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# Reunion: Post-deployment

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich and  
Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer Brad LeVault

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain and  
JTF-GTMO Command Master Chief

Recently, we have discussed reunion issues with some subject matter experts. We want to pass on to Troopers how important it is to know that separation and reunion are stressful and affect everyone. If both you and your family start thinking and talking about it now you will all transition through the adjustment phase smoothly. The longer we're deployed the more we need to pay attention to our eventual reunion experience. Preparation is critical to success.

Expect to have a few doubts and worries. Some people wonder if their partner and family need them anymore. Our partner has learned to take care of needs and responsibilities without us. They have become more self-sufficient and independent. It is therefore natural to feel some anxiety about reuniting with our partner. Children, also have adjusted and may behave shyly and even be angry at us when we return.

We have to give them and ourselves time to adjust and become reacquainted. Communicate, cooperate and coordinate for mission success at work and at home. Family separation of any kind requires planning.

**Communicate** - This is the number one positive action we can take to relieve the stress of being away from home. You can send emails, letters, flowers, gifts or call to keep in touch.

**Cooperate** - During separation, working toward the same communicated goals



will prevent the appearance of disruptive branches. The entire family will take ownership and strive for the family's success.

**Coordinate** - When you call home, plan the date and time. This way no one gets frustrated and imagines all sorts of foolish ideas as to why there was no answer.

The non-commissioned officer is the backbone of the U.S. military, and family is the backbone of the NCO. Not just the NCOs family, but those of everyone with whom they serve.

As an NCO, your success, the success of your Troopers and the mission at work and home requires a plan and leadership.

Guiding Troopers into and during a family separation is essential for the success of everyone's mission. ■

Four websites to better understand this process are: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) – 24 hours, 7 days a week 1-800-342-9647. [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) and [www.guardyouth.org](http://www.guardyouth.org) – Air/Army National Guard. [www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil) – Fleet and Family Support Center website.

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# Warm waters of GTMO beckon Troopers to get out and play

By Army Spc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

While the majority of the continental U.S. is now experiencing icy roads, freezing rain and snow drifts, the lucky few stationed at Guantanamo Bay have nothing but bright blue skies, pristine beaches and sunset-filled winter months.

With such ideal weather year round, Troopers can participate in pretty much any sport conceivable. In addition to the weather, the warm Caribbean Sea offers a playground of water-borne adventures.

With scuba diving, wakeboarding, body boarding, surfing, sailing and boating available; the list of things to do in the water is endless.

Kayaks, surfboards, boats and a multitude of other fun-filled aquatic equipment are available for rent, the Morale Welfare and Recreation Marina offers the means to take part in the fun.

“If you’re looking for a fun, safe time, then come on by the Marina and we’ll give you the equipment to satisfy all your needs,” said Jaron Chapman, a Marina specialist.

Although the Marina offers everything you need for your aquatic adventures, Chapman is quick to point out the necessity of staying safe

in whatever sport you choose to take part in.

“No matter what you choose to do, whether it’s surfing, wakeboarding, or sailing, everything you do here requires some sort of prior knowledge or familiarization,” said Chapman.

“If you’re thinking of surfing or body boarding, you may want to talk to someone with experience in it and if you’re thinking of hitting the open ocean like the Skipper or Gilligan it’s not just a simple ‘three hour tour,’ taking out a boat on the sea requires proper training,” added Chapman.

Although Chapman and the other employees at the Marina may be authorities on the majority of water sports here, the personnel at the Dive Shop are the authority on scuba diving.

The privilege of diving in the warm waters of GTMO is earned through a lengthy, but often highly rewarding process. Diving classes take place year round and you can call the GTMO Dive Shop for more information.

The winter months here offer a ton of fun for those willing to hit the water and go for it. For more information, give the Marina a call at ext. 2345 or the Dive Shop ext. 75336 and hit the seas for some fun in our sunny winter wonderland. ■



*“If you’re looking for a fun, safe time, then come on by the Marina.”*

Jaron Chapman, a Morale Welfare and Recreation Marina specialist takes a surfboard from the rack for a surf-ready customer at the Marina. Despite the winter months, the climate at GTMO remains warm enough for Troopers to take to the water and participate in a variety of water sports activities.

Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

# Water safety training keep Troopers afloat

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

If you've spent more than a week at Guantanamo Bay and have had a chance to visit some of the beaches around here, then you've noticed how rough the waters around here can get.

When a storm rolls in and the tide comes up, the waves seem to just get bigger and bigger. However, while this oceanographic phenomenon means fun

and excitement for some, it can spell danger and possible injury for others. It was for this reason the members of the 525th Military Police Battalion took some time out of their busy schedule to educate themselves on water safety.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Aquatic Supervisor Anthony Roberts and his assistant Fitzry Douglas offered some valuable knowledge and insight on how to handle a crisis in the water.

"Offering aid and saving lives is important but it's not worth it at the expense of your own life," said Roberts. "If you're not a strong swimmer then trying to go out and save someone can possibly add to the problem..." Roberts explained.

As the training progressed, the

Soldiers were afforded the opportunity to apply the skills they learned by practicing water rescue exercises. One Soldier would swim out roughly 50-yards and simulate a swimmer in trouble while another would perform the rescue. This allowed the Soldiers to see how tough it is to bring someone back to the beach against the current.

"This training is awesome," said Army Sgt. Cierra Caldwell, a paralegal specialist working with the Joint Task Force here. "I think everyone should go through it. At the very least it gives people an idea of what to do as well as what to look out for."

No matter what you're doing, safety is usually the most important thing, said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur R. Vanwyngarden, the 525th's command sergeant major.

"We can never train enough on safety and risk management, but when we do, it helps us all maintain our situational awareness and reflect on our most important asset ... the Troopers," said Vanwyngarden. ■



Troopers of the 525th Military Police Battalion participated in water safety training at Windmill Beach.

## Security bulletin: Sensitive unclassified information

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

The term "sensitive unclassified information" is an informal designation applicable to all information that, by law or regulation, requires some form of protection but is outside the formal system for classifying national security information.

All such information may be exempt from release to the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Federal law defines most categories of sensitive unclassified information, while others such as For Official Use Only are defined by organization. Procedures for safeguarding sensitive unclassified information depend upon the category of information and vary from one agency to another.

The law provides protection for established categories of protected information only when the owners of the information have taken reasonable or required steps to protect it. To successfully enforce an information protection program, the organization must have:

- An established information security policy.

- A system to identify the specific information to be protected, to include periodic review of the need to continue protection.
- Procedures for safeguarding and controlling the protected information so that it is exposed only to those who have a need to know the information and a duty to protect it. The duty to protect may be imposed by law or established by a confidentiality agreement with the employee.
- A system of warnings and markings that advise of the sensitivity and/or handling requirements.

Procedures for handling the various categories of sensitive unclassified information vary from one agency to another. This is due to different legal and/or regulatory requirements for each category and the agency or organization's implementation of those requirements. Factors affecting the implementation are the degree of sensitivity of the information, nature of the threat to the information, vulnerability of the information, options that are available for protecting the information, and organizational facilities/capabilities for secure handling, storage and transmission. Mission First, Security Always! ■

# J1 team taking care of Troopers

By Army Lt. Col. Theodore J. Fox

JTF-GTMO Personnel Director

The recent increase in Hardship Duty Pay-Location (HDP-L) for the Joint Task Force from \$50 to \$150 per month (and \$100 per month for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay) involved a comprehensive analysis during the Office of the Secretary of Defense Compensation Team site visit. They walked around and experienced a snapshot of a day in the life of a Trooper. The J1 planned this visit through SOUTHCOM, and is currently troubleshooting the implementation of a pay increase. Many are only receiving \$100 per month, but this will be corrected shortly and will be retroactive to October 4, 2006.

The JTF Rest and Recuperation (R& R) program was approved by the Under Secretary of Defense on November 20, 2006. This program offers those who are entitled to take regular leave, a government funded flight to Naval Air Station Jacksonville or NAS Norfolk airport. The travel days will not be charged against leave; however the Trooper will be charged leave for the duration of their well deserved time with family or friends.

Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, the JTF commanding officer, has committed to leveling the playing field for those who are on Temporary Change of Station or Temporary Assigned Duty orders versus Permanent Change of Station orders. For those who may not know, dependents of Servicemembers on TCS/TAD orders may not fly space available on the Air Mobility Command flight to and from GTMO. The Commander has requested an exception to policy to allow all Troopers assigned to the JTF the

## Network News

### Recognizing Phishing Attempts

By Air Force 1st Lt. Jim Northamer

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

I've written a few articles in the past regarding Social Engineering. Those of you who read the Network News article each week (both of you) probably think I have a severe lack of imagination when it comes to finding subjects for my weekly articles. That's only partially true. I also want to ensure the word gets out that social engineering and phishing attempts are commonplace, increasingly difficult to recognize, and a real threat to our networks and information. The message that "bad guys" are constantly probing Troopers for information via phishing attempts cannot be stated often enough.

As a reminder, phishing is "an attempt to fraudulently acquire sensitive information (such as passwords, personal information, military operations, credit card/financial information, etc.) by masquerading as a trustworthy person or business in an electronic communication." Typically, a phishing attempt consists of an official-looking e-mail that requests the recipient update some personal information by clicking on a web link. Presumably the user is logging onto a system with their user-ID, account number, password, PIN, etc. Actually, the person is simply providing their personal information to the phisher. Once the user attempts

to logon with their information, that system simply documents their information and the bad guy now has this person's personal information.

Phishing extends beyond the scope of simply gathering logon information, too. Oftentimes, a phisher will send an e-mail with an official-looking subject line and an official-looking attachment, such as a fake briefing. When the unsuspecting recipient opens the attachment, it launches some form of malware that could do a number of bad things such as providing the bad guy with information or even access to that computer at a later date. Once this malware is loaded, the system and all the information on it (and the networked systems it is connected to) is compromised.

There are countless means by which phishers try to trick people into providing them sensitive information. The best way to avoid being a victim of a phishing attempt is to know about phishing, be able to recognize it, and react to it by simply deleting the message and reporting it.

If you have any questions or concerns about a computer security issue, please feel free to contact the JTF-GTMO IA Office at [j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil) or x3333. ■

opportunity to fly their dependents to GTMO at the lowest possible fare. The memorandum was sent last month through SOUTHCOM J4 to TRANSCOM.

By the direction of the Commander, we have implemented a JTF Awards Board that meets every other Friday following the Command and Staff Meeting. The mission of

the Awards Board is to normalize the Awards Program across the JTF. Each unit has a representative on the Board to represent the Trooper whose award is being evaluated for approval.

The J1 is committed to serving the commander and the folks in the JTF. We will continue to bird dog our tasks to completion and keep you informed. Honor Bound! ■

# Navy keeps CIC Trophy, senior class goes 8-0 vs. Army, Air Force

*Excerpted from CBS SportsLine.com wire reports*

PHILADELPHIA -- Navy can hook an anchor to that Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

With a pair of rushing touchdowns and a defense that produced two scores, the Midshipmen sent their seniors out with another win over Army and a career sweep of the service academies.

Jason Tomlinson and Reggie Campbell each ran for scores to lead Navy to a 26-14 win over Army on Saturday in the 107th meeting of one the most storied rivalries in college sports.

Keenan Little returned an interception 40 yards for a TD late in the fourth for bowl-bound Navy (9-3). The Midshipmen equaled their longest winning streak in the series, matching a pair of five-game winning streaks, most recently from 1959-63. Navy has outscored the Black Knights by a 202-68 margin the last five years and boosted its overall series lead to 51-49-7.

"We're fortunate we don't have anybody on our team that's lost to another academy," said Navy coach Paul Johnson. "That's a real goal to aspire to. It will sink in."

Navy captured the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, awarded annually to the winner of the football competition between the three major service academies, for the fourth straight year.

The win also made Navy's senior class the first in team history to finish 8-0 -- yup, hoist that broom to the mast -- against Army and Air Force. This was a win that would be savored from the ol' gridiron to "Old Ironsides."

"It's hard to explain unless you're doing it," said Navy senior co-captain Rob Caldwell. "I'm excited for all the seniors to go out and say we could do this."

Trying to force at least a share of the CIC trophy for the first time since 1996, the Black Knights (3-9) instead ended the season on a six-game losing streak under coach Bobby Ross. Jeremy Trimble ran for a touchdown and tight end Tim Dunn caught a TD pass with 2 seconds left.

Navy needed little production from quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada -- he didn't complete his first pass until 10 seconds left in the third period -- to win their fourth straight game. Next for the Midshipmen is the Meineke Bowl against an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference on Dec. 30.

Navy, though, will play without leading rusher Adam Ballard after he broke his right leg in the first quarter. Ballard finished with 792 yards rushing this season and three TDs.

This might be the only regular-season game for any Division I team where a win means more than any bowl game ever could. With fighter jets roaring over Lincoln Financial Field before kickoff, and cadets and mids standing, bouncing and cheering the entire game, it was clear how much this patriotic rivalry means to both sides. Too bad Army hasn't had much chance to enjoy it of late.

Army had a chance to tie it late in the third quarter with a strong drive kept alive by a sensational diving, over-the-middle 16-yard catch by Walter Hill. Mike Viti's 10-yard run pushed the ball to the 18, but a couple of running plays went nowhere and Austin Miller missed a 34-yard field-goal attempt.

"It's been real frustrating the past four years," said Army senior co-captain Cameron Craig. "You put all your time and effort into this game right here. It's the pinnacle of our season. Now, I'll always reflect and try to guide the younger guys because we're done. It's over for us." ■

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<b>Last Week</b>	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	7-6
<b>Season</b>	96-73	105-64	99-70	105-64	102-67
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cleveland
Atlanta at Tampa Bay	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
Baltimore at Kansas City	Baltimore	Kansas City	Baltimore	Kansas City	Baltimore
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Jacksonville	Indianapolis
New England at Miami	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England
N.Y. Giants at Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants
Philadelphia at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Philadelphia
Tennessee at Houston	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Green Bay at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	Green Bay	San Francisco	San Francisco
Seattle at Arizona	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Jets
Denver at San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego
New Orleans at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	New Orleans

# Army defense impenetrable



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

**By Army Spc. Phil Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Joint Task Force female football team as well as their JTF Army male counterparts showed impenetrable defenses and explosive offenses in the annual Army versus Navy flag football games at Cooper Field Friday night.

Both games were edge-of-your-seat thrillers, with a capacity crowd of both Army and Navy fans showing their support.

The first game pitted JTF, consisting of both Navy and Army personnel of the JTF, against NAVSTA, consisting of females from various jobs at Naval Station Guantanamo.

NAVSTA quarterback Audrey Chapman led the opening drive from the 20 yard line, taking it only 15 yards down field before Mildred Conston, made a beautiful one handed interception.

JTF struck first in the third quarter with quarterback Christie Halloway leading the drive and capping it with

a 10 yard touchdown run. However, the JTF failed to score the extra point, bringing the score to 6-0.

The third quarter ended much like the first, with Conston making yet another one-handed interception and taking the ball downfield to the five yard line, taking JTF into the fourth quarter with unbeatable field position.

The JTF scored once again with a 5-yard touchdown pass by Halloway on a screen pass to the running back Renee Poston. A successful extra point conversion brought the score to 13-0. NAVSTA's hopes of mounting a comeback were dashed when Conston, yet again, intercepted another Chapman pass, sealing the game for the JTF.

The second game pitted the "tank-like" Army male defense against the armor piercing offense of the Navy men's team.

Quarterback Rich Bendelewski led Army downfield in the opening drive, only to be stopped midfield by a timely interception by Navy defensive back Frederick Favors.

It would be his first of three interceptions of the game.

Navy took possession of the ball at midfield. Navy quarterback Kevin Brooks showed his "Michael Vick-like" explosiveness in the open field, frustrating the Army defense with a 35-yard run for the goal line, bringing Navy within five yards of the goal line. But Army showed the depth of their mettle by stopping Navy short and forcing a turnover, a common occurrence by both teams throughout the game.

With both offenses being stunted by each other's defense, it seemed fitting that the only touchdown of the game was a defensive one. With Navy encroaching within five yards of Army's goal line, it seemed Navy was on the verge of sealing a fourth quarter victory. On third down Brooks fired a bullet to an end zone bound receiver, only to be picked off at the goal line by defensive back Eric Montgomery which he returned 99 yards for a touchdown. The failed extra point afterward brought the score to 6-0.

With little more than five minutes to go in the fourth quarter, Navy took possession of the ball, bringing the ball to Army's goal line yet again, but failing to strike back with another touchdown.

With less than three minutes to go Army began running the ball, taking precious minutes off the clock, but on third down, Bendelewski opted for a deep throw to a receiver with Favors on man-to-man coverage, resulting in Favors' third interception. With the clock winding down to the final two minutes of the game the Navy offense took the field in great field position. Navy marched downfield, led by the explosive running of Navy quarterback Brooks. But the effort was to no avail, Navy failed to score and Army won 6-0. ■

# WINTER WATER



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Photo by Army Lt. Col. Lora Tucker

# WATER SPORTS



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Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

# Avoiding holiday blues

By Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mary Vieten

JSMARTS Officer in Charge

'Tis the season to be jolly,' right? For many people the winter holiday season is happy and fun-filled. Others experience an increase in stress and or a depressed mood instead of holiday cheer. We are less motivated to exercise. Holiday cooking tends to mean more sugar and fat in our diet, which makes us feel a bit sluggish.

In addition to these lifestyle changes, the holidays also bring on a

barrage of expectations, particularly from the media. The media, commercials, film, advertisers and everyone out to make a buck, raise our expectations about what it means to have a merry Christmas. We see the holiday portrayed as romantic, magical and expensive. Everyone looks great and behaves perfectly.

Of course, high expectations move merchandise, because for your holiday to measure up you will have to buy the products and services they recommend. One would think that

all you need for a perfect holiday is good credit. Often all our shopping and planning leaves us is empty, disappointed and depressed.

So, with all of this in mind, how do you avoid the holiday blues? As always, start with a big dose of exercise and good nutrition. But what do you do about the depression you feel because your expectations aren't being met? The answer, I believe, can be found in Sprague's Law. Sprague's Law is a mathematical proposition that satisfaction is a function of reality divided by expectation ( $S=R/E$ ).

Sprague taught that in order to increase satisfaction, either reality would have to increase while expectation remained constant, or expectation would have to decrease while reality remained constant.

Advertisers and merchandisers would like you to focus on improving your reality, but this is a trap. Sprague invites us to consider adjusting or lowering our expectations as a means to increasing our satisfaction.

How do you adjust your expectations for the holidays? Here are a couple of suggestions.

Take your focus off of merchandise and focus instead on spending quality time with family and enjoying religious observances. Help a charity or give gifts secretly. Instead of competing to give the best and most expensive gift to someone who doesn't need it, donate to a charity in someone else's name.

Don't link holidays with romance and perfect behavior. Never let a Christmas go by without watching the old Jimmy Stewart movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." It's full of important reminders. If you are able to change your expectations, I guarantee you won't be disappointed in the result. You will be far more satisfied with your holiday experience. ■



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

# Updated leave policy for JTF Troopers

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Troopers assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo for at least one year will now be able to reserve a free roundtrip flight from GTMO to Jacksonville, FL or Norfolk, VA.

The Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Program was approved after officials from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) visited to survey and inspect conditions of the deployed Joint Task Force Trooper. The new policy also allows for two travel days not charged towards a Trooper's leave. However, the R&R Program is not retro-active.



Ask your respective S1 or N1 for assistance in filling out the proper paperwork as well.

"In order to use the new leave policy, Troopers will start by getting a leave control number from either

the Joint Personnel Service Center or their N1 or S1 office," explained Air Force Capt. Jason Miller, the officer in charge of the JPSC. "They will also need to sign a memorandum stating that they understand that this is a once a year privilege, as well as annotate their leave form remarks section saying this is in conjunction with the JTF-GTMO R&R Program. The JPSC will then guide the Trooper, through coordination with the J8, to get the funds cited for the rotator flight and with the J4 to book the flight."

A standard operating procedure is currently being written so that each step of the process will be outlined, said Army Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Milbut, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the J1 here.

"The biggest thing is to make sure you're eligible," said Milbut. "Basically, the only criteria is you have to be a Trooper assigned to JTF-GTMO for at least 365 days."

Taking the steps to verify that you are eligible provides accountability for the JTF and

J1.

The JTF has to have a system of accountability in place so that there is no double-dipping within the system, since the policy is only good towards one leave period and Troopers usually have two leave periods during their deployment, said Milbut.

The new leave policy is sure to be an excellent benefit for the JTF Trooper and many have already taken advantage of it.

"I got back from leave just after the new policy was approved and there were several Troopers already asking about it on my first day returning to work," said Milbut.

If you have an R&R opportunity and haven't already used this new policy, be sure to get in contact with your S1 or N1 and plan now so that you can take full advantage of your benefits. ■

## Catlin House dedication



Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo commanding officer, and Navy Capt. Mark Leary, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay commanding officer, stand in front of Harris' residence to unveil the plaque of Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Albertus W. Catlin, Medal of Honor recipient, on his 138th birthday, Dec. 1. Catlin fought in the Spanish American War and World War I. While serving in Cuba in 1911, he commanded a battalion of the first Marines at Guantanamo Bay. Catlin died in 1933.

The house is named after and dedicated to Catlin.

# GTMO fraternization policy

By Army Capt. Adam Mellor

Chief of Military Justice

Fraternization is an issue of concern for the military in general and more specifically here in the Joint Task Force. Within the JTF, we have members from all services and each service has set forth different policies defining fraternization. The JTF has a consolidated policy on fraternization—JTF Policy No. 18. This policy brings together all of the services' regulations so as to create a policy that sets forth general guidelines that apply across the services.

Why should fraternization be of any concern? The environment here at GTMO is isolated, similar to a small fishbowl. Troopers of all ranks are limited to frequenting the same general areas. This means that respect for the rank structure is even more important than it is in the continental U.S. where things are usually more spread out. Good order and discipline erode when service members begin to perceive a relationship be-

tween two individuals of differing ranks as one involving favoritism or a lack of impartiality.

Within the task force, fraternization is defined as: any unduly familiar personal relationship between 1) an officer and an enlisted member; 2) a supervisor and subordinate, or 3) two individuals of greatly disparate ranks.

Other prohibited activities include gambling between officers and enlisted as well as between non-commissioned officers and junior enlisted. Gambling is also addressed in General Order #1.

Relationships that are coercive in nature or are for personal gain are also prohibited when they involve members of disparate ranks. The biggest and most obvious violation is when an officer and an enlisted engage in a romantic relationship. When a friendly working relationship between members of disparate ranks becomes a personal friendship, that relationship must be considered closely.

It is difficult to establish a clear line of rule on defining when a relationship

crosses boundaries of appropriateness. All services encourage good, healthy professional relationships within the ranks, but as a general rule if the relationship looks like fraternization, it probably is.

The fraternization policy is not meant to foster an atmosphere of paranoia, but instead to promote a conscious understanding of the military rank structure and to insure that a service member's protections are not compromised.

Always remember to look to your right and to your left and to square away your battle buddy or shipmate. If you notice a relationship looks as though it may be approaching the limits of fraternization, mention it to the involved parties. Help preserve the good order and discipline of JTF-GTMO.

If in doubt, specific information may be found by consulting with your chain of command, or by reviewing JTF policy #18, Army Regulation 600-20, Chapter 4, Air Force Instruction 36-2909, OPNAV Instruction 5370.2B, Marine Corps Manual 1100.4 or Coast Guard Personnel Manual, COMDINST 1000.6A. ■

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

### Saturday, Dec. 9

Scattered showers. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the low 70's.



Scattered Showers

Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.

Sunset: 5:22 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%

### Sunday, Dec. 10

Scattered showers. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the low 70's.



Scattered Showers

Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.

Sunset: 5:22 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%

### Monday, Dec. 11

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80's, and lows in the low 70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.

Sunset: 5:23 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%



# GTMO Movie Review Corner

with Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen's review of: **"Casino Royale"**

"Casino Royale" is different from all the other James Bond movies before it. It was the first of Ian Fleming's James Bond books and it tells the story of how he came to be "007".

The reason this movie was so different from the others is ... well, it was a serious movie. Before this movie, the James Bond series was headed down the route of the Batman movies. They would get worse and worse until someone came along and breathed life into the series like with "Batman Begins."

I have seen Bond do things in this movie I've never seen him do. One of them is showing emotion, and the other is having an awesome fight scene. The Bond character seemed like a real person and the action sequences were visually stunning without becoming cartoonish.

I can say with confidence that "Casino Royale" is the best Bond movie I've ever seen. I give it all five stars and recommend it to anyone who likes action and espionage, or just likes good movies. ■

**Rated: PG-13**  
**Duration: 144 minutes**

**- Casino Royale -**  
**Rating: ★★★★★**

## Boots on the Ground:

"How has being at GTMO changed you?"



**"Professionally, it has made me an independent psychiatric technician."**

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Quinton Harris, JSMARTS



**"It has taught me to appreciate the things that we take for granted, like my family, my car and my own space."**

-Army Staff Sgt. Angel Gaillard, 525 MP BN



**"It has given me better experience to support the Troopers."**

-Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Stanley Robinson, JTF Post Office



**"It's made me appreciate what I've got back home even more."**

-Army Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Milbut, J-1

# CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Compiled by Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

## The Date of Christmas

The idea to celebrate Christmas on December 25 originated in the 4th century. The Catholic Church wanted to eclipse the festivities of a rival pagan religion that threatened Christianity's existence.

The Romans celebrated the birthday of their sun god, Mithras during this time of year. Although it was not popular, or even proper, to celebrate people's birthdays in those times, church leaders decided that in order to compete with the pagan celebration they would themselves order a festival in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Although the actual season of Jesus' birth is thought to be in the spring, the date of December 25 was chosen as the official birthday celebration as Christ's Mass so that it would compete head on with the rival pagan celebration.

Christmas was slow to catch on in America. The early colonists considered it a pagan ritual. The celebration of Christmas was even banned by law in Massachusetts in colonial days.

## Mistletoe and Holly

Two hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Druids used mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. They would gather this evergreen plant that is parasitic upon other trees and used it to decorate their homes. They believed the plant had special healing powers for everything from female infertility to poison ingestion.

Scandinavians also thought of mistletoe as a plant of peace and harmony. They associated mistletoe with their goddess of love, Frigga. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe probably derived from this belief.

The early church banned the use of mistletoe in Christmas celebrations because of its pagan origins. Instead, church fathers suggested the use of holly as an appropriate substitute for Christmas greenery.

## The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 16th century. It was common for the Germanic people to decorate fir trees, both inside and out, with roses, apples, and colored paper.

It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, was the first to light a Christmas tree with candles. While coming home one dark winter's night near Christmas, he was struck with the beauty of the starlight shining through the branches of a small fir tree outside his home. He duplicated the starlight by using candles attached to the branches of his indoor Christmas tree.

The Christmas tree was not widely used in Britain

until the 19th century. It was brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans in the 1820's.

## Santa Claus

The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was born in Turkey in the 4th century. He was very pious from an early age, devoting his life to Christianity. He became widely known for his generosity to the poor. But the Romans held him in contempt.

He was imprisoned and tortured. When Constantine became emperor of Rome, he allowed Nicholas to go free. Constantine became a Christian and convened the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Nicholas was a delegate to the council.

He is especially noted for his love of children and for his generosity. He is the patron saint of sailors, Sicily, Greece, and Russia. He is also, of course, the patron saint of children.

The Dutch kept the legend of St. Nicholas alive. In 16th century Holland, Dutch children would place their wooden shoes by the hearth in hopes that they would be filled with a treat. The Dutch spelled St. Nicholas as Sint Nikolaas, which became corrupted to Sinterklaas, and finally, in Anglican, to Santa Claus.

In 1822, Clement C. Moore composed his famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nick," which was later published as "The Night Before Christmas." Moore is credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as a jolly fat man in a red suit.

The source of this article is <http://wilstar.com/xmas>. ■

## CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<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	
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel	
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13	
	<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
<b>Mon. to Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main 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>	4:15 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.*

# 15:00 Minutes of Fame

## ARMY PFC. MIKE MORRIS



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

Defending the nation at home as an EMTI and overseas as a Trooper assigned to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Army Pfc. Mike Morris of the Maryland Army National Guard, dedicates his life to serving those in need.

**By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Our tale begins in the wake of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Army Pfc. Mike Morris, a J4 contracting assistant, then a civilian firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate (EMTI), together with a group of volunteers from Maryland, drove to New York to lend a hand with the rescue and clean up efforts.

“I was talking to some National Guardsmen saying ‘if I was in their boots, I’d do this or that,’” said Morris. “After listening to me for a bit, one of them turned to me and said, ‘don’t you think it’s time to fill those boots?’”

And it was. Morris joined the Maryland National Guard as an infantryman.

“People ask me why I didn’t

come in as a medic. I wanted to learn a different skill; do something different,” Morris said.

He hopes to one day work for the police as a medic using the skills he’s learned in the infantry, he said.

Morris has been at Guantanamo Bay since the spring of 2006 and is trying to extend his deployment here.

“The mission here isn’t complete; I just want to see it through to the end,” explained Morris.

This is his first deployment and it has been a real eye-opener, he said.

“There’s a lot of diversity here. The hardest part was learning other services’ ranks. When I first got here I saluted a Navy E-4,” he added with a laugh.

His military career started after Sept. 11, but his firefighting

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career was sparked at an early age.

“My uncle was a fireman. He took me to the station when I was a kid. The smell of the fire and the diesel fuel, it just gets into you,” Morris said.

It’s not just a job to Morris, it’s satisfying work, he said.

“I don’t do it for the money. You can’t put a price tag on someone; you just save them,” Morris said.

“I had a son on Valentines day,” he said. “I want to leave a legacy for him. Someday when I lay the nozzle down, hopefully he’ll pick it up and drive on with it.” ■

### 15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Army Staff Sgt. Vince Oliver at ext. 3593.



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

Friendly rivalries were apparent while driving around GTMO last week prior to the Army Navy Football game, like this rear windshield spotted Friday afternoon.

# AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

► Singer Carly Goodwin performs her original music at Club Survivor Monday night.

◀ Army Sgt. Philip J. Smell performs preventive maintenance on his truck in Camp America.

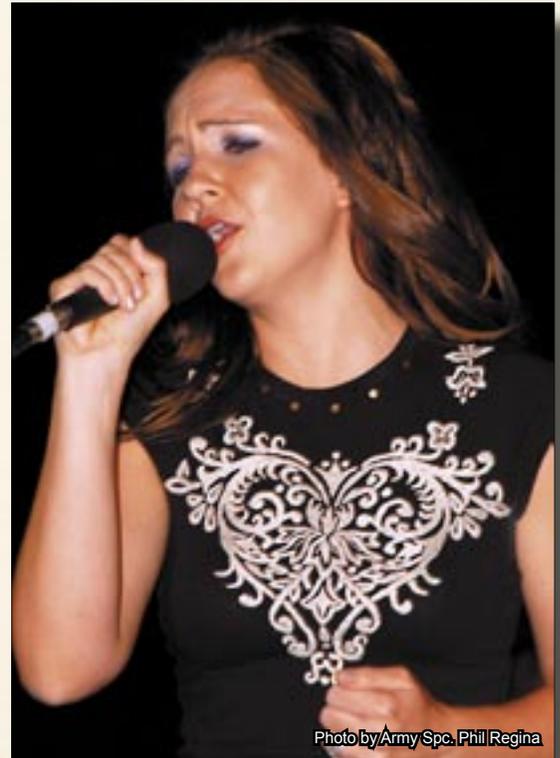


Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina



Photo by Army Lt. Anthony John

Participants keep a steady pace and strive for the finish line as they run the designated route in the GTMO Marathon Saturday.



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

Troopers of the 525th Military Police Battalion post their unit guidons at a tree-lighting ceremony at Tierra Kay Housing Friday.