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525 MP Battalion; past and present

By Spc. Timothy Book

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The guard force for Camp Five and Camp Echo is a newly formed military police battalion. Camp Five is the newest detention facility here and Camp Echo is where detainees meet with their habeas counsel.

The 525th Military Police Battalion was officially re-activated here.

The battalion was originally formed during World War II, Aug. 30, 1944, as the 158th MP Service Battalion in India. It served in the India-Burma and Control Burma Campaigns.

The unit was re-designated as the 525th MP Service Battalion in 1949.

The 525th served with distinction in the Korean Conflict, earning Republic of Korea Presidential Citations in 1953 and 1954. The unit was de-activated after the end of the conflict.

The 525th was activated again in March of 1966 and de-activated July 1969 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

After the beginning of the War on Terror, the decision was made to re-activate the 525th as an internment and resettlement (IR) force at Guantanamo Bay. Congress funded permanent IR facilities, and Camp Five became the battalion's primary mission.

"Putting together a unit completely from scratch can be difficult," said Army Lt. Col. Kevin Burk, commander of the 525th. "14 months ago, I came here and was the first person assigned to the unit."

When Burk arrived, the 525th wasn't even a unit, yet. "We formally activated Oct. 2004 with the Headquarters and Headquarters detachment and the 189th MP Company," he said.

The 189th runs Camp Five. There are advantages to having one unit run the camp, said Burk. "When you have unity of command and unity of effort, there are a lot of tangible,



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

Southcom Commander Army Gen. Bantz Craddock meets with detention officer leadership on a recent visit to the JTF. During his visit he was briefed by senior staff members and viewed the progress on Camp 6.

positive benefits."

Although the unit is newly formed, its past history comes in play. "We are newly activated, but we're not a new battalion," Burk said. The unit's successful past, "gives the Soldiers, and it gives me, a sense of responsibility to uphold the battalion's past."

Recently, the battalion formed another new company. The 193rd MP Company, responsible for Camp Echo, formed a month ago.

"It is very unusual to stand up any unit in a deployed environment," said Burk. "All the units here, the headquarters detachment, the 189th, the 193rd, stood up here." The line units have their own pasts just as the 525th, but they have all been re-activated here, he said.

The Troopers with the 525th MP Battalion have a great responsibility here. With the 525th following in the footsteps of their predecessors, they are sure to be a success. ■

VETERAN'S DAY 2005

By Maj. Gen. Jay Hood

JTF-GTMO Commander

To the Men and Women of the Joint Task Force:

Printed below is the President's Veterans Day Proclamation. As you read it, remember that you are part of a proud history of men and women who have chosen to defend our country and way of life. I want to thank each and every one of you, and your families as well, for your service and sacrifice to our Nation in a time of war.



Honor Bound To Defend Freedom!

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed for our liberty and for the security of our Nation. We express deep appreciation to our veterans -- the men and women who stepped forward when America needed them, triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe.

From the beaches of Normandy and the snows of Korea to the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq, our courageous veterans have sacrificed so that Americans and others could live in freedom. As we mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II this year, we remember the millions of veterans who crossed oceans and defeated two of the most ruthless military forces the world has ever known. The freedom that the children and grandchildren of these veterans now enjoy is a monument to their fallen comrades and the generations of patriots who have served our country.

Through their commitment to freedom, America's veterans have lifted millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure. They have demonstrated to us that freedom is the mightiest force on Earth. We resolve that their sacrifices will always be remembered by a grateful Nation.

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2005, as Veterans Day and urge all Americans to observe November 6 through November 12, 2005, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

--GEORGE W. BUSH

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SETH & JESH'S... GAMERS ARCADE

Ghost Recon II

Seth

One word can encompass this game, “unfinished.” I have not played a game that has lacked this much polish in a long time. I am personally offended that they allowed this game to go gold.

Ghost Recon Two is a tactical combat game, yet it does not allow you to be that creative with your tactics. Imagine this; there is a tower full of snipers, and you quickly take cover. You hear the rounds wizzing around you and see your comrades fall as they are gunned down. You pause for a moment to catch your breath, rest your rocket launcher on your shoulder, jump out and let loose hell and fury upon the tower. Unfortunately, in this game a small metal fence, which the snipers are leaning over, is enough to grunt the force of the entire rocket.

This brings me to my second major complaint about this game, your squads AI. In the game you directly control the commander of a squad and have three team members who will follow your every command. However, the commands are very limited. The AI does a remarkably good job of finding your opponents and gunning them down, but when it comes to finding cover and defending themselves, they are about as dumb as they come. In the sniper situation described above, I was informed of the snipers ahead, and I quickly took cover. Apparently, my squad did not hear the same message, though. They were gunned down, and there is no command for take cover.

The only reason I continued to play this game is because I had to write this review. I didn't get any enjoyment out of it. If you can tolerate a choppy, unfinished game, then pick it up. If not, play the old Rainbow Six games (Tom Clancy's other games). They did a much better job with them.

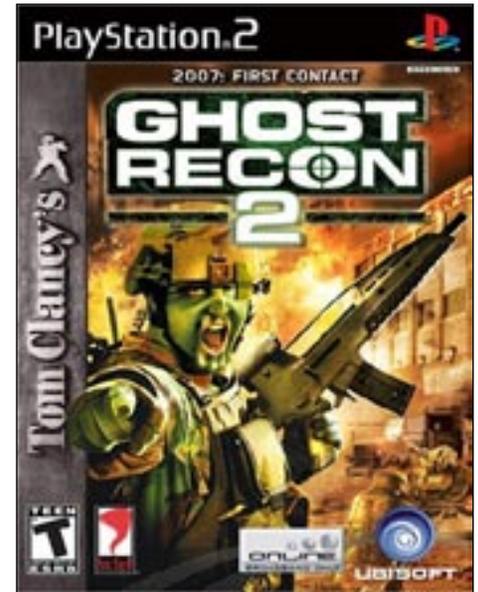
Jesh

The Tom Clancy series has always made for a challenging experience; ever since the original Rainbow Six, the game has set a precedence in the tactical shooter genre.

The newest editions to the series, Ghost Recon 2 and Ghost Recon 2 Summit Strike, once again prove something that movies tend not to accomplish. Sequels Rock!

Ghost Recon 2 has implemented a lot of things that I like, and a few things I'm still on the fence about. One of the new features that impacted the game play the most is the ability to heal your team. In all of the other games, I was psycho about making sure all my men survived the mission. If one person got killed it was “escape” and “restart” (and most shots killed your squad). But, with the addition of patching up wounds and in-game saves, I find myself beating a level much faster than the others.

The first time I learned about the heal ability, I was walking through the forest and stopped to look around. Unfortunately for me, a tank rolled up to my side and started to mow down my team. I pulled out a rocket launcher and got



the tank. The team was seriously injured, but I healed them all. I had a pain in the back of my head that said, “this just isn't right.” So I restarted the level and proved my elite special forces skills were not going to allow my team to be riddled by a tank machine gun again.

Now, since that tank rolled up on me and I never knew it until my guys were blasted, this brings up a realism issue for me. The game is awesome, but I don't believe they made the presence of a T-80 Main Battle Tank as obvious as it should be in a peaceful hillside. From experience, I know those gas engines are much louder and can be heard from far away.

In the sequel, you only have one team, but this is a good thing. What I like is your teammates are constantly changing, and through computer-generated movies, they explain where the rest of your team is and what they are doing. ■

Ocean Enterprises implements policy changes

Attention all scuba divers! A couple of policy changes are being implemented, which could impact JTF divers. Both relate to safety issues concerning air cylinders.

First, Ocean Enterprises GTMO (OE) will no longer fill the 6351-T6 scuba cylinders. OE will still VIP them to confirm the condition of your cylinder. The cylinder will not receive a VIP sticker. The customer will be assured that the cylinder is in good working order and upon departure from GTMO, the cylinder may be placed back into service at a local dive facility. OE will not provide air fill, nor will Reef Raiders Dive Club (RRDC).

Second, all aluminum scuba cylinders to be filled at OE GTMO must have a current VIP inspection, and have been inspected using the Visual Plus 3.

OE will use the Visual Plus 3 system for all VIPs of aluminum scuba cylinders. The cost of VIP is increasing from \$8 to \$12 per cylinder, but OE is willing to perform a Visual Plus 3 VIP at \$4 for any cylinder within the one-year OE VIP. Example: A cylinder that received a VIP in November of 2004 will receive a VIP credit of \$8

and have a new VIP sticker affixed to the cylinder showing it is not due for another inspection until December 1, 2006. The cost to the diver is \$4. This means the diver has paid for two VIPs on the same cylinder covering two years for only \$12. Normal cost for two years worth of VIP on a single cylinder would be \$16.

OE GTMO will have four Visual Plus 3 systems and several trained technicians here on Nov. 12 and 13, so this reduced VIP change over offer is good for that weekend. After that, OE GTMO will still honor the credit to the customers for any cylinder with a current VIP from Nov. 2004 to November 2005. Please be aware that OE GTMO will have only one Visual Plus 3 system after Nov. 13 and the process will take longer. Remember, any cylinder that does not display the OE VIP 3 sticker in GTMO will not be filled at OE GTMO or RRDC. This is an OE policy and not a Naval Station requirement. Any questions about Naval Station Policy related to the VIP 3 should be directed to the base JAG office. If you have additional questions, contact Bill Keenan at 90076 or Jesse Keenan at 5336. ■

Red Cross helps Guard families

By Keith Kawasaki

Managing editor, GX News and Lifestyle

The Red Cross wants Guard members and their families to know they are there to help in emergency situations, beyond disaster relief.

Prior to 9/11, the Red Cross started the "Get To Know Us Program" specifically for Guard and Reserve Soldiers, knowing their roles would increase in the years ahead. A primary feature of the program is the large scale assistance available to families when their loved ones are deployed. Guard and Reserve families are often less familiar with long separations, and they are typically further from resources available to active duty families.

The Red Cross has a network of nearly 900 chapters throughout the country, developing valuable relationships with family readiness groups. Through these relationships, the Red Cross connects mental health resources with families experiencing hardships from separation or casualty. These relationships also enable the Red Cross to provide families other helpful discounted or free services

like oil changes and hair cuts. It really depends on the community.

"You know, each town is different," says Julie Burger of the Get to Know Us Program, referring to the variation in aid across the states. Burger serves on the National Board of Governors for the Red Cross.

"New York City would be different than, say, a small town in the state of Washington ... it truly is customized by the city, by the town, by the area even," Burger adds.

The Red Cross is also an incredible resource for establishing emergency contact with a deployed family member. To educate Guard Soldiers and families about this, the Red Cross has held over 800,000 briefings across the country. In addition, the Red Cross deploys staff with Guard units across the globe.

"We currently have staff deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq, and wherever there is a great concentration of military members. The Red Cross recognizes the hardships servicemembers and their families experience due to long separations from their families, etc.," says Burger. "They actually live in the same condi-



Photo found on redcross.org

tions in which the servicemembers live." In fiscal year 2004 (ended July 1, 2005), the Red Cross provided close to 800,000 emergency communications between military members and their families.

Financial hardships are assuaged through the Red Cross partnership with aid societies. In 2004, the Red Cross provided 5 million dollars to military families in need.

To find out how the Red Cross can help you and your family: "All they have to do is call the local Red Cross," says Burger. "There's always a phone number in all the telephone books."

For more information visit redcross.org or call 1-800-435-7669. ■

Intranet offers hometown news release

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

When you arrived here, you were given an opportunity. Inside McCalla hanger during in processing, you were told about GTMO's home town news release program, and were asked to fill out a release form. Whether you decided to do one then or not, that service is still available if you want to show your hometown your recent accomplishments. Promotion, awards, new positions, any accomplishment that is noteworthy can be sent back home for release, and now it has become easier to send.

A few weeks ago, GTMO launched their new electronic form for the hometown news release program. You no longer have to wait for Public Affairs (PAO) to get around to you. You can simply log onto the intranet (note this is the intranet, not the internet), select PAO, and the option is at the bottom of the page.

"In the past, service members had to fill out a form, sign it and drop it off here [at the PAO office], but now, because we have instituted this electronic system, they can simply go to their work

console, go onto the intranet, fill it out themselves, then just hit 'send to PAO,'" said Army 1st Lt. Angela King-Sweigart, Command Information OIC.

Although there is a lot of information that can be filled out on the form, not all of it is required. The only thing that is needed is your name, and hometown (so they know where to send the release). If there is any information you don't feel comfortable filling in, simply fill in the blank with "00." PAO will receive and process them as they come in. Sometimes it can take a little time, but rest assured, the releases will be taken care of.

If you have photos of a special event addressed in the release, you can submit that as well. Simply e-mail it to the following address, hometownnews@jftgtmo.southcom.mil. This address is also listed on the form.

So if you have a recent accomplishment that you wish your family and friends back home to know about, fill out a hometown news release online. It will only take a moment, yet the pride will last a lifetime. ■

Give me your huddled masses yearning to be free

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Outside perspectives can shine light onto any situation. When an old man talks about his life as a young man, it gives a new point of view to a person who hasn't experienced life without computers, or a time when only the rich owned cars and when the best video games were just a dot going back and forth simulating a game of tennis.

Much like how things change through time, the cultures of nations are also different. No culture can be considered better or worse, just unique.

Spc. Michael Sumala and Spc. Allan Avendano are Charlie Company Infantrymen who were born, and have lived a large portion of their lives, in the Philippines. While they lived in the Philippines, life was hard, and jobs were scarce. Rumors spread of a great opportunity, America!

"When I was in the Philippines, everybody would talk about how everyone in America is rich, everybody has a job, there is nobody that is poor, everyone has a car and everyone eats. When I got here, I saw what it's really like, but I guess it also depends on what part of America you go to. For me, I lived in some poor places, so I've seen some of the impoverished parts of America. Some of my friends are rich, and I've seen that side too. People from other countries get this idea that everyone in America has money in their pockets. It's just like a culture shock, and that idea comes from American movies, television and music," said Sumala.

"They basically see what they want to see. They don't see the whole picture and jump to conclusions," said Avendano.

For people who have immigrated to the United States, life can be difficult. Even though there are more jobs available in America, some employers can be apprehensive about hiring legal immigrants.

"It's harder to get a job because employers see you as still an outsider, even though you're a legal immigrant. I guess they don't trust you, in my opinion. That is why I want to get my citizenship, because then I will just be an American, instead of Filipino-American," said Avendano.

Being in the military has certain perks. One of them is legal immigrants can receive an express naturalization. Outside of the military, it can take up to five years to get citizenship. However, with the military's program, it takes nine months to a year.

"I had a lot of people who would tell me, 'get your citizenship while you're in the Army, because when you get out, it's going to be a lot harder,'" said Avendano.

Besides the fast track to citizenship, the military can give immigrants a greater view of America. America is a vast nation with many different cultures. Being stationed at many places across the nation can give a new immigrant, or even someone who was born in America, an idea of where in America they want to call home.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

Spc. Michael Sumala and Spc. Allan Avendano, 1/18th Cavalry Regiment, Charlie Company Infantrymen.

"It made me understand America more, the way people are. It showed me different parts of the United States that I didn't even think existed. When I was on active duty at Fort Hood, Texas and in the National Guard, I saw cultures I didn't even think existed except in the movies," said Sumala.

Legal immigrants do not pay taxes. However, many see the positives of being a citizen would greatly outweigh the negatives. As soon as an immigrant becomes an U.S. citizen, they have the right to vote, receive federal jobs, run for political office and many other things. "I will find better opportunity as a citizen, like federal jobs. It means better benefits for me," said Sumala.

In many ways, the United States is a melting pot, once all the ingredients are in, they cannot be taken out or identified. Once you're an American, you're an American, part of a larger family. However, many immigrants hold onto their culture, teachings and religions. In this way, we are also a salad bowl, if you don't like onions, it can be taken out.

"I'm still attached to my culture; I'm never going to let that go, and it's just something I'm raised with. I think if a person is raised in a country, then moves to another country, it doesn't mean they have to let go of their culture and traditions," Sumala said.

If you are looking to get your citizenship, call Spc. Kerzman at 3548. ■

May I become a U.S. citizen while deployed overseas?

By Spc. Eric Kerzman

JTF-GTMO Legal Assistance

If you are a non-citizen Joint Task Force service member and wish to become an American citizen, now is an opportune time to do so.

Recent changes to sections 328 and 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act now make it easier for military personnel to become U.S. Citizens at no cost to them. For a service member to qualify they have to:

1) Currently be serving honorably or have served honorably after September 11, 2001, which is identified as an authorized period of conflict.

2) Already be a lawful permanent resident, or

after enlistment, reenlistment or induction you were physically present in the United States or a qualifying territory of the United States.

3) File your application for naturalization while still in service or within six months of being discharged.

Once these qualifications are met, service members will need two photographs taken, have fingerprints taken, then fill out the application for naturalization, form N-400, and verification of military service, form N-426. Once all of this documentation is complete the packet will then be forwarded to the Nebraska Service Center. Form N-426 must be certified by the Soldiers' records custodian verifying the information on the form is true and accurate. Once INS accepts the

application, the service member will be notified via mail of an appointment for their immigration interview and the swearing of the oath to become American citizens. Service members need to keep in mind that it will take an estimated 90 days after receipt of the application to receive notification of appointment for the interview. Therefore, they should plan accordingly as to which INS field office to request their interview.

For more information on immigration and naturalization, service members may visit the web site <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>, visit the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Legal Assistance office located in Camp America in building A6208, or call the Legal Assistance office at ext 3561. ■

Even patches tell a tale

40th Infantry Division

The history of the 40th Infantry Division begins with World War I. Their job from August 1918 to June 1919 was to train and equip soldiers to go to the front lines. During the conflict in Bosnia, the 40th ID was famous for being the first National Guard unit to be deployed since the Vietnam War; which was almost 30 years at this time. Their mission was to run radar operations, work in



convoys and do base security all with little to no armor, with the extremely high threat of mine strikes and, or ambushes. Most drivers exceeded 13,000 miles in a seven months time, which is roughly 2,000 miles a month. Symbolism of their patch: The semi-sunburst was suggested as the unit's shoulder sleeve insignia and represents the Division's home of southern California.

Naval Provisional Guard Battalion

The Naval Provisional Guard (NPG) was created to serve in Guantanamo Bay. In many ways, the NPG is a completely unique inception for the Navy. The NPG doesn't really have a patch in the sense of a policemen's badge. This is unique, because a patch means you're part of a unit, but the NPG's badge is evidence of military training. The training that the NPG receives only comes from two places in the world. One is at GTMO and the second is at Fort Lewis, Washington. However, when a member leaves GTMO, the badge comes off. From then on, it's just a piece of nostalgia of their dedication to service inside of Camp Delta.



Port Security



The Ca. based comprised of primarily Port Security Units (PSU) are deployed within 96 hours of being activated and operations within 24 hours after arrival. They are trained for sustained operations to support missions worldwide. Personnel assigned receive specialized training that is not available in the Coast Guard. The training includes on tactical combat skills familiar to the Marine Corps. The training received is a part Coast Guard and the Army and the rest. PSU 311 patrolled the Los Angeles Beach harbors with other Coast Guard units immediately following the terrorist attacks of October 3rd, 2001, PSU 311 was deployed to the Persian Gulf. PSU 311 boats, infrequently deployed to protect maritime and security at Manama Harbor, Bahrain; Ash Shuaiba Naval Base; the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr; Amaya Oil Terminal in the Northern Persian Gulf; now GTMO. Neptune holds a trident and a horse on the PSU 311 unit crest, symbolizing the unity of the PSUs and the projection of power worldwide. A banner streamer is placed on each mission completed and the letters of each one of them. Neptune and his shield, representing the Coast Guard's defensive mission, representing the PSU's defensive mission.

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We at "The Wire" understand we did not feature every patch located here. If you would like your patch featured in the future, Contact Sgt. Jessica Wilson at ext. 3594.

U.S. Army South

Unit 311

The origins of the U.S. Army South date back to the building of the Panama Canal. The U.S. Marines were tasked as the first defenders of the canal. When outbreaks of yellow fever and malaria started to kill the population, the Army sent Army Col. William Gorgas to bring the situation under control. In two years, yellow fe-



ver was completely destroyed in the area, and malaria was kept under control. In 1911, the Army took command of defending the precious pathway. The Spanish galleon taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia formerly authorized for United States Army Forces Southern Command, upper fore-topsail bearing a Maltese flag.

unit is com- reserve members. designed to deploy and establish opera- these units are orga- support military mis- to a PSU require vailable to any other ng gives an empha- ar to the Army and ved by PSU units is Marine Corps gives Angeles and Long ard assets immedi- of Sept. 11, 2001. On oyled for service in antry and engineers hore-side assets in aba, Kuwait; Kuwaiti Qasr; Iraq's Khor Al- n Arabian Gulf; and while astride a sea- nbolizing the mobil- of US war fighting s astern, symboliz- ssons learned from ount are set upon ard, with a perimeter ission.

99th Regional Readiness Command

At the beginning of the First World War, the 99th Readiness Reserve Command went through many phases. It was first tasked with preparing all of the reserve units to deploy, then performing military police work and finally, it became an Infantry Division. Since 1995, nearly 1,200 99th RSC Soldiers have deployed in support of operations in Bosnia, and in the current War on Terror, many units and indi-



viduals have been deployed all over the world to support the shortcomings in manpower. The shoulder patch is a five-sided shield of black on which is superimposed a horizontal band of white and blue squares. The black background of the shield represents the iron and coal districts of Pennsylvania. The band of white and blue squares was taken from the coat of arms of William Pitt, for whom the city of Pittsburgh was named.

NFL riddles with injuries

Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

This season, the NFL has seen many of its top performers playing while injured. Top tier teams have to battle hard for a chance at the playoffs because a key player is injury plagued this season.

Watch out football fans; because odds are, your're missing a few key players. Two months ago, you might have thought your team was bound for a great season, and as abruptly as the injuries happened, you start thinking about next years season.

Just when Tampa Bay Buccaneers fans thought they were off to a division title at 4-0, their quarterback Brian Griese tore his ACL Z (out for the season, and running back Cadillac Williams missed two games already because of hamstring and foot injuries). Since the injuries, the Bucs have lost three of four games and will have a hard time keeping Atlanta or

Carolina from taking the division.

The San Francisco 49ers were very excited about their 2005 number one draft pick Alex Smith. The highest paid rookie in the history of the game had some high expectations to live up to in San Francisco. And just as easily as the money came, Alex was shown what the NFL could really bring: Injuries. Smith is nursing some strained ligaments in his right knee, which have affected his playing ability, at least 49ers fans hope it's the injury. Smith has since played three games without a single touchdown and five interceptions, all resulting in losses.

Even the slightest injury can sideline a player for extended periods of time. Kyle Boller and the Baltimore Ravens saw their entire season wash away during week one. Boller was injured by Colts defensive tackle Larry Tripplett. Boller was diagnosed with a hyperextended toe and sprained ankle. Those two injuries



Photo found on espn.com

Jaguars running back Fred Taylor is the latest player to suffer an ankle injury, which might ruin his season.

have sidelined Boller for six weeks, and the Ravens are 2-6 at the bottom of the division.

Just don't lose hope on your team; there's always next year, right? Yes, there are a few instances where injuries actually help a team. Sometimes there are cases where a star player waits on the bench for his time to shine, but how many teams actually have a Steve Young in hiding. ■

NFL PICKS WEEK 9

**MONDAY NIGHT
DALLAS AT PHILADELPHIA**

**SHAY:
EAGLES 28-14**

**WILSON:
DALLAS 28-14**

**JOHNSON:
DALLAS**

**LAST WEEK
(9-4) SHAY VS. (11-2) WILSON
FRIED ELIMINATED**

Picks submitted by Spc. Ian Shay, Army Sgt. Kirk Wilson and Army Maj. Edward Johnson.

- Week 6
- Arizona at Detroit
 - Baltimore at Jacksonville
 - Houston at Indianapolis
 - Kansas City at Buffalo
 - Minnesota at N.Y. Giants
 - New England at Miami
 - San Francisco at Chicago
 - Denver at Oakland
 - N.Y. Jets at Carolina
 - Green Bay at Atlanta
 - St. Louis at Seattle
 - Washington at Tampa Bay
 - Cleveland at Pittsburgh

Open Date: Cincinnati, New Orleans, San Diego, Tennessee



- Shay**
- Lions
 - Jags
 - Colts
 - Chiefs
 - Giants
 - Patriots
 - Bears

- Broncos**
- Panthers
 - Falcons
 - Seahawks
 - Bucs**
 - Steelers

- Wilson**
- Lions
 - Jags
 - Colts
 - Chiefs
 - Giants
 - Patriots
 - Bears

- Raiders**
- Panthers
 - Falcons
 - Seahawks
 - Redskins**
 - Steelers

- Johnson**
- Lions
 - Jags
 - Colts
 - Chiefs
 - Giants
 - Patriots
 - Bears

- Broncos**
- Panthers
 - Falcons
 - Seahawks
 - Bucs**
 - Steelers

Military Commission Charges Approved

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- The Department of Defense announced Nov. 7 that charges were approved on five enemy combatants detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Appointing Authority John D. Altenburg Jr. approved charges on Ghassan Abdullah al Sharbi and Jabran Said bin al Qahtani of Saudi Arabia; Sufyian Barhoumi of Algeria; Binyam Ahmed Muhammad of Ethiopia; and Omar Ahmed Khadr of Canada.

Al Sharbi, al Qahtani, Barhoumi and Muhammad are charged with conspiracy to commit the following offenses triable by military commission: attacking civilians; attacking civilian objects; murder by an unprivileged belligerent; destruction of property by an unprivileged belligerent; and terrorism.

Omar Ahmed Khadr is charged with conspiracy to commit offenses triable by military commission; murder by an unprivileged belligerent; attempted murder by an unprivileged belligerent; and aiding the enemy.

All five accused are presumed innocent of any criminal charges unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at a military commission. Military commission procedures provide for a full and fair trial to include: the presumption of innocence; a requirement for proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; representation by a military defense counsel free of charge with the option to retain a civilian defense counsel at no expense to the U.S. government; an opportunity to present evidence and call witnesses; no adverse inference if an accused chooses not to testify; and an appeal to an independent and impartial review panel. Military commissions have historically been used to try violations of the law of armed conflict and related offenses.

Additionally, Altenburg lifted his stay in the case of Ali Hamza Ahmad Sulayman al Bahlul, clearing the way for it to proceed. No trial date has been set. ■

--DOD News Release

▼ Pentad employee Marlon Mendoza, 2nd cook, prepares one of the portions of the Ramadan meal, the meal that represents the breaking of the Ramadan fast. The Eid meal was prepared at the Seaside Galley.



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲ Army Sgt. Matthew Dougherty, 525th Military Police Battalion, pins on Army Private First Class Nathaniel Peterson's new rank.

Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

Amazing Grace: the rest of the story

By *Chaplain (CPT) Ed Yurus*

525 MP Battalion Chaplain

Following his mother's death, young John Newton joined his father on the high seas for a lifetime of adventure and freedom- or so he thought. After eight years of carefree sailing as the commander's son, he was pressed into service by the Royal Navy on the HMS Harwich. Finding the reality of a midshipmen's life unbearable he soon deserted. Once he was captured he was immediately flogged and demoted to a common seaman. Shortly after his demotion, Newton requested to serve on a slave ship, which he would later describe as "living the life of a white slave."

On May 10, 1748 at the age of 28 John Newton experienced the powerful and undeniable presence of God in his life as he frantically guided his ship through an unre-

lenting storm. Fearing for his life and the life of his crew, John Newton cried out to God "Lord have mercy on us." The Lord was not only merciful in sparing Newton and his crew; but more importantly God began to change the heart of a slave trader. Throughout the remainder of his life Newton would mark May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion and the beginning of his life long journey with God.

Newton began to tirelessly study the Scriptures and would eventually teach himself Hebrew and Greek. The sense of God's presence in his life was becoming evident. He befriended two influential and dynamic Protestant preachers, John Wesley and George Whitfield. Through their encouragement and the encouragement of others John Newton began to prepare for ordination into the Church of England. The Archbishop of York rejected his first request for ordination, but Newton per-

sisted and held firm to his belief in God's calling to ministry, regardless of his past transgressions. In 1764 John Newton was ordained as a priest in the Church of England by the Bishop of Lincoln. His ministry was rich and fulfilling and successful by anyone's account, people gathered around him not to hear tales of foreign and untamed lands or high sea adventure, rather they came to hear about God's mercy and forgiveness.

Today, John Newton is not remembered for his pulpit ministry but rather his music ministry. It was John Newton who wrote from his heart and personal experience the famous lyrics:

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I am found;
Was blind, but now I see. ■*

Insanity defined

By *Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Palmer*

JTF-GTMO Chaplains office

Einstein said that insanity is defined as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". It is such a simple, but powerful truth. Most of us know people who do the same thing over and over again, not seeming to learn from their mistakes. We also see people in difficult and sad life situations who refuse to make changes, all the while wondering why their life never gets better.

I wonder how many of us are also stuck in defeated patterns in our own lives. Are any of your relationships stuck in a seemingly endless cycle of arguing or discontentment? Are you continually getting deeper and deeper into debt? Are there habits in your life that are not productive?

In order to obtain different results in any area of your life, you need to consider that there may be a different approach that is needed! Make a conscious effort to stop, go to God and ask for wisdom, then re-approach the situation with the wisdom that God has given you. He knows what changes need to be made to bring a new and better resolution to your situation! ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	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	Main Chapel
	10 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Tues. to Fri.	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	12 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.

15 Minutes of Fame

with Army Staff Sgt. Cheryl Bolden

By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Public service is not for everybody, but for someone like Army Staff Sgt. Cheryl Bolden, it has been a big part of her life so far. For Bolden, it started at a very young age. While in elementary school, she became involved in the safety patrol and went on to help in various other ways. Those years of serving the public were now ingrained in her mind; the choice to become a service member was now apparent.

“I was on my way to the recruiter with my mom and our car got a flat. The other three service recruiters passed by us and didn’t stop to offer assistance. But the Army recruiter stopped and changed the tire. I knew at that point the Army was for me,” said Bolden.

She had hoped to become a 27 Delta, legal specialist, but settled for another Adjutant General Corps military occupational specialty (CMOS), administrative specialist. Bolden knew that whatever the position, she would excel with it. “The job is very fulfilling, knowing your’re helping with pay issues, awards and leave, it just gives you a good feeling.” said Bolden

While her heart is in being an administrative specialist, she decided, after serving in the National Guard for 15 years, it was time for a career change. She chose to go Active Guard and Reserve (AGR), but in order to get a position in the AGR, Bolden would have to reclass as a 92 Yankee (unit supply specialist).



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

Bolden completed the training for this job, but she has never formally been employed in it.

She is a Persian Gulf War Veteran and served during Operation Noble Eagle. Bolden sees some similarities in previous deployments, such as living conditions, quality of life and working in a joint task force.

Bolden’s hard work and perseverance has paid off. She is just a few college credits away from receiving dual associates degrees, one in business administration and the other in management. These accomplishments will help Bolden achieve her aspiration of becoming a warrant officer someday.

While not at work, Bolden enjoys playing basketball and softball. She is also an avid reader and loves to

watch crime shows here.

A resident of California, she is a mother of four. “My children are very supportive of my career and understand the sacrifices I am making. My husband is a retired Air Force captain, and he is 110 percent behind me as well,” said Bolden.

This Trooper will continue to serve in her position as NCOIC of the Joint Personnel Service Center and be an integral part of the Joint Task Force team. ■

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Master Sgt. Stephen Miller at 3594.



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◀Navy Petty Officer Second Class Kensley Bennett, Naval base communications, breaks one of many racks of balls during a nine-ball tournament held at the liberty center. Bennett was the nine-ball tournament champion.

AROUND THE JTF

▶Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Radtke accepts a certificate from Navy Lt. Stephan Ugolini during his reenlistment ceremony in Camp Delta Nov. 7.



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲Navy Lt. John Sym, of J4, shows off a winning hand at the Texas hold'em tournament at the Bayview. The tournament began at 7 p.m. and included 55 players.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

▲Before moving onto his next assignment, Lt. Cmdr. Tony De Alicante receives a defense meritorious service medal from Maj. Gen. Jay Hood.