lt. Col. Robert Burk here recently.

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Paisley Dodds is frowning.

It is a recent evening at the Jerk House, and Dodds and two of her journalist colleagues have agreed to an interview with *The Wire*. But Dodds, an Associated Press reporter who has made multiple trips to Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) to write about the Joint Task Force (JTF) here, is uncomfortable.

"Journalists are here to report on what they see," she says. "Not ... be part of the news story. Whether it's this story or any other story, we're just observers."

Dodds' discomfort surrounds an issue at the heart of journalism: Can reporters set aside personal bias and be truly objective?

The question is worthy of a college philosophy course: Is it possible for *anyone* to be an objective observer, or do we bring inevitable personal bias wherever we go?

"If you're a good reporter, you don't let your personal opinions affect the story," Dodds says.

It's not an issue to be settled in one din-

ner conversation. But Dodds says it's more complicated for reporters than many people realize.

"In some cases, the editors decide (how a story is played)," she says. "In some cases, it has to do with space (in newspapers). It's not just our decision."

The question is an important one for Dodds and colleagues Carol Rosenberg of *The Miami Herald* and Carol Williams of *The Los Angeles Times*. The three are among dozens of reporters worldwide covering the JTF mission, a story about one front in the Global War on Terrorism that is sometimes, in some people's minds, controversial.

"The fact that you have 500 people being held in U.S. custody in a place that is remote, that's important," Dodds says. "It's important because it is a historic precedent."

Says Rosenberg, "I see this as an ongoing experiment by the American government in defining the rules of taking prisoners internationally, and they've been quite clear from the start ... that they were inventing new law, and our role is to document step-

by-step, because in every democracy it's the role of the people to look over the shoulders of the military. ... To me, the epitome of being American is asking questions that force people to think about what they're doing and (to) articulate. ... Every time we come back (to GTMO), we see a new variation or a new challenge because this has never been static. They're not working off a blueprint that says how this works, what the exit strategy is. ... Guantanamo invites very, very hard questions about all sorts of American issues."

In Rosenberg's eyes, the JTF story has evolved through her multiple trips here. "It started off as getting the pressure off of overwhelmed troops in Afghanistan by removing (enemy combatants) and helping sort out actionable intelligence," she says. "It evolved into a social study of why people join al-Qaida. It has been described as a strong symbol of the cost of confronting America, quote 'a seven-by-eight at Guantanamo Bay' unquote, and has occasionally toyed with whether or not they want to have a justice system down here."

Dodds says elements of the story include

issues faced by Troopers here, recording history as it happens, how the detainees are treated and the commissions process.

For Rosenberg, GTMO is a story she commutes to as part of a reporting beat that also includes the U.S. Southern Command.

She sees a mosaic of subjects here. “Guantanamo is much more than ‘Are they torturing people or aren’t they? Are they getting actionable intelligence or aren’t they?’” she

says. “I like to mix up the strategy with the human interest. There’s lots of stories down here. It’s just such a quirky place. You’ve got to write the quirky stories.”

In addition to the JTF, Rosenberg cites GTMO’s recent leadership in embracing wind-generated electricity as a good story. And she says many of the people here have great stories, such as Navy Capt. Les McCoy, who as a boy dreamed of one day commanding the naval base where his father had carried officers’ bags.

But the JTF is clearly the most interesting story here at the moment. “I see the JTF as an organization that grows and morphs and changes, and so it’s interesting enough to keep coming back,” Rosenberg says. She finds covering the armed forces is always interesting. “The military is much more complicated and much more interesting than any single operation,” she says.

As for the JTF, Rosenberg says her questions include, “What are we doing down here with these guys? What are we getting out of them? How much does it cost?”

Dodds says what she reports is partly affected by what information she is given. She also says, “The greatest act of patriotism is to ask questions and challenge our leaders.” And she says, “I’m assuming that I’m not getting the information that I’ve been asking for. ... I’m assuming that there are things going on that we’re not being told about.”

Which begs the question whether everything should be reported. We are, after all, a nation at war and, during previous wars, some information has been restricted on the grounds of operations security.

“Everybody knows what operational security is,” Dodds says. “I do not believe that just because there is a war going on that people don’t have a right to know. ... Who determines what I should know and what I shouldn’t know?”

Rosenberg sees many positive aspects to the JTF story. She is particularly struck, she says, by a “surprising institutional respect for Islam.” Among other positives she sees, “Some of the finest medical treatment. Soldiers struggling to honorably do a mission

that is being defined from moment-to-moment with rules that are ever changing. Living in not the best conditions and mostly not complaining. Being separated from their homes. Being spit on and having feces thrown on them and not wailing on these people.”

Both reporters say they see a tension between the JTF and themselves. They say the necessity of having escorts they call “minders” when they are on base cramps their reporting style. They say their inability to go wherever they want to go and talk to whomever they want to talk with hampers their efforts and sets up conflict.

“That’s what they do on the other side of the fence here,” Carol Williams says, gesturing in the direction of Communist Cuba.

And the reporters say they are by nature skeptical. “Just because they say it doesn’t mean we believe it,” Rosenberg says.

“It definitely seems like there is an unfortunate division between the media and the military,” Dodds says. “It’s our job to report the news. It’s not that we are intentionally trying to make troops look bad. It’s that we’re writing what we’re seeing.”

Says Williams, “There’s something of an atmosphere that by asking questions or seeking information we’re being unpatriotic.”

Rosenberg says she sometimes finds it easier to relate to Reserve and Guard

Troopers than to the regular Army, because the part-timers have civilian lives. “We’re not that dissimilar,” she says.

To people outside the media, though, it can seem that reporters always seize on the one negative item among a sea of positives.

In conversation, Dodds listed some SNAFUs (situation normal, all fouled up) that she believes occurred while she was here covering the military commissions last year.

But why seize on one glitch to write about when everything else that day goes exactly as planned?

Carol Williams has an answer to that question. “What is the anomaly is what is more interesting than what is expected,” she says.

And Dodds says, “American’s appetite for foreign news is somewhat limited.” Meaning, if you’re writing about a story the public can tire of, such as the detainees, you have to make your limited coverage powerful. “It’s easier (for the public) to just assume that everybody here is a terrorist,” Dodds says. “‘Time for me to think about the tsunami victims.’”

At heart, Rosenberg says she doesn’t see GTMO in black and white, positive and negative. “I don’t think that this is a negative story,” she says. “You have to push (as a reporter) to find the contours of change. People don’t want to acknowledge there’s an evolution going on here.” She looks from her table on the patio outside the Jerk House at the Caribbean below. “This place is far more interesting than the packaged story,” she says. “Not negative—more interesting.”

Rosenberg says she saw more change during her recent visit here. “There is an attempt to professionalize something that has been sort of ad hoc,” she says.

Dodds says her reporting gets mixed reactions. “I’ve gotten a lot of e-mails from people saying, ‘Don’t you remember Sept. 11?’” ■

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“There’s lots of stories down here.”

—Carol Rosenberg
The Miami Herald



Photo by Spc. Chris Gardner

▲ Journalist Paisley Dodds leaves Camp Delta after a visit last year.

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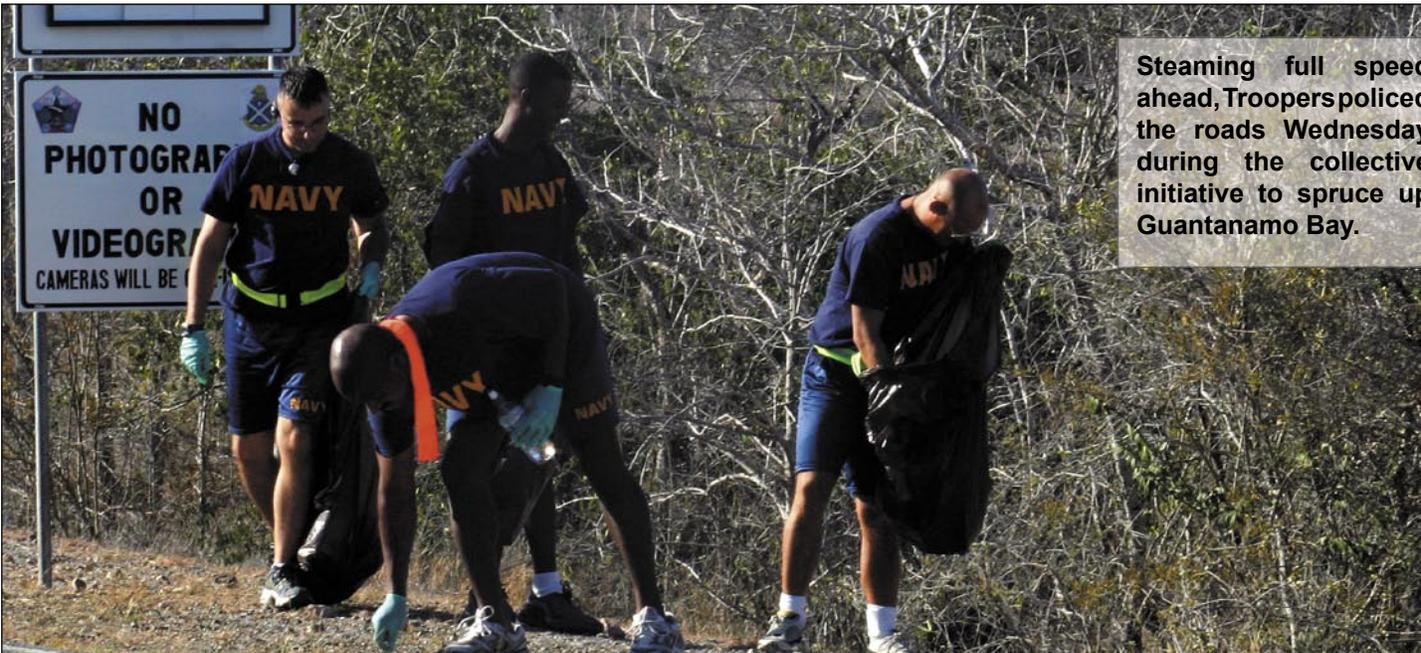


Joint Task Force clean up



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Spring-cleaning came early this year when Joint Task Force Troopers swept, scrubbed, and collected trash around Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) during a three-day base cleanup. Monday began with a work area cleanup followed by living areas the next day. Wednesday, Troopers marched the roads, beaches and common areas with bags and rubber gloves giving GTMO a good scrub on the back for the New Year.



Steaming full speed ahead, Troopers policed the roads Wednesday during the collective initiative to spruce up Guantanamo Bay.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Goro



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

▲ Army Sgt. Ronald Hoepfer with the Joint Task Force Combat Stress Detachment braves possible confrontations with the GTMO critters as he crawls under his office's SEA (Southeast Asia) hut to dig out trash during the work area clean up Monday.

► Spc. Shalon Grady, with combat stress, removes an old wood board outside her office to pile on top of a stack of scrap material littering Camp America. Troopers spent three days cleaning their areas this week during the base-wide clean up.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone



Troopers combed Windmill Beach Wednesday morning during the base cleanup.

Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

The Playoffs: Week 1 reactions

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Cropp: Stand by your Plummer

Two days ago, I walked out of my room to another day in beautiful sunny Guantanamo Bay.

A Trooper walked by and gave me his deepest condolences.

Yes, the first week of the NFL playoffs passed the world by and every single prediction made last week blew up in my face. The worst being, of course, the pummeling of the Denver Broncos by Peyton Manning and that team he plays with.

It was hard to watch Manning throw to Reggie Wayne on almost every down and make a completion every time. Especially considering injuries had depleted the Broncos' secondary and rookie cornerback, Roc Alexander, could not seem to make a play on the amazing Wayne.

Plummer rallied his offense in the second half, throwing away the notion that Bronco Ball would win this one. He played like John Elway out there. Completing bombs, throwing for touchdowns, trying his hardest to get the Broncos back into a game that ended at the half 35-3.

Every play of the game someone threw a flag or Manning threw a bomb to Wayne or tight end Dallas Clark. Around the time the Indianapolis Colts hit the 28-3 point late in the last half, wouldn't the classy thing be to run out the clock?

Not if you're watching the Peyton Manning story unfold in front of your eyes. Manning threw and ran and made sure he would score in the last two minutes of the first half, if not to only add insult to injury, then to pad the stats.

There is no excuse for this—especially when he has a star tailback in the backfield. Manning should have shown some class, but of course, the NFL poster boy had to have the most prolific passing season of all time, and who better to secure that honor than against the depleted Broncos?

The Vikings pulled off a huge upset against the Packers in the NFC and came out of nowhere.

Accused of backing into the playoffs, they are now considered legitimate threats

against the Philadelphia Eagles next week.

The New York Jets moved past the Chargers and will face off with the Steelers, while the awesome Colts will play the Patriots next week.

Don't look for any more predictions from me, I've already been ridiculed to no extent for the last week.

All right, one prediction, the Patriots will kill the Colts and give Denver fans some retribution, matter-of-fact, not just Denver fans, but rational football fans everywhere. Also, expect Roethlisberger to have a rookie meltdown. He can't just put the number 7 on his jersey and expect Elway's spirit to inhabit him forever. The Steelers are destined to try again for the Super Bowl next year.

And there's always preseason.

Bonilla: The Mann

Hold the ink on the record books, because Peyton Manning is not done.

Not only is he the best passer in the NFL but also he is on the fast track to becoming the best quarterback of all time. Anyone who missed the Game last Sunday missed a combination of technique and refinement being executed to perfection.

The Denver Broncos should have never been on the same field with Manning. I am not a big believer of *deja-vu*, but Sunday was the closest to experiencing *deja-vu* I have ever had. Overall, the Broncos owe a heartfelt "thank you" to the Colts for the late generous holiday gift in allowing the Broncos to be a playoff nominee. Final word on the Broncos: Never had a chance.

All eyes on the biggest match that even destiny couldn't have forecast: The Patriots and the Colts will face each other again in the Divisional playoffs.

Peyton Manning is clearly unstoppable;

the best the Patriots can do is hope to manage Peyton's arsenal of offensive weapons. Manning has hit the prime of his career at the age of 33, and his eye is on the prize. He will settle for nothing less than a Super Bowl victory. Count on Manning to make a spectacular performance rewriting the record books as he leads the victory over the Patriots.

Despite what my counterpart says, the Vikings are not a justifiable contender. It is hard to say why the Packers experienced a meltdown Sunday, though the blame lies with the Packers. They beat themselves.

The Minnesota Vikings have a big cloud of concern hanging over their head. The coach, Mike Tice, has set a poor precedent of controlling the "problem child" of the team. Randy Moss is a great receiver, but the formula that wins championships involves a group of individuals who are great team players.

Egos, stubbornness and the unwillingness to take the role of a team player have plagued many teams in the NFL who fall short of the ultimate goal, the Super Bowl. Minnesota Vikings don't stand a chance against Philly. The Vikings will be on the receiving end of a valuable lecture of team football by the Super Bowl favorites of the NFC.

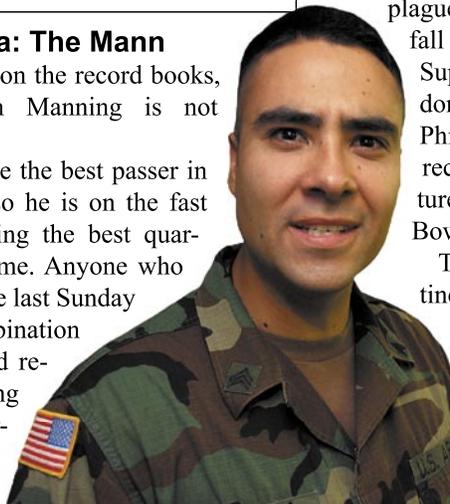
The Steelers seem to be destined for the Super Bowl and will undoubtedly get the win over the New York Jets. The New York Jets moved into the divisional playoffs on a smack of luck and the Steelers with the big hand of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger who will smack the Jets' good fortune right out of the playoffs.

The other divisional payoff game between the St. Louis Rams and the Atlanta Falcons is what you might call a "playoff accident."

Any team that wins 50 percent of its regular season games has no business being a contender in the playoffs. Expect the Falcons to soar into the Conference finals against the Philadelphia Eagles.

I just call it like I see it! ■

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Rugby tour:

GTMO's Dementors face W. Va.'s Mon River Mud Lobsters

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A rugby team is coming all the way from West Virginia to battle Guantanamo Bay's (GTMO's) own this weekend.

GTMO welcomes the Mon River Mud Lobsters from Jan. 15 through Jan. 18.

The Mud Lobsters will be matching up with GTMO's Dementors.

A name like Dementors (a name that comes straight from the guards of Azkaban Prison in the Harry Potter books) shows the fun spirit that surrounds the GTMO team.

Practicing twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. the team goes over skills and plays. With about 30 members, including two women, the team is always



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

looking for more people to come out and "try to leave a legacy," says Army Cpt. David Melendez.

Working toward their main goal, the Dementors hope to play in Ruggerfest in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb. 24 through Feb. 25.

The Dementors was officially started last May and has worked with great effort to bring competition to the island.

The team has raised over \$2,000 to bring this weekend's game to Guantanamo Bay. The kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m. on Jan. 17, which will bring cleat against cleat for the rugby championship.

Playing the game feels like an escape, Melendez said. "For four hours a week, I feel like a normal guy," he said. "This is like no other sport in the world, where a prince and a pauper can be on the same team." ■

Reach Spc. Jody Metzger at 3499.

Rugby tour itinerary

Jan. 15

Barbecue Reception, Sailing Center, 8 p.m.

Jan. 16

Practice Game, Cooper Field, 2 p.m.

Windjammer, 9 p.m.

Jan. 17

Rugby Game, Cooper Field, 7 p.m.

Windjammer, 8:30 p.m.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Troopers get

tax help

By Army Maj. John O'Connell

JTF-GTMO Assistant Staff Judge Advocate

The Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) Tax Center officially opens Jan. 31 and is scheduled to remain open through April 15.

The JTF-GTMO Tax Center will operate in Camp America in the Legal Assistance Office, Building 6208.

We will provide free federal and some state income tax preparation and free electronic tax filing services.

This free service is provided to all active duty military personnel and their families as well as qualified civilians under Naval Base or JTF administrative/operational control.

The JTF-GTMO Tax Center will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday by appointment. Call 3561 for an appointment.

In order to receive proper assistance filing a return, customers will be required to bring the following information:

- 2004 W-2s, wage and earning statements, Social Security Number (SSN) cards and dates of birth for each family member (if no SSN cards, ensure name and SSN match and are correct).
- 1099-INT forms (interest from savings/checking accounts).
- 1099-DIV forms (dividends, capital gain distributions from mutual funds, stocks, etc.)
- Dependent care statement from day care providers, to in-

clude their SSN/EIN (Employer Identification Number) and address, documenting how much was spent for qualified childcare expenses.

- Power of attorney, if married filing a joint return and spouse is not be present to sign tax return.
- Voided check, or bank routing transit number and account number, if you choose to have your refund directly deposited into your account.
- Identification card.

The Tax Center will be able to prepare the following forms: Form 1040EZ; Form 1040A with Schedule 1, 2, 3 and EIC; Form 1040 with Schedule A, B, C-EZ, D, EIC, R and SE; Form 2441 (child and dependent care credit); Form 8812 (additional child tax credit) and Form 8863 (education credits).

The Tax Center will not prepare Schedule C (profit/loss from business); complicated and advanced Schedule D (capital gains and losses); Schedule E (rents and royalties); Form SS-5 (requests for social security number); Form 2106 (employee and business expense); Form 3903 (moving); Form 8606 (nondeductible IRA) and Form 8615 (minor's investment income). Please contact us with questions on these services.

The phone number for the Tax Center is 3561. Calling to make an appointment is recommended to avoid waiting. ■

The Golden Rule

Most of us are familiar with the Christian expression of the golden rule as stated by Jesus in the Bible, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets." (NIV, Matt 7:12).

But did you know that a similar concept is taught in almost every major religion in the world?

Confucianism: "Do not do to others what you would not like yourself."

Buddhism: "Hurt not others in the ways that you yourself would find hurtful."

Hinduism: "This is the sum of duty; do naught unto others what you would not have them do unto you."

Islam: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself."

Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow

man. This is the entire law."

The principle of the golden rule seems universal. Perhaps all cultures and religions have discovered that we could solve most of our problems if we would just follow this simple principle.

Imagine applying the golden rule at Guantanamo Bay: At the workplace. ... In your chain of command. ... At your quarters. ... In your most difficult relationships. ...

The next time you are in a difficult situation with someone, instead of trying to get the advantage or revenge, try applying the golden rule: treat them as you would want to be treated in the same situation.

Maybe you'll see why Jesus (and most of the world's religions) recommend it. ■

—*Chaplain (Army Maj.) Steven Herman*



▲ A live nativity scene outside a chaplain's home here at Guantanamo Bay during the recent holiday season.

Padre's Corner

On Jan. 9, the church celebrated the baptism of the Lord. Jesus submits himself to the baptism performed at the hands of John the Baptist. As he is being baptized the Father's voice is heard, "This is my beloved son on whom my favor rests."

This is one of three manifestations of the divinity of Christ, the other two being the Star of Bethlehem and Jesus turning water into wine at Cana in Galilee. We too, are called to be beloved sons and daughters of God.

Why not attend the chapel service of your choice and allow the Lord to speak to you?

—*Chaplain (Navy Lt. Cmdr.) James Dowds*

Worship Schedule

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service Catholic Mass Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel Building 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	<i>Resumes in January</i>
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	<i>Resumes in January</i>
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1 p.m.	New Life Fellowship	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
Monday	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
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

Wave of Relief

Service members deployed to tsunami-devastated areas across Southeast Asia remain busy aiding those victims in need of food, medicines and supplies. The tsunamis killed at least 150,000 people across the region. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of supplies are being delivered by U.S. military sorties to those hit the hardest. There are 15,333 U.S. Navy, Marine, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard Troopers involved in providing relief support to the more than 1.5 million affected.



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Val Gempis

▲ **PHUKET, Thailand -- Air Force Maj. Brian Geronime** takes off from Phuket, Thailand in a C-130 Hercules after moving an engineering assessment team here Jan. 8. He is a pilot assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron. The 36th AS first delivered relief supplies and equipment to devastated areas in Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, recently. The U.S. military had delivered 1,454,200 pounds of supplies, 433,840 pounds of food and 16,000 gallons of water.



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Val Gempis

▲ **Sri Lankan relief workers** unload bags of vegetables from an HH-60 "Pavehawk" helicopter belonging to the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, during relief operations for tsunami victims in Dambula, Sri Lanka, recently. About 40,000 people died when a tsunami devastated coastal towns in Sri Lanka. The Kadena Airmen are helping transport food, medicines and supplies to the affected people in support of Operation Unified Assistance.



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer JerryWoller

▲ **A Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC)** from USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) hustles to deliver humanitarian relief supplies to the beach of Meuloboh, Sumatra, Indonesia, recently.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Benjamin D. Glass

◀ **A hospital corpsman** assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln evaluates the condition of tsunami victims at Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, recently.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

By Army Lt. Col. Denise Gordon

JTF-GTMO Combat Stress Control Det.

As we begin the New Year, it's a great opportunity to examine where we have been and where we are going.

Have you looked back over 2004 and asked: what did I accomplish, what lessons did I learn, what would I do differently? What has this deployment taught me about myself, about the military? Have I made new friends, mastered a new activity, made this a positive experience? Examining the past can provide direction. But be careful to let go. Many times when I speak with clients, they are dragging so much baggage from the past that they cannot live in the present. Are you carrying baggage? Do you worry about wrongs done to you? Are you always reminiscing about "the good old days?"

Where do you want to be a year from now? For some, the answer is as simple as at home, surrounded by family, friends and pets. Others may plan to relocate, buy a house, graduate, marry or have a child.

Are you looking beyond 2005 and making longer-term goals? What do you want to have accomplished in five years? Do you have longer-range goals? What do you want to have accomplished in 10 years, then in 20 years? Are you planning for retirement, thinking about how you will support yourself and your spouse?

Some may answer these questions readily, but for others planning even a year ahead is a challenge. For some, the goal was to finish college, find a job, get married and raise a family. So people work hard to attain all four goals, then ask, what now? They have the degree and a spouse, but perhaps they found marriage was not as easy as walking down the aisle and promising to love someone forever. Or their job has become routine and they want something more. It's time to review or establish new goals: personal, relationship and professional.

What are your goals?

Goals help give us meaning. Having both short-term and long-term goals helps us look forward and plan.

How has this deployment impacted your goals?

For active-duty Troopers, this deployment may be a PCS (permanent change of station), another duty station, this time a joint environment, another opportunity to perform in a military career that began before arriving at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) and will continue afterwards.

For Reservists, lives have been put "on hold" for a year. Some go back to civilian jobs that have been waiting, but perhaps with co-workers who don't understand or support the military. Others were self-employed and may have to start all over rebuilding a client list, if they can afford to start again.

Some are now a year behind in college. Some may have discovered they enjoy military life and want to go active. Others may decide to get out of the military as soon as possible.

Many Reservists have supportive spouses waiting for them. For some, the separation was too hard, so they will go home to rebuild their lives as a single person. Some lost so much money they may have to declare bankruptcy. Others earned so much they can afford to splurge on a fancy car or put a down payment on a house.

Some Troopers may find this time away has been an opportunity to examine their lives and rethink their priorities and goals. Maybe earning a lot of money isn't as important as having time to spend with family. Perhaps a relationship that seemed to be strained needs to be reinvigorated or ended. Perhaps it's time to find a new, more challenging job.

This deployment has affected us all. How it impacts the rest of our lives is up to us. For some it has been an inconvenience, setting plans back a year, for a few it has been a catastrophe. To put this deployment in perspective, however, we are not facing the perils of Iraq, which for many has brought life-altering experiences.

We can make plans and goals and work to attain them, but life holds no guarantees. The reality for most of us is that a deployment to Iraq lies in our future. We may not know when, but we know another deployment will occur.

How do we prepare for the future with the uncertainty of a deployment looming ahead? We continue to make plans and live our lives. We don't put our lives on hold, just waiting. We know if we are deployed, our lives will be on hold once again. However, we also know that the lives around us will go on. Our children will grow, our spouses will gain new skills and progress will change some of our environment. The best we can do is to prepare them for the possibility of our being gone again financially, emotionally and physically. Examining how we would have done things differently prior to this deployment may help us prepare for the next one.

Goals help us measure what we have accomplished and what we still want to do. What are yours? ■

Lt. Col. Gordon is officer in charge of the combat stress control

15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH ARMY SGT. MICHAEL COHEN

"I always liked working with cars and doing mechanics, ... this would be a good way to get some experience."

By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Army Sgt. Michael Cohen, from New Jersey, maintains and repairs vehicles for the infantry.

The work is hard and the hours demanding, but Cohen's spirits are high. Love of the work and good companionship make his important mission fun.

***The Wire:* How long have you been in the military?**

Sgt. Cohen: I've been in the National Guard nine years, and I was active duty for five years before that.

Why did you switch from Regular Army to the National Guard?

I got out of the Regular Army because I didn't like all the moving around. I was out for six years when I had a friend in the National Guard tell me about it. Then a recruiter came to see me, explained that it was one weekend a month, two weeks in the summer, and I figured it wouldn't be that hard, so I thought I would come in and finish my time up in the National Guard. Now I have five more years.

What is your job here?

Light wheel vehicle mechanic.

Has this been the only military occupational specialty you have had?

Yes, it has.

Why did you pick this job?

I always liked working with cars and doing mechanics, and I figured this would be a good way to get some experience.

What kind of things do you do in a day of work?

Mostly minor things. Axles, replacing seals and mirrors and small things of that nature.

Does it keep you busy?

Yes, it does. We have a lot of trucks rolling around here, and with the terrain a lot of things happen to the vehicles that can



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

require a lot of repairs.

What's your favorite part of the job?

My favorite part would have to be when I know all the trucks are running and there are no problems, so everybody can get to and from where they need to be.

What are your hobbies?

Well, I play sports, and I like to go fishing.

Then you probably do a lot of fishing here?

No, not here. Most of the time we're on call, so we don't get to do a lot of the things other people do. Somebody always has to be around, and there are only three of us. We run a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week operation here.

How do they call you up when they need you to do some work?

Well, usually we're here [at the office], but if for some reason we aren't somebody will

come to our room and get us. Most of the time we get our information and dispatch one of our mechanics out to take care of the problem.

It seems like there are a lot of trucks for just three people to work on.

Yeah, well, we're pretty good, so we get it done.

Do you have any guaranteed days off?

We really try to work time off into our schedules, but sometimes it's hard, sometimes you have to sacrifice. We have a mission here, and the mission comes first.

Are you enjoying your deployment and your mission?

Yes. The guys I work with are great and we have some good times. I'd rather be here than Iraq or Afghanistan. ■

Reach Army Pfc. Jessi Stone at 3589.

PHOTO CONTEST



Joint Task Force Troopers have days to submit their photographic masterpiece for the Guantanamo Bay photo contest.

These are a few of the photos already submitted. The deadline for entries is Jan. 21. The categories for black and white or color are military, nature, extreme and patriotic. Photos must be GTMO-specific, not smaller than 5-inch

by 7-inch and no larger than 8-inch by 10-inch. Photos as far back as January 2002 are eligible.

The contest is open to active-duty, retired and Department of Defense civilians. For details, call Jessica Carroll at 5604 or Lisa Dula at 5225. The contest is sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

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SAFETY

Watch for the suicide warning signs and don't ignore them.

Warning signs include irritability, unkept appearance, alcohol abuse, anxiety, isolation, depression and impulsiveness.

Other warning signs include giving away prized possessions and saying good bye.

Reach out. Help. Contact combat stress or the chaplains.

—U.S. Army Safety Center

RECIPE

Baked Mac and Cheese

Tired of instant noodles and the same old galley pasta menu? This recipe for baked macaroni and cheese puts a classy spin on the traditional, all-American favorite. It takes a little more effort than the stuff you had as a kid, but the extra work guarantees a sophisticated, more mature noodle dish.

Ingredients

Two slices bacon; eight ounces penne pasta; one chopped onion; one minced garlic clove; three cups shredded Cheddar cheese; two tablespoons butter; three tablespoons all-purpose flour; two cups milk.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.
3. In a large pot with boiling salted water cook pasta until al dente (cooked just enough to retain a somewhat firm texture). Drain.
4. In a medium skillet sauté the chopped onion and minced garlic. Take off heat, add chopped cooked bacon and set aside.
5. To make the sauce, in a medium saucepan melt the butter or margarine over low heat. Once melted, add the flour and stir constantly for two minutes. Gradually add milk and continue stirring until thickened. Stir in two cups of the grated Cheddar cheese and stir until melted.
6. Combine cooked pasta, sautéed vegetables and sauce. Pour into a two-quart casserole dish. Add the last cup of grated Cheddar cheese to top of mixture.
7. Bake uncovered in preheated oven until cheese on top is melted and brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve warm.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

MWR

- Today:** Male Softball Tournament, Cooper Field, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 15:** The GTMO Half Marathon that was scheduled for Cable Beach at 5:30 a.m. is POSTPONED.
- Jan. 19:** Male Softball League (start), Cooper Field, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 20:** Female Softball League (start), Cooper Field, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 22:** Fishing Derby, Marina, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 22:** Scottish Highland Games, Cooper Field, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 25:** Robert Burns Supper, Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 6:** Super Bowl Party, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 11:** Pool Tournament, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.

CLASSES

- Jan. 18:** "Resume Writing," 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Troopers' Chapel, call 4141 to register.
- Jan. 26:** "Saving and Investing For Your Future" (getting started, compound interest, investments), 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Fleet & Family Support Center, Building 2135, call 4141 to register.
- "Anger Management" (techniques to keep anger in check), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fleet & Family Support Center, call 4141 to register.
- Jan. 27:** "Resume Writing and Federal Employment," 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Fleet & Family Support Center, Building 2135, call 4141 to register.

DINING

Today	Lunch	Barbecued Beef Cubes
	Dinner	Seafood Platter
Saturday	Lunch	Baked Fish
	Dinner	Chicken Parmesan
Sunday	Lunch	Roast Pork Loin
	Dinner	Shepherd's Pie
Monday	Lunch	Pepper Steak
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
Tuesday	Lunch	Barbecued Chicken
	Dinner	Chicken & Beef Fajitas
Wednesday	Lunch	Pineapple Chicken
	Dinner	Cantonese Spareribs
Thursday	Lunch	Caribbean Chicken Breast
	Dinner	Salisbury Steak
Friday	Lunch	Parmesan Chicken
	Dinner	Steamship Round of Beef

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PHONES

Satellite Communications Systems, Inc.

SCSI replaced LCN as Guantanamo Bay's phone company Jan. 5. Initial commercial service difficulties are being resolved, according to the base communications office.

Rates: 9 cents per minute to the USA.

Calling cards: Available at the Navy Exchange atrium, the Gold Hill Towers lobby, the SCSI Calling Center on Sherman Avenue opposite Marine Hill and the Joint Task Force phone center in Building N 005.

New services planned: Dial-up Internet, cell phones, residential phone lines.

For more information: Call 7362; visit www.nsgtmo.com or www.sat-tel.com; visit Building N 609, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

BUSES

Chart shows bus stops and minutes after the hour when buses are scheduled, e.g. the Sherman Avenue bus stops at East Caravella 03 and 33 minutes after the hour.

Sherman Avenue			Camp America/NEX		
First Street	00	30	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
East Caravella	03	33	NEX trailer	02	22 42
Marine Hill	05	35	Camp Delta 2	06	26 46
Post Office	10	40	TK 4	12	32 52
Windjammer	11	41	TK 1	16	36 56
NEX	14	44	Windjammer	23	43 03
Bulkeley Landing	17	47	NEX	30	50 10
Ferry landing	21	51	Windjammer	35	55 15
Commissions Bldg.	23	53	TK 1	40	00 20
Ordnance	26	56	TK 4	46	06 26
Bulkeley Landing	28	58	Camp Delta 1	52	12 32
NEX	32	02	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
Windjammer	36	06			
Post Office	37	07			
Marine Hill	41	11			
Hospital	48	18			
Windward Loop 1	52	22			

CINEMA

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY

7 p.m. *Christmas with the Kranks*

PG 99 min

9 p.m. *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*

R 108 min

SATURDAY

7 p.m. *SpongeBob*

PG 88 min

9 p.m. *Ocean's Twelve*

PG13 125 min

SUNDAY

7 p.m. *The Polar Express*

G 90 min

MONDAY

7 p.m. *Christmas with the Kranks*

PG 99 min

TUESDAY

7 p.m. *Phantom of the Opera*

PG13 141 min

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. *Ocean's Twelve*

PG13 125 min

THURSDAY

7 p.m. *National Treasure*

R 108min

CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. *The Incredibles*

PG 115 min

10 p.m. *Raise your Voice*

PG 103 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. *Christmas with the Kranks*

PG 99 min

10 p.m. *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*

R 108 min

SUNDAY

8 p.m. *Ocean's Twelve*

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MONDAY

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ACCURACY

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If you see an error in *The Wire*, call Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592.

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Greenhill at 3592.