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# General assessment of GTMO

By Army Brig. Gen. Cameron Crawford

JTF-GTMO Deputy Commander

To the Troopers of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay: I am honored to be here serving as your new Deputy Commander in this most important mission in support of the War on Terror. Every day I am more impressed with your professionalism, and how you manage to achieve high standards under difficult circumstances.

On pages eight and nine of this edition of *The Wire* you will see photographs and information concerning the recent Transfer of Authority (TOA). While a TOA is important for official and historical purposes, the truth is that the incoming crew from the Puerto Rico National Guard comprises a small percentage of the total task force. The rest of the task force continues to take care of business during the transition period.

You will see a lot of me out and about in the camps and elsewhere around the base. My intent is to better understand your roles and responsibilities in order to support you with what you need to get the job done. My assumption is that you are doing everything possible to accomplish the mission you have been given. Even so, all of us can probably find ways to improve upon how efficiently we do our jobs. The hallmark of a professional organization is continuous improvement.

Let me share a couple of thoughts from my command philosophy. Unity of command is a vital principle of war. We have multiple stakeholders in our organization. Everyone from the American public to the media,



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

non-governmental organizations, federal agencies, etc. have a role in what goes on at GTMO. But at the end of the day there is only one chain of command. Use it! Our chain of command runs from wherever you are in the task force up to Rear Adm. Harris and on to our higher headquarters.

Bad news does not improve with age. I don't shoot messengers, and understand that the first report is always wrong. When the "fog of war" descends on you, don't wait for a 100 percent accurate report. Do an initial report, then update as more information is available.

Finally, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the many unique aspects of working and living at GTMO. Though most of us are "deployed," we are blessed with great facilities, recreational, worship and educational opportunities that most of our deployed comrades around the world cannot access. Stay healthy and balanced, and take advantage of the opportunities for personal growth while serving our nation.

Looking forward to seeing you around the base. Honor Bound! ■

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# Ferry ops suspended...

## ... but it's still too far to swim



Photo by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

**By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Beginning Monday, ferry operations will be suspended due to construction on a new Leeward Ferry Landing. The project is expected to last into May and will cost about \$400,000.

“We’re going to be raising the landing area so it will match the same height that we have over at Windward, which will prevent the vehicles bottoming out when they get off the ramp,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eileen D’andrea, the deputy commander of the Public Works Office for Naval Station Guantanamo.

“Some vehicles have had a difficult time getting on and off the ferry, especially at high tide,” said Navy Cmdr. Jeffery Johnston, the NAVSTA GTMO public works officer. “And while I’m unaware of any serious damage, the more vehicles encounter trouble entering and exiting the ferry, the more it impacts ferry operations and schedules.”

The project is expected to be completed within 60 days of starting, but could take longer due to unidentified factors that may arise, said Navy Lt. Jerry Lee, the Port Services Officer for NAVSTA GTMO.

“In the Spring of 2005, we remodeled the Windward Ferry Landing to better align the ramp of the ferry with the landing itself. The effort was a success, and we immediately turned our attention to a similar problem at the Leeward Ferry Landing,” said Johnston. “However, as we began the planning of the Leeward Ferry Landing renovations, we discovered that the sheet piles that protect the landing from the water had been compromised well below the waterline. Unbeknownst to us, water had been scouring away the soil under the concrete. It was obvious the situation called for more than just cosmetic

changes to the ramp geometry. Consequently, we developed a project to replace the sheet piles, rebuild the entire ramp and in doing so, make all the appropriate adjustments.”

During the construction period, the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) and Utility Boat (U-Boat) will replace the standard ferry as the main source of transportation to and from Leeward, said Lee. Maximum capacity for personnel on the LCU is 40 people.

No personally owned vehicles will be allowed on the LCUs, said D’andrea.

Priority vehicle loading for the LCU will remain the same as specified in NAVSTA-GTMOINST 9820.3S, but with a few modifications:

- No Lane 3 privileges;
- No personal vehicles;
- No government cars or mini-vans (government trucks and SUVs will be permitted).

Personnel transporting vehicles in the LCU must remain in their vehicles. No luggage will be allowed on the LCU or U-boats in order to maximize seating availability, said Lee. All personnel will be required to use the luggage truck. Pre-staging vehicles on Leeward is critical and strongly encouraged.

“We’re going to get this completed as soon as we can, but it’s a structural fix, so we won’t be cutting any corners. In the meantime, you can count on Lt. Lee and his professionals in the NAVSTA Port Services Department to continue to get everyone back and forth from Leeward using LCUs and U-Boats,” said Johnston.

The NAVSTA Port Services Department is the definitive source for information on cross-bay travel, added Johnston. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Port Services Officer at ext. 4831 or 4830. ■

# GTMO FFSC supports Operation Financial Fitness

## *From Fleet and Family Support Center*

The Department of Defense (DoD) has designated February 25 through March 4, 2007, as "Military Saves Week" to encourage Troopers and their families to establish savings goals and set money aside for emergencies and other needs. The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is supporting this effort by asking Troopers to join Military Saves as part of Operation Financial Fitness.

"The Fleet and Family Support Center is delighted to support Operation Financial Fitness and the Military Saves campaign. We see an incredible need for improved saving habits in today's world. This is a model program for changing lives by creating economic opportunity," said Paul Walker, Personal

Financial Specialist at the FFSC.

Saving money and alleviating debt require dedication, sacrifice, and patience. Military Saves provides the necessary tools to help accomplish that financial mission. Individuals simply make the commitment to save money on a regular basis to achieve their personal financial



goals. Participants receive helpful financial tips and the much-needed encouragement to continue the savings habit.

Military Saves is part of the nationwide campaign, America Saves, and is sponsored by Consumer Federation of America, the Department of Defense, the NASD Investor Education Foundation, and a nationwide network of Defense Credit Unions and Military Banks. Part of the DOD Financial Readiness Campaign, Military Saves encourages leaders to focus attention on encouraging their troops to get out of debt and save money.

Visit [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) for more information or to sign up for the program.

For more information on FFSC services call ext. 4141 or visit [www.nffsp.org](http://www.nffsp.org). ■

# Security bulletin: Reportable information

## *By Frank Perkins*

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

The security of classified information is of the highest importance to our nation's defense. The safeguarding of our secrets ensures protection of missions, operations, and personnel. This process depends upon the continuous evaluation of employees who have been granted access to classified information. To remain qualified for a security clearance, all personnel are required to be continually assessed for standards of conduct, patterns of behavior, affiliations, and allegiance. Individuals who become aware of unfavorable information about another individual are required to report that information to the Command Security Manager or Special Security Office.

Unfavorable or potentially disqualifying information can come to the attention of anyone in the supervisory chain, working or social environment. Once the information surfaces, it is every recipient's responsibility to ensure that it is reported appropriately.

Unfavorable or disqualifying information falls into the following categories:

- a. Allegiance to the United States.
- b. Foreign influence.
- c. Foreign preference.

- d. Sexual behavior.
- e. Personal conduct.
- f. Financial considerations.
- g. Alcohol consumption.
- h. Drug involvement.
- i. Emotional, mental, and personality disorders.
- j. Criminal conduct.
- k. Security violations.
- l. Outside activities.
- m. Misuse of information technology systems.

Supervisors and commanders must ensure their personnel are aware of their responsibility to report unfavorable information, maintain high standards of trustworthiness and loyalty, and avoid any personal behavior that would result in rendering themselves ineligible for a security clearance.

Failure to report unfavorable or disqualifying information can be grounds for loss of security clearance for both the individual and of the person failing to report. The reporting of unfavorable information will not necessarily result in the individual's security clearance being suspended. The information provided will be considered in conjunction with other factors, to include the individual's previous record, recommendations of the supervisor, and mitigating circumstances.

Mission first, security always! ■

# GTMO graduates get diplomas

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

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Black robes crowd around the chapel doors while excited voices greet each other in anticipation for the coming events.

It's 4:50 p.m. Sunday and soon-to-be Columbia College graduates gather in front of the Naval Station Chapel before their commencement ceremony.

The ceremony was a joint commencement for Columbia College and Washington State University. Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Commander of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba was the ceremony's featured speaker. Mike Randerson, Columbia College vice president for Adult Higher Education handed out the degrees.

"We're proud of our Guantanamo Bay graduates," said Mike Randerson. "For more than 30 years, Columbia College has helped working adults and military personnel pursue college degrees," said Randerson,

Founded in 2004 in the Navy college office on Chapel Hill, Columbia College GTMO serves the entire base, military and civilian alike. The college offers a day campus, graduate studies program and online campus for working adults. A variety of degrees are offered with

six associates degrees, eight bachelor's degrees, and one master's. They will soon offer a Master's in Criminal Justice this summer, according to Hameedah Abdullah, the administrative assistant for Columbia College.

All courses are geared toward serving the needs and constraints of GTMO residents. So if you find that you have time for a little self improvement, check out Columbia College on Chapel Hill. (Contact their office at ext. 75555) ■



Photo by Army Sgt. Jonson Tulewa-Gibbs

**Graduates pour out of the Naval Station Chapel after receiving their diplomas Sunday afternoon.**

## Network News

### Where's MySpace?

**By Air Force Capt. Kenyatta Craten**

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office

As many of you have noticed, and as many of you continue to notice (we still get over 100 hits a day), MySpace.com has been blocked on the JTF-GTMO network. For those of you that haven't heard, here's the story behind it:

On May 15th, there was an attempted intrusion into our network. Our security hardware and software were able to prevent the intrusion and

alerted us, your friendly network police, to the situation. It turns out that one of our GTMO troopers visited a MySpace site that contained some code which tried to probe our network and send the results to a third party. Because of this threat to the security of our network, we blocked access to MySpace.com on all computers connected to the GTMO-U (NIPRNet) domain.

I apologize for the inconvenience this puts on anyone's on-line scene. Hopefully, TigerDancer06 will understand your absence, and all the girls waiting to hear from ArmyBigMac will still love you when you get back home.

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

# Kansas over Oklahoma 67-65

**By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Randall**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It was the sort of humbling scare that may make the difference for the Jayhawks when the NCAA tournaments begin.

Before coming up against the Sooners, Kansas had enjoyed an average win margin of 28.8 points per game. Oklahoma (15-13, 6-9) seemed like an easy win for No.3 Kansas (26-4, 13-2 Big 12).

After throwing away their 17 point lead, Kansas needed every one of Julian Wright and Mario Chalmers' 36 points to scrape by Oklahoma 67-65 Monday night.

"I think it does help," Kansas coach, Bill Self said. "We've played really well. We've been on kind of a roll. This will kind of ground us a little bit and get us focused."

Chalmers, 6-for-6 from the foul line in the final 5 minutes, made 14 of his 18 points in the second half.

Michael Neal's 3-pointer tied it for Oklahoma, but the Jayhawks committed only two turnovers the rest of the night.

"They about got us tonight, but we made the key plays at the end to pull out the victory," Chalmers said.

Coach Jeff Capel pumped up the Sooners at the half. "We talked about believing. In the first half, I didn't sense that our guys really believed that we could win," Capel said.

The second half started with a bang. Nate Carter put back Bobby Maze's blocked layup. The ensuing inbound pass was stolen by Neal, who proceeded to set up David Godbold for a 3-pointer. The lead now cut to 33-24 brought the white T-shirt clad crowd out of its funk and back into the game.

The Sooners were able to tie the game at 51 with Neal's 3-pointer, but never able to take the lead.

The next five points for Kansas were at the foul line. Wright then took the lead to 58-53 with a right handed layup. Sasha Kaun added a layup after Brandaon Rush lost the ball on the way to the basket, and Rush made two free throws to extend the lead to 62-55.

Longar Longar's layup in the final minute brought Oklahoma to 63-60, but Russell Robinson and Chalmers kept Kansas in control with 4 points from the free throw line.

With 0.1 seconds left, a 3-pointer by Tony Crocker set the final margin in the Sooners' fifth straight loss. This is Oklahoma's longest losing streak in 16 years.

"You're supposed to play hard all the time," Neal said. "When you don't get that W, to tell you the truth, it really doesn't mean anything."



**Kansas guard Mario Chalmers (15) drives the ball past Oklahoma guard David Godbold in the first half of an NCAA basketball game Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 in Norman, Okla.**

Wright said this game provides a valuable lesson for the postseason: "When you have a team down, you have to make some plays."

Kaun added 11 points and nine rebounds for Kansas, which has not won a first round tournament for three years.

Carter led Oklahoma with 20 points, and Taylor Griffin sunk 12 points. Even though he managed to foul out, this was Griffin's highest output in six weeks.

Griffin opened the game for Oklahoma with a two-handed jam. The next 6 points came from Wright, who spearheaded a 13-2 run giving the Jayhawks a nine-point advantage.

Kansas extended its lead to 33-16 when Wright made the first four points in a 10-2 burst highlighted with back-to-back dunks by Rush and Kaun.

At halftime, Crocker's three pointer from the left corner closed the gap to 33-19. It had the potential to start a comeback, but the furor turned to fizzle in the end. ■

# Henchmen burn B&R

By Army Pfc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Winter's Henchmen outscored and outlasted Burns and Roe 63-56 in Monday night's Morale Welfare and Recreation basketball league game.

Winter's Henchmen began the game with pizzazz, quickly scoring an unanswered 10 points, within the first three minutes of the game. Burns and Roe showed enthusiasm on the court, with constant fast-breaks, but could not manage to sink a single basket.

With an ever-increasing lead on Burns and Roe, Winter's Henchmen's began to relax. Burns and Roe responded quickly to Winter's Henchmen lackadaisical play, scoring point after point, quickly closing the lead and bringing the score to 31-27 at the half.

Burns and Roe were on a roll as they started the second half, but Winter's Henchmen showed their prowess and tenacity, pushing their lead by ten points yet again, making it 41-31 at the middle of the second half.

The game was a see-saw match from beginning to end, with Winter's Henchmen scoring and Burns and Roe quickly responding. Winter's Henchmen simply had bigger players and more substitutes. Burns and Roe could not maintain the breakneck pace needed to come out with the win. The final score ended up Winter's Henchmen, 63, Burns and Roe, 56.

Anthony Balmacera had a superb night, scoring 20 of Burns and Roe's 53 points, while Winter's Henchmen's "Baby Shaq" had an outstanding performance scoring an amazing 27 of Winter's Henchmen's 63 points. ■

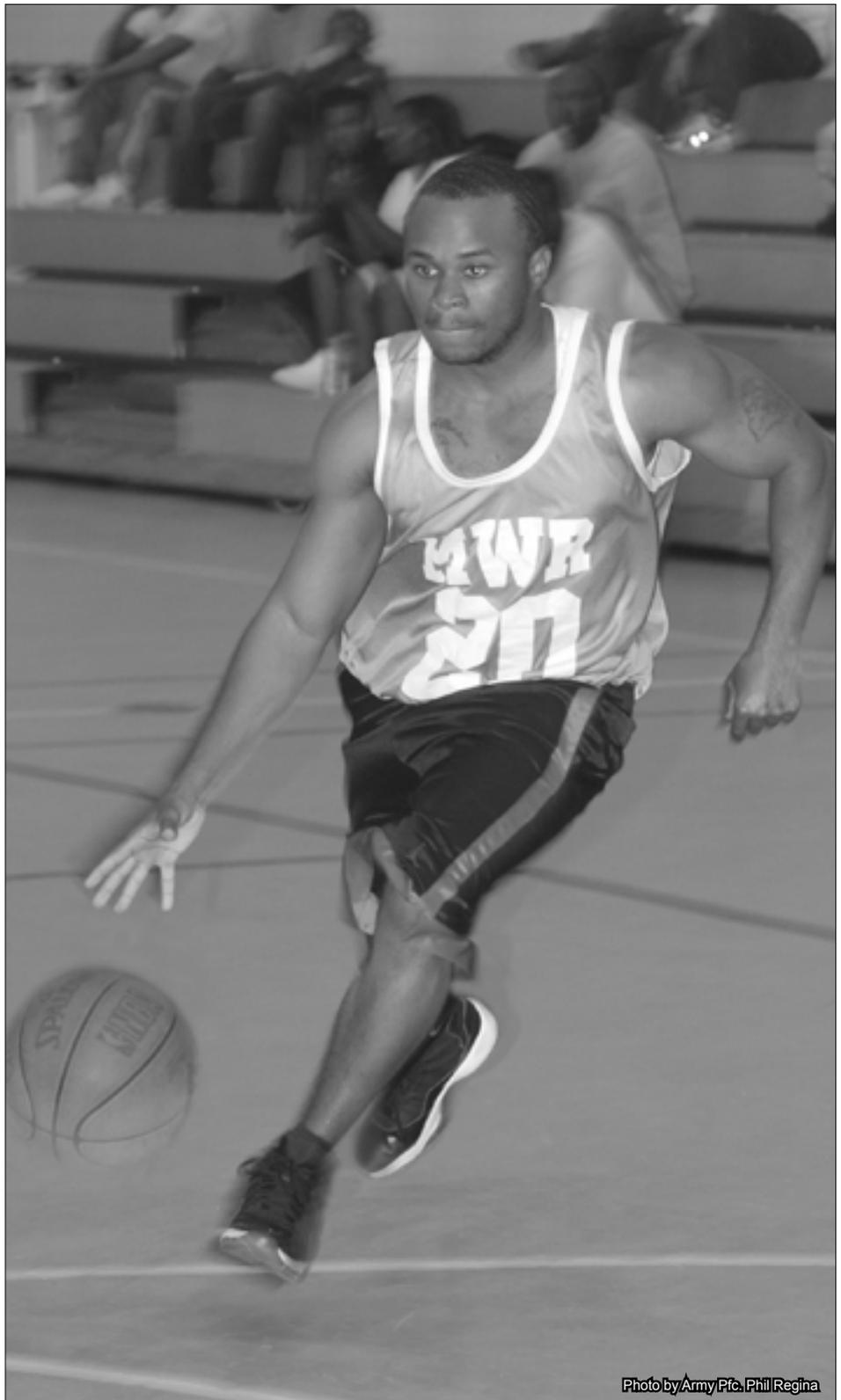


Photo by Army Pfc. Phil Regina

**A Winter's Henchmen point guard makes a fast break toward the basket in Monday night's Morale Welfare and Recreation basketball league game.**



Puerto Rico Army National Guard Lt. Col. Jose Cintron removes the casing from their colors to represent their official acceptance of authority from the outgoing Maryland Army National Guard.



Army Lt. Col. Michael J. Nicolucci prepares the Maryland National Guard's colors for final encasement. The colors were first uncased back in the early days of March 2006.



Honored and proud to do so, Puerto Rico National Guard Soldiers are called to salute the colors for which they are now proudly serving.



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Soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard and the Puerto Rico Army National Guard render a salute during the transfer of authority ceremony Saturday.



# TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

PHOTOS BY ARMY SPC. JONATHAN MULLIS



At the end of a long year away from family and friends, the Maryland National Guard can proudly say that they served with valor and integrity. As they departed the field Saturday, they said goodbye to a year of overcoming challenges and obstacles. They now stand ready to engage whatever the Global War on Terrorism might bring their way.

# The NCO Journal: For leaders, by leaders

**By Army Staff Sgt. Vince Oliver**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

If you have ever picked up a copy of the news magazine *The NCO Journal*, you know what a great resource it is for Army non-commissioned officers. The mission statement of *The NCO Journal* is to provide a forum for the open exchange of ideas and information, to support training, education and development of the NCO corps and to foster a closer bond among its members.

*The NCO Journal* has its fingers on the pulse of some of the most dynamic training events and trends happening in today's Army where they apply to the NCO.

Dave Crozier, an editor with *The NCO Journal*, visited Joint Task Force-Guantanamo this week with the intention of finding out firsthand what an outstanding job the NCOs of the JTF are doing here.

Crozier served 20 years in the Air Force and within a year of retirement began working at *The NCO Journal*. One of Crozier's goals is to make sure that the Army's NCOs have the latest information on things such as mission-related lessons learned, safety related information and other things today's NCO can literally rip from the pages of the magazine and use on a daily basis.

The role of the NCO is more important than it's ever been in the history of the Army, said Crozier. With the real-world missions taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan, there is a greater need for both solid squad level NCO leadership as well as seasoned senior NCO leadership.

"It's a neat time for an NCO

to be in the Army," said Crozier.

There is a monumental responsibility for today's Army NCOs to be at their best with the greater likelihood of taking Soldiers into combat. From the Warrior Leadership Course for E-4s looking to make their move to E-5, to the Basic Non-commissioned Officer's Course (BNCOC) for the move from E-5 to E-6, to the Advanced Non-commissioned Officer's Course (ANCOC) for Army E-7s, the Army has always placed a strong emphasis on leadership training.

As a compliment to the various training opportunities for Army NCOs, Crozier considers *The NCO Journal* to be a *Popular Mechanics* for today's NCO, offering tips and tools on things such as managing personnel and the importance of counseling your Soldiers.

One thing Crozier encouraged was for NCOs who have good experiences to send submissions to the editor at *The NCO Journal*.

For the young sergeants newly inducted into the NCO Corps, Crozier advises them to

take their cues for leadership from the Seven Army Values and the NCO's Creed. He said those two documents are the core of what being a good leader is all about. He also advises that young NCOs look toward post-secondary education as a means to self-improvement, suggesting that a smarter Soldier is a better Soldier.

For senior NCOs, Crozier advises them to remain in touch with the troops on the ground. Senior leaders should resist the temptation to leave it all up to the E-6 and E-7 leadership, said Crozier.

He also encouraged senior NCO leadership to share the knowledge that got them to where they are with the younger NCOs. ■



# Mankind's Greatest Invention



## How patience pays off (but by only so much)

**By Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

In the last article, we talked about why it was so critical to put your money to good use. Now that we've seen how inflation increases the value of everything but the money you have in the bank, we can explore some options on ways to reverse this trend and start increasing our overall wealth. An excellent first investment is a certificate of deposit (CD).

### A CD Investment

A CD is a time deposit made at a bank or credit union. It is similar to a savings account in that the bank is able to invest your money, earning you interest on your initial investment. It is different from a savings account in that you are unable to withdraw your money from the account without facing some sort of penalty, usually in the form of early withdrawal fees and forfeiture of any interest earned.

The point of the CD is to wait until the agreed upon time has elapsed before you are able to have direct access to your money. This is called waiting for maturity. In exchange for keeping your money there until it reaches maturity, you earn a higher interest rate than you would in a savings or checking account. Depending on a number of factors, you could earn interest anywhere from 2 percent to 5 percent or even more. The amount of interest earned varies by the amount of money invested, the length of the term, the financial institution and the current interest rates being offered.

The interest earned will allow you to keep pace with, and in most cases surpass, the average rate of inflation. This may not seem like much, especially since keeping your money locked up for

the specified amount of time disallows you from being able to use your money for other things. If another investment opportunity comes along, you will not be able to withdraw your funds without having the penalty leveled against you. However, one of the main advantages of the CD is that it is a safe investment that has guaranteed returns which are spelled out very clearly at the time the CD is acquired. Make sure you take the time to read and understand the terms and conditions of the CD, as they may vary.

### Risk vs. Return

While the CD is safe, you don't necessarily get spectacular earnings off of the interest accrued. So why bother restricting yourself by keeping your money locked up that way? It's the trade off for having a guaranteed return on your investment. While other investment option may have greater earnings potential, they also carry with them a greater risk of not earning as much or even losing value over time. This is the balance of risk against return. In order to achieve greater returns, an investor generally has to assume greater risks with their money. The reduction of risk is what makes the CD attractive to investors who want a guaranteed return.

There is still a small amount of risk from putting your money in a CD, primarily from being unable to capitalize on other investment opportunities while waiting for the CD to mature. We'll talk more about what those other investment opportunities could include in a later article. For now, keep in mind that whichever investment option you choose, the greatest risk of all is to do nothing. ■



# Reunion Issue #2

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

Personnel at Guantanamo Bay are constantly arriving and departing. Some of us are serving here briefly while others of us are here for an extended period of time. The longer we're deployed the more we need to pay attention to the eventual "reunion" with family and friends. This reunion is even more important if we are married, have children, or are a reservist returning to a civilian employer. Issue #2 about reunion after a deployment is: Forget your Fantasies.

Most of us have been mentally planning what we will do when we return home. We've been creating a mental picture of what will eat, where we will go, how we will spend time with the people we love and the friends whom we've missed. Our fantasies tend to be unrealistic and set us up for disappointment and frustration. Therefore, the fantasies we've been using to get us through the deployment need to be discarded before we go home. ■

# SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

**Tip #2 for Success: Take it easy and let things happen naturally.**

Don't rush the process of reunion and try to do everything you've wanted to do in 24 hours. The more you give yourself time to ease back into your family and home routines, the easier it is to adapt to any changes and to adjust your past behaviors. ■

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

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

### Saturday, Mar. 3

Mostly sunny. Highs in the high 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Mostly Sunny

Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.

Sunset: 6:06 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 10%

### Sunday, Mar. 4

Mostly sunny with a chance for overnight showers. Highs in the high 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.

Sunset: 6:07 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

### Monday, Mar. 5

Chance for scattered showers. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the lower 70's.



Scattered Showers

Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.

Sunset: 6:07 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 30%



# MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

**This week's movie review of "Code Name: The Cleaner" by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen**

Imagine the movie *The Bourne Identity* with severe and debilitating mental problems. What you would get is *Code Name: The Cleaner*, a spy comedy starring Cedric the Entertainer and Lucy Liu.

Jake Rogers (Cedric) wakes up with amnesia. He starts to think he might be a spy when people chase him for a computer chip.

Not only was this movie predictable, it wasn't very funny. Some of the gags have been used to death. For example, Rogers finds himself on stage with a troupe of Dutch dancers and becomes the star of the show. It reminded me of a very similar movie, *The Man Who Knew Too Little*, a spy comedy starring Bill Murray where Murray did the same thing with a Russian dance troupe ... only funnier.

Cedric the Entertainer has some funny material, but this was not one of his best or funniest films. I give this movie one star. There were a few laughs (at least, I think one person laughed), but not enough to make this movie worthwhile. If you're in the mood for a spy comedy, I recommend you look elsewhere; *Code Name: The Cleaner* doesn't deliver.

If you're a Cedric the Entertainer fan, you'd do better just to rent one of his stand-up acts. ■

**- Codename: The Cleaner -**  
**Rating: ★☆☆☆☆**

**Rated: PG13**  
**Duration: 84 minutes**

## Boots on the Ground:

"What's your first impression of GTMO?"



**"This last weekend was fun."**  
 -Army Spc. Ziomarie Cosme



**"The weather is the same as Puerto Rico"**  
 -Army Sgt. 1st Class Raul Gonzalez



**"I feel at home. I love the beaches."**  
 -Army Master Sgt. Maria Rivera-Fontana



**"The weather is the same as in Puerto Rico."**  
 -Army Sgt. Jesus Munoz

# ARE YOU AN OX OR A MULE?

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel G. Jones

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

I work too hard ... maybe you feel the same way. I really like working hard and feel the satisfaction of products and changes but it finally gets old, especially when I see others doing much less. Whenever I feel this way, I remember a story my grandmother told me long ago.

Once upon a time, an old farmer had for some time been plowing with an ox and a mule teamed together; working them pretty hard. The young ox said to the mule, "Let's play sick today and rest a little while." But the old mule said, "No, we need to get the work done, for the growing season is short."

But the ox played sick, and the farmer brought it fresh hay and corn and made the ox comfortable. When the mule came in from plowing, the ox asked how it went in the fields. "We didn't get as much done," answered the mule, "but we did a fair stretch." Then the ox asked, "What did the old man say about me?"

"Nothing," said the mule.

The next day, the ox, thinking it had a good thing going, played sick again. And when the mule returned from the field very tired, the ox asked, "How did it go today?" "All right, I guess," the mule replied, "but we didn't get much done." Then the young ox asked, "What did the old man say about me?"

"Nothing to me," the mule answered, "but he did stop to have a long talk with the butcher."

This little story actually plays itself out in real life more often than not. I see others who do less many times end up on the short end of the stick of life. These people get fired, passed up for promotion, not respected, and other negative outcomes from negative output. This is applied not only in the work place but at home as a member of a family. Yes, sometimes these types do get promoted and receive other recognition well unearned but they are still a failure in life. They are noted by people who count.

I may get tired of working hard at my job and in my home as a father and husband, but it beats being a rib eye steak. Your work and passion in doing a good job at what's important to you is noted and appreciated.

You are making a difference way beyond your imagination. Sleep well tonight in knowing a good day has been lived. ■



## 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

WITH ARMY CAPT. BRYAN HUGHES

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage make up the Army's seven core values. At the center of any mission, or person there must be a set of values that guide and direct its heart and purpose.

"A world void of morals and values is like a ship without sails...it just won't work," said Confucius in 519 B.C.

In today's Army, just like anywhere else, it's easy to let yourself forget what the true meanings of selfless service, honor and integrity are. Thankfully, however, sometimes we are privileged enough to come across a person who exemplifies a life founded on values that gives the rest of us a well-needed chance to refresh our thinking.

Army Capt. Bryan E. Hughes isn't just someone who works hard; he's a person that, regardless of the mission, retains a willing and motivated attitude. It's becoming less and less common to meet someone that accepts the good and the bad, all with a positive outlook.

In 1987, Hughes enlisted in the Army as a private first class. After spending four years with the 82nd airborne division as an M60 gunner and serving a tour in the Gulf, Hughes left the Army entirely and spent his time as a civilian.

After realizing that the Army had more to offer for Hughes, he reenlisted in 1995 as a sergeant in the National Guard.

"I came in as a recruiter and was promptly promoted to staff sergeant," said Hughes. "Shortly after I made E-6, the Adjutant General for the state of Maryland told me I was going to OCS (Officer Candidate School) and I didn't have a choice."

While Hughes attended OCS he worked as a recruiter during the day and went to college at night. Throughout the duration of OCS and the time he spent as a recruiter, Hughes was left with almost no time for his family, but he stood firm and he didn't bat an eye. He continued on with what was assigned him

and didn't look back. All the while keeping a positive, can-do attitude, and at the same time sacrificing whatever he could to make time for his family.

After spending a year at Guantanamo, the Maryland National Guard has retired their colors and is preparing to go home. Hughes has a bit of advice he would like to offer his successors.

"Take the opportunity to embrace the situation you're in. This mission is truly once in a lifetime and to not realize that fact is to forfeit some of the greatest learning experiences you'll find in the military." ■

# AROUND THE JTF

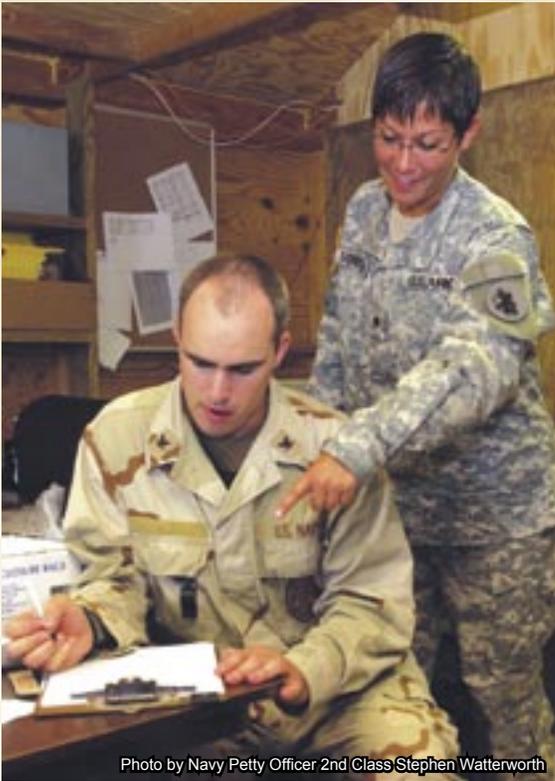


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Army Spc. Crystal Sidebottom from the Budget Office reviews paperwork in the Camp America Media Scan Office with Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ward Harrington attached to the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion in Camp Delta.



Photo by Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

It was a proud moment for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Joint Task Force commander Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris as he presented outgoing deputy commander Army Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock with the Defense Superior Service Medal on Saturday.



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Army Col. Wade Dennis congratulates Army Capt. Dexter Craig in an award ceremony for the outgoing members of the Joint Detention Group Friday.