



# THE WIRE



## Honor Bound To Defend Freedom

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# Farewell Cavalry, welcome 29th ID

**By Spc. Dustin Robbins**

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The 1/18th Cavalry Regiment will soon be on its way home as the 29th Infantry Division replaces them as part of the external security force here.

The 29th will be taking over the role of a very unique mission.

“We are in a fishbowl,” said Army Lt. Col. John J. Lonergan, commander of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment. “We must not let all the media attention, especially the inaccurate reports we sometimes see, become a distraction to our focus and mission.”

The 29th will be operating under the same scrutiny and watchful eyes as the 1/18th has for the past year.

“The Cav. (Cavalry) Troopers handled the media attention and all the questions from home with care and professionalism. They are now in a position, if asked, to tell the world what an outstanding job the men and women of the Joint Task Force are doing here in GTMO,” remarked Lonergan.

The Troopers of the 29th plan on maintaining the same excellent standards as set before them.

“What we do on an everyday basis has effects worldwide in the War on Terrorism. We are determined to fulfill our part of the mission in the most professional and disciplined manner

possible,” said Army Capt. Matthew C. Shanks, commander of E Company, 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, 29th Infantry Division.

The Cav. did a really good job, said Spc. Andrew H. Pollard, a Trooper with the 29th. We will continue to meet the high standards set before us.

Confident that the 29th Troopers will be worthy replacements, the 1/18th cannot wait to go home.

“We are all excited to get back home,” said Lonergan. “While we are proud of our accomplishments this past year, we are eager to get back to our families, friends and jobs.

“Upon my return home, I will spend my first three weeks trying to complete the ‘honey do’ list my wife has waiting, and getting re-acquainted with my kids,” he added.

While the 1/18th heads home, the 29th will not lose their focus.

“I think it’s very important that we’re here,” said Army Sgt. Jason W. Maddy, a trooper with the 29th ID. “It’s very important to all the soldiers around the world, be it Iraq or Afghanistan, that we do the mission here. They’re counting on us to do it.”

“What we will be doing on an everyday basis will have global implications,” said Sgt. 1st Class Charles H. Brubaker, the acting first sergeant of E Company. “Our soldiers are well

trained, disciplined and motivated. We are fully trained and prepared to complete the mission.”

Before they leave, the 1/18th gives advice to the 29th.

Follow the chain of command, said Army Staff Sgt. Abundio Medina, a team leader in C Company, 1/18th Cavalry Regiment. Take direction from your leaders and don’t deviate from them.

“Maintain as a team and you’ll get the mission done,” he added.

“To the incoming unit,” said Lonergan, “just keep your focus and do what you were trained to do. Having watched the Maryland (National) Guard group this past week during the left seat / right seat, I’m impressed with their knowledge and attitude. I have no doubt they will serve the Joint Task Force with distinction and honor.” ■

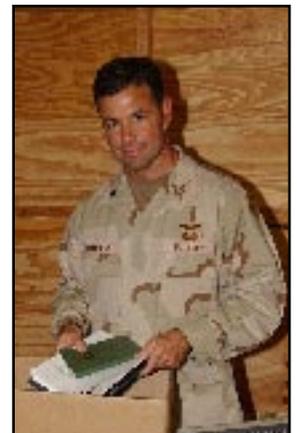


Photo by Army Sgt. Brian G. Gruspe

**Outgoing commander Army Lt. Col. John Lonergan of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment cleans out his workspace after a long year of hard work.**

# JTF Troopers, I'll meet you on the high ground!

**By Army Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood**

JTF-GTMO Commander

Troopers of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your commander for the past two years. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Civilian who've served here, Joint Task Force Guantanamo is a professional detention and intelligence-gathering facility that is helping to keep America safe. I am extremely proud of each of you and the absolutely outstanding job that you've done here in accomplishing our mission of safe, secure, and humane custody of all the detainees in our charge and the gathering of intelligence in the war against terrorism.

Each Trooper in this JTF, regardless of rank, has contributed to making our mission better. The American people can be justifiably proud of the noble service that you've rendered on their behalf in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Together, over the past 2 years, we have sought to do our job better and achieved many accomplishments, including; the safe detention of all of the detainees in our charge, intelligence collection that continues to produce vital information in support of fighting terrorism world-wide, provision of the highest quality medical care for detainees and Troopers, construction of state-of-the-art detention facilities modeled after U.S. federal penitentiaries, and the development of standard operating procedures that continue to incorporate lessons learned into our operations. We've vastly improved the quality of life for Troopers in the way we live, eat and enjoy recreation, and we will continue to work to make Guantanamo a better place to work and live. We've hosted nearly 300 members of the national and international media and over 100 members of Congress and their staffs, and we've provided continual updates to the American people on the progress we've made here at JTF GTMO.

I also want to recognize and thank your families. All of us know that we do not serve alone. Our families have been terrific and supported us all the way! They sacrifice for us so we can serve and they enable each of us to remain focused on our mission. I am grateful for their constant devotion and unwavering support. Our families' strength, generosity and loyalty are an inspiration to us all and representative of the American public.

When it is your turn to leave, tell our story proudly. You are the best voices to counter the speculation and misinformation that sometimes shroud our operations here at Guantanamo. You have served with honor, done what's right, and represented the very best of American traditions and values.

On March 31, 2006, I will relinquish command of this critically important Joint Task Force to Navy Rear Admir. Harry Harris, Jr. Rear Admir. Harris is uniquely qualified to assume command of this important mission, and he's inheriting the best staff and Joint Troopers in America's armed services. I know you will continue to provide to Rear Admir. Harris the dedicated and focused commitment to duty, which has been the hallmark of your service during my time in command.

I am eternally grateful for your exceptional efforts and truly selfless dedication over these past 2 years. I hope to see and speak to as many of you as I can over the next several days around the JTF. Good luck here in Guantanamo; good luck in your careers; God bless you and your families. I'll meet you on the high ground. Honor Bound! ■



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# Dentistry with dedication

By Army Pfc. Jason Kaneshiro

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For Troopers assigned to the Joint Task Force here, there is a naval officer who is dedicated to keeping the troops' dental health a top priority.

Working out of the Kittery



Photo By Army Pfc. Jason Kaneshiro

▲ Navy Lt. William Scott Kibler shows dedication in his work as he examines a Trooper at the KB JAS dental clinic.

► Navy Lt. Kibler provides routine dental examinations and emergency dental care for the JTF Troopers at the KB JAS.

Beach Joint Aid Station, Navy Lt. William Scott Kibler, the JTF dentist assigned here, takes extra time to see to the troops' dental needs.

"We do a variety of dental procedures," said Kibler, who has spent the last five months on assignment here.

Some of the procedures Kibler performs for the troops are stan-

dard dental exams, cleanings, fillings and root canals. A few of the other things that he sees are Troopers who come in complaining of toothaches or suffering from a broken tooth, Kibler said. However, this valuable service wasn't always readily available.

"There was no dental service at the JAS when I first arrived here," Kibler explained.

In order to get an appointment for a dental issue, Troopers assigned to the JTF had to make arrangements with the dental office of the Naval Station Hospital here.

That situation didn't please Kibler when he arrived, so he decided to reopen the dental section at the JAS.

"It took about three weeks to clean up the place and get it up and running again," Kibler said.

Nowadays, dental services are available Wednesdays by appointment at the Kittery Beach JAS.

"We're usually pretty tight on time here at dental," Kibler said. "I usually have about 10 to 15 exams per day. I've done about 150 exams since I've been here."

"If there are too many Troopers who need dental care at the same time, they are sent to the Naval Hospital for aid," Kibler said.

For more information on dental services, leave a message at the JAS dental office at ext. 3029. ■



Photo By Army Pfc. Jason Kaneshiro

# Camp America gets wired

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Troopers here have a great deal of housing improvements to look forward to in the near future, said Army Sgt. Maj. David Hare, the Camp America commandant here.

There are many improvements in the works for Camp America including the installation of phone systems and DSL Internet in each of the rooms, said Hare.

Hare plans to have modems for DSL in each room. Troopers will not have to provide a computer for these services. The old lifecycle computers will be sterilized for safety and used instead.

There are also plans to allow Troopers to install wireless routers to the modems in each room, allowing anybody with a wireless connection, access to the Net.

"We are trying to make the Internet service free in each room, like how it is free in the MWR computer rooms," said Hare.

There are three advantages of having Internet in each room: not only will Troopers have easy access to the Internet, they will also have a means of checking their e-mail everyday. Lastly, Troopers will have access to online courses through Columbia College in their rooms, said Hare.

Although each Trooper will have Internet access in their rooms, they must remember that certain restrictions will

apply, just like with any government-facilitated net, said Hare.

"The current situation at Camp America is all right, but improvements like Internet and phones in the room would be absolutely awesome," said Army Sgt. Jeshua Nace, former photojournalist for the Wire.

"We estimate the construction to install the phone and Internet services to be finished around the middle to end of April," said Hare.

There are also plans to renovate the buildings in Camp America from the current situation of four to six down to three Troopers per room.

Troopers must remember that it's a long process that goes into the implementation of improvements. First, there's a planning phase where we brainstorm ideas. Second, we estimate how much it's going to cost. After that, there are several other processes that occur before the changes come into place. The plans to renovate are currently in the estimation phase.

"The housing renovations may or may not take place during my tour here, but the command is pushing the issue and trying their best to make it happen sooner. It's hard to say with matters like this, but when these changes do occur, it will be safe to say the situation here will be very comfortable," said Hare.

"If the facilities were changed into three-person rooms it would be a considerable improvement from what it is now. I've been living here for 365

days and I'm glad Troopers who deploy here in the future will be allowed such comforts," said Nace.

"Ultimately, all the changes we are hoping to provide for the Troopers here will be worth very little if the Troopers don't treat their rooms like they own it. Troopers need to remember that they're going to be here for a year and they need to maintain their rooms accordingly," said Hare. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

▲ Bayani Bautista, a civilian contractor, compacts the ground over newly laid pipes for phone lines at Camp America.

## Be aware of uncleared personnel

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO SSO

Many military, civilian, and contractor personnel support the JTF in its mission. These personnel may or may not be U.S. citizens, and may or may not have a security clearance. Personnel who have a "white" or "escort required" badge are considered "Uncleared" visitors.

"Uncleared" is defined as lacking a security clearance, lacking the appropriate security clearance, or awaiting security clearance

certification. An appropriately cleared JTF member will escort all uncleared personnel. The cleared escort must announce the impending admittance of uncleared personnel to all members within their section and ensure all classified information in their section is properly sanitized prior to visitor admittance. Sanitization is the process whereby classified work, in essence, ceases during the visit in order to preclude disclosure.

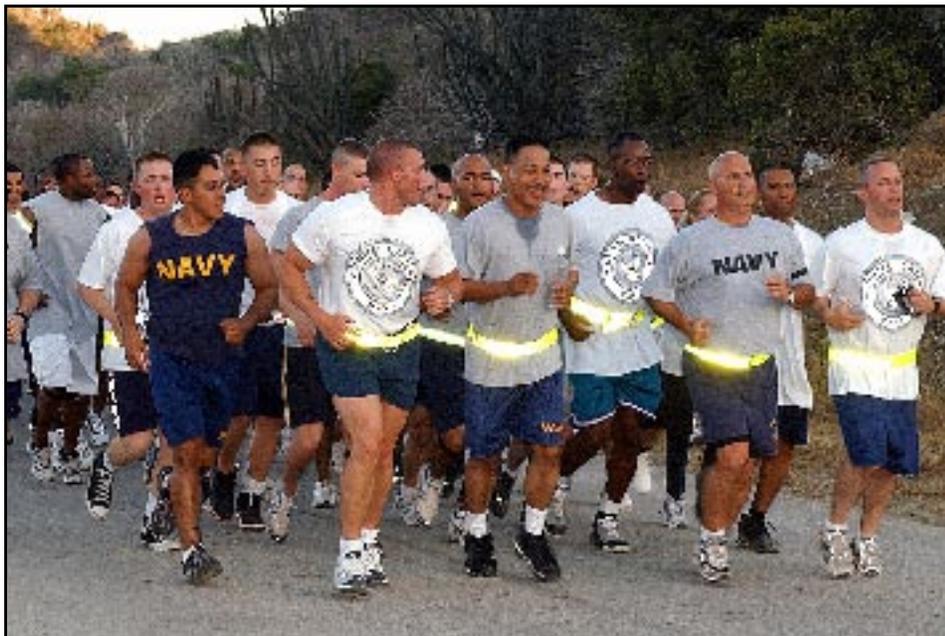
All uncleared personnel are prohibited from entering classified work areas except on official business for short periods of time.

Direct any questions to the J2 Security staff. ■

# Joint Detention Group 3-mile all enlisted run

Photos by Spc. Dustin Robbins

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▲Troopers of the JDG pace themselves and their buddies as they begin the 3-mile all enlisted run that was held here Friday.

◀Troopers advance up a hill during the all enlisted run.

▼Troopers of E Company, 629 Military Intelligence Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 29th Infantry Division take part in the all enlisted run. They will replace the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment here.



▲Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mendez joins his troops for his final run with them Friday.

# Beauty hides below the surface

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

As new Troopers take the flight to Guantanamo, they traverse over the abyssal blue Atlantic and little do they know that below its churning surface there is an alien world awaiting them.

Troopers new to GTMO looking for a bit of amusing distraction will be happy to know they have the opportunity to attend Open Water Diver courses here.

The OWD course is the initial certification class offered by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors here. The course costs \$235. Outside of GTMO prices range from \$250 to \$500.

"PADI instructors provide everything a student needs for the course except boots, fins, snorkel and mask," said Sgt. Jeshua Nace, a former OWD course student.

"The duration of the class depends on how quickly a person absorbs the information in the books. Students must complete the quizzes at the end of each chapter, take a test on the book and then watch a video," said Nace.

"After instructors finish teaching the classroom section of diver certification, they take the students to the pool at Marine Hill to learn basic diving techniques...after the pool session, students must complete four dives in the open ocean and perform all the tasks learned in the pool," said Nace.

Once trained, scuba divers can traverse the underwater alien world either by passive observation, or they can spear fish. Spear fishing is a popular pastime around GTMO. Spear guns can be purchased at the dive shop.

"Once a Trooper becomes OWD

certified, the certification is for life. It (certification) is also international, so Troopers can dive and explore all around the world," said Jesse Keenan, the Dive Shop manager here.

PADI instructors offer advanced courses for those interested in continuing their diving hobby. Given enough time, an individual can train to become an instructor.

For Troopers interested in being a certified scuba diver, they can find further information at the dive shop, located next to the Navy Exchange, or simply call them at 5336. Dive Shop hours are Mon, Wed, Fri, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There's a whole other world waiting for Troopers right below the navy-blue surface outside their window. The means of achieving this salt-water dream is nothing more than a little time, dedication and patience. ■

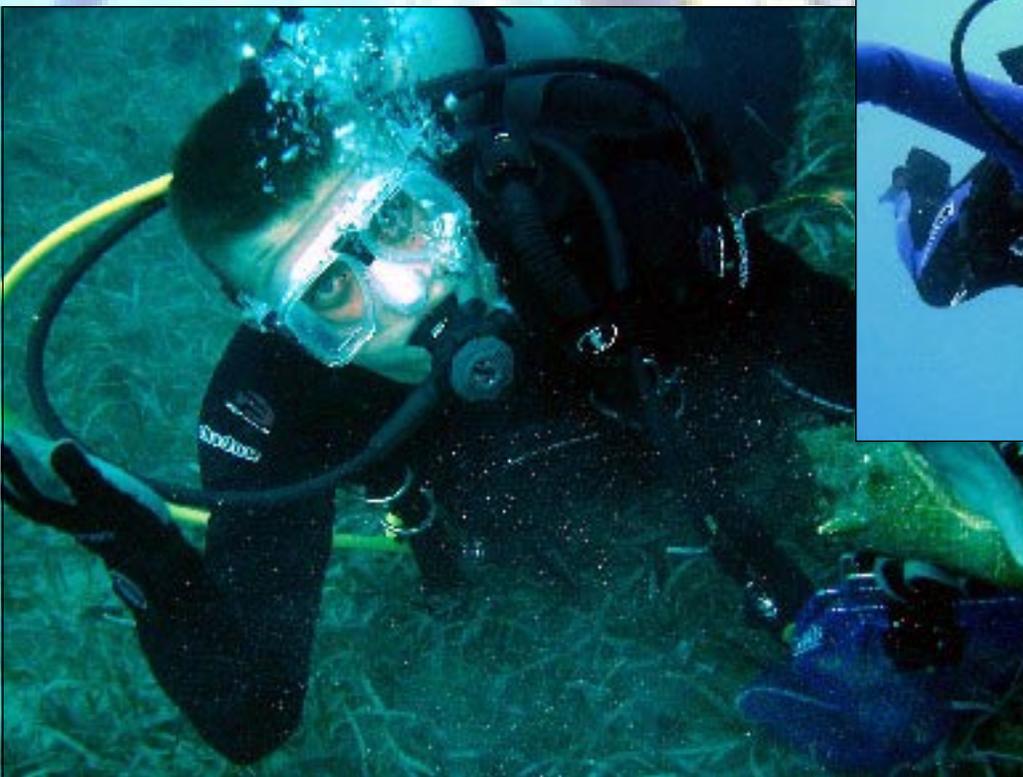


Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Houtland

▲ Spc. Kay Izumihara dives to greater depths as she explores open water.

◀ Army Staff Sgt. Allen Epley explores the undersea landscape as he gathers conch shells during open season off the coast of Phillips Park Pier here.

Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Houtland



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▲ At Marine Hill pool, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Tolle-son demonstrates taking out his regulator to his students learning the Open Water Diver course.

Before diving on GTMO you must register with Port Services at Bulkeley Hall. Advanced Divers must get permission from the dive locker (ext 4444) to go past 100 ft., and the base limit is 120 ft.

For night diving, divers must show proof of experience by submitting a form signed by a divemaster or instructor.

\*\*Remember, you must file a dive plan providing port control with certain information before every dive by calling 4188.

This information was provided by Army Capt. Bruce Roberts, a PADI Scuba Instructor here.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Houtland

► Mari Tolleson, a PADI instructor here, teaches some of these techniques to OWD students.

# World Baseball Classic '06

By Army Sgt. Maj. Oscar Diaz

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

What is this, March 20, 2006 and we've already crowned a World Champion in baseball? Have I been asleep in a time capsule? Or could I possibly still be in denial from the New York Yankees failing to win the World Series last year? Major league baseball is just about to get its 2006 season underway and the world has a new champion. No, not the Chicago White Sox, but the Japan National Team, who this past Monday beat the Cuban national team 10-6 to win the inaugural World Baseball Classic. It truly was a world series, as sixteen countries around the world competed for the bragging rights of being the 2006 WBC champions.

Tokyo, Puerto Rico, Arizona, Florida and Southern California hosted the tournament, which lasted 17 days. Cuba, who hopes to host some portion of future World Baseball Classic games will have to wait for the next games currently scheduled for 2009. Sixteen countries were invited to the first edition of the World Baseball Classic, but apparently only the best eight countries of the 2006 edition will be seeded for the 2009 edition, while the others would have to get in by qualifying in regional eliminations. With the success of the games and big crowd attendance, many are hoping the tournament will be played every two years, compared to the current four-year plan.

Tommy Lasorda, who was named goodwill ambassador for the World Baseball Classic might have jinxed the Cuban Team when he said, "I don't want Cuba to win," said Lasorda. Lasorda still cannot understand what happened to Team USA in

the World Baseball Classic. "The United States had a very good team, so them not reaching the semifinals was something really bad," Lasorda told ESPNdeportes.com at Petco Park in San Diego.

The United States was favored to win the first world championship featuring major-league players. But they crashed out after losing 2-1 to Mexico and left the tournament with a 3-3 record. "We've been successful in making baseball go global. And the fans have witnessed a great tournament," said Lasorda.

Commissioner Bud Selig was thrilled with the success and popularity the WBC created. The commissioner is convinced the World Baseball Classic will eventually be a big hit, even if it takes another tournament or two to get more fans, general managers and players on board. Selig was right on the mark. The game Monday drew 42,696 and the three sellout crowds in San Diego, for the semifinal games and the final, brought the 39-game tournament total to 737,112.

Fans all over the world were obviously involved in their team's participation. ESPN kept cutting away to the two countries involved in the final game and obvious intensity and excitement was in the air.

Monday's game was the biggest for the Japan team, where they had not had much success in the past against Cuba. Japan's pitching ace Matsuzaka was very instrumental in Japan winning the WBC. He completed the classic with a record of 3-0 and a 1.38 ERA.

As a pure baseball fan, it was great watching Japan's legendary Sadaharu Oh

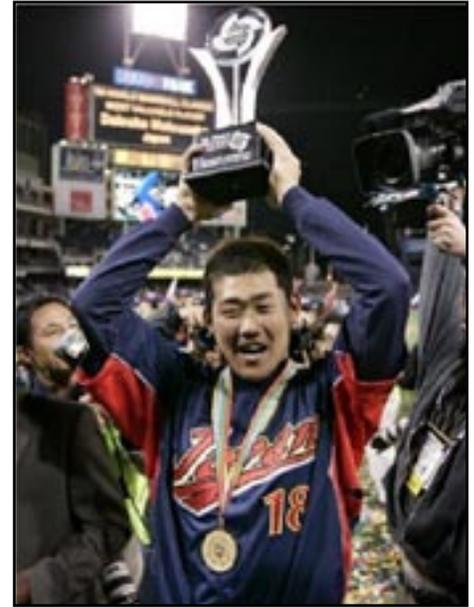


Photo courtesy AP

**▲Japan's Daisuke Matsuzaka celebrates his country's victory in the inaugural World Baseball Classic.**

managing the team and baseball's next 400 batting average hitter, Ichiro Suzuki, in right field. Overall, Japan finished 5-3 in the tournament, defeating archrivals Korea and Cuba during the past three days. In Olympics history, Japan has a silver medal and two bronze medals. They are not only World Champions now, but can claim they have the gold, till the next WBC.

The major-league baseball preseason is almost over and the sound of "play ball, hot dogs, peanuts, get your beer here," is right around the corner. Hopes are high! Day one, everyone is in first place and has just as much of a chance to win it all as the next guy. Recent years have shown that the outrageous payrolls don't really matter when the heart and courage of the players comes into play. The boys of summer are getting ready to play and hopefully picked up some inspiration from this tournament. The only thing that can top this tournament and this upcoming MLB season is my Yankees winning the October series and having them play Japan in early November. Not even Godzilla versus Mothra could top that Championship! ■

# Movie Review: Final Destination 3

with Philip and Jamieson

## Philip

The third installment of the "Final Destination" series, much like its predecessors, maintains its fine tradition of elaborate violence and brain-dead dialogue.

It seems like the Final Destination franchise adheres to the old adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." In FD3, rather than striving for any sense of originality, it continues with the same exact tried and true plot. A young teenager on the verge of high school graduation experiences a premonition of death before boarding a roller coaster. She and her lucky friends effectively escape certain death, but as the movie continues on, they realize just how inescapable fate is.

If your idea of a good movie involves chaos, then FD3 is the movie for you. The death scenes in the movie are as obscene as they are humorous. As the movie progresses, you can't help but laugh.

The attempted seriousness of the dialogue is ridiculous, to say the least. We watch our

main character, Wendy (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) tearfully fight to save the lives of her classmates. But her tired dialogue and over-the-top emotions fail to warrant any audience response. In the end, as we watch these teenagers meet their untimely fate, ultimately, you don't care and you actually end up laughing.

FD3 shows us that death is inevitable and inescapable and that when you cheat death, it will find you, and hurt you... in a completely humorous fashion.

## Jamieson

"Final Destination 3" takes place six years after the first movie ended. The plot is the same as the two previous Final Destination movies. In this installment, Wendy Christensen, a high school student, has a vision of a horrible roller coaster accident that takes the lives of everyone on board. Wendy and several other classmates get off of the roller coaster just before the ride begins and her vision becomes reality when

the roller coaster comes off of the tracks, fatally wounding everyone still on board.

After the roller coaster accident, the students start meeting their end in gruesome, but often comedic ways. Wendy is able to find clues about who and how the next person will die. This sets off a race against time to try to save as many people as possible.

This movie is action packed and fast-paced. There are a few slow parts but only because they're needed to develop the plot.

If you liked the first two Final Destination movies, then you will probably like this one. I would have to say that this movie is a split between a suspenseful horror movie and a comedy. The way people die in this movie is incredibly ridiculous and the deaths become more and more comedic as the movie progresses.

I would not pay to see this movie or pay to rent it, so if you can watch it for free and have an hour and a half with nothing else to do, then feel free to go ahead and check out this movie. ■

# Helpful tips for harmonious roommate relations

**By Spc. Jamieson Pond**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Living in cramped quarters with two or more Troopers can be one of the hardest things to deal with during a deployment. Not only are you away from home and working long hours, but you also have to deal with your roommates on a daily basis.

Everyone has unusual habits and when you are living with someone for several months these habits can drive roommates crazy.

Luckily, there are ways to survive your stay with your roommates. Hopefully your roommates are people you knew prior to becoming your roommate, but if not, that's okay.

A great way of dealing with a roommate is first to get to know them, said Spc. Jacob Billett, a

scout with C Troop 1/18 Cavalry Regiment.

Most irritations that come from roommates are from a lack of understanding. Communication is key when it comes to surviving your roommates, said Sgt 1st Class Michael A. Flores, a Trooper attached to 1/18th and the non-commissioned officer in charge of Moral, Welfare and Recreation here.

Having roommates is like a marriage, you have to give them space; it takes time to learn about each other, said Flores.

Rules should be established so your roommates have a guideline on what is okay to do in the room, said Spc. Kay A. Izumihara, a mental health specialist attached to the combat stress control team. Be respectful; everyone has a desire to have some kind of privacy,

said Izumihara.

When it comes down to it, one of the best ways to stay stress free when dealing with your roommates is to have some alone time away from them, said Army Sgt. Allen Epley, a financial management technician with the 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Headquarters Headquarters Detachment Battalion. Sometimes it is better to just leave the room than to stay and possibly get into an argument, said Epley. No matter how many other techniques you try, having time away from them will be one of the most helpful.

Whether you like it or not, roommates are unavoidable. There will always be things you cannot control, such as morning breath or bathroom disputes, but ultimately if you work with your roommates, everything will be all right. ■

# Mistakes happen

By Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Tim Johns

JTF-GTMO Deputy Command Chaplain

We all make mistakes. That's why there are erasers on pencils, reverse gears in cars, delete keys on computers and summer school options in our schools.

One of my favorite presidents was Gerald Ford. One reason I liked him was because he was a lousy golfer. There was always a clip on the news of people being hit by his golf ball. His mistakes weren't restricted to the golf course, however.

One day he arrived at Orly Airport in France in front of 800 elite French troops in their uniforms and the entire diplomatic corps with the president of France, Georges Pompidou. Ford stepped out of the plane, waved to the crowd, and tumbled down the stairs. A tissue is offered and declined and the story continues. He got up, laughed, brushed off his clothes, strolled forward with a big smile, and firmly took the arm of the man standing next to Pompidou, who was the Spanish ambassador. He walked off with him down the red carpet leaving Pompidou staring after him in amazement. We all make mistakes, even presidents.

The more new things you try, the more likely you're going to make mistakes – like a person learning to drive. One father says every time his son drives the car it is like starting a new paragraph – he always indents.

We overlook mistakes when it is to our advantage. I heard about a guy who was overpaid at work by a huge sum of money, but he didn't say anything. A couple of weeks later, he was underpaid. He went in and said, "Look, I was underpaid this week." They said, "Yes, but last week we overpaid you and you didn't say anything." He said, "Well, I figure everybody's entitled to one mistake. Since you made two, I thought I ought to bring it up to you."

Then there are the dumb mistakes, like the man who was arrested in Wichita, KS for trying to pass counterfeit money at an airport hotel. The counterfeit

**"The first thing to do after making a mistake is to admit it."**

money was two \$16 bills. And there are the mistakes that hurt, like the terrorist who didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was a bomb; he opened it and was blown to bits.

The first thing to do after making a mistake is to admit it. Be honest with yourself and those around you. But sometimes, the most important thing is not to repeat mistakes. Don't be like the guy who went to the doctor with two burned ears. The doctor asked what happened and the man explained, "I was ironing my shirt and the phone rang and I picked up the iron instead of the phone." "That's awful!" said the doctor, "but what happened to your other ear?" He replied, "he called back."

So as you go through a life of mistakes, don't suffer from mistaken identity. Identify those mistakes you don't want to repeat, those you can learn from and those that, with God's guiding hand, can be the peace your life's puzzle needs. And lastly, be patient with other people's mistakes because we all make mistakes. ■

## CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

## NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13	
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel	
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A	
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel	
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B	
<b>Monday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel	
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel	
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13	
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		
		Fellowship	Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8	
	<b>Tues. to Fri.</b>	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
	<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	<b>Friday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
	<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:00 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 U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Pester

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

**I understand you have been awarded the Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter award, how do you feel about it?**

It's simply an honor, especially considering the fact that it's more of an Army award than anything else. For the Coast Guard to win it, it's a great honor.

**How did you get selected?**

To get the award you had to first be nominated then go before a board along with senior enlisted from the other services to answer questions that pertain to the military and current events in the U.S. and worldwide.

**What were some of the questions they asked you for the NCO of the Quarter board?**

The questions ranged from first aid, military customs and courtesies, military history as well as benefits like the education and medical programs available to us.

**Are there any perks for being named, what sort of awards did you receive, exclusive parking at the NEX perhaps?**

There were no perks I know of aside from having the honor of being named NCO of the Quarter and receiving a Joint Service Achievement medal.

**How have your fellow Coast Guardsmen reacted to your award?**

I was congratulated on the award by most of the guys at the unit.

**What are your plans for when you get home?**

I will be integrating back into active duty and will be stationed in California.

**What were some of your best experiences here?**

My best experiences have been learning to dive and enjoying a hash run on the weekend.

**Is there anything you would take back, or wish you had done more of during your time here?**

There is nothing I would take back, but I plan on getting more dive time in before I leave.

**How has working with the Joint Task Force affected the way you feel about the military?**

Working with the JTF helped me make up my mind about finishing out my career on active duty. I have 7 years left before full retirement.

**Have you been deployed previously, if so, where and when?**

I had prior active duty Marine Corps and Coast Guard service before going into the reserves. Some of my deployments have been to the Persian Gulf, Philippines and South America.

**If you weren't here, what would you be doing?**

I would be working for the Coast Guard as a contractor. I support the



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Pester stands proud as the newest Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter.**

electronic tactical and navigation system onboard Coast Guard cutters.

**What is important about your job?**

I supervise the engineers who keep the viper boats running.

**What do you love about your job?**

The engineers I work with make my job easy. They are a great group. ■

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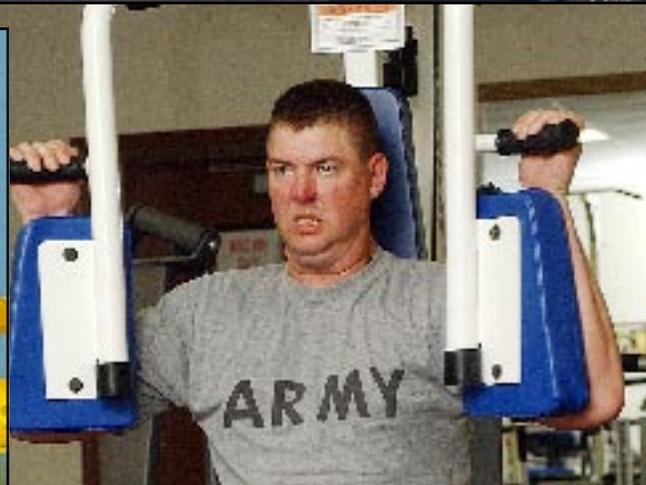
# AROUND THE JTF

► Members of the Trooper Chapel Worship Team begin Sunday's service with songs of praise.



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond

◀ Army Pfc. Erik R. Friesl gets in shape while lifting weights at Bulkeley Gymnasium.



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Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

▲Hummingbirds are just one of the many examples of GTMO wildlife you can find here.

► Spc. Eric Tagayuna, a combat cameraman deployed with the 305th Press Camp Headquarters, arrives at his new duty station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of the Joint Task Force for Operation Enduring Freedom.



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