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# Defending the night



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class, Ben Reeves, a boatswain's mate with the Maritime Safety and Security Team, keeps an eye out during their Feb. 1 escort of a Coast Guard cutter on Guantanamo Bay.

Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

**By Coast Guard Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Robert Foucha**  
USCG MSST New Orleans (91112)

As the sun goes down and most go to sleep, the Coast Guard MSST (Maritime Safety and Security Team) night crews are just getting started.

The Coast Guard patrols the waters of Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, protecting the bay from unauthorized vessels.

The mission is essential to the Joint Task Force (JTF) mission, Coast Guard Vice Admiral Vivian Crea said during a Feb. 1 visit.

“One of our expert fields is the area of port security and water-side security,” Crea said, as she stepped on a Boston Whaler, one of the Coast Guard’s many security boats. “We are able to assist in securing the facility here.”

The MSST deployed here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom is USCG (U.S. Coast Guard) MSST New Orleans

(91112). The Coast Guard created the MSSTs in response to the Sept. 11 attacks to be able to rapidly deploy within the USA. Each MSST is numbered “911” in memory of the attacks; it’s followed by a team number. In the case of MSST New Orleans, No. 12.

Unlike the Coast Guard Reserve Port Security Units (PSU) that have previously fulfilled the JTF mission in GTMO, MSSTs are active-duty units.

Each day and night, the MSST patrols the bay, keeping a vigilant watch for unauthorized vessels in and around GTMO. They drive highly maneuverable fast boats armed with machine guns and are ready to respond to a variety of threats at a moment’s notice.

All coxswains and crew of MSSTs receive advanced training in high-speed tactics, weapons systems and other waterside defense tactics.

**See “MSST” on back cover**

# Telling the JTF story

By Army Lt. Col. Brad Blackner

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Officer

Greetings, Troopers!

It's a great honor for me to have the opportunity to become part of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO).

Since my arrival last month I have met and been introduced to many of you. I am inspired by the great attitude and professionalism of each of you.

I'm also very impressed with the caliber of the JTF leadership. They are committed to your success in this very important mission and, just as important, they care about your well-being. I am very impressed and excited to work alongside them. I look forward to a challenging, rewarding and successful tour.

A little about myself: I grew up in a small town in Southern Utah where I also attended Southern Utah State College on an athletic scholarship. I joined the National Guard at age 21. After four years in the military, my senior Army advisor recommended I attend the officer candidate program, so I was off to Fort Sill, Okla. I've served in a variety of positions in the artillery. I also served in the Utah Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters. My experience working with the 2002 Winter Olympics taught me the importance of a joint environment.

My mission here at GTMO goes beyond what's required of the command; it is to ensure that you, the Trooper are heard. I highly encourage you to be proactive in telling your story. To help in doing that, we are planning to integrate regional media visits, where we will invite reporters from your hometown area to cover what you do for our country and your community.

I'm convinced that the most newsworthy stories at JTF-GTMO aren't the ones currently being told.

It's our responsibility and obligation to tell the story of what we do here. I wouldn't have a job if it weren't for the Troopers who are performing their mission 24 hours a day. It's you, the Trooper on the ground,

that is sacrificing for our country. Don't be



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

afraid to tell them what you do! It's you who makes us successful.

We develop and produce our media products for you, but without your input we can't tell the story of the wonderful things that you are doing here to protect our nation's freedoms. I know a lot of you are hesitant when approached by the media, and we understand that. We're here to provide you with everything you need to survive in this media-intense environment.

I also want to see our internal publication, *The Wire*, be as useful a resource for you as it possibly can be. *The Wire* has the potential to become so much more than it already is. It can be a great forum for your ideas and questions. I encourage you to respond to the invitation to write letters to *The Wire*.

I know *The Wire* staff are eager to feature as many faces and stories as possible. You can help them fulfill their mission by suggesting ideas.

And have you ever wanted to see an article you wrote or pictures you took in print? Now is your chance. The cover story of this week's issue wasn't written by a Trooper from public affairs. It was written by a Coast Guardsman who took the initiative to write an article, take pictures and submit them. I'd like to see more voices from all levels of the JTF throughout *The Wire*.

My goal is for public affairs to tell as many stories as we can about the great men and women who work here and the wonderful things that you're doing. I guarantee you that the folks back home would much rather read a story about you, their local hero, as opposed to most of the negativity we see or read about.

Help us get the story out; it's *your* story. I look forward to meeting more of you as time goes on. Thank you very much for your sacrifice and commitment to our great nation, and remember, we are doing the right thing, for the right reason, with the right people.

Honor Bound! ■

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# CSM: “We are doing the right thing”

By Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It turns out that deploying to the Joint Task Force (JTF) here at Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) presents some of the same challenges to a command sergeant major with 26 years in the Regular Army as it does to other Troopers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles arrived here in March 2004 with many of the same questions as the Reservists and National Guard members who were also processing through McCalla Hangar to join GTMO 5 (the fifth rotation of Troopers through the JTF) at about the same time.

How would his skills be useful to the JTF? Would his job here challenge him? What would the leadership be like? Was this an important mission? What kind of standards would he find here?

“At the beginning, I had a lot of questions,” Febles said in a recent interview. “At the beginning, I thought this job wouldn’t challenge me.”

The photographs, patches, coins and souvenirs mounted on the walls of Febles’ office in the JTF Headquarters building tell the story of a career airborne infantryman, a man who is all about challenges. Febles has tackled the Army’s most elite training, consistently emerging at the top. Airborne. Pathfinder. Air Assault. SERE (survival, evasion, resistance and escape). Jumpmaster. Rappelmaster. Master Fitness. Ranger. And that’s only a sample.

Febles’ guiding principle in his Army career was to seek to be in the best units and to get the hardest training, he said.

He didn’t set out to be a paratrooper—or even to reach the highest level possible in an enlisted career. Back at the beginning, he was in ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps), where he encountered a Command Sgt. Maj. Rivera, a physically fit, firm-but-fair Airborne Special Forces Ranger who had some advice for the young Febles.

“Your key to achieving all your goals in the military—and to success—is associating yourself with the best NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and staying away from the bad ones,” Febles recalls Rivera saying. “The only thing you can learn from the bad ones is how not to do it.”

A self-described perfectionist, Febles



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

has other nuggets of advice to pass along to Troopers.

**Go to school:** “It’s very important to get yourself an education, —very important—and before you leave the Army, preferably. While you’re in the Army, there’s no reason why you can’t get an education.”

**Seek the hardest training:** “Those are elite courses that define who you are, because you find out what your limits are. You find your soul.”

**Use the NCOES (NCO education system):** “It is the best in the world, and the envy of many armies in the world.”

**Strive for excellence:** Troopers should “challenge themselves to the very limits, both physically and mentally,” Febles said.

**Ask yourself questions:** “Did I do my very best? Did I have fun doing it?”

**Seek out mentors:** Learn from leaders, good and bad.

Since Febles enlisted in the aftermath of Vietnam, the Army has changed, he said. Changes include improved education among Soldiers, and better money and better accommodations for lower enlisted troops. “The emphasis on the family was not there,” Febles said. The attitude was, “The Army didn’t issue you a spouse.”

Said Febles, “We’ve gone a long way. ... Service members today are very marketable in society because we live the values; we instill the values and enforce them. We’re used to working in a structured environment. We like to take care of our sub-

ordinates. We’re not afraid to lead. ... We don’t achieve success and then rest on our laurels. We always train to standard, training again until we do it right.”

And what about all those questions the command sergeant major had when he arrived here?

“Trust me, it’s challenging enough,” Febles said of his job. “We have the very best leadership. We’ve got the right guidance and the right policies to do the right thing, and we are doing the right thing. This is an important mission. I am very proud of every single Trooper in this command and the partnership that we have with the sister services.

“Everybody here is doing a superb job, and I am proud of them. I am proud of what I do here. We’ve got a great commander. He’s got great focus. I’m very proud to serve in his command.

“Recognize that you’re part of a great institution and a great country. We’re serving a blessed country.”

Both Febles’ parents were Puerto Rican. He is bilingual. Born in New York, he is at the peak of a highly decorated, storied career.

“I found out what my calling was,” he said, “and it was to lead Soldiers at the level that I thought was most important... Looking back, I wouldn’t change anything: I’m pretty happy with who I am right now.” ■

Reach Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592.

# AROUND THE JTF

## CG Admiral visits JTF



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

▲ Coast Guard Vice Admiral Vivian Crea visited the JTF here at Guantanamo Bay recently. The Coast Guard plays a vital role in the JTF mission, Crea said.

## Comptroller of the Year



Army Col. Vaughn Caudill, Comptroller for the Joint Task Force (JTF), has been awarded Army MAJCOM Comptroller of the Year for 2004.

“We are the financial managers of an organization,” Caudill said. “We have to make sure we buy everything out of the right pot of money and follow the right rules for spending.”

Caudill, a retired Reservist, is

normally an Army Medical Department (AMED) comptroller but was activated to be the comptroller for the entire JTF.

“This is the first time an AMED Comptroller has been selected,” Caudill said. “I think that it just goes to show the quality of personnel in the Reserves.”

Caudill said he couldn’t have won the award had it not been for his co-workers. “It’s not a one-person effort,” he said. “It takes a team to get everything accomplished. If the entire team hadn’t won, I wouldn’t have been able to.”

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

## ‘Gitmo World’



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

▲ A pair of dolphins swim up to a Coast Guard patrol boat in Guantanamo Bay Feb 1. The dolphins are one part of the collection of interesting wild animals that inhabit the base.

## Sidebyside

◀ Marines lead a relay run from the Northeast Gate to the Windjammer as part of the recent celebrations of the 36th Annual Cuban-American Friendship Day. Other events included a lunch with guest speaker Esteban Rodriguez.



Photo by Army Capt. Janet Schoenberg

# BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres asks ... "Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl this weekend?"



◀ "I think the Patriots are going to win, cause Tom Brady knows how to win. He's the next Joe Montana."

—Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Pete Hegseth

▶ "New England should win it. They're a better football team, more consistent, and have a tougher defense. I hate the Eagles."

—Army Staff Sgt. John Tade



◀ "At the cost of totally embarrassing my boyfriend, I'm clueless about football and could not care less."

—Air Force Capt. Tonya Mack



▶ "The Eagles were dominant through the season, but New England's been there before. It'll be a close game."

—Army Staff Sgt. George Espinoza



Photos by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

## Standard tests available to service members

By Army Staff Sgt. Cavett Ishihara

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Free college credit is available to all service members serving here at Guantanamo Bay.

Whether Troopers are hoping to start or finish college careers, assistance is available through the Base Testing Control Office.

The Base Testing Control Office provides free access to the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the DANTES (Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support). Subject Standard Tests (DSST). These exams, which can take as little as an hour, can be equal to passing semester-long courses.

"When on active duty, tuition assistance is limited," said Navy Chief Kevin Robarge, base testing control officer. "CLEP and DSST tests allow service members to complete more schooling in a year's time. How quick do you want to get your degree? What these tests do, they allow you to accelerate your education. They cost you nothing."

Test subjects available here include math, history, humanities and English. The Naval Station's Staff Education and Training Office offers 14 CLEP and 13 DSST tests.

Also available are the high school General Equivalency Diploma (GED), American College Test (ACT) and nine Excelsior College exams.

Many colleges award credit for documented military schools. Combined with earned CLEP and DSST credits, many service members may be a lot closer to completing degrees than they think.

Robarge advised that service members check with college advisors to verify which tests and how many test are accepted for degree requirements. This maximizes time and ensures efficient progress toward graduation goals.

Practice tests and other materials are available at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Library, online and through the Base Testing Control Office.

■ Reach Army Staff Sgt. Cavett Ishihara at 3383.

## Available tests

**CLEP:** English Composition, Social Science and History, Natural Science, Humanities, College Mathematics, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature, College Algebra, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Information Systems and Computer Applications, Principles of Management, U.S. History I, U.S. History II and Freshman College Composition.

**DSST:** Astronomy, Criminal Justice, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Fundamentals of Algebra, Fundamentals of Counseling, Here's to Your Health, History of the Vietnam War, Human Resource Management, Introduction to Business, Introduction to Computing, Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Western Europe since 1945.

**Excelsior:** Anatomy and Physiology, Ethics: Practice and Theory, Fundamentals of Gerontology, Human Resource Management, Lifespan of Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Adulthood and Aging, Research Methods in Psychology, World Population, Organizational Behavior.



# JOINT TASK FORCE GUANTANAMO Black Hist



**Lt. Gen. Frank Petersen, first African-American aviator for the Marine Corps.**

## *The Silver Hawk*

An African-American three star general in the Marine Corps was unheard of—until one of the few and the proud made it happen.

Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen was promoted to the rank in 1986 after nearly 40 years in service. He was the first black aviator for the United States Marine Corps. Originally joining the Navy in 1950 at the age of 18, he went from being an electronics technician to completing flight training to accepting a commission in the Marines. Petersen was also the first black Marine to command an attack squadron, flying missions in Chu Lai, Vietnam, from 1966 to 1967.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Purple Heart.

He retired in 1988 as the senior ranking aviator in the Navy and Marine Corps, and is referred to by peers as the “Grey Eagle” or “Silver Hawk.”

## *Civil rights champion and fighter pilot ace*

Gen. Daniel James Jr., better known to the world as “Chappie” is one of the Tuskegee Airman. Chappie James earned his wings in the Air Force during World War II and flew several missions during the Korean conflict and Vietnam. In the turbulent times America faced during the civil rights movement in the 60s, James was used by the Air Force as a spokesman about racial policies in the Air Force, as well as the other armed forces.

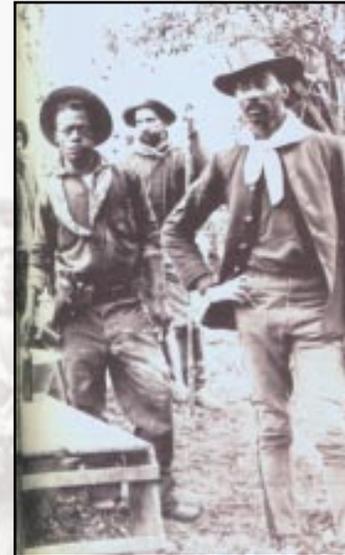
In 1967, James received his first star as the commander of Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya. Khadafy overthrew the Libyan government, and James used professionalism and tact to handle the volatile situation. James earned additional promotions for several commands.

He was promoted to lieutenant general after his tour at the Pentagon working in public affairs, and earned the rank of general as vice commander of the Military Airlift Command. James also spent three years at NORAD.

Through segregation, racism and adversity, Chappie James was a champion for civil rights. And while he fought physical enemies and the enemy known as racism, his mantra lives on, “I am, above everything else, an American.” James died in 1978 at age 58.



**Gen. Daniel “Chappie” James Jr., one of the Tuskegee Airman**



## *The Buffalo Soldiers*

The history of the Buffalo Soldiers goes back to 1862 when the Army created the 9th Cavalry, consisting of all black soldiers. In 1866, Congress approved six black regiments to replace the 1st South Carolina Volunteers. The regiments were named the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 38th, 41st, 42nd, and 43rd Infantry. The name “Buffalo Soldier” was originally given to the 10th Cavalry because of their involvement in the Indian Wars against the Comanche tribe.

The Buffalo Soldier heritage is a significant part of African American history. Some historians argue that their participation on San Juan Island during the Spanish American War, the 7th Cavalry's role in the Battle of Little Bighorn, and the Rough Riders might not have been possible without their also saw action in the Philippines during the Philippine-American War. They were also part of the pursuit of Pancho Villa in 1916.

In 1950 the Army started the 8888 Central Postal Directory in Africa, the end of the original era of the Buffalo Soldiers, of whom 23 earned the prestigious Medal of Honor.



COMMEMORATES

# History Month



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## MA2, first-class warrior

December 7, 1941, is a day that lives in infamy for the Navy and the nation. Many Sailors lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor, but one survivor would do his best to make a difference. Mess Attendant 2 Doris "Dorie" Miller left the galley to assist another sailor to safety.

As the kamikazes poured down onto the battleship *West Virginia* and the rest of Pearl Harbor, Miller, (who had not received training on how to operate a machine gun because of the Navy's stringent segregation policy at the time) commandeered an inactive machine gun and opened fire on the enemy aircraft.

Accounts of Miller's heroic actions credit him with taking down up to six Japanese aircraft, and he was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz in May 1942. Miller and 700 crew members of the *Liscombe Bay* aircraft carrier were killed when struck by a Japanese torpedo on Thanksgiving Day, 1943.



MA2 Doris "Dorie" Miller

## Tracing his Roots to the U.S. Coast Guard

Before writing for *Reader's Digest*, writing the book *Roots: Saga of An American Family*, and winning the Pulitzer Prize, Alex Haley spent 20 years in the Coast Guard.

When he started his career in the Coast Guard in 1939, he enlisted as a messman. Thirteen years later, he became a chief journalist. With his service time in the Coast Guard, he embarked on his journey to become one of the world's most well-renowned and respected authors. He wrote several short stories that wouldn't see publication for nearly eight years. He retired from the Coast Guard with 20 years of service in 1959.

In 1976, Haley wrote *Roots*, and the book went on to sell 1.6 million copies. The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) produced a 12-hour miniseries that garnered over 130 million viewers. In 1977, Haley won the Pulitzer Prize.

Haley died in 1992, and seven years later the U.S. Coast Guard honored the writer by designating a cutter after him, the *Alex Haley*.



Alex Haley, Author of *Roots* and ex-Coast Guardsman

African-Americans have gone from living in servitude in chains, to serving proudly with honor. The United States celebrates Black History Month in February. Here are a handful of those military contributions.

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# Patriots, Eagles: “The we-love-American-symbols” game

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

With the big game just days away, anxiety settles in for Philly fans.

Not only are the Eagles not getting the respect they deserve, but they are being shadowed by the will-he-play/won't-he-play game of Terrell Owens.

It doesn't matter. This is Donovan McNabb's big game. This is the game for a team who made it through the two most important games of the season without T.O. McNabb played his most balanced games in the playoffs, and here's to him continuing to do so with or without a huge wide receiver distraction who recently got some spiritual healing. Who proclaims a man spiritually healed anyhow? I mean, a doctor can proclaim an athlete cleared to play in a game physically but can he proclaim that your spirit's been mended too?

The Super Bowl can mean a lot of things. In the side bar there is a list of what I feel were the five greatest Super Bowl moments.

Had John Elway not won in 1997, then again in 1998 would he be remembered as an all-time great? Dan Marino never won the big one, and his popularity has definitely declined in recent years. McNabb has a lot of time left on his clock to win the big one, but how could it be better than this Sunday, against the unstoppable New England Patriots?

Tom Brady already earned the title of Joe Montana's successor. He hasn't a thing to lose, except his first post season game, which is pretty impressive considering he's appeared in the post season three times. This game is the big one for the Eagles, for McNabb, head coach Andy Reid and for all the guys who played hard all year long, hidden in the shadow of T.O.

The Patriots are intimidating. They are strong on both sides of the ball, they play well no matter who is hurt, who is in, it does not matter, they are an outright amazing team, but the Eagles have the most to lose here. Look for them to pull through Sunday and win the big one. Let's all jump on the coattails of Donovan McNabb and let the euphoric high of his success pull us right through to the end of the rotation here, in beautiful, sunny Guantanamo Bay. ■

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## Top five Super Bowl moments

**No. 5:** Super Bowl III, the Jets vs. the Colts, Joe Namath sheds the idea that his team is the underdog, guarantees victory and gets it.

**No. 4:** The Rams vs. the Titans, the final seconds of the game. McNair tries to force overtime, hits Dyson with reception, Dyson gets nailed by linebacker Jones at the one-yard line and does not get the score. Game over for the Titans.



**No. 3:** Rich Gannon and the Raiders in the Super Bowl, reminiscent of Peyton Manning this year—up to the big game no one could stop him. He tore defenses apart. Then Tampa Bay's D shut down Gannon's game, making him look like a fool, ruining his career, and it's great because no one really likes the Raiders.

**No. 2:** Super Bowl XIII, the Niners trailed 16-13 in the final seconds. Joe Montana hits receiver John Taylor, unused up to this point, for the game-winning score. One catch, ten yards, game-winning touchdown, nice going, Taylor.



**No. 1:** The greatest moment in Super Bowl history came in 1997, Super Bowl XXXII, when John Elway led the Broncos to their fourth Super Bowl appearance against defending champion, the Green Bay Packers. Brett Favre was on fire at this point in his career and Elway, on the way out—he was 37-years-old. The Broncos had no chance at winning, the sports world believed. After all, these guys came into the Super Bowl as a wild-card mishap.

Late in the third quarter the game was tied, 17-17. Broncos had the ball at the Packers' 12, on a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6. Elway scrambled, ran for it, catapulted his 37-year old body into three Green Bay defenders. Hammered by all three, he spun in the air like a helicopter. He landed just past the first-down marker. He jumped up, waving his fists in the air. The whole world jumped on his side. They pounded it in for the score. Sure, there was a whole quarter of football after that, in which Elway led the game-winning drive, but who cares after a play like that? Here is my Mile High Salute, to John Elway.

# WORLDWIRE: Millions vote in Iraqi election



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Dave Ahlschwede

▲ Iraqi voters wait in line to cast their vote at one of the polling sites in Baghdad, Iraq, Jan. 30.

**Jan. 24:** A 5-year-old Indonesian girl who survived the tsunami is reunited with her father; "By the grace of God! I knew you were alive! I knew it!" Mustafa Kamal tells her at reunion. ...

**Jan. 26:** Senate confirms **Condoleezza Rice** as Secretary of State. ... **Israel and Palestine** resume talks. ... Anheuser-Busch launches a **beer** that includes caffeine, fruit flavoring, herbal guarana and ginseng. ...

**Jan. 27:** World leaders remember **Holocaust** victims on 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz. ... Autoworker kills supervisor then himself in Ohio **workplace shooting**. ... Ford **recalls** 792,000 F-150 pickups, Expeditions and Lincoln Navigators that could catch fire while parked. ...

**Jan. 28:** Procter & Gamble to buy **Gillette** for \$57 billion. ... Iraqi exiles **cast ballots**. ...

**Jan. 30:** Millions of Iraqis defy death threats to cast votes in that country's **democratic election** as the world watches; turnout is higher than predicted, incidents of violence far lower. ... Texas lawmaker proposes adding **obesity index** to children's school report cards. ...

**Jan. 31:** Jury selection begins in the **Michael Jackson trial**; commentators say media coverage of the trial of the King of Pop is likely to make the

O.J. Simpson case seem like a dispute over a traffic ticket. ...

**Feb. 1:** U.N. appoints **President Bill Clinton** as tsunami envoy.

**Feb. 2:** Renowned groundhog "Punxsutawney Phil" **sees his shadow**, signifying six more weeks of winter; in related news, it comes as a stunning shock to some JTF Troopers watching media coverage of the annual groundhog ritual in Gobbler's Knob, Penn., to discover that this ritual--and not life here in Guantanamo Bay--inspired the movie *Groundhog Day*, in which Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day for life. ... 250 potential Michael Jackson **jurors selected**. ...

A sustained hug between an Iraqi woman who voted on Jan. 30 and the mother of a Texas Marine killed in Iraq draws the longest applause during President Bush's **State of the Union** address; Commander in Chief honors wounded, dead service members. ...

**Feb. 3:** Bush ramps up **Social Security reform** campaign. ... **Pope John Paul II** recovering well in hospital from flu, spokesman says. ... FDA gives conditional approval to implanted device to battle **depression**. ... Michael Jackson **jurors quizzed**. ...

*Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill compiles WorldWire from online news services.*



Private Murphy



Photo by Army Master Sgt. Lek Mateo

▲ Schoolchildren greet Army Maj. Brian P. Stevens (right) of the 56th Brigade Combat Team, Texas Army National Guard, and Capt. Adil B. Elnour of the 197th Field Artillery Brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, during their visit to the newly completed schoolhouse in Abu Tabor, Iraq.

## Military, chaplain's office perfect combo for Crouterfield

**By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A new chaplain has joined the Joint Task Force.

Navy Lt. Bruce Crouterfield arrived here at Guantanamo Bay earlier this year from Virginia. Unlike many other chaplains, who enter the military right away as chaplains, Crouterfield is prior enlisted. He went into the Marines as a military policeman and then became a criminal investigator with Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division, where he worked undercover in narcotics investigations.

After serving 13 years in the Marines, he said he felt a calling to the church, and he went to seminary. Crouterfield said he had not thought of becoming a chaplain right away but eventually looked into it. He said he has been on active duty as a chaplain for five years now.

Crouterfield has served on many different missions since becoming a chaplain, including a destroyer squadron in 2004 where the USS Cole was deployed for the first

time since the year 2000 attack on it.

Living conditions are very different when you're a destroyer squadron chaplain, Crouterfield said. Destroyer squad chaplains aren't really part of a ship's crew; instead, they travel between destroyers.

"You basically live out of your seabag, and often times you find yourself billeted in some strange places," he said.

Crouterfield said he once found himself living in a captain's sea cabin for a month. A sea cabin is a small room off the bridge where the captain of a vessel can go for a little bit of rest and still be accessible to the bridge. In the room there was a bed, a toilet and a sink, but Crouterfield said he had to climb down two ladders to shower.

Crouterfield said he is still getting his feet on the ground here and that he looks forward to making a positive impact.

"Sometimes chaplains are



**Crouterfield**

kind of like firefighters, you don't really need them around unless there's a crisis. That's when you want a chaplain," he said.

Crouterfield said he enjoys being a Navy chaplain. "One of the unique things

about Navy chaplains is that they cover not only Navy but Marines and Coast Guard as well.

"God has blessed me in that he has given me the two things I enjoy most, to preach and teach his word and to enjoy the military life. Those two things are fundamental to me and he has brought them together," he said.

Crouterfield says he loves putting on a uniform and being part of the military, as well as studying, preaching and teaching the Bible. "That's not just window dressing; that's the truth," he said.

One day Crouterfield said he would like to be a battalion chaplain with the Marine infantry. ■

Reach Army Pfc. Jessi Stone at 3589.

## Coptic priest visits GTMO

A priest in the Coptic Orthodox Church visited the island for a few days recently.

Father Moussa Saleh held two services while he was here at Guantanamo Bay, as well as a Bible study and a lecture on Christianity in the Middle East.

"There are a few Orthodox people living here, and I came to pray for them and make a spiritual uplifting for the group of Orthodox people here," Saleh said.

Saint Mark founded the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt in the first century during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. The Copts suffered much persecution until the 19th century. Today there are some nine million Copts in Egypt alone.

Copts observe seven sacraments: Baptism, Christmation, Eucharist, Confession, Orders, Matrimony and Unction of the Sick. They also believe in the Holy Trinity.

"I am happy that the Lord used me to come and pray for this group and would like this visit to happen more often," Saleh said. "I am praying that the Lord blesses everyone on this base."

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

## Worship Schedule

### CAMP AMERICA

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

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**What:** Ecumenical Service  
**When:** Feb. 9, noon  
**Where:** Troopers' Chapel

### NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	1 p.m. New Life Fellowship	Main Chapel
	5 p.m. Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
<b>Monday</b>	7 p.m. Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m. Family Home Evening	Room 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	1 p.m. Islamic Prayer	Room 12
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

For information on Jewish services call 2323



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

***“We are looked at and respected all over the world.”***

**By Spc. Jody Metzger**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Lance Cpl. Brad Fair works in food service, providing food to the detainees here at Guantanamo Bay.

***The Wire: What is your home state?***

**Lance Cpl. Fair:** Georgia.

**Where is your permanent duty station?**

Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**When did you enlist in the Marine Corps?**

My first day of boot camp was February 19, 2003.

**Why did you enlist?**

I was on the street a lot, doing bad stuff. So at first I was going to go into the Army, but then I figured that if I was going to go into any branch of service it would be the highest branch. So I came to the Marine Corps.

**Why did you think the Marine Corps was the highest?**

We are looked at and respected all over the world.

**What was your experience of the Marine Corps before joining?**

When I was considering going into the Corps, my mom told me about my “papaw,” (grandfather). My papaw is a retired

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gunnery sergeant.

**What inspires you to do well in the military?**

My papaw (grandpa—it’s a country thing from Georgia). I always call him when I gain a rank to let him know I am climbing that ladder to beat him out. He is a gunnery sergeant, so my goal if I stay in for 20 years is to retire higher than gunnery sergeant.

**What does your family think about your enlisting?**

Oh, they begged me because it set me on a better track than before. The other stuff, I was on the streets doing stupid stuff.

**When did you get married?**

May 22, 2003.

**What does your wife think about your being in the military?**

She is glad I came to the Marines. It put me on the right track. She is back home working and saving money. She doesn’t like me being gone, but then she doesn’t break down because of one deployment either. She is a good wife.

**What has been your best military experience?**

This is my first deployment, but it isn’t a bad experience. Here, it is kind of different, not what I am used to. It’s an experience to be here and realize my other deployments aren’t going to be this easy. I get to talk to my wife every day, and I work a good schedule.

**What is your job at your permanent duty station?**

I’m an admin clerk. I type up the orders.

**Why are you doing food service here?**

I volunteered to come here. They sent a message over the message board saying they needed a certain amount of Marines, Air Force and Navy. I volunteered because it would be my first deployment.

**What has the military given you?**

Responsibility, first off, because I have to get up and go to work. It gave me discipline. I got to meet a lot of good people and friends.

**What are your goals for the Marine Corps?**

I plan on staying in for a while. I will probably do the officers program since I am picking up corporal this next month. I am

going to put in my packet and try to become an officer. Once I get my education, I will become an officer. If that doesn’t work out, I will at least have a degree. Once I get back to the States, I am going to start going to my classes. I want to have a backup plan. I don’t want to be like those people who get out of the military and don’t have anything.

**What do you want to study?**

I want to do business management. One day I want to own my own business.

**Why did you pick administration clerk?**

I would like to stay admin the whole time I am in the Corps. I love what I do. The reason I picked admin was because I was going to school for business admin. I figured if I went into the military I would do a job that reflected what I was doing, which was business administration. I won’t be writing orders or anything like that, but I will have experience in the paperwork and files part.

**Over the course of this deployment, what have you gained?**

It has helped me to be friendlier. Normally I don’t get too close to many people, but being down here has taught me to make new friends. It enables me to communicate better with people, get to know them and not just judge them.

**How can you compare your life now to what it would have been if you didn’t join the military?**

I would probably have been in jail. Now I am married, and I’m more responsible. I like where I am in my life.

**What do you miss about home?**

I like to be able to make what I want to eat. I like to cook and barbecue. It’s not the same thing here. I miss my dog. I look forward to being home with my wife, dog and being out of the hot sun.

**What do the people you work with think of you?**

I am a goof. I like to have fun on the job. I always tell jokes. It makes my day go by.

**Do you think telling jokes is essential for the morale of the troops?**

Yeah, you have to have a good sense of humor. ■

Reach Spc. Jody Metzger at 3499.

**“MSST” from front cover**

This is the first OCONUS (Outside continental United States) deployment for the newly commissioned MSST New Orleans, who would normally deploy within the USA.

“I enjoy working with the other services and think there is a lot to learn working in a joint-agency environment,” Gunner’s Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class James Baggett said, when asked about the Coast Guard’s role in the JTF.

Working with the JTF is another first for MSST New Orleans, which last year was deployed to Florida to assist with search-and-rescue and relief efforts after three major hurricanes hit the coast.

This year, it’s defending GTMO.

“I feel our mission is vital to Guantanamo Bay’s waterside defense,” said Machinery Technician 3<sup>rd</sup> Class John Mitchell.

The MSST motto is “Detect, Intercept, Interdict,” and MSST New Orleans is proud to support the JTF in support of the Global War on Terrorism. ■

*Coast Guard Boatswain’s Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Robert Foucha is with the MSST New Orleans. Spc. Jody Metzger contributed to this report.*

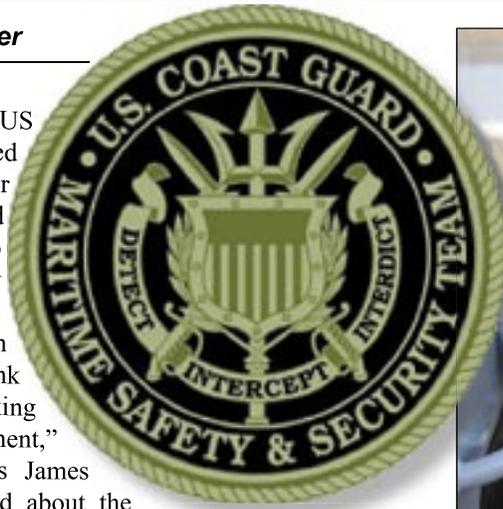
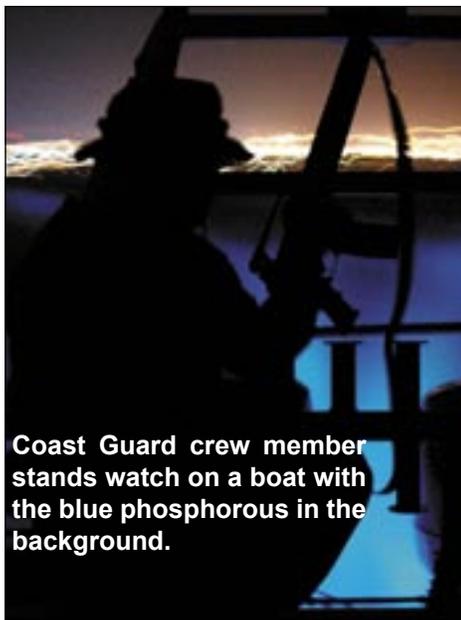


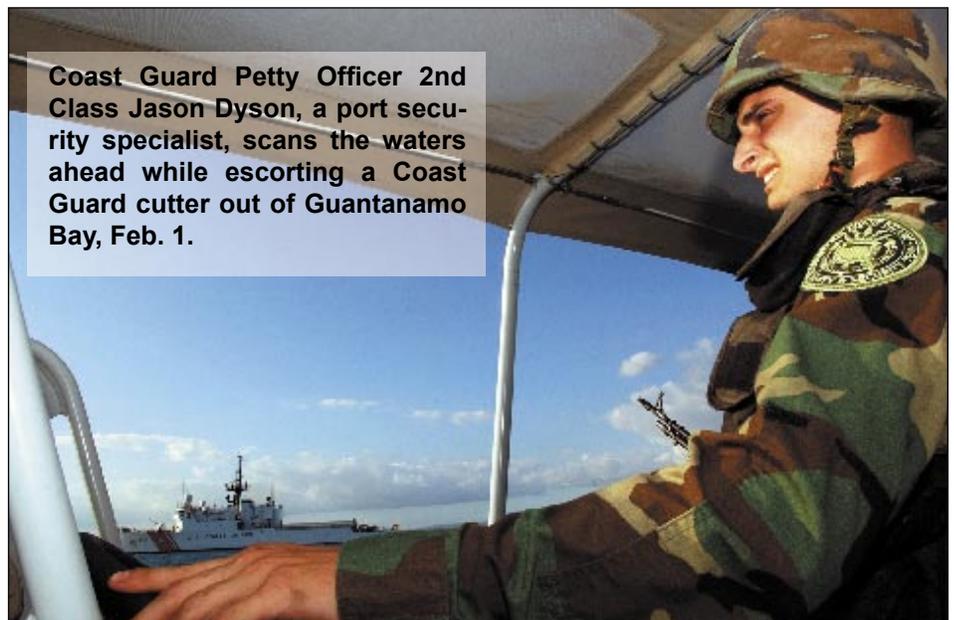
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**▲ Marines on board a Coast Guard patrol boat keep watch down the Guantanamo Bay river in support of the Joint Task Force mission.**



**Coast Guard crew member stands watch on a boat with the blue phosphorous in the background.**

Photo by USCG MSST New Orleans



**Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Dyson, a port security specialist, scans the waters ahead while escorting a Coast Guard cutter out of Guantanamo Bay, Feb. 1.**

Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres



**Slicing through the waters of Guantanamo Bay, a fast boat assigned to the Maritime, Safety and Security Team runs a routine patrol, Feb. 1.**

Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

## TAXES

Tax Assistance Center  
&  
Legal Assistance Office  
is open.

Building 6208, Camp America  
(behind Troopers' Chapel)  
Call or stop in for appointment; call 3545 or 3561

### Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday;  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (appointments)  
Tuesday, Thursday;  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (appointments)  
Tuesday, Thursday; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (walk-ins)  
Saturdays; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (appointments)

## 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	CAMP BULKELEY
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Christmas with the Cranks</i> PG 99 min	8 p.m. <i>The Flight of the Phoenix</i> PG13 113 min
9 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min	10 p.m. <i>Ocean's Twelve</i> PG13 125 min
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Ocean's Twelve</i> PG13 125 min	8 p.m. <i>Christmas with the Cranks</i> PG 99 min
9 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min	10 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>The Flight of the Phoenix</i> PG13 113 min	8 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min	8 p.m. <i>Ocean's Twelve</i> PG13 125 min
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min	8 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Blade Trinity</i> R 114 min	8 p.m. <i>Lemony Snicket</i> PG 113 min
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
7 p.m. <i>Spanglish</i> PG13 131 min	8 p.m. <i>Blade Trinity</i> R 114 min

## ACCURACY

*The Wire* strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them.

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.

## Valentines

### Valentine's Greetings

*The Wire* plans to include Troopers' Valentine's Day greetings in the Feb. 11 issue.

Write a Valentine's Day greeting. When it appears in *The Wire*, mail that issue home to your loved one or tell them how to look at *The Wire* online, at [www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](http://www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil).

Greetings must not exceed 100 words, be signed by the Trooper, include the Trooper's unit and contact information. *The Wire* reserves the right to edit greetings for length, clarity, possible OPSEC (operations security) violations and to eliminate libelous or tasteless material.

If you'd like to see your Valentine's Day greeting to your loved one published in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and worldwide on the Internet, bring the greeting to *The Wire* office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the chaplains' office in Camp America or e-mail [pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil).

—Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

## MWR

- Feb. 5: Chess Tournament, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Super Bowl Party, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Pool Tournament, Club Survivor, 5 p.m.
- March 5: GTMO Half Marathon, 5:30 a.m.

## Sound Off!

*The Wire* welcomes letters from Troopers for publication. Letters must have no more than 350 words, be signed by the Trooper and include the Trooper's unit and contact information. *The Wire* reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity and to eliminate libelous or tasteless material or anything that might raise operational security concerns. We will do our best to answer any questions posed in letters by contacting the appropriate subject-matter expert. Bring your letter to *The Wire* office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the Chaplain's Office in Camp America or e-mail [pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil).

—Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

## RECIPE

### Coconut Shrimp

Looking for the perfect munchies for your Guantanamo Bay Super Bowl party?

This recipe for coconut shrimp is exotic, addictive and surprisingly easy to make. Try dipping in orange marmalade.

#### Ingredients

One egg; ½ cup all-purpose flour; 2/3 cup beer; 1½ teaspoons baking powder; ¼ cup all-purpose flour; two cups flaked coconut; 24 shrimp; three cups oil for frying.

#### Directions

1. In medium bowl, combine egg, ½ cup flour, beer and baking powder. Place ¼ cup flour and coconut in two separate bowls.

2. Hold shrimp by tail and dredge in flour, shaking off excess. Dip in egg/beer batter; allow excess to drip off. Roll shrimp in coconut and place on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oil to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) in a deep fryer.

3. Fry shrimp in batches: cook, turning once, for two to three minutes or until golden brown. Using tongs, remove shrimp to paper towels to drain. Serve warm with your favorite dipping sauce.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

**Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in Room 4A at Chapel Hill. All are welcome.**

## DINING

<b>Today</b>	Lunch	Fish Amandine
	Dinner	Shrimp Scampi
<b>Saturday</b>	Lunch	Creole Pork Chops
	Dinner	Chicken Parmesan
<b>Sunday</b>	Lunch	Chicken Cordon Bleu
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch	Roast Beef
	Dinner	Chicken Adobo
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch	Baked Stuffed Pork Chops
	Dinner	Stuffed Flounder
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch	Turkey a la King
	Dinner	Sweet & Sour Pork
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch	Sauerbraten
	Dinner	Scalloped Ham & Noodles
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch	Barbecued Beef Cubes
	Dinner	Seafood Platter