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# Pitch in the blue bins

## New recycling program aims for a cleaner GTMO.

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A new recycling program is being implemented at Camp America. The program is intended to improve the Troopers' living area.

The program is part of an effort to make recycling commonplace throughout Camp America, as well as improve the overall welfare of the Troopers here.

"We are only in the starting stages of the program," said Christopher Creighton, the environmental compliance program manager here.

"Evidence of the program can be seen throughout Camp America. We've had large blue recycling drums placed throughout the camps. The tubs were placed by Del Jen Incorporated and are policed by them on a weekly basis," explained Creighton.

Creighton has been the environmental compliance program manager here for a year and he has seen the progression and improvements on the Naval Station side of Guantanamo Bay. Implementing the recycling program at Camp America is just a part of the goal to make GTMO a better place.

"Camp America is our final frontier. We've spent the last year beautifying and improving the NAVSTA side and



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**When you have trash, don't just throw it away. Find the appropriate blue recycling bin and put it inside.**

now we're setting our sights on Camp America. We want to improve the lives of everyone here," said Creighton.

Creighton implemented the program with the hard-working Trooper in mind, taking into account their busy schedules as well as the extra effort needed to "pitch in".

"Our prerogative is to make recy-

cling as easy as possible for the Troopers. We understand that the job that the Troopers perform here everyday is very demanding. We don't want to make recycling an extra task, we don't want to add on to the already full plate of the Troopers here," added Creighton.

Although the program is only in its infancy, Creighton has high hopes for the operation.

"Our ultimate goal is to have a fully operational recycling program within the camp. We want to have bins for aluminum and plastic. Hopefully, with our efforts we'll make it easier for Troopers to recycle, as well as enhance the overall welfare of the Troopers," said Creighton.

Although Creighton may make recycling more accessible to Troopers, he is quick to add that it is ultimately up to the individual Trooper to make the conscious decision to recycle.

"The success of this recycling program depends upon the efforts of the Troopers. We'll do our best to make it easy for you guys, but it's up to you to make Camp America a cleaner, healthier place to live," stated Creighton. Troopers with questions concerning recycling or disposal of trash are encouraged to call the Environmental Department at ext. 4380, ext. 4662 or ext. 4994. ■

# Always do the right thing

By Army Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald T. Adkins

Assistant Inspector General



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

“Do the right thing.” These are four little words we hear almost on a daily basis. Just what they mean often depends on who is saying them. The definition from Webster’s Dictionary defines right as “being in accordance with what is just, good or proper,” “qualities (as adherence to duty or obedience to lawful authority) that together constitute the ideal of moral propriety or merit moral approval.” What a real mouthful.

Whether we are here at GTMO, back at our home station, on another assignment, or at home with our loved ones, we must always remember to do the right thing.

As leaders, we must take care of our Troopers and accomplish the mission that was given to us. It is our duty to ensure all of those under our assignment get the type of attention that is needed. This means being available to our Troopers while they are on or off duty, taking care of their issues with the same importance that you would give to a problem for yourself and treating all the Troopers equally, with the same respect that we expect of them and not letting our personal feelings for an individual cloud our judgment when making decisions or issuing out discipline.

You must counsel your Troopers on their duties and responsibilities, don’t assume they always know what is expected. The military brings together a very diverse group of people for the sole purpose of protecting our great country and its people. This diversity places great responsibility on the leadership to leave personal feelings aside and work with all the Troopers to make the mission work as smoothly as possible. The JTF-GTMO mission is full of a phrase known as, “Mission Creep,” and we must ensure the workload is spread evenly and our Troopers get time off to rest or enjoy all the sights and activities on this island. “Do the right thing.”

The JTF mission puts all of us in very close proximity to one another and because of this we must consider others and not just ourselves. To use an old cliché, “It is not all about me.” Always remember that your actions affect everyone around you, whether it’s playing loud music, partying after hours, leaving trash and cigarette butts on the ground, using profane language, telling dirty or racist jokes, or sexual harassment. Our actions affect us all and to keep as much harmony as possible we must always think of others before we act. Think of things you can do to better the JTF or help a fellow Trooper. If you have a vehicle and someone is walking or sitting at the bus stop, offer them a ride. Assist Troopers with training or classes they might be taking, and offer to teach them the skills you have, whether it is military or civilian. Just be someone’s friend. Write or call home to let those you left behind hear from you and know that you still care about them. Everyone enjoys a letter or package from home and those at home want to hear from you. “Do the right thing.”

Doing the right thing is a great responsibility and applies to everything and every one on a daily basis. Always strive to leave the JTF mission better than it was when you arrived. Seek self-improvement. Improve your job, living quarters, things for those around you. Be tolerant of others.

“Do the right thing.” ■

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# Payday Loans: An expensive headache

**By Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Director

Payday loans may seem like a quick fix, but they're a fast way for Troopers and their families to get into serious financial trouble. And when Troopers are in financial trouble, it impacts mission readiness. Fortunately, Joint Task Force Troopers have many resources available to avoid using these predatory lenders.

Payday loans are usually small, short-term arrangements designed to bridge cash-strapped borrowers until their next paycheck. These expensive, high-interest loans often cost \$10-44 per week per \$100 borrowed, plus fees, resulting in annual interest rates of more than 1,000 percent.

While Guantanamo doesn't have the shady storefront lenders that exist outside the gates of most bases, spouses back home and Troopers on leave can fall prey to the lure of fast cash.

Even small loans can devastate a Trooper's personal finances if they are not paid by the due date and are rolled over to the next payday. Multiple rollovers quickly create a balance due far greater than the loan.

While payday loans are the most common, other predatory lending practices include automobile title pawn, tax refund, and rent-to-own furniture. A recent Navy survey by the defense manpower data center indicates that 13 percent of Sailors have used a predatory loan in the previous 12 months.

There are better options for JTF Troopers experiencing financial challenges.

- Avoid the cash crunch - You should never be in a position where you need an urgent loan. Good financial planning can help you avoid that situation where you need cash.
- Seek help before you sign - The legal service office offers free legal assistance. Check with them before you

sign a loan agreement.

- Be a smart shopper - Rent-to-own appliance dealers charge far more than the exchange or major retailers, and then charge outrageous interest on top of that.

What if you're already caught in the payday loan cycle? Stop and seek immediate assistance from the JTF – they have the resources needed to help stabilize your personal finances.

“Don't put yourself into a lose-lose financial position,” said Army Capt. Jon Eskelsen, the chief of the Legal Assistance Office at Camp America. “The military has ways of assisting people in need of financial assistance. It is better to ask for help before some relatively minor financial issue becomes a serious difficulty in your personal and professional life.”

Discuss the dangers of predatory loans with your spouse and other family members. And if you're already in financial trouble, get help fast! ■

## Security Bulletin: e-mail vulnerabilities

**By Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

As times change, so does the way in which we communicate, both personally and professionally. We have gone from “snail” mail, to phone, to fax to e-mail in a very short time. The telegraph, Morse code and the International Telex Network all performed some of the same functions as e-mail, but the first e-mail as we know it can be traced back to the '70s. In the early '70s, computer engineers developed a system for sending messages between computers that used the @ symbol to identify addressees. This system gained popularity by linking up users on DoD's Advanced Research Projects Agency Arpanet, which became the basis for the Internet. In 2001, e-mail celebrated its 30th anniversary and virtually every business in the developed world had signed on.

Email has several vulnerabilities, but the most important are lack of privacy, transmission of viruses and the inability to ever fully erase. Sending Internet

e-mail is like sending a postcard through the mail. Just as the mailman and others have an opportunity to read a postcard, network eavesdroppers can read your e-mail as it passes through the Internet from computer to computer. Internet e-mail is transmitted over a public network where you have no right to expect privacy. The courts have repeatedly sided with employers who monitor their employees' e-mail or Internet use. Organizations can be held liable for abusive, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate messages sent over its computer network.

Internet e-mail is so simple to use that it is easy to thoughtlessly or accidentally send others information they shouldn't have. This is a frequent source of security compromise. **Classified information must never be sent via Internet e-mail. Sensitive but unclassified information should be encrypted prior to sending by e-mail whenever practical.**

The point of contact for this information is Frank Perkins at ext. 9834. Remember, mission first, security always! ■

# Beware of hackers

## Network News

By Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

It's a typical day and you've logged on to check your e-mail, stopped by [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com) to see the latest headlines, and visited [www.mlb.com](http://www.mlb.com) to see if the Yankees won last night. After browsing a few web pages, you notice that the sites are getting slower and slower to load. Maybe you notice Notepad has popped up with some gibberish. Before you know it, a new icon has appeared on your desktop.

Maybe you've opened an e-mail from someone you didn't know, but it came from a .mil e-mail account, so you thought it was okay. Attached was a file called Important Career Information.doc and so you thought this is something that you should look into. Now some files are missing from your desktop and the system is rebooting itself. Obviously, something is out of the ordinary and you suspect that you might have downloaded a virus. Do you know what actions to take next?

Contrary to popular belief, do not turn off the computer. Instead, take the following steps to ensure the virus does not spread to the rest of the network:

1. Disconnect the computer from the network, but leave the computer running
2. Notify your local Information Technology Officer, and call the Help Desk IMMEDIATELY with the following information:

- a. Date and Time of Observation (when did you FIRST notice the behavior/change)
- b. Immediate Actions Taken
- c. Contact information

- d. Location of incident – Physical and Network/Logical (IP address, machine name, etc., if known)

- e. Network classification (SIPR - secret, NIPR - unclassified)

- f. Device type involved (laptop, desktop, printer, etc.)

- g. Incident description

3. Place a "HANDS OFF" notification on the computer, instructing everyone not to touch it. Control physical access to the computer. Ensure that no one tries to "determine what happened" on the computer before any investigative agencies have examined it.

Unauthorized access to a Department of Defense computer is a crime. If your computer falls subject to a hacker attack, it is now a crime scene. Disconnect the computer from the network to deny remote access to the hacker and to prevent the spread of any malicious code to other computers on the network. Do not turn off the computer. Maintaining the computer in its current state helps investigators determine the extent of the intrusion and what countermeasures need to be taken. Turning off the computer disturbs the "crime

scene" by potentially altering or erasing critical information needed by the investigators.

Here are some common indicators of a compromise:

- Missing, new or changed hardware
- System reboots itself
- Missing files
- Unusual dialog boxes or error messages
- Programs start or run slowly or do not run at all
- Slow connection / network
- Reports of system unavailability
- Reports of incidents elsewhere
- Changes on desktop or file structure
- Strange or out of the ordinary behavior
- Changes to system after opening an email attachment

**Remember: if you suspect that a computer has been compromised, used for some type of crime, or used in an inappropriate way, unplug it from the network and contact your ITO and Help Desk ASAP.**

If you have a topic that you'd like us to address in an upcoming column of Network News, send your request to: [j6-ia@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:j6-ia@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil). ■



**Hackers use many programs and methods to break into other computers. Here, a popular trojan known as SubSeven has infiltrated a finance computer. Protect your computer from malicious attacks. Do not open suspicious files or download anything from untrustworthy sources.**

## Troopers enjoy food, view, atmosphere at Bay View

By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class  
Lacy Hicks

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The smell of teriyaki, garlic and ginger fill the air. The room is filled with conversation and smiling faces as they wait while their food is prepared in front of them. JTF Troopers take a short break from their mission to enjoy Mongolian barbecue at the Bayview offered every Thursday from 5:30-9 p.m.

With more than 10 vegetables, 10 sauces and the choice of turkey, beef, pork or shrimp, Mongolian barbecue offers something for everyone.

“Guests can choose as many vegetables as they want,” said Eric Nikkel, the club’s director. “Customers enjoy mixing some of the different sauces, and making

their own unique flavor.”

Bayview has more to offer their patrons than just great food. The baby grand piano softly playing in the background and the fresh-cut flowers on every table add to the ambiance.

“We try to offer a relaxing environment and five-star service to our guests,” said Norman Bailey, a food service worker at Bayview. “Sometimes it seems our patrons, just want to see a friendly face or carry on a quick conversation with us on the serving line or grills. I love being able to meet so many of the Troopers and help them relax while they are here.”

“Knowing I was able to bring a smile to at least one Trooper’s face, really makes me really love my job,” said Delroy Sewell, head chef. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

**Thomas Eustace, full-time cook for the Mongolian barbecue at Bayview, displays his culinary skills over a hot gridle to the delight of patrons.**

## Army Gen. Truscott, leader of the Rangers

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Jim Brown

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army’s elite band of soldiers, the Rangers, have garnered praise due to their fierce fighting spirit for over 60 years. The man responsible for the creation of this elite group was Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.

Truscott is the only Army officer to command an army, corps, division, and regiment during war. He started his Army career as a cavalry officer in World War I, the “war to end all wars.” Following that assignment, he held various posts including stints in teaching assignments as well as serving on different staffs. With the onset of World War II, Truscott received a promotion to brigadier general.

At the instruction of Gen. George C. Marshall, Truscott viewed training techniques used by British commandos. Impressed with the actions and results of the commandos, Truscott received permission to develop a similar group of U.S. fighting men. Taking the name from “Robert Rogers’ Rangers” of Colonial times, the Rangers were born.

Upon receipt of his second star, Truscott and his troops fought to victories in North Africa and Sicily. With the attitude of “lead from the front,” he was

eventually awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. After completing a counterattack to break German lines in Rome, Truscott was made lieutenant general and completed wartime service in Italy.

After a short tenure as Third Army commander in Germany after the war, Truscott retired in 1947. In 1954, a special act of congress awarded him his fourth star. Truscott died in 1965.

A trusted leader, Truscott developed the Rangers to fight America’s battles on the front. The cadre of soldiers he helped create still proudly serve today with the values and leadership Truscott fostered. ■



Photo courtesy U.S. Army

**Army Gen. Lucian K. Truscott.**



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

◀ Ridgeway Trail is used both as a walking trail and for bicyclists looking to take their ride to the hills.

▶ Hutia Highway is another walking trail that takes users near the base gold course next to Carribean Circle housing.



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ This section of Tarantula Trail is graded as being one of the more difficult to navigate.

# TAKE A GTMO WALK

► Cactus Cut features flatter terrain near this section of the trail.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

▼ Ridgeline Trail is much easier to navigate in this section of the trail as indicated by the sign posted below.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

# A HIKE KING TRAILS

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

**By Navy Petty Officers 1st Class  
Ruben Ayala and Jesse Bastardo**

Guest Writers from the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion

Taking a boat out on the water for fishing, diving, and snorkeling, skiing, wakeboarding or just riding around and feeling the breeze in your hair sounds fun for a lot of JTF Troopers. Morale, Welfare and Recreation makes that possible after studying the boating guide, taking a test and earning your boating license from the Marina. Even though it sounds like fun, it is important that all boaters remember and follow what they learned from the guide.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Tate, Joint Visitors Bureau non-commissioned officer in charge, acquired his boating license here and often rents boats from MWR.

"Renting a boat from MWR is fun and relaxing," said Tate. "I often take out my friends and we go wakeboarding. It's a great stress reliever and way to relax."

Though Tate has fun on the water nearly every weekend, he knows the importance of following the rules of the water.

"Due to boaters having few ways to communicate and no traffic signs or lights to obey, it is essential that all boaters follow the rules of the water," explained Tate.

The rules of the water are taught by MWR boating instructors and explained in both the boating guide and NAVBASE INSTR 1710.10J.

Learning rules like who has the right-of-way and horn signals are important things boaters must never forget.

Some boats have limited maneuvering room, therefore the smaller, faster boat should move out of their path.

Now that you have your license and know the rules you are almost ready to hit the water. But first, you must inform Port Control at ext. 4188. of your 'float plan.' This required information includes the number of passengers on board and in the water, boat captain's name and license, and location of travel. Always stay alert and never assume what other boaters are going to do.

# Feeling free on the water

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The evening sun casts amber-gold reflections on the sides of your speedboat. You breathe deep the salty sea air, taking in the serenity, with your body immersed in Guantanamo Bay, you become one with your surroundings. Suddenly, the speedboat engine roars, shattering the silence and you take a firm grip on the plastic handle in your hands. The rope to the boat goes taut, and like a tuna pulled from the depths, you're lifted from the water.

The Marina center here has wakeboarding and water skiing available to Joint Task Force Troopers here.

"We have a multitude of water sports available to Troopers willing to take a chance and come out. Some of these activities include wakeboarding, water skiing, kneeboarding and wake skate. For Troopers who have a boating license and ten dollars, you and a couple of friends can take one of our boats out to the bay and spend the entire day gliding across the surface of the bay," said Jaron Chapman, a marine recreation specialist who works at the Marina here.

In addition to the daily fee, the Marina charges you 3 dollars per gallon of gas your boats consumes.

You just have to have two people in the boat while on the water, one to drive and the other to keep accountability of the rider, to stay within the designated riding areas and to comply to all boating regulations.

Although any area designated

for boating can serve as a place to perform these water sports, the area east of Hospital Cay, known as, "The Maze," is said to be one of the best places to do it.

"The Maze is one of the better places to wakeboard or water ski. The water is nice and still, the ideal setting to just glide across the water," explained Chapman.

"Being out on the water with a wakeboard under your feet is unlike anything I've ever experienced. When the water's calm you just glide along the surface, nothing compares to that. I've never felt any freer," said Nick Basel, a Marina employee and avid wakeboarder.

If you're ready to get out in the water, the base Liberty Center is holding a free wakeboarding event for Troopers here. The event is this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the Liberty Center before close of business Friday at ext. 2010 for a reservation. The Liberty Center's hours are 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. The limit of people for the event is ten people so don't hesitate. ■



Photo by Cameron Seeber

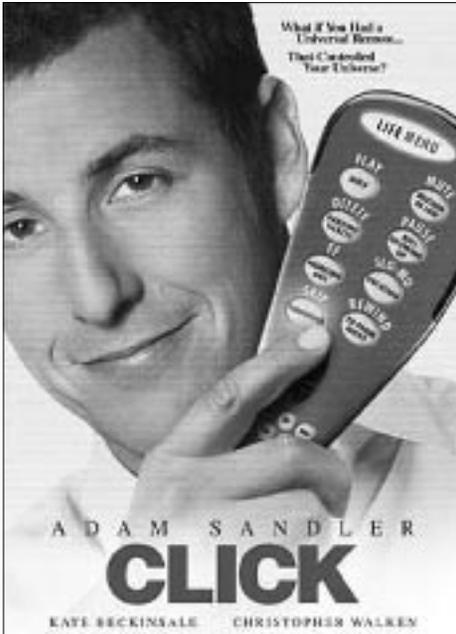
**Wakeboarder Justin Abbot.**



# Phil's Movie Review

with Army Pfc. Philip Regina  
This week's feature review: "Click"

Phil  
- Click -  
Rating: ★★★★★



Adam Sandler plays the role of Michael Newman, a workaholic architect who just needs a break, a little help to fast-forward through the stressfulness of his life and to slow down through the good times. His needs are answered when he takes a late-night drive to Bed, Bath and Beyond. In the "beyond" section he meets Morty, a crazy-looking employee who offers Michael a remote that can fast-forward and rewind through moments of his life. Everything's peachy until the remote develops a memory, involuntarily skipping through the best moments of his life.

I love Adam Sandler movies. At the end of almost every single Sandler flick I watch, I get that sublime sense of satisfaction. They're almost always heartwarming tales, "Click" does not disappoint in this department.

Sandler doesn't really stretch his acting chops in this one, he's pretty much Sandler playing Sandler, but come on guys, you

know we all love Sandler.

Kate Beckingsale plays Donna Newman, Michael's wife. Man, Beckingsale is a beautiful woman and I was thoroughly impressed with her American accent, as well as the emotion she displays. But I guess that's to be expected, I mean, we all remember her sickeningly emotional performance in Pearl Harbor.

All in all, "Click" is one of the most enjoyable movie-going experiences I've had since I've been here. Even though there were countless banana rats and mosquitoes, I still couldn't help but smile. ■



## Army Pfc. Philip Regina asked Troopers, "How are you preparing for retirement?"



"I want to be a commercial diver, rather than a landscaper. I want to retire doing something I love."

-Army Spc. Brandon L. Potter



"I'm still debating on what career I really want to do. I think I'm a little too young to be thinking about retirement."

-Army Spc. Brian Roche



"I've been using my Thrift Savings Plan. It helps a lot if you're planning for retirement."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kari L. Harty



"I'm trying to find out what to do, where I want to work and how I can best utilize the skills I've gained from being in the Air Force."

-Air Force Tech Sgt. Cheri Walker

# TRANSITIONS

By Army Chaplain (Capt.) David Meyers

525 Military Police Battalion Chaplain

There are times in all of our lives where transition is unavoidable. For those of us in the military, or working with the military, those times of transition may be much more frequent than those who lead other types of lives. They are part of the world that we live in, something we signed up for when we signed on the “dotted line” at some recruiter’s office. That, in itself, was the beginning of a major shift in our lives.

From the moment we sign up, to a greater or lesser extent, we become the property of the U.S. government; we do what they tell us, we go where they tell us; we live how they tell us. I like to

*How do we cope with assignments that are difficult?*

compare it to making a bet with the military. If we win, we can get to go to some nice places, see some beautiful sights and travel the world. If we lose, we can end up in a hole somewhere hoping the enemy’s mortars

aren’t very accurate. All along the way we experience transition. Ours is a duty that requires personal sacrifice, sometimes danger and hardship, and we should not act surprised when that duty is unpleasant and uncomfortable. We are in the military. Still, how do we cope with assignments that are difficult?

Each of us, here at JTF-GTMO have experienced many of these and each of us will hopefully experience many more. For all of us, these are high-stress times. They are times when we are taken away from, or reunited with our families. They are times when we move to new and different cultures and environments and jobs. They are times when we leave friends and find new ones. Any way you look at it, they are times of stress.

Psalm 125:2 reads, “As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, now and forever more.”

I believe that each of us is looking for a rock of stability in times of transition and God provides that. He says that He does not move and is not shaken. One of the truly comforting attributes of God is that He does not transition.

If you are struggling with transitions or other areas that you need help, contact your chaplains. We can help. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

## 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
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tues. to Fri.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	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 Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Evan Risorto

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Camp Delta Detention facility operates like clockwork. Every morning the Sally Port guards wake up early to man the towers and the corpsmen wake up early to do their morning physical training. Every day Troopers come in, do their duty then go home. But unbeknownst to many a Trooper at Camp Delta is the amount of work that goes on to ensure this fluidity. A leaky faucet, a backed up toilet, a partition that needs to be put up, things like this can throw off the delicate balance and it is up to a few individuals to ensure this doesn't happen.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Evan G. Risorto, a member of the repair and utilities department of engineers here, is one of these individuals.

Risorto performs maintenance on the utilities within Camp Delta.

"We do it all. We keep the water running, we fix toilets when they get backed up. Our main priority is keeping the detention facility running as smoothly as possible," said Risorto.

Risorto describes the duties he does here as good training and that allows him to see his profession from a different angle.

"I've almost always done new construction jobs at every other place I've been stationed. Doing the job I do here allows me to see both sides of my job, the maintenance side, as well as the new construction side. I think it's important to be well-rounded and to know all aspects of your job," explained Risorto.

Risorto has been a part of the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo for approximately six months. Although he's quick to admit the sometimes-



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**Dedicated Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Evan Risorto performs maintenance on various utilities, ensuring a regular work flow inside the wire at Camp Delta.**

difficult nature of this place, he also takes each tribulation in stride.

"Yeah, it can be hard working here sometimes. There's always something going on, always some sort of work that must be done. But it's all good training. I plan on using this training as a springboard for my future. I plan on becoming a plumber once I get out of the Navy. Doing the job I do here helps me prepare for that," added Risorto.

Risorto is highly appreciative of his opportunity to be a part of the JTF and is thankful that he gets to do the job he does.

"It's just nice to be a part of

something. I mean, when you're home, doing the same job as this, you don't often see your home base on the news. When they show highlights of Camp Delta, I know that that's where I'm working. Working here and being a part of the Joint Task Force is truly a privilege, I honestly feel like I'm a part of something bigger than myself." ■

### 15 Minutes of Fame

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◀ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Barlock, from the Joint Detention Group, is given the oath of re-enlistment by Navy Ensign Glen Holbrook at the flag-pole inside Camp Delta July 4.



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

◀ A Cuban Rock Iguana stands tall as it soaks in the sun, and keeps a watchfull eye over its territory.



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer (Select) Timm Duckworth

▲ The Cuban Land Crab explores the 29th Division patch during an influx of crabs on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

◀ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric F. Colvin signs his re-enlistment contract at Camp Delta.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ Troopers from the 189th Company, 525 Military Police Battalion, Army Sgt. Timothy McKay, Army Sgt. Carl Roberts and Army Sgt. Michael Self, stand prepared to go before a Non-Commissioned Officer Promotion Board.