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# To the Troopers of JTF-GTMO, fair winds and following seas

By Army Brig. Gen.  
Edward Leacock

JTF-GTMO Deputy Commander

On behalf of the Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Division, I would like to say "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to the men and women of Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This has been an experience of a lifetime and we take with us not only the professional experience of working in a Joint Task Force but also new friendships and memories that will last throughout our lives.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank our families, friends and employers back in Maryland who have been our strength and support throughout this year. Thank you for being there for us!

After a year at GTMO, I have the honor to take the headquarters element of the 3rd Brigade, 29th Infantry Division back to Maryland. I would also like to say "good luck" to my new best-friend and my replacement Brig. Gen. Cameron Crawford the new Deputy Commander of JTF-GTMO and to the Puerto Rico National Guard who is falling in as our replacement.

I would like each of you to remember that we are a combination of Active, Guard and Reserve Troopers integrated into one cohesive force with each Trooper and each service providing a unique capability to the JTF. This synergy of capabilities is the cornerstone for an



effective and efficient task force. This, coupled with the many civilians from the inter-agency organizations and contractors, enables the Task Force to be second to none in this nation's efforts to thwart terrorist's attacks.

I challenge our replacements, all leaders, officers and non-commissioned officers to seek out new opportunities or processes that could be modified or implemented. Identifying these new opportunities or processes and bringing them up through your chain of command will continue to make the JTF work place and living conditions better for those now here and those who follow on behind you.

You are well trained and well equipped to complete this mission. Continue to serve this great nation and to protect our loved ones from the threat of terrorism. Honor Bound. ■

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# Live happily: A ROOMMATE SURVIVAL GUIDE

JTF-GTMO's unofficial  
manual for harmonious  
rommate relations

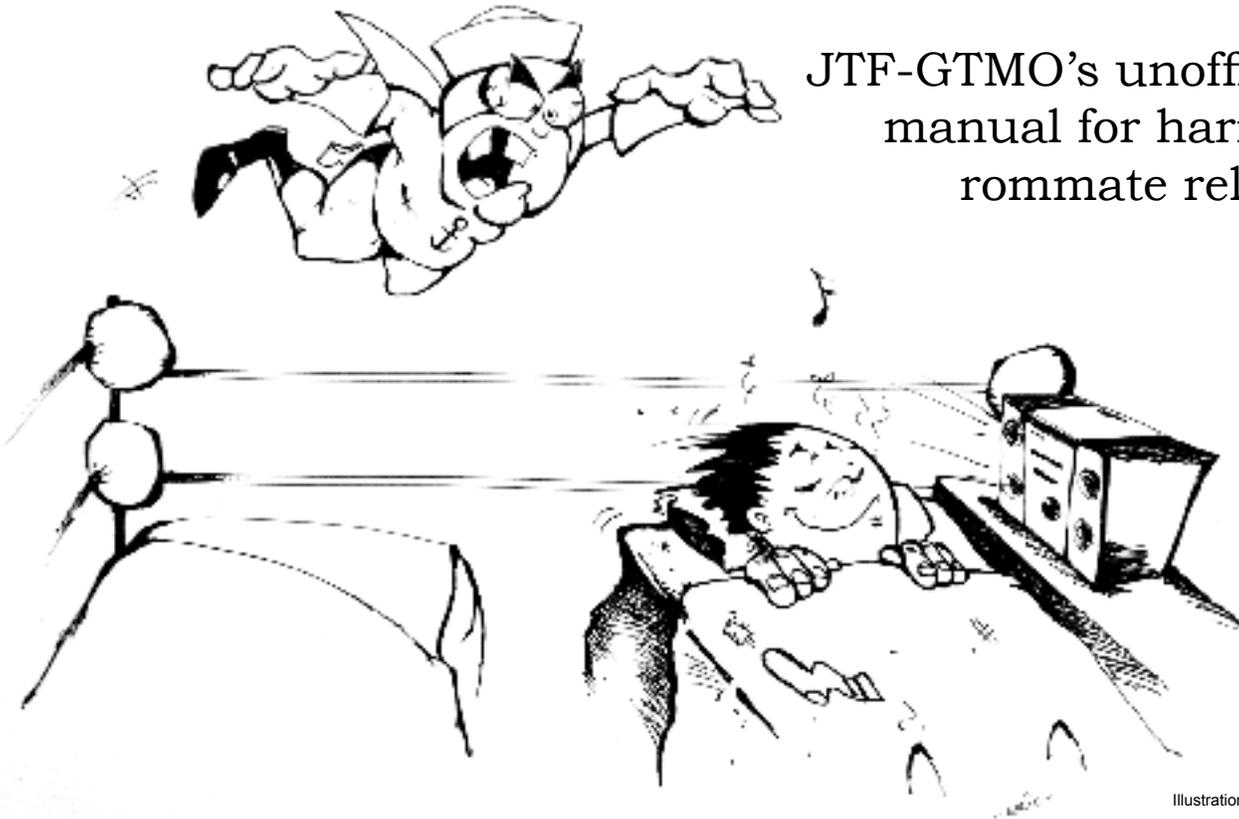


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**By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Sharing cramped quarters with other Troopers can bring either a sense of camaraderie or major stress. For roommates, it's up to the individual to decide which end of the spectrum they will encounter during the deployment.

You don't have to be tuned into Armed Forces Network long before you see a commercial explaining the importance of being a good roommate. A good relationship with your roommates is an integral part in keeping your overall stress level down. You need a good environment you can unwind in after a long and hard day's work. Coming home from a stressful day at work, just to meet more stress can make for a very difficult situation.

To help you find the path to harmonious roommate relations, *The Wire* has compiled some tips from veteran roommates of JTF-Guantanamo.

A great way of dealing with a roommate is first to get to know them, said Army Spc. Jacob Billet, a former resident of Camp America as part of the 1/18 Cavalry Regiment.

Most irritations with your roommate come from a lack of understanding, explained Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Flores, the former non-commissioned officer in charge of

Morale, Welfare and Recreation here. Communication is key when it comes to surviving your roommates.

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

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

When it comes down to it, one of the best ways to stay stress free when dealing with your roommates is to have some alone time away from them, said Army Sgt. Allen Epley, now a civilian contractor with the JTF, but served as a Trooper here during the last iteration. Sometimes it is better to just leave the room than to stay and possibly get into an argument, said Epley. No matter how many other techniques you try, having time away from them will be one of the most helpful.

Like it or not, roommates are unavoidable. There will always be things you cannot control, but ultimately, if you show mutual respect to your roommates, things work out just fine. ■

# Know your ITO, let the work flow

**By Air Force Capt. Chris Kadala**

JTF-GTMO/J-6 Future Ops OIC

Every JTF-GTMO directorate has an ITO, or Information Technology Officer. These heroic individuals, in addition to their normal day-to-day duties, are the liaison between their unit and the J6 for all information technology (IT) issues.

Why are ITOs important and why should you know your ITO? These men and women are the first line of support for all IT-related issues, to you, the end-user. Around the JTF, we rely heavily on IT equipment to perform our duties.

We cannot effectively accomplish our mission without our computers, printers, monitors, telephones, and the numerous software applications and networks on which they run. The ITO program provides prompt response and resolution to your

directorates' IT problems. The ITO informs the J6 Help Desk of IT related issues and requests so the J6 can document, track and act upon them in a timely manner.

Some items your ITO can help you with include:

- Issues with the network, e.g. access to shared drives; connectivity to shared printers
- Issues with software applications, e.g. email
- Requests for new, upgraded or additional hardware and software, based on mission needs
- Requests to relocate or remove IT equipment

Knowing your ITO will

facilitate having your computer support needs satisfied.

For an updated JTF-GTMO ITO roster, please click on the "ITO/Director Roster" link found on the JTF-GTMO intranet at: [http://intranet/J\\_Staff/J6/index.htm](http://intranet/J_Staff/J6/index.htm). ■



## Security bulletin: Foreign Travel

**By Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

As a U.S. traveler, you may be the target of a foreign intelligence service seeking to overtly or covertly collect U.S. technological and proprietary information. All unofficial foreign travel has to be reported to the Joint Task Force J2 security section.

Before unofficial foreign travel the following steps should be taken: Have a valid and appropriate passport, attend pre-departure briefings if required, make copies of important documents e.g. airline tickets, driver's licenses, passports, medical information, and credit cards.

Methods used by foreign intelligence services to obtain information from US travelers include:

**Elicitation** – An effort in which a seemingly normal conversation is contrived to extract information about individuals, their work, and their colleagues.

**Eavesdropping** – Gathering information in social environments by listening in on private conversations.

**Bag Operations** – Efforts to steal, photograph, or photocopy documents, magnetic media, or laptop computers. This could occur in your hotel room, in an airport, in a conference room, or in any other situation where the opportunity presents itself and your materials are vulnerable.

**Electronic Interception** – Use of devices to electronically monitor an individual's use of modern telecommunications, office, hotel, portable telephones, faxes and computers.

**Technical Eavesdropping** – Use of audio and visual devices, usually concealed in hotel rooms, restaurants, offices, cars, or airplanes.

If taking an unclassified computer to a foreign country, ensure there is no sensitive or proprietary information stored on the computer. Upon completion of your unofficial foreign travel report any questionable events to a representative of the security department. If you were approached during foreign travel and asked for information that made you suspicious, please advise the head of the security division immediately.

Mission first, security always. ■

# A new chaplain in the pulpit spreads the word

By Army Spc. Bryan Carter

JTF-GTMO Personnel Office

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"* (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.).

All of us can agree that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man. But what gave Dr. King the wisdom, passion, and ability to achieve so much? And do we all have to be so great to be good?

If you want to know a man, look to his role models and look to his actions – where he stores his treasure his heart will be also (Matthew 6:21). Dr. King spent his life preaching and praying to Immanuel, "God with us," also known in Hebrew as Yeshua (yeh-shoo-ah), or more simply in English as Jesus. Beyond preaching and praying, Dr. King acted in accordance with his faith. He dove into the Civil Rights movement with his Lord at his side and attempted to bridge the divide between white and black, pacifist and activist, and apathy and belligerence to make a better world for all. We may better know and honor Dr. King by remembering he was a man of God and

that he acted to make possible his dream that people should not be judged by the color of their skin.

There is another way we can know and honor Dr. King. We can focus our lives on helping others. We can learn about God and help others find Him. We can act to make a better world for all by "squaring away" our little corners. "Great" is not something the world decides, for time will erode all earthly greatness, but rather something God decides. Be an example for others. Live for Him and you'll be not only great but also good.

Everything happens for a reason but the significance of an event is rarely made clear until later. Dr. King likely could not see the importance of his letter from Birmingham jail when he wrote it. Similarly most of us will not see the treasures here at Guantanamo Bay until we are gone. In the spirit of Black History Month and for the example he sets, I'd like to mention one such treasure: his name is Joseph Evans.

Chaplain Evans is a firebrand behind the pulpit. During his sermons, what starts as a tiny spark of biblical wisdom sets ablaze a mighty conflagration. Even the more reserved among the

congregation, like myself, are moved by his passion. God gives us gifts so we can use them for Him; to glorify Him, not so we can be dilettantes and frolic our way through life idly wasting time, space, and resources. We are supposed to achieve things. Even the humblest of lives can give great glory to God if we live for His will and not our own. Few of us are meant to be astronauts, rock-stars, or scientists discovering a cure for cancer. But we don't need to be those things to live great lives. We just need to use our gifts to "square away" our little corners of the world. Truly, Joseph Evans is using his gifts of intellect and oratory to make his corner of the world better. He preaches so hard his heart and soul spill out and run down the lectern and steps like holy water.

If you have the gift of preaching, then preach. If you have the gift of comforting, then comfort others. If you are a problem-solver then solve problems, try not to create them.

What are your gifts? Are you using them for God and Country? Are you being an example? Recommended Reading: *Cure for the Common Life* by Max Lucado and *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. ■

## Network News

### Bandwidth Hogs

By Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office

Being in a deployed location like GTMO can provide many challenges for the J6 directorate. One of these is trying to maintain our information pipeline back to the States. Since GTMO is on an island, we rely on a satellite link back to the States to provide us our network connectivity. This link has a set amount of bandwidth which we are allocated. The speed of our connectivity to the internet or SIPRNet is often determined by how much of this bandwidth is being used.

This explains why the IA shop has blocked most streaming audio/video sites. Every time you watch a video

of your friend learning to surf in Florida on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), you are pulling down between 384kb to 720kb of data per second. Audio is a similar story - if you log onto a website and stream an audio feed, you are looking at between 56kb and 256kb of information coming over the pipeline per second. So while it seems harmless for you to turn on *Elliot in the Morning* and stream his show on your computer, the effects on the network can be quite severe. Just multiply your 56kbs stream by the number of people on the network that are doing the same thing and you can see how this could use up our bandwidth in a hurry.

Remember that the primary reason the network exists is to support the mission. Keep our pipeline available for people that need it and do not be a bandwidth hog.

If you have a topic that you'd like us to address in an upcoming column of Network News, send your request (and \$160 worth of hair-care products) to: [j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil) or ext. 3333. ■

# Knicks make their move

Story courtesy *Newsday.com*

Newsday.com

As the Knicks walked off the Madison Square Garden court with a 100-94 win over the Orlando Magic and a clinch of the season series, Magic All-Star Dwight Howard couldn't help but notice that there is an object in the mirror that is closer than it appears.

"I was thinking about that during the game," Howard said. "This might be one of the teams that we'll have to battle for one of the positions for the playoffs."

The Knicks (24-30) moved three games behind the Magic (27-27), which fell into a tie with the Miami Heat for the seventh and eight playoff spots in the Eastern Conference.

Among the top eight, the young Magic seem the most catchable, which is why last night's win - the Knicks' first game after the All-Star break - was so critical.

"Now we hold the tiebreaker," said Isiah Thomas, whose team eclipsed last season's win total with Garden chairman James Dolan sitting courtside.

One of Thomas' favorite television shows is "24." And his survival instincts are as keen as Jack Bauer's. Now that the Knicks have shown "evident progress" in the win column and surpassed last year's total with 28 games to play, a playoff berth would clinch his return, if it's not already.

Last night's win might be the key. The Knicks and Magic meet only three times this season, with the final game of the season series March 26 at the Garden.

Eddy Curry, who battled through constant double-teams along with going up against Howard, said he hoped the win had Orlando looking behind them.

"I think we're slowly getting respect from teams in front of us," Curry said.

It was Curry's layup off a pick-and-roll with Jamal Crawford with 58.8 seconds left that gave the Knicks a 96-91 lead, virtually clinching the victory. The Knicks held a 91-81 lead with less than five minutes left - sound familiar? - but allowed the Magic to cut it to three before Curry's layup.

"That was a huge basket," said Crawford, who along with Curry led the Knicks with 20 points.

David Lee, who drew an ovation before the game when he was presented with the MVP trophy from the Rookie Challenge game in Las Vegas, had 14 points and 16 rebounds.

Howard led the Magic with 27 points and 14 rebounds.

The Knicks now face a pair of winnable games with the

76ers (17-36) in Philadelphia tonight and Friday against the Milwaukee Bucks (19-35) at the Garden. With 28 games left in the season, they're looking for a winning streak that could bring them closer to a playoff berth.

But everyone in the Knicks' locker room is aware of the team's penchant for coming up small after big wins.

"That's one of those games that's probably going to be more mental than physical," Lee said of tonight's game against the lottery-bound Sixers. "We have to come in focused the right way and not let this victory in any way go to our head or affect the next game."

Coming out of the All-Star break, both the Knicks and Magic looked sluggish in what was mostly a sloppy game. The Knicks committed 21 turnovers and gave up 20 offensive rebounds. But they got to the foul line 37 times, led by Stephon Marbury, who hit 8 of 10 from the line. ■

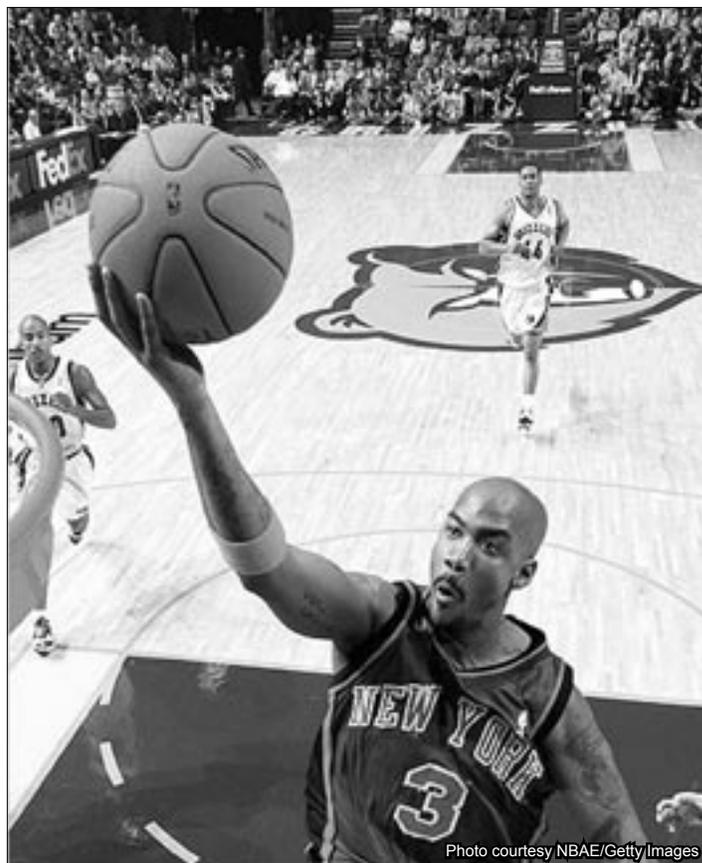


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**New York Knicks guard Stephon Marbury lays in the ball. Despite a 100-94 win over the Orlando Magic, the Knicks remain three games behind the Magic, both teams far behind the leaders contending for the playoffs. Marbury scored 14 points against Orlando Tuesday, a fitting way to celebrate his 30th birthday.**

# Women's Navy Hospital overcomes Naval Station team in MWR basketball

By Army Pfc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Women's Navy Hospital basketball team decimated the Naval Station women's team 34-14 in Tuesday night's Morale, Welfare and Recreation women's basketball league game.

The Navy Hospital showed their mettle from the opening whistle, bringing a fast-paced offense against Naval Station. Naval Station answered back with a stern defense, refusing to give up points.

The tenacity of both teams resulted in a very low-scoring first half. By the end of the first half the score was 15-9 Hospital.

Although Naval Hospital's fast-paced offense was shut down in the first half, the second half was a completely different story. The Naval Station looked winded and tired as Hospital showed no relent in their assault.

Hospital guard Deshannon Deangeles led Hospital in scoring, earning 14 of the team's 34 points. Her ability to take the ball down the court quickly accounted for the majority of her points.

Along with Deangeles' fever-pitched performance, fellow point guard, Heather Mullins made rebound after rebound, ensuring Hospital retained possession of the ball.

Naval Station looked absolutely exhausted by the end of the second half. Naval Station managed to score five more points by the end of the game, making the final score 34-14. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

**Guard Deshannon Deangeles led the Hospital team, scoring 14 of the team's 34 points.**



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John



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Photo by Army Sgt. Jamieson Pond

# CREAT O GUANTAN



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Timm Duckworth



Photo by Army Sgt. Jamieson Pond



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

# TURES OF GUANTANAMO BAY



Photo by Army Sgt. Jamieson Pond



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

**By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The wildlife at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is truly a sight to behold. From iguanas and snakes to banana rats and curly-tailed lizards, living in GTMO affords you the opportunity to see a wide variety of different animals. Nevertheless, it's important to remember that many of these animals do not care to be played with or handled. It's been said before, but it's worth saying again ... DON'T feed the iguanas, and leave the wildlife alone. ■

# Beat the GTMO Heat

**By Army Pfc. Phil Regina**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It's a Saturday afternoon and the Guantanamo sun sits high in the sky, the perfect setting for a fun-filled day at the beach. With beach towel and sunscreen in hand, you drive off. This may seem like a harmless setting, but the heat could be your biggest enemy.

Heat injuries can be a common occurrence at GTMO and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when it comes to beating the heat.

The key to avoiding heat injuries is to follow a few simple guidelines.

## 1. Drink plenty of fluids.

Remember, in hot weather you'll have to drink more fluids than your thirst indicates. Make sure you bring adequate amounts of water with you while doing outdoor activities. Also, avoid very cold drinks, they can cause stomach cramps. Lastly, you should refrain from drinking alcohol. Alcoholic beverages will actually cause you to lose more fluids.

## 2. Replace salt and minerals.

Heavy sweating often removes salt and other minerals from the body. Consuming salt ensures your body retains liquids properly. The easiest way to replace these salts and minerals is to drink sports drinks and fruit juice. You should not take salt tablets unless specifically directed by a doctor.

## 3. Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen.

Wear lightweight, light colored and loose

fitting clothing when in the sun and try to stay out of direct sunlight during peak hours like high noon and late mornings. Direct sunlight can cause sunburn which affects the body's ability to cool itself. Remember to use adequate amounts of sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher.

## 4. Adjust to the environment.

For those who are new to GTMO, make sure you get accustomed to the heat before attempting any vigorous exercise or outdoor activities. If you find your heart beating irregularly or find yourself gasping for breath, find shade, drink water and allow yourself to cool down immediately.

## 5. Monitor those at high risk.

Those at high risk to heat injuries are, people 65 years or older, children and infants and overweight individuals. Overweight individuals have a tendency to retain more body heat than others.

## 6. Schedule activities carefully and use common sense.

Try to schedule activities either before noon or in the evening hours. Avoid hot foods or big meals; these add heat to your body.

Before you take that trip to Windmill Beach, make sure you're prepared for the heat. Always use sunscreen, take a cooler full of water or sports drinks and use a beach umbrella for shade.

Be smart and the GTMO sun won't make a heat casualty out of you. ■

# Catching the ferry...

## ... because it's too far to swim

**By Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Living in Guantanamo we seldom think of the base as two separate parts, until we have to catch the ferry.

The ferry and U-Boat follow a schedule and procedure that seldom changes, though most people here don't take it often enough to be familiar with it.

The time when most of us will have to catch the ferry is the day of a rotator flight. If you're driving onto the ferry on one of these days, it's a good idea to catch an early one. If you must take a later ferry, you should arrive at the landing twenty minutes early, since you will need to beat the rush. You never know when you will find a lineup of trucks in the first lane that will take up most of the boat.

A good way to ease some of the burden of this process is to load your luggage on the big yellow baggage truck before boarding the ferry. The truck is usually there early, waiting in lane one. It will take your luggage up to the terminal, where you can unload it directly. The luggage truck makes walking on the ferry so much easier.

On the days the rotator flies, there are two busses to the terminal ensuring everyone has a ride and makes it to their flight on time. They are equipped with luggage racks up front for those who may be catching a commercial flight.

If you're driving over to pick someone up from an



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

**The Guantanamo Bay ferry transports people and vehicles between the Leeward and Windward sides of the Naval base. Be aware of the ferry schedule and avoid the headaches of being late.**

afternoon commercial flight, you might want to get back to the Windward side quickly. Once the ferry stops, your vehicle is stranded until the next morning. Of course you also have the option of staying over at the Leeward Combined Bachelor Quarters.

A way around the early morning rush to the rotator is to stay at the Leeward CBQ the night before. The rooms

are twenty dollars per-person and feature a kitchenette, cable, and four beds. The bus will drop you off in time for your flight and you can even catch breakfast at the Leeward Galley.

Whether you're driving or walking onto the ferry remember to plan ahead. You can always catch an earlier ferry, but flights are few and far between. ■

# Reunion Issue #1

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

JTF Command Chaplain

Personnel at Guantanamo Bay are constantly arriving and departing every month. Some of us are serving here briefly and other of us are here for an extended period of time. The longer we are deployed the more we need to pay attention to the eventual "reunion" that we will experience with family and friends. This reunion is even more important if we are married, have children, and we are a reservist returning to a civilian employer, but it is also important if our component is active duty. Issue #1 about reunion after a deployment is: **"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. Our partner has developed new friends and interests. They have become more self-sufficient and independent. It is therefore natural to feel some anxiety about reunion with our partner. If we have children, they will also have changed and depending upon their age behave shyly and even angry at us when we return.

**Tip #1 for Success: Think Positively (people may look and act differently, but they still care about us).** We have to give them and ourselves time to adjust and become reacquainted. Children all eventually lose their shyness and work through their anger. Four of the best websites for

understanding this process are: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) – This site will refer you to your own service website as well provide general information. You can also call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week **1-800-342-9647**. [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) and [www.guardyouth.org](http://www.guardyouth.org). These websites are for both Air and Army National Guard members. [www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil) – The Fleet and Family Support Center main website. ■

## SURVIVING SEPARATION

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

JTF Command Chaplain

### Action Item #1 – Communicate

The number one positive action we can take at GTMO is to use the many ways of communicating with those we love and miss. Email, letters, cards, phone calls and sending flowers and gifts by the internet all keep us in touch during the time of separation. If we don't do this regularly, we lose connection with the events and needs of family and friends. No, we can't reach through the phone and touch them, but we will "lose touch" with them if we don't perform some regular form of communication. ■

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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

### Saturday, Feb. 24

Isolated T-storms. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Isolated T-storms

Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.

Sunset: 6:04 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%

### Sunday, Feb. 25

Mostly sunny with overnight showers. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Mostly Sunny

Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.

Sunset: 6:04 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 10%

### Monday, Feb. 26

Isolated T-storms. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.

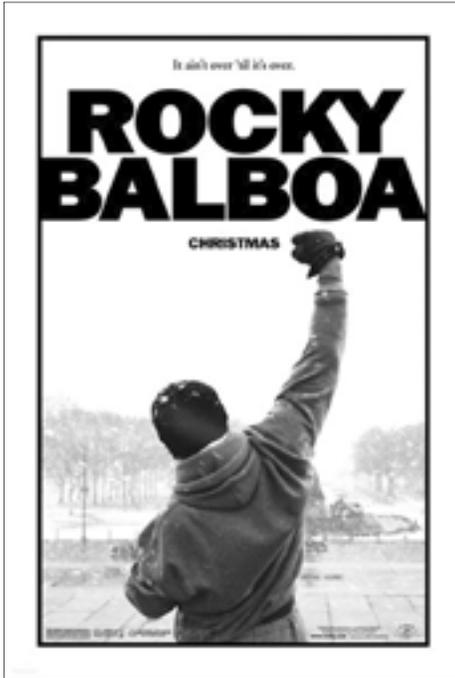


Isolated T-storms

Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.

Sunset: 6:04 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%



# MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

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

"... Everyone thought it was a joke, including me. Nobody's laughing now," said Rocky Balboa's son. I think that sums up this movie.

Be honest. When you heard Sylvester Stallone was making *Rocky Balboa* (The sixth Rocky movie), you groaned didn't you?

The truth is ... it's really good. Surprised? So was I. Stallone has made his first good movie in years.

An *ESPN* computer-simulated fight between Rocky, played by Sylvester Stallone, in his prime and the current heavy weight champ showed Rocky knocking out Mason "The Line" Dixon, played by World Light Heavy-weight boxing champion Antonio Tarver, in the first round.

In this latest Rocky slug-fest, Balboa is a widower running a restaurant and still mourning the loss of his wife. His son has a good job but feels stuck in his father's shadow. Life is hard for both of them, but the opportunity to fight one last time leads them both to freedom.

The message: life is hard; it will beat you down if you let it. But you don't have to let it. This movie will leave you feeling uplifted and motivated to take on the obstacles in your life. I give it four and a half stars. I would give it five, but there were a few slow parts I could have done without.

It's rated PG for some blood and violence during the fight, but other than that it's squeaky clean. Bring the kids, there's something for everyone in *Rocky Balboa*. ■

**- Rocky Balboa -**  
**Rating: ★★★★★**

**Rated: PG**

**Duration: 102 minutes**

## Boots on the Ground:

**"What do you hope to achieve during your tour at GTMO?"**



**"I want to get promoted."**  
 -Navy Seaman James Kim



**"I want to work out more and get in shape."**  
 -Army Spc. Kathy Portalatin



**"Achieve 100% for all assets."**  
 -Army Sgt. Javier Garcia



**"Learn all I can about the active duty side."**  
 -Army Sgt Karina Hernandez-Rodriguez

# MARTIN LUTHER KING'S AMERICAN DREAM

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph Evans

Joint Medical Group

On a balmy August afternoon in 1963, a young minister named Martin Luther King stood at the feet of the Lincoln Memorial before a sea of hopeful faces, to deliver a prophetic speech that would come to be known as the *I have a Dream* speech.

Scholars of many disciplines agree that his speech both transformed and redefined the cultural fabric of American democracy. What was the historical context for this important speech and what was the real reason for its authorship? It would seem that King's inspired speech was designed to offer America a vision of a fully democratic society contingent on its willingness to choose human equality. His vision was a hopeful realization of American idealism, one that embraces integration of people and their ideas, regardless of their race, gender, creed or natural origin. He believed that America's greatest asset was its people, but first it must eradicate racism in all of its forms.

During his secondary education years, King was influenced by Professor Borden Parker Bowne, a leading proponent for a branch of theology called *Personalism*. Briefly, it's an approach of theology that asserts that only people are real, only people are valuable and only people have free will.

Some have said that *Personalism* helped King simplify racial indifference and see ways to resolve this foe of racial inequality. Furthermore, King saw unlimited value in people and their capacity to change and reconcile traditional differences.

King was born in segregated Atlanta and understood historical prejudices that discarded human potential and disrespected human personalities. It further offers insight into his socio-historic context.

Intuitively, he knew that racism would destroy the *American Experiment*. If American democracy was to survive its growing pains of inclusion, King believed that it would lead to a democratic worldview of mutual respect and eventually peace among all people. At the time, King saw a world unfairly separated by race and gender that blocked individuals from reaching the full potential guaranteed by American idealism.

In the opening paragraphs of the *I Have a Dream* speech, King remarks, "In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the

architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men [women], yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

He cautioned the rising new citizens of full equality against foreseeable errors. "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline."

Moreover he said, "The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro [African American] community must not lead us to distrust all white people, for many of our white brothers [and sisters] evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. They have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom."

There was another prophet whose star burned brightly for only a short while. He was an itinerant preacher from a small hamlet called Nazareth. He was often misunderstood and hated because he preached love and equality among Jews and Gentiles. Some still follow his ancient words, which remain relevant and contemporarily true – his name was Jesus. ■

## 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
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon. to Fri.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	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 Minutes of Fame

## ARMY 1ST SGT. WILLIAM FITZGERALD

**By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis**

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For almost a year now, the headquarters and headquarters company, 3rd Brigade, 29th Infantry Division, Maryland Army National Guard, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay, Cuba has operated, at the enlisted level, under the direction of Army 1st Sgt. William Fitzgerald. Many of you probably know him simply as “Top” and have likely seen him around, tending to one of his many different tasks. From his first day on the island down to his last week here, Fitzgerald has proven to be an invaluable asset.

“First Sergeant is the kind of guy that I can give a task to and I never have to show him how to do it. I tell him I need something done and the next thing you know it winds up on a spread sheet somewhere organized down to the finest detail,” said HHC commander, Army Capt. Bryan E. Hughes. One of the most common things people note about Fitzgerald is his attention to detail.

“He seems to have an ability to pay attention to the things that people like you or I would easily overlook,” said Camp Commandant, Army Sgt. Major David Hare.

It’s easy to mistake someone’s attention to detail for being obsessive, however, with Fitzgerald that’s not it at all. His detail-focused personality likely stems from the fact that a large part of his military experience was a world where overlooking a minute detail meant serious injury and sometimes death.

In the early days of July, 1974,

Fitzgerald found himself fed up and feeling underused.

“I was stationed at Ft. Carson as a member of the infantry and I was bored out of my mind,” said Fitzgerald.

There was a U.S. Ranger Battalion beginning and so he decided to take a chance and volunteer. Most of us have heard stories or maybe even known someone who was or is a Ranger. But it’s a bit uncommon to have known someone who was an original member. From August, 1974 until 1977 Fitzgerald served his country as a member of what has been described as America’s most elite infantry unit.

“I loved the Rangers,” said Fitzgerald. “I was with the Rangers when I traveled around the world twice 30 days at a time.”

However, his “glory days” would soon transition as he decided to join the U.S. Army Special Forces. After serving four years with them Fitzgerald would decide that it was time to lead a safer Army existence. This decision was not made without outside influence. Fitzgerald was due to marry a special someone he had met

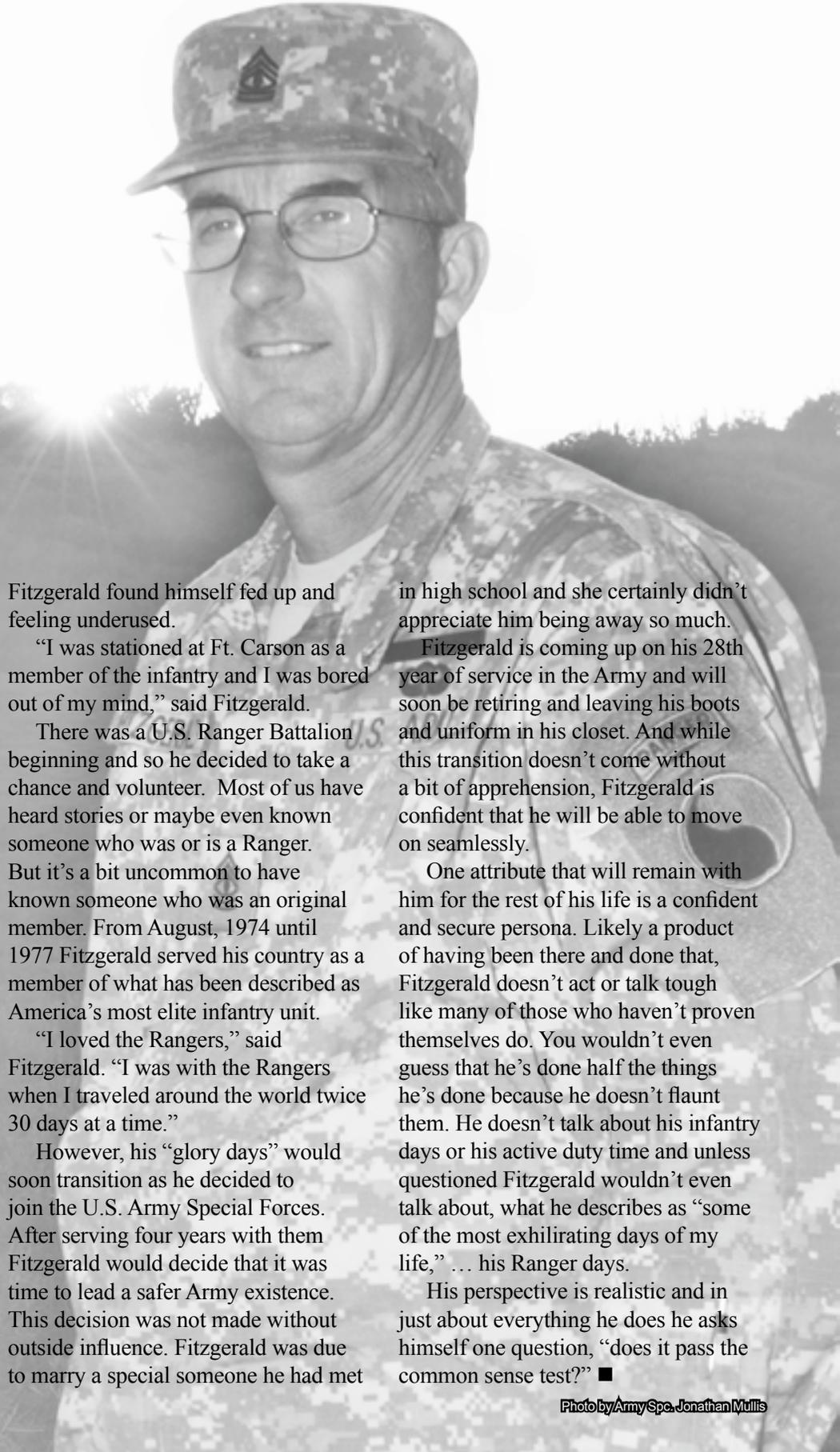
in high school and she certainly didn’t appreciate him being away so much.

Fitzgerald is coming up on his 28th year of service in the Army and will soon be retiring and leaving his boots and uniform in his closet. And while this transition doesn’t come without a bit of apprehension, Fitzgerald is confident that he will be able to move on seamlessly.

One attribute that will remain with him for the rest of his life is a confident and secure persona. Likely a product of having been there and done that, Fitzgerald doesn’t act or talk tough like many of those who haven’t proven themselves do. You wouldn’t even guess that he’s done half the things he’s done because he doesn’t flaunt them. He doesn’t talk about his infantry days or his active duty time and unless questioned Fitzgerald wouldn’t even talk about, what he describes as “some of the most exhilarating days of my life,” ... his Ranger days.

His perspective is realistic and in just about everything he does he asks himself one question, “does it pass the common sense test?” ■

Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis



# AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Waterworth

Command Chaplain Assitant, Army Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Dates, teaches his successor, Army Staff Sgt. Carmelo Esquilin, a little bit about what he will be doing for the next year.



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

Army Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Plemmons greets members of the Puerto Rico National Guard and bids farewell to members of the Maryland National Guard in a hail and farewell ceremony at Windmill Beach Friday.



Photo by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Rex Taylor recieves the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his exceptional service within the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion.



Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joe M. Bellinger recieves the Defense Meritorious Service Medal from Navy Capt. Michael Reynolds in an awards ceremony Friday.