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New commander for NEGB

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A change-of-command ceremony was held for the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion at the Windjammer Tuesday morning.

Navy Cmdr. Kris Winter assumed command of the NEGB from Navy Cmdr. Catherine Hanft.

Army Col. Wade Dennis, the commander of the Joint Detention Group and guest speaker, commended Hanft for her service.

"Katie has been called upon in many occasions over the course of this last year and she has dutifully and courageously answered the call each and every time," said Dennis.

Dennis concluded his speech by speaking highly of Winter.

"Cmdr. Winter brings a diverse background of operational focus and a keen understanding of our detention mission here," said Dennis.

Hanft, who will go on to serve as the diversity director at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, was then awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal by Navy Rear Adm. Harry Harris Jr. for her exceptional service during her tenure.

Hanft gave a heartfelt thank you to the men and women of the NEGB for their performance, pride and professionalism.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Outgoing Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion commander, Navy Cmdr. Catherine Hanft, and incoming NEGB commander, Navy Cmdr. Kris Winter, cut the celebratory cake after their change-of-command ceremony, which was held at the Windjammer here Monday.

"You made coming to work every day something I looked forward to and something I will never forget. You have far exceeded my greatest expectations," said Hanft.

Haft also thanked Winter.

"Thank you, Kris, for accepting orders as my relief. I could not have asked for anyone better to do the

work of the NEGB. I know you are more than up to the challenge," said Hanft.

To conclude the ceremony, Winter gave a brief, yet powerful speech.

"To the NEGB, you are the Navy's finest and I'm proud to be part of the team. I look forward to working with all of you. Honor Bound!" ■

Planning for the future

By Army Command Sgt. Maj.
Jeffrey Plemmons

Joint Detention Group Command Sgt. Maj.

How does \$144,463 sound? Well, listen up! Way too often in my career I've seen my friends and fellow Troopers leave the armed forces without a pot to piss in (pardon the expression). What I'd like to do in this week's issue of *The Wire* is provide some general information to assist/guide my fellow Troopers in better preparing for their financial future. They say money can't buy happiness, and although that's true to an extent, I've been broke and I've had money, and I gotta tell ya - I'm a whole lot happier when I can make my car and house payments!

As a young soldier, I did like most other young male soldiers; I spent my money on fast cars and fast motorcycles. But several years ago, my first sergeant sat down with me and explained an investment program that had led him to his financial independence. Like just about everything else in life, there are two keys to financial success, **patience** and **self-discipline**. If you lack these two character traits, then perhaps it would make more sense for you to buy a lottery ticket than to start an investment program.

In my opinion, one of the best, if not the best, investment/retirement savings plans is the Thrift Savings Plan. The TSP is a government-sponsored program that was established by the Federal Employee's Retirement System Act of 1986. In Oct. of 2000, the National Defense Authorization Act extended participation in the TSP to members of the uniform services. The thing that makes the TSP so attractive to me is that it's tax deferred. That means you don't pay taxes on the portion of your income you contribute until you start to make withdrawals. The hope is

that by the time you pay taxes it will be at a reduced rate.

Since I said tax deferred was the biggest attraction, let me explain how that works. If you are single and with a taxable income (after exemptions/deductions) of \$40,000, you would pay \$6,558 in federal tax annually based on the 2006 tax table. If you invested \$10,000 in the TSP, your taxable income would be reduced to \$30,000 and you would pay \$4,123 in federal tax. That's a tax break of \$203 monthly. In order to invest \$10,000 annually, you would have to contribute \$833 a month, but with the \$203 tax break you would only see a difference of \$630 in your net pay. Assuming you were able to contribute \$10,000 annually and received a conservative 7 percent annual return, although the Common stock & Small stock funds have returned 9.01 percent and 9.74 percent respectively over the last ten years, you would accumulate \$144,463 in ten years. Besides deferred taxes, another huge advantage of the TSP is matching contributions by the government. Currently, this program is in effect for federal civilian employees and although not currently authorized by any service, there is a law that authorizes each service secretary to designate critical specialties for matching contributions. It's just another way to increase your chances of getting to that \$833 a month contribution.

I know not everyone can afford to invest \$630 monthly, but I saw that young Trooper driving that yellow Mustang GT and I bet that car payment plus insurance is pretty close to \$630 a month.

To get started with the TSP, sign up directly from your MyPay account by clicking on the TSP link, or download a form (TSP-U-1) from www.tsp.gov. Once you do this, you'll be well on your way to financial independence. ■

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JTF Troopers to compete in Army Ten-Miler

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

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Troopers from the Joint Task Force are scheduled to compete in the annual Army Ten-Miler, Oct. 8, at Washington, DC.

Army Sgt. Gus Lombera, Navy Seaman John Miklas, Army Spc. Alan Roche and Army Staff Sgt. Tyler Thomas will represent the JTF in the Open Men's Division, which is open to servicemembers and civilians. Army 1st Sgt. William Fitzgerald was selected to attend as the team captain as well as an alternate runner.

To qualify for the JTF Ten-Miler team, Troopers competed in the GTMO Ten-Miler April 15.

"I didn't even know the GTMO Ten-Miler was a qualification event for the JTF team. I just like to run," said Miklas, who finished the race first with a time of 1 hour, 4 minutes and 11 seconds.

Everyone else, on the other hand, had set goals to make the team.

"When they (my chain of command) said we could get ten days off to repre-

sent the JTF at the Army Ten-Miler in our hometown, I set a goal right then to be part of the team," said Thomas, who competed in the ATM in 2004.

With top competitors running ten miles within an hour, this will be no easy victory. To be the best, these Troopers are training hard, often running five or more miles per day.

"I run about six miles every day. This

year I want to break the 60 minute mark (complete the run within an hour)," said Lombera, who finished in the top 100 at last year's ATM.

The JTF ATM team is looking forward to an exceptional race.

"Participating on a team in the Army Ten-Miler will be a great experience. The Troopers on this team run because they enjoy running," said Fitzgerald. ■



Photo by Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

The 2006 JTF Army Ten-Miler team from left to right: Army Sgt. Gus Lombera, Navy Seaman John Miklas, Army 1st Sgt. William Fitzgerald (team captain), Army Spc. Alan Roche and Army Staff Sgt. Tyler Thomas.

Security bulletin: "What? Me, worry?"

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Everyone has an opinion on security, both good and bad, and most are happy to tell you more than you want to know about bad security. What they all agree on is that security policies, procedures and expenditures should be kept as unobtrusive and as small as possible, forgetting the adage, "You get what you pay for."

There are wide differences between perceptions, reality, and just getting the mission done. To some, security is either an obstacle to mission accomplishment or nothing to worry about at all. The reality is usually somewhere in the middle, and certainly not nothing to worry about at all. That is, unless you want Alfred E. Newman from *Mad Magazine* fame as your security manager, with his famous quote, "What me, worry?" Accomplishing the mission is at the heart of the effort. A small group of people assigned to security work cannot do everything in any organization.

Security functions normally can't be put on hold, if the goal is to truly protect JTF assets: information, people, equipment, and property. The perception that security is always working requires a reality that security resources function properly at all times. Mission accomplishment in the security field means implementing enough security measures to reduce the potential risks. Just as water follows the path of least resistance, most threats will follow the path of least resistance in trying to accomplish its mission. Any threat should find it uneconomical and too difficult to expend its resources to penetrate or circumvent an organization's defenses.

Our JTF security posture is developed through a myriad of written policy and briefings. These security policies, practices, and procedures are the foundation of the security environment you operate in. They are only as effective as you.

The point of contact for this information is Frank Perkins at ext. 9824.

Remember, mission first, security always! ■

Flight precautions to affect travel plans

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Alright, so you're ready to take a vacation. Maybe you're flying home for a holiday, or maybe you're just going to enjoy some time off. Regardless of the reason, you get ready for your flight. You're thinking about what you need for your carry-on bag ... something to read, an iPod to listen to, a toothbrush, toothpaste, hair gel, etc. Wrong!

British authorities apprehended 24 suspects Friday who were allegedly part of a plot to blow up as many as ten flights with liquid explosives. Due to this attempt, most liquids and gels are no longer permitted in carry-on bags.

"We suggest to the fullest extent possible that you pack all liquids and gels – including shampoo, toothpaste, perfume, hair gel, suntan lotion and all other items with similar consistency in your checked baggage to minimize any delays at the screening checkpoint," advertises the Transportation Security Administration on their web page.

While TSA could not provide a comprehensive list of liquids that will and will not be permitted on board, the primary exceptions to this rule are: baby formula or breast milk when traveling with an infant, prescription medication provided the prescription matches the passenger's name, and certain

essential non-prescription medications.

Laptop computers, cellular phones, iPods and other portable electronic devices are still allowed on board an aircraft.

Remember, security precautions are updated every day. Before you fly, check out www.tsa.gov for updated security precautions. ■



Network News

WebSense

By Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

Anyone who has tried to surf MySpace.com has seen the dreaded WebSense splash screen—the screen that confirms that you probably should not be surfing this site from your government computer. We have received some questions about WebSense, so here are some brief points to get you better acquainted with the program.

WebSense is one of many tools used by the Information Assurance office to limit the GTMO network's exposure to potential risks by restricting access to certain websites. Basically, WebSense is configured with a set of criteria (streaming video, chat, etc.) and it blocks any outbound traffic trying to reach sites meeting these criteria. Additional sites can be added on an individual basis as new risks are identified or by request.

Does WebSense block all inappropriate websites? No, new sites pop up every day on the internet and it is impossible to keep an up-to-date record of which sites are safe and which ones need to be blocked. It is up to individual users to use some common sense to determine if they are using their computers in a responsible manner.

Can websites be un-blocked? Yes. Occasionally, sites that are blocked by WebSense are required for official purposes. Under these circumstances, a request can be submitted to the Help Desk and the Information Assurance office will help you get what you need. If you are looking to download a specific file, often times it is easier for us to get the file ourselves and make it available locally instead of opening access to the website. Sites that are for personal use (as opposed to official use) will not be unblocked in most cases, so use your best judgment before submitting a request.

Can I get around being filtered by WebSense? All GTMO internet traffic is sent to the WebSense server before going out into the internet. An enterprising person may be able to find ways around this, but it would definitely be against the user agreement that everyone signed when we issued network accounts. WebSense is in place first and foremost to protect the network. Just this past week, two users downloaded three viruses onto their computers by surfing sites that were not for official use. Fortunately no damage was done, but to prevent this from happening again, those sites will be added to the WebSense list. Remember that the network is one of the most important tools we have for getting the mission here done – please do your part to keep it safe!

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@jftgtmo.southcom.mil. ■

HAHA to hold annual dinner and dance

By Army Spc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Hispanic American Heritage Association is scheduled to hold their annual dinner/dance Sept. 30 at the Windjammer.

The dinner will feature a multi-course meal, with various foods from different Hispanic countries. The dinner will also feature entertainment and open salsa dancing at the end of the ceremony.

The HAHA holds meetings every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Naval Media Center to plan the event.

The HAHA holds various fundraising events to help finance their annual dinner. These events include bake sales of Hispanic food and silent auctions. The dates for these events are to be determined. The organization also has plans to sell t-shirts.

The HAHA is currently looking for new additions to the association, regardless of ethnic background.

“The HAHA welcomes any individuals who are interested in helping out with our annual event to come to our meetings. Our organization is not only open to people of Hispanic descent. We welcome individuals of all ethnicities to participate. Anyone interested in experiencing Hispanic culture and taking part in the planning of our annual event should come out,” explained Lupe Beltran, president of the HAHA.

“If you don’t want to be a part of the organization, or can’t because of scheduling conflicts, and you still want to help, you can volunteer to help decorate the Windjammer for the event,” added Beltran.

For further information contact Beltran at ext. 4127. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Philip Regina

Lupe Beltran, president of the Hispanic American Heritage Association, welcomes people of all ethnicities to participate in their group’s activities.

You know you’re from Maryland when ...

By Army Capt. Richard Boggs

JTF-GTMO Operations

- You know more than ten people who own boats, all at the same marina in Solomons.
- You can pronounce and spell “Pocomoke,” “Mattaponi,” “Accokeek,” “Havre de Grace” and “Silopanna” (Annapolis backwards).
- You pronounce “Bowie” BOO-ee, not BOW-ee, or BAUW-ee.
- One hour is a good commute to work.
- You have more than three recipes for crab cakes.
- Every kitchen has Old Bay, and french fries just don’t taste right without it.
- There are more than two crab places in your town.
- You got your first fishing rod or lacrosse stick before you were six years old.
- You refer to your state as “Merlind.”
- You still call Six Flags America, “Adventure World,” or even, “Wild World.”
- You still remember the Wild World commercial (Wild World’s the cure for the summertime blues!).
- You can tell the difference between the smells of septic tanks and marsh.
- You not only know how to eat hard crabs, but also know how to catch them, cook them and tell the males from the females.
- You don’t think that Assawoman Bay is a strange name for a body of water.
- You know perfectly well why Rehoboth is called “Little San Francisco.
- When someone says, “The bridge traffic is bad,” you know which bridge.
- You actually get these jokes and pass them on to other friends from Maryland!



Sergeant Major



Gray Angelfish

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Flamingo Tongue



Rock Hind



Squirrel Fish



Smooth Flower Coral



Bluestriped Grunt



Maz



Anemone



Sea Fan and Yellow Sponge

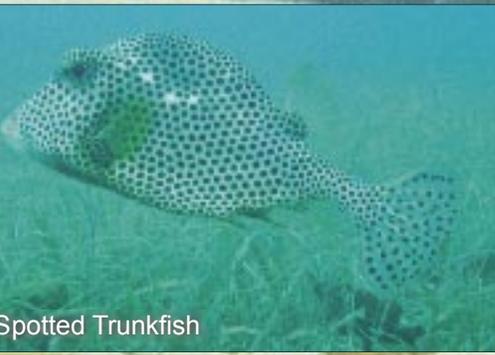


Blushing Star Coral



Starfish

Brain Coral (background)



Spotted Trunkfish



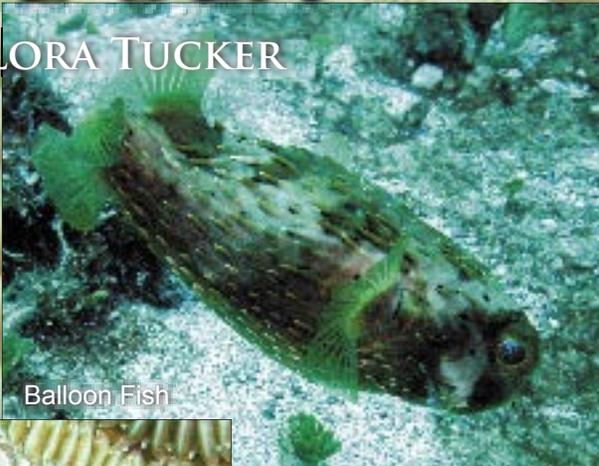
Balloon Fish



Bluestriped Grunt

THE SEA

BY LT. COL. LORA TUCKER



Balloon Fish



Blue Chromis



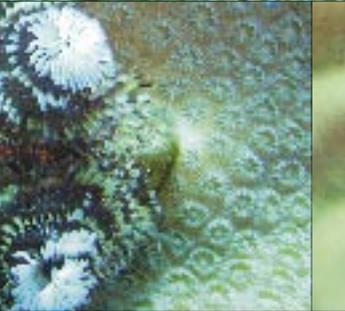
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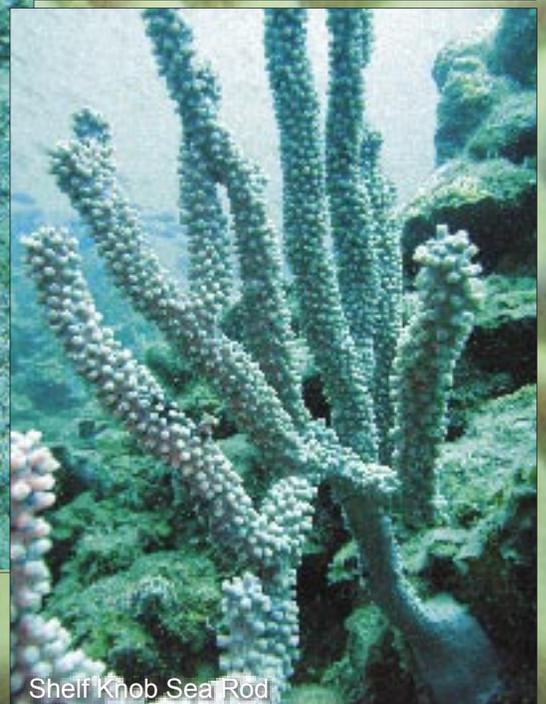
Brain Coral



Parrot Fish



Great Star Coral



Shelf Knob Sea Rod

New record set at swim meet

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Steve Watterworth

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Joint Task Force and Naval Station Troopers competed in a swim meet Saturday at the Windjammer Pool.

John Youberg, a resident of NAVSTA, won the men's 50-meter butterfly at the Windjammer Pool and finished with a time of 29 seconds, creating a new base record in the MWR-sponsored contest.

Other events included in the competition were the men and women's 50-meter backstroke, the men and women's 50-meter crawl, the men and women's 50-meter freestyle and the men and women's 50-meter breaststroke.

This was the second swim meet of the year at the Windjammer Pool in an effort to get more people involved in pool activities.

Kari Friedman from the JTF finished first in the 19-29 age group freestyle with a time of 41.7 seconds. She also completed the breaststroke first with a time of 51



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steve Watterworth

John Youberg, from NAVSTA, competes in the 50-meter butterfly at the Adult Swim Meet, which was held at the Windjammer Pool Saturday.

seconds. Navy Lt. Lauren Coia, from the JTF, won the 19-29 age group backstroke with a time of 57.47 seconds. Harriet Johnson, a resident of NAVSTA, won the 39 and up age group backstroke with a time of 45.15 seconds.

Finishing in first place in the men's competitions was Brandon Nash, of the JTF, with a time of 28.03 for freestyle, the breaststroke with a time of 35.38, the backstroke with a time of 31.94, and the butterfly with a time of 27.38. U.S. Coast Guard 2nd Class

Petty Officer Dave Schneider, with Port Security Unit 312, completed the breaststroke with a time of 38.00 and the backstroke with a time of 28.85.

MWR lifeguard and aquatic instructor Anthony Roberts said, "We try to make ourselves available to the public. There are usually many people at the pool this time of the year. More people need to come out for these events."

To contact MWR about future events scheduled for the pools, call Anthony Roberts at ext. 77262. ■

Sports standings as of Tuesday:

Co-ed volleyball

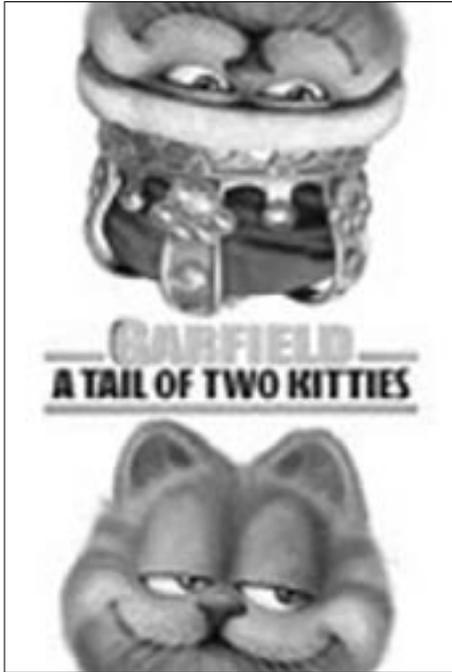
Team	Won	Lost
DHS-PPI	10	0
The Unreliable	7	1
NEX Striker	6	1
Bubble Gang	6	2
Six Pack	5	3
GTMO Packers	6	4
GTMO Sharks	4	3
Devils	3	3
ARB Lords	4	5
JIG is Up	4	5
Waa Gawn	3	4
Just 4 Fun	2	7
JMG	1	8
Pirates	0	7
Thunder Chicken	0	8

Co-ed softball

Team	Won	Lost
Untouchables	6	1
Covert Crabs	5	2
JTF	4	2
Security	4	3
NEX Striker	4	4
Rocking Anchors	3	3
Vigilant Warriors	3	5
Devils	2	4
Eight Women Out	2	5
Dee-Duh-Dee (JIG)	2	6

Sports standings provided by Jessica Hulgan, MWR sports coordinator.

Movie Summaries



“Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties”

When Garfield follows his owner, Jon Arbuckle, to England, the U.K. may never recover, as Garfield is mistaken for a look-alike, regal cat who has inherited a castle. Garfield savors the royal treatment afforded by his loyal four-legged subjects, but his reign is in jeopardy. The nefarious Lord Dargis is determined to do away with Garfield, so he can turn the castle into a resort. Garfield’s bigger, better, more purr-fect world is soon turned upside down in this tale of two kitties. Rated PG. 78 min. ■

“Waist Deep”

“I’ll always come back for you,” single father O2 tells his young son Junior. This parental promise is put to the test when O2 is suddenly plunged into a do-or-die situation; trying to go straight for Junior’s sake, this recently paroled ex-con is forced to go back outside the law after his son is kidnapped in a carjacking. The resulting chase and shootout have left Junior in the hands of Meat, the vicious leader of the Outlaw Syndicate. O2’s shady cousin Lucky tries to mediate, but is caught between criminal and family loyalties. The only person who can or will help O2 get his son back is wily street-smart hustler Coco, whose path fatefully crossed O2’s just moments before the kidnapping. When Lucky gets word to O2 that Meat expects \$100,000 for Junior’s freedom, O2 and Coco seize the opportunity to pit rival elements of the South Los Angeles underworld against each other. “It’s either all or



nothing,” realizes O2. With the clock ticking down, the heat between O2 and Coco rises as they become a law-breaking couple, on an action-packed tear through a range of Los Angeles neighborhoods. Can they outwit the underworld and save Junior and themselves? Rated R. 97 min. ■

CORNIEST JOKES OF ALL TIME

1. What do you get when you cross a parrot and a centipede?
A walkie-talkie.
2. Why do hens lay eggs?
If they dropped them, they’d break.
3. Why do seagulls live near the sea?
If they lived near the bay, they’d be bagels.
4. Which side of the chicken has the most feathers?
The outside.
5. What do you get from a evil chicken?
Deviled eggs!
6. Two muffins are in the oven. One says to the other, “Man it’s hot in here.” The other one replies, “Oh no ... It’s a talking muffin.”
7. What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A fsh.
8. What do you call a sheep with no legs?
A cloud.
9. What is a witch with poison ivy called?
An itchy witchy.
10. How do trees get on the Internet?
They log in.
11. There are three kinds of people in the world: Those who can count and those who can’t.
12. What is an astronaut’s favorite key on the computer keyboard?
The space bar.

IT'S HERE!!!!

By Army Chaplain (Capt.) David Meyer

525th Military Police Battalion Chaplain

The National Football League has started the 2006 season and my beloved Seahawks have the opportunity to defend their NFC Championship. All of the trades, negotiations and anticipation of the past several months has come to a head and it is time to stop talking and start playing football.

I have long believed that the reason we like sports so much, whether it is at the professional level, college, or the GTMO basketball leagues, is because we see life played out in many ways on the field of competition. We see winners and losers, we see heartbreak and unmitigated joy, and we see people give everything they have over the course of a game so that they can come back to the next game and do it all over again.

One of the legendary coaches in the NFL, Tom Laundry of the Dallas Cowboys, said that coaching was the art of making people do what they don't want to do so they can become more than they ever knew they could be. Teams are amazing things and when they come together they accomplish things they never could have done alone.

Each of us is a member of a team. Each of us is here at Guantanamo Bay for one reason or another, but we are all a team. Each of us has a role to play. Some of them are roles that receive a great deal of recognition, and some of them are roles that seem to go unnoticed by most people.

When I talk with people about their roles, I am reminded of many different sports teams and I have to ask the question. "Who is more important to winning a football game, the quarterback or the right guard?"

The answer is that neither is more important than the

other. Each of them has a vital role to play. I think it is very safe to say that most of us can name far more quarterbacks than we can linemen, let alone right guards. However, without that offensive line, the quarterback ends up as a greasy spot on the field of play. Each of us need to realize that our role is important and take pride in our job.

The Apostle Peter wrote, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies so that in all things God may be glorified." (1 Peter 4:10, 11)

Whatever your task is, take pride in doing the best job you can. There are times when that is easy and there are times when it is very difficult, but always remember you are an important part of the JTF team. You have an important role to play in our mission here, and in the bigger mission, which is the Global War on Terrorism.

May God give you strength for today! ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	5:45 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	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	8:15 a.m.	Confession	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
Monday	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
	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
Mon. to Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	5:15 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
Tues. to Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Mass	Main Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
	4:15 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel
	6:15 p.m.	Confessions	PPI Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Mass	PPI Chapel

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



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

15 Minutes of Fame

with Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cameron J. Wink

By Army Spc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

“You guys (corpsmen) are the Marines’ doctors. There’s no better in the business than a Navy corpsman.”

-Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, notable as the most-decorated Marine in history.

With two tours of duty to the desert and too many medals to mention, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cameron J. Wink epitomizes what it is to be a Navy corpsman.

Wink is a psychiatric technician with the behavioral health unit here. He has been a corpsman in the Navy for nine years now. Although Wink was not very knowledgeable of Navy jobs before entering, he already had ambitions of becoming a corpsman.

“My brother joined the Navy before me and he wanted to be a corpsman, but he decided otherwise. Seeing how I had the opportunity to do the job that my brother originally wanted, influenced my decision to become a corpsman greatly,” explained Wink.

This decision proved fortunate, Wink is very happy to be doing the job he does.

“I wouldn’t want to be in any other job. You really get to help people when you’re a corpsman.” said Wink.

Wink has done two tours with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines out of Camp Pendleton. He accompanied the Marines immediately following the September 11th attacks into Afghanistan and also accompanied them during the initial push into Iraq in 2003. Serving with the Marines has been quite an experience for him.



Photo by Army Spc. Philip Regina

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cameron Wink does his part to help heal the hidden emotional scars that can arise for both JTF Troopers and the detainees under their care.

“Going to Iraq or Afghanistan is probably the scariest thing you can do in the military. It’s both physically and mentally draining, but I think being a corpsman with the Marines is also the greatest thing you can do as a corpsman. You’re the Marines’ sole source of medical care. You take care of them and they take care of you,” explained Wink.

Wink provided physical treatment for the Marines while in the desert, but he wasn’t trained to help with the mental trauma they experienced and this led to his current job.

“I think that nowadays, as medicine gets better and better, there are fewer deaths and more casualties. Troopers come home disfigured and scarred, both physically and emotionally. Being a psychiatric technician allows me the opportunity to address these problems,” added

Wink.

Wink now provides this same emotional care for the detainees in the detention facilities. He is quick to point out that although these individuals may still be the enemy, the Joint Task Force provides them with the amenities to ensure their well-being.

“The mission here is challenging and at the same time very important. If we didn’t offer the detainees this service, then we’d be no better than the countries we are currently fighting,” said Wink. ■

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▲ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cathryn Hairston, of the Joint Detention Group, proudly displays her reenlistment certificate with Army 1st Lt. Edie Rosa Friday at the lighthouse.



Photo by Navy Chef (Select) Timm Duckworth

▲ Seaside Galley manager Sam Scott plants beautiful foliage outside of Seaside Galley at Camp America Tuesday.



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▲ Army Sgt. Garnett Reid, from the Joint Personnel Reception Center, answers questions from newly reporting members of Mobile Security Squadron 2, Friday at McCalla Hangar.



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▲ The infamous “passing of the cell phone” from outgoing operations officer Lt. Col. Rick Kirk (right) to incoming operations officer Lt. Col. Dennis Tewksbury (left).