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Become a better coach and mentor

By Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer William Conley

NEGB Command Master Chief

The ultimate weapon in coaching may be your own on-the-job behavior. Your subordinates are watching you. They observe how you communicate, delegate and handle your time. Set standards for yourself that you would want your personnel to adopt on and off duty.

We have a very high turnover of personnel and very few opportunities to develop their careers. The required scheduled meetings are periodic counseling and career development boards, but the casual unscheduled conversations may be the best opportunity to coach and mentor.

One common mistake is dominating the conversation. The coachee must have an opportunity to talk. Getting subordinates to talk won't do much good if you monopolize the conversation and fail to listen. Learn to listen to the person's voice, use of words, emotions behind the speech. Listen to the actual question and let them finish their statements without being interrupted.

Personnel respond when you demonstrate genuine concern for their well-being and success. We need to prepare them for future positions and advancement. If we coach and mentor correctly our protégé should be performing at the next higher pay grade before they are selected.

Create the right climate when coaching and mentoring. Allocate time; too short they feel buttons are being punched,



too long could result in sea stories and the session losing direction. Pay attention, listen and don't talk too much. Never lose control of your emotions. Take notes, show interest, schedule a follow up. Feedback will establish mutual trust.

A mentor is a role model. Your subordinates and peers learn as much, if not more, from observing their mentor than from what their mentor tells them. If you are a mentor remember that what you do will make a greater impression than what you say. Any inconsistencies between your actions and your advice will send mixed signals and create confusion and loss of respect.

A good coach and mentor tries constantly to improve themselves. By making improvements your actions will speak louder than words.

Set the example on and off duty.

Listen.

Build confidence for increased responsibility.

Create a climate for coaching and mentoring. ■

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MANY TROOPERS' THOUGHTS ARE FAR AWAY ON *Valentine's Day*

By Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Navy Exchange has red heart-shaped boxes of candy along with small teddy bears proclaiming their affection for some lucky recipient.

Hopefully there's still some leftover spending cash in the bank for the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Trooper with a special someone back home, because Valentine's Day, the hallmark holiday with its extravagant expectations, has come again.

The Valentine's Day traditions, as with many contemporary holidays, have their origins in Roman times when the newly emerging Christian faith adopted many older festivals and celebrations and integrated them with their own traditions.

Today, Valentine's Day is associated with the giving of chocolates, greeting cards and flowers. For many of the Troopers assigned to JTF-GTMO, it's another special occasion being spent with brothers in arms rather than the arms of loved ones. But despite the challenges of being deployed overseas, there are still things that Troopers can do to feel connected to loved ones back home.

As with the holiday trifecta of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, it is important to stay in contact with loved ones on Valentine's Day and to keep the lines of communication open. If you are sending cards or packages back home or expecting something from home, mail service should take no longer than usual to get on or off island in comparison to the holiday rush of a few weeks ago.

Regardless of how Troopers wish to observe (or not observe) the day most associated with love, it is important to remember that the safety and welfare of all Troopers is at the forefront of their minds. ■



Valentine's Day, a day that began as a celebration of fertility by pre-Christian Europeans, has come to be represented as a day of love and romance. A Valentine's Day postcard from 1910 (above) is an early example of the tradition of sending greeting cards to observe the occasion.

Black History Month's origins

By Army Sgt. Ivey Hodges

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied- or even documented-when the tradition originated.

Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

America attributes the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr.

Carter G. Woodson. Woodson, a noted scholar and man known always as one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the month of February because it marks many significant events in Black History. As time has passed, it has meant for many other milestones in Black History such as the passing of the 15th Amendment (granting African American men the right to vote) the inception of the NAACP and the birth of Malcolm X. ■



Photo courtesy wyculture.org

Dr. Carter G. Woodson is credited as the man who chose February to commemorate black history month and brought the history of blacks in America into the public consciousness.

Security bulletin: Security tripwires

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Protection of classified information is paramount. Loss or exposure of classified materials and information requires immediate reporting, investigation and submission of damage assessment.

Security infractions fall into three basic types: One involves the compromise or possible compromise of classified information. The second involves a violation of security regulations, but does not involve a compromise. The third is a practice dangerous to security (PDS).

Compromise is the disclosure of classified information to a person who is not authorized to access that information. The unauthorized disclosure may have occurred knowingly, willfully, or through negligence. Conclusive evidence that classified information has been disclosed to an unauthorized person confirms the existence of a compromise. If you discover a compromise of classified material, regain custody of the material, if possible, and give it the proper protection. Then notify the J2, who may begin an investigation independent of

command inquiries.

Violations of security regulations result from any failure, either intentional or unintentional, to safeguard classified information. Security violations result from inattention, apathy, fatigue, or ignorance of established regulations. All security violations are reported to the J2 and may result in the loss of access to classified information and further disciplinary action.

Practice Dangerous to Security (PDS) – Although not security violations in and of themselves, PDS are poor security practices that may have a negative effect on security. The term practice hazardous to security (PHS) is used synonymously. PDS Examples: a courier carrying classified documents and stopping en route at a public establishment to conduct personal business; improperly marked burn bags; improperly marked documents with classification markings and downgrading instructions.

Joint Task Force personnel are required to immediately report security incidents involving classified information as well as improper security procedures. Failure to do so is, in itself, a security violation.

Mission first, security always! ■

Issues of Navy Individual Augmentees addressed at all-hands meeting

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

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) visited both Naval Station and Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Tuesday. He held an all-hands town hall meeting at the Windjammer Club where he answered questions from both Naval Station and JTF-GTMO Sailors who are on PCS orders or serving as Individual Augmentees (IAs).

Navy Rear Adm. Edward "Sonny" Masso toured JTF facilities and sat down to lunch with Troopers before speaking to all Navy personnel at GTMO in

his town hall meeting.

Masso said he tries to visit all IA sites. "I spoke to Sailors in Gulfport and I thought it was important to come here," he said. "The Sailors serving as Individual Augmentees here have really impressed me."

GTMO IAs closely compare to those in Iraq and Afghanistan, both groups have a real heart for the mission, said Masso. "They're doing a phenomenal job."

He spoke to Sailors about some of the rumors and problems that Task Force IA is trying to fix. "We have to fight the urban legends of 'I'm gonna be sent with no notice.' The new rules require at least 30 days notice. In some cases, we're averaging 80 days notice. Notice means 'orders

in-hand," assured Masso.

"The number of reserve vs. active IAs has balanced out to about 50/50 and I'm not expecting that to change," he added.

Masso expressed his overall impression of the JTF IAs, saying "You are the most professional we've ever had in this kind of operation. We're making sure you're getting your incentives."

"You're leadership is excellent here. Mission accomplishment is unprecedented. Even with the budgetary concerns, they've taken good care of your quality-of-life," Masso said.

"I haven't been prouder of anyone in my life than you," he said. ■

Network News

Recognizing Phishing Attempts

By Air Force 1st Lt. Jim Northamer

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office

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 or x3333. ■

Colts stampede Bears for the win

By Army Staff Sgt. Vince Oliver

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Indianapolis Colts' 29-17 win over the Chicago Bears in Sunday's Super Bowl XLI was reason enough for the city of Indianapolis to welcome its gridiron heroes back with open arms. But this Super Bowl was particularly special for a few reasons. The most notable being that it showcased two of the most talented head coaches in the game today; Colts head coach Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears.

Besides the fact that they

both coached their teams through equally difficult schedules in the regular season, they also both hold the distinction of being the first African-American head coaches to coach teams in the Super Bowl. Ironically the game's date fell within the month of February, a time when we as a nation celebrate Black History Month.

All of that aside, this Super Bowl showcased two master tacticians, Dungy and Smith, at work, battling it out in the gridiron's most important game of the year. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning led his team

with 25 of 38 passes for a total of 247 total passing yards, despite a 92-yard return for a touchdown on the opening kickoff by Bears return sensation Devin Hester.

"Peyton is a tremendous player, a great leader," Dungy said. "He prepares, he works, does everything you can do to win games and lead your team. If people think he needed to win a Super Bowl, that is just wrong. This guy is a Hall of Fame player and one of the greatest ever to play."

Both teams tried desperately to work the jitters out of their games as they shared three turnovers each in the first half. Famously steady Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri missed a short field goal, botching an extra point attempt in the first quarter.

Manning threw only one interception in the game despite playing in very rainy conditions, yet another Super Bowl first (rain). Bears quarterback Rex Grossman only threw one more interception than Manning did, however the second of the two was returned for a 56-yard touchdown by Colts defensive back Kelvin Hayden with only 11:44 remaining in the fourth quarter, sealing the Bears' fate.

"A frustrating loss," said Grossman. "There were definitely opportunities for us to take that game, and we didn't do it."

For many doubters, this win represented a confirmation that Manning was capable of winning the "big game" as well as coach Dungy's leadership.

"I just told Lovie how proud I was of the moment," said an ever humble Dungy. ■



Photo courtesy Associated Press

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning led his team to a 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears in Sunday's Super Bowl XLI game. The less-than-ideal weather conditions caused trouble for both teams, but the Colts were able to pull it together for the win.

Vigilant Warriors outlast International

By Army Spc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The 525 Vigilant Warriors walloped the International players 46-38 in Monday night's Morale Welfare and Recreation Basketball league game.

The Vigilant Warriors started off the game slowly, with the International Players scoring a quick 10 points in the first three minutes of the first half.

The Vigilant Warriors quickly fought back with two three-pointers from guard Joel Pruitt. Pruitt was the Vigilant Warriors' leading scorer, making three of five from the field. He ended the game responsible for 17 of the Vigilant Warriors' 46 points.

Although Pruitt's threes hit hard and fast, the Vigilant Warriors couldn't manage to take the lead. By the end of the first half the score stood Vigilant Warriors 15, International Players 18.

The Vigilant Warriors came into the second half invigorated. They pushed the pedal to the metal, showing their speed and vigor. The International Players could not keep up with the Vigilant Warriors' pace; quickly losing the lead they gained during the first half. By the middle of the second half the score was Vigilant Warriors 30, International Players 25.

In addition to the unstoppable Vigilant Warriors assault, the second half was also rife with International Players' fouls and penalties. With only five minutes left in the game, the referees called the International Players' 10th foul.

The International Players continued in their attempt to regain control of the game, but it was to no avail. The 525 Vigilant Warriors took the International Players to school, with a final score of 46 to 38. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

The 525 Vigilant Warriors take the win against the International players 46-38.

	Army Col. Dennis Plemmons Army Command Sgt Maj. Joint Detention Group	Army Maj. Pearson Robins Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joint Detention Group	Navy Cmdr. Winter Chief Conley Navy Command Master Joint Detention Group	Army Col. Tucker Army Sgt. Maj. Diaz Joint Task Force Public Affairs	Army Capt. Hughes Army 1st Sgt. Fitzgerald Headquarters, Headquarters Company
Previous Picks	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-1
Season	151-114	155-110	161-104	161-104	161-104
Pro Bowl February 10, 2007					
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GTMO EX ADVENTURE



XTREME CHALLENGE

PHOTOS BY ARMY STAFF SGT. VINCE OLIVER



New in town? Here's what's available

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Trevor Andersen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It's about that time. Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay Troopers will leave soon and other servicemembers will become JTF-GTMO Troopers. It can be an exciting event for everyone involved. The new Troopers may be excited to get here and jump into their new jobs while the Troopers at the end of their deployment are ready to go home and reconnect with the lives they enjoyed prior to deploying.

For the outgoing Troopers, it's important to fully implement the left seat/right seat ride and make sure the incoming Troopers know what they're doing.

For the incoming Troopers, besides learning their new job, it's

important to know there is more to do at GTMO than drinking and weightlifting. Because of our rich surroundings, water sports are very common and easy to get into. The things you've always wanted to try are at your fingertips now. GTMO has classes for nearly everything. Scuba, sailing, kayaking, snorkeling and fishing; if you like the water, you won't be bored here.

So what if you don't like the water? Fortunately, there's more than just water here. Morale, Welfare and Recreation has all sorts of programs and classes for land junkies. Basketball, baseball, soccer, football and even dodgeball teams compete year-round. If you need some help getting ready for your PT test, you might ask about a spinning or aerobics class at the gym.

Not everyone wants to spend

all their time working out. Some Troopers like to spend their time on more intellectual or artistic pursuits. They will be happy to know that GTMO's library has a wide selection of books, movies and audio books; not to mention computers with Internet access. They're open until nine in the evening seven days a week including holidays.

Also, there are plenty of places to pursue hobbies, including the auto hobby shop, the ceramics and wood working shops and various classes on other art hobbies.

There are so many things to do, there isn't room in *The Wire* to mention them all.

GTMO is secluded, but you don't have to live like you're on *Survivor* and there are better things to do than waste time drinking. Get out and find yourself an adventure and you will enjoy your time at GTMO. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

There are many activities available to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Troopers including snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, bowling, sailing, paintball and go-carts.

Trooper traditions of the Joint Task Force

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The United States military holds many traditions. Some are well indoctrinated and engrained.

Traditions are formed when an idea, story or activity is passed down from one generation to another. They can be legends, beliefs or ways of doing things.

Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay has started to develop its own set of traditions. You may have participated in a few yourself.

One well known GTMO tradition is “walking the plank.” In this tradition, an incoming unit relieving an outgoing unit will dress up in a silly costume and jump off the pier as the unit they’re relieving departs GTMO. Legend states that units who don’t perform this task will be jinxed during their tour.

Diving is a popular pastime for GTMO Troopers, and traditions have also evolved because of it. One popular diving tradition is to swim to the Kittery Beach buoy and hang off of its chain, being careful not to cross it; the buoy marks the end of GTMO waters and begins sovereign Cuban waters.

Some traditions are more personal, passed down on an individual basis. Army Lt. Col. Wally Scholl said the person she relieved told her to keep a jar and to start filling it up with sea shells. As the tour goes on, the jar should get full. Once the jar is full of seashells, then it is time to go home, but if you don’t fill the jar, then you don’t get to go home.

“It’s nearing the end of my tour here, and so far, my jar is nearly full of sea shells, but it still has a tiny bit of space to be filled,” confirmed Scholl.

Officers also have their own traditions. For example, during officer’s call, a meeting between all of the JTF-GTMO officers, there is a vote held for which officer will receive the

superior iguana award, and another vote for who will receive the pink iguana award. The superior iguana award is awarded to an officer who has done great things for the JTF, while the pink iguana is awarded, in good fun, to an officer who has done just the opposite.

Traditions are a valuable part of any organization. Some help to maintain ethics and discipline, and others help maintain a high morale. While here in GTMO, take the time to participate in these traditions, uncover other traditions or start completely new ones. Not only can they boost your morale, they can also give you memories that will last for a lifetime. ■

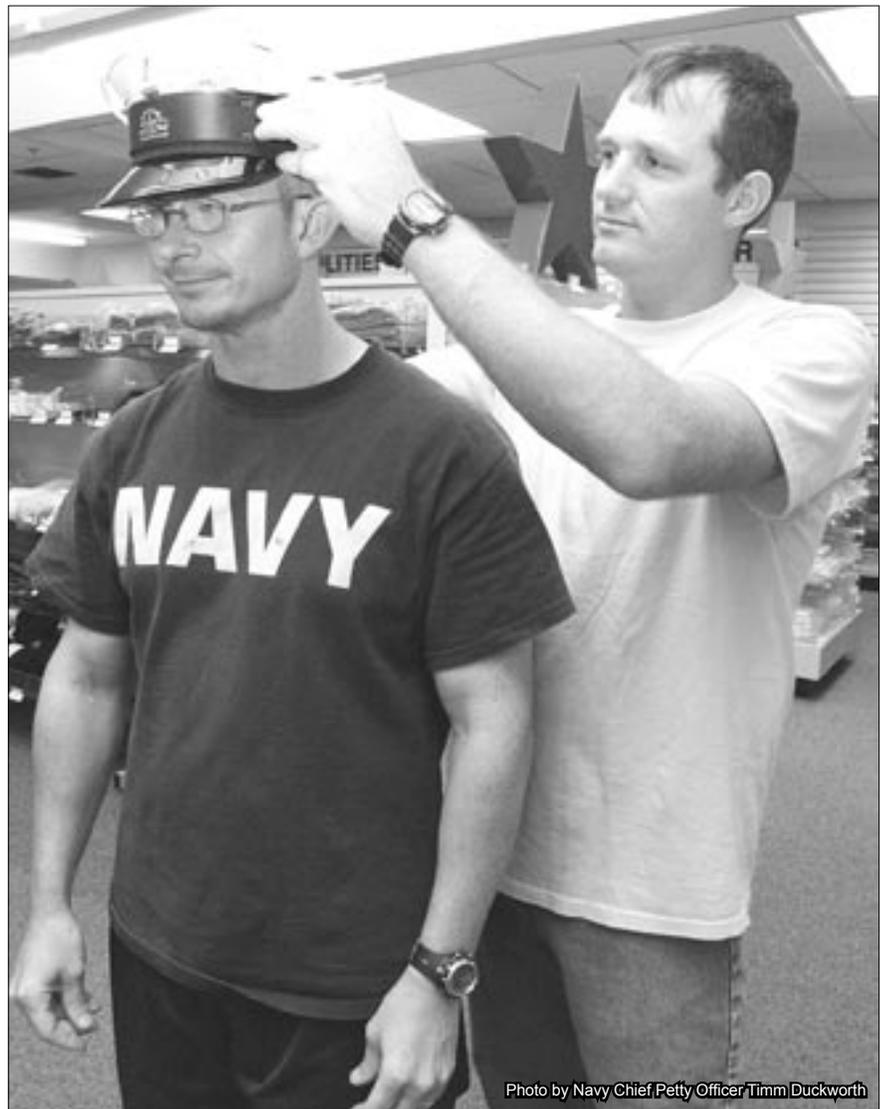


Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Timm Duckworth

Navy Chief Petty Officer James MacDonald receives the proper fitting for his cover under the guidance and assistance from his sponsor, Navy Chief Petty Officer Jerry Jerabek at the Navy Exchange as part of Chief’s initiation which is a time-honored tradition in the Navy.

Reunion Issue #8

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

Yours, mine and ours is not only a phrase that became the title of a movie, it describes a recommended practice during your post-deployment reunion. You can probably add many more items to the list, but for starters making supper, washing the dishes, food shopping, taking the trash out, doing the laundry, taking care of the pets, and cleaning the bathroom are some.

Who is responsible, your spouse, your children, your roommate or yourself? If you are single and live alone, the answer is an easy one for you. If you are married with children, it maybe a good idea to rethink and reassign who does certain tasks after you return home. You may even have family members tell you the new tasks they have taken over and how they want to continue doing them.

If you demand that everything goes back to the way it was before you left, you could meet with strong resistance and even have a major argument about a minor issue. Take time to discuss the changes in responsibility. It can be

difficult at first, but after awhile, you can find yourself enjoying the change. It's not about control, it's about cooperation.

Seek professional and sympathetic support if you are having a difficult time adjusting to your stateside life through your chaplain and family readiness and support programs and staff. ■

SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

This week's action item is:

Action Item #7 – If you are in a relationship, demand some private time with your partner

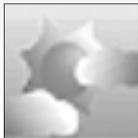
You may think “no one” needs to tell me about what, when, where, why and how I am going to reconnect with the woman or man that I love. And yet, too many people want too much of us at the same time. It is not being selfish to send the kids away to friends or family, or delay a welcome home party with your friends and family. Even if you are just home for leave, demand time to focus on the one you love. ■

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Feb. 10

Partly cloudy with overnight showers. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.

Sunset: 5:57 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Sunday, Feb. 11

Scattered showers throughout the day and night. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Scattered Showers

Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.

Sunset: 5:58 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%

Monday, Feb. 12

Partly cloudy with overnight showers. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.

Sunset: 5:58 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

This week's movie review of "Apocalypto" by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

A few years ago, if you had asked me what Mel Gibson was known for, I might have told you he was a great director and action star. In recent years, however, Gibson has transitioned from the traditional Hollywood action movie genre into making more non-traditional movies in obscure languages.

No one in Hollywood thought *The Passion of the Christ* would make any money, but after Gibson's Jesus movie broke box office records, Hollywood was ready to accept anything he made.

Apocalypto, Gibson's newest film, is about a peaceful Mayan tribe who is attacked by a group of warriors and taken to be sacrificed to the gods. One villager, Jaguar Paw, escapes and runs back to the village to rescue his wife and son while being chased by the villains.

The movie dragged along in some places, but overall, it was an enjoyable movie. As unlike a typical Hollywood movie as *Apocalypto* is, it's very much a typical action movie.

A guy gets captured but has to get back to his wife ... you've seen this plot before, but Gibson skillfully turned it into something fresh and innovative.

I give this movie three stars. It is very bloody and violent, so take that into account before you bring the kids. ■

- Apocalypto -
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Rated: R
Duration: 139 minutes

Boots on the Ground:

"Would you prefer *The Wire* in a printed or online only format?"



"Paper copies are better, scrolling on my computer gets on my nerves. I'd rather look at a paper."
 -Army Staff Sgt. Denise James



"I think it should be online only, we'd save some trees."
 -Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Fascio



"I like the paper version if I had to choose. People usually pick it up when they see it laying around at the barbershop or Galley."
 -Army Sgt. Jamie Innes



"I'd rather read it in a newspaper type of format."
 -Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Randolph Cothran

I'M IRRITATED AT 5 PEOPLE

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

There are a few types of people with whom I am constantly irritated. They have frustrated me for a long time and I am becoming increasingly agitated about the way they conduct themselves. I give them verbal and nonverbal reprimands by way of fussing at them and glaring at them. It doesn't seem to do any good. They don't seem to want to change, despite being shown and told the error of their ways. The five types are:

1. People who are rude.
2. People who don't show compassion to those in need of it.
3. People who are bitter and negative in their outlook on life.
4. People who are selfish and greedy without thinking of others first.
5. People who are arrogant. They look down on others who have less, maybe not outwardly but inwardly.

Do these five types of people irritate you, also? Do they frustrate you when you spot them? Well, are you willing to do something about it by joining my campaign? Let's think about what we can do. We could even have a contest to see who can suggest the best ways to defeat our common enemy.

But...suddenly it dawns on me about the five types. They can be easily spotted in how I sometimes, and too often do, conduct myself. I see the five types in me. Maybe we need to start this campaign with ourselves.

Jesus stated in the Sermon on The Mount, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Matthew 7: 3-5.

As many of us grow closer to greeting new Troopers who must learn our jobs as we prepare to return home to our families, humility and patience

is required from us. Ridicule and prejudice do not bring about learning and understanding.

"Lord, help me to judge in the mirror more than through a window pane into the world." AMEN. ■



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
	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
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Mon. to Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	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

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS CHARLES LOVELACE

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

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RECRUITING
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Telling someone about your past can be a hard thing to do, especially when your story isn't the most positive one. In many cases we choose to leave the negative aspects of our lives out and focus on the good that we've accomplished. However, it's not just the good that makes us who we are; it's also the bad experiences. We have to take into account the rough patches in our past because they are just as much of who we are today as are the good.

A perfect example of this is Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles Lovelace Jr. whose life was admittedly heading in the wrong direction before he stumbled upon the business card of a Navy recruiter.

While reminiscing on his younger years, the main word that comes to Lovelace's mind is "knucklehead." This is largely due to the fact that before he found the Navy, or before the Navy found him, Lovelace was getting close to trouble. But while this is a tiny facet of Lovelace's life, it is hardly the entirety.

"I mailed in a business reply card for the Navy, just so I could tell my mom I had done so and continue to live at home," said Lovelace. "I actually had no intentions of even joining the Navy."

As Lovelace would soon discover, things were just about to get interesting for him. The life he had been living was about to change . . . drastically.

"A recruiter came over and completely sold me on the Navy," said Lovelace.

Before long he was committing himself to a contract that would ensure he changed his ways.

"I knew that joining the military would set me on the right path and give the direction I needed," explained Lovelace. A week into boot camp he realized that the Navy was for him. He decided that the Navy would be his career and he didn't want to do anything else for the next 20 years.

"I really like the structure that the Navy gives me, it's pointed me in a successful direction," said Lovelace.

When Lovelace retires he will be 39 years-old. Along with a substantial amount of savings and a goal oriented frame of mind, he plans to start his own business.

"I'm going to be opening a barbershop/carwash somewhere in Florida. I love the idea of being near the beach and that's where I want to begin that leg of my journey," said Lovelace.

Our past shapes our present and a mistake is only truly a mistake if we learn nothing from it. We could all take a page out of Lovelace's book and remember who we were, because it's made us who we are. ■

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Spc. Phill Regina

Joint Task Force-Guantanamo commander Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris pins rank on Army Master Sgt. Jody Meyers in a promotion ceremony at Camp Delta Wednesday.



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

Army Sgt. Jamieson Pond, Army Sgt. Tamara Boyadjian and Army Sgt. Jaime Desrosiers of the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Public Affairs Office show the citations promoting them to their current rank.



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Mervin Eubanks (left) and Sam Scott (right) plant donated ferns outside Seaside Galley in an effort to beautify their piece of Camp America.



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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Guenther of the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Post Office receives the Joint Service Achievement Medal from Army Lt. Col Elvia Gaines-Edmond in an awards ceremony at the Camp America Post Office Thursday.