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# Hail and Farewell, Gitmo



**By Army Col. Wade Dennis**

JTF-GTMO Joint Detention Group Commander

I believe in the mission and purpose of Joint Task Force-Guantanamo. I believe in our Sailors and Soldiers. I believe in the JTF motto – “Honor bound to defend freedom.”

Every day, I am awestruck by the level of discipline and professionalism as the Sailors and Soldiers of the Joint Detention Group (JDG) execute their mission. It has been my sincere honor and privilege to have served with you. As you go forth, know that you will always have mission success as long as you continue to enforce the standard operating procedures and execute your daily duties in a firm, fair and compassionate manner.

Many questions have arisen regarding the future of JTF-GTMO. These questions are irrelevant to us. Guantanamo’s future is irrelevant to the JDG mission. We are detaining unlawful enemy combatants. From a JDG perspective, the mission to provide humane care and custody will remain until the last detainee is transported out of Guantanamo. Those who decide Guantanamo’s future have no bearing on the execution of the JDG mission.

It’s important for you young Sailors and Soldiers to not believe everything you read. Words like “torture,” “gulag” and “inhumanity” have been used to describe our mission. We have been called “notorious” and “oppressive.” This could not be further from the truth. It is my belief

that you have demonstrated – through your discipline and professionalism, with your morals and values – that you are clearly some of the greatest Americans serving our nation today.

You are volunteers in the Global War on Terror. Every day, you are making a significant contribution to the War effort. In the past year, we’ve opened Camp 6 – a humane facility comparable to those in the States. We’ve increased the quality of life for the detainees. Equally, the JTF has focused on improving the health, welfare and morale of you, our greatest asset. Nothing is more important than your welfare, your quality of life and your future.

The future of the JTF is nothing but opportunity; the opportunity to tell the world the great things you do every day. The actions of our guard force have the potential for strategic ramifications. That’s a great deal of pressure for young Troopers to be under, yet you bear it with dignity and respect.

A last note: think beyond the immediate and never forget your fellow Sailors and Soldiers. Remember that leadership philosophy determines quality of life. A commander’s attitude permeates every element of any organization. That’s what leadership is about. That’s what leaders do for you and you should do for others.

The JTF is under the world’s microscope. Remember to always pursue perfection as the end goal. To do less is to be less.

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# ON THE RECORD

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone

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Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby sat down with The Wire Tuesday, June 26 to discuss his command philosophy after a month on the ground as the Joint Task Force Commander.

Buzby, who reached his 28th year of military service Monday, is proudly commanding his first joint forces command. Buzby subscribes to a three pillar philosophy that he's confident, when understood and applied by Troopers, will result in a more effective, cohesive unit.

Buzby's philosophy centers around three pillars: **People first, professionalism and being a good shipmate/battle buddy.** Buzby explained the importance of each of these pillars and what they mean to his philosophy.

"I feel very comfortable with my philosophy, because it comes from my heart and it's something I truly believe in," said Buzby. "It's simple enough that I've been able to explain it to all of the people I've served with at my previous commands and they've understood it pretty easily. Whenever I speak with Troopers, it's what I believe and it comes out clearly and genuinely. It's what I've gleaned over my 28 years of service."

For Buzby, the Troopers are of the utmost importance to mission success, whether on a ship or a command like the Joint Task Force. According to Buzby, even the most powerful and capable ship must be crewed by a well-trained, well-led crew, or its going to lose its effectiveness.

"**People** are the main battery of any command," said Buzby. "If you neglect your main battery, you won't be an effective fighting force. Unless our people are trained up to the maximum extent and are enabled and supported to do their mission, they can't operate at their absolute best. Focusing on our people is absolutely critical."

**Professionalism**, the second pillar of Buzby's philosophy, represents the commander's belief in training, education and being the best at whatever job a Trooper undertakes as a member of the JTF.

"In my mind, professionalism is being the very best at what you do," said Buzby. "You strive to be the best at any job. Ours is the profession of arms. If you aren't trying to do your best, you are potentially putting others in danger."

Buzby believes the constant broadening of experience and



Photo by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

technical knowledge and training is the foundation of who we are as a military.

"Professionalism manifests itself in learning, training, reading and bettering yourself professionally," said Buzby.

Throughout their careers, Troopers are stressed the importance of being a good shipmate/battle buddy. For Buzby, this pillar is "the glue that holds the three together."

"When I say **being a good shipmate/battle buddy**, I mean you are there for your fellow JTF member, and that's a 24-7 responsibility," said Buzby. "If you see your buddy getting too intoxicated or getting themselves into an issue, get in there and pull them out of that issue. You are there for them. If they got hit by a car, you wouldn't just walk by and say 'Tough luck, it looks like you're having a bad day,' you would get in there and help them. You'd get in there and perform first aid and do the best you can for them. It goes across the board."

Buzby went on to further stress the importance of being there for fellow Troopers and its importance to the Joint Task Force mission here at Guantanamo.

"Looking out for your fellow Troopers is being there for them no matter what, because you serve together executing a very difficult mission," said Buzby. "Without the unit cohesion that comes from a group operating closely together, the whole thing comes apart. It's the glue that has to be there holding it together enabling the mission to succeed to its maximum extent."

Buzby stated that the three pillars of his philosophy are underpinned by **integrity**, a behavior Buzby says we all must have. Buzby said that all Troopers must trust each other to serve honorably and execute the mission.

"Our mission is to work with the detainees and to keep them safe and ensure they are treated humanely," said Buzby. "That's difficult enough when we have to deal with strife within ourselves. That takes away from mission effectiveness."

"My goal and my command philosophy is to keep ourselves internally streamlined to successfully complete our mission."

# Commander Discusses Perceptions of Guantanamo

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The men being held at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, would kill again if given the chance, U.S. officials have said. More than 2,000 U.S. service members and civilians ensure the terrorists at the detention facility don't get a chance to launch more attacks, said Navy Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of the command ensure the safe and humane detention of enemy combatants and the gathering of intelligence for the Global War on Terror, the Admiral said. "We are going to continue to do that as effectively and efficiently as we can without getting anyone hurt," he added.

About 370 enemy combatants are being held in the facilities. These are men taken off the battlefields primarily in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. They are fighters, facilitators, financiers, couriers or people involved with organizations such as the Taliban and al Qaeda that are conducting operations against U.S. or coalition forces.

"They were apprehended there and brought to us so we could keep them off the battlefield and gain intelligence from them," Buzby said.

The Admiral doesn't doubt the detainees wish more harm to America. "I haven't found a one yet who salutes the colors when we raise the flag in the morning," he said wryly.

"We are keeping them off the battlefield," the Admiral said. "What is unique about this situation is that in a time of war we're actually transferring many of them out of this facility — many back to their own countries for release or to go into custody in their own countries." To date, the United States has returned 405 men to their own or other countries.

The detainees also are a source of strategic intelligence. Many have been detained for more than five years, and their tactical value is virtually nonexistent, Buzby said. But they still know the people in the organizations, and they give insight into the way al Qaeda works and how the Taliban is organized. U.S. officials gain a better understanding of how the

organization fits together, which helps leaders counter threats of the future, he explained.

The mere mention of Guantanamo conjures up allegations of torture and detainee abuse, but Buzby said the facility's practices have been in keeping with Defense Department policies.

"We tend to get wrapped up in the greater discussion of detainees down here with those detained elsewhere," Buzby said. "There have been many, many investigations conducted of the conditions in Guantanamo, ... and they found no deviations from standing DoD policies."

Buzby said only two or three allegations leveled at Guantanamo personnel have ever been proven, and "they were very, very minor — procedural vs. an actual act. All the reports that I have read prior to coming to the job say that 'Gitmo' has been doing it correctly from the start."

The Americans in the Joint Task Force do a tough job very well, the Admiral said. The troops serve 12-hour shifts — four days on followed by two-days off. The day shift begins at 5:15 each morning at guard mount, where daily training covers fine points of the detention mission. At guard mount, the troops discuss the plan for the day and any incidents from the previous watch. Then they move to their tiers, their watch posts or stations and do a turnover with the previous shift.

The guards take meals to the detainees and take the detainees to their recreation time, hospital visits and commission appearances. All the cells have to be searched every day. "Our guards, in the course of walking their tier, walk 10 to 12 miles a day," Buzby said.

The Admiral said the guards are in a battle of wills with the detainees. "Some of the detainees throw bodily fluids on the guards or spit on them," he said. "These troops are amazing. They are fantastic. I

don't know if I could put up with what they put up with and keep on doing the mission every day."

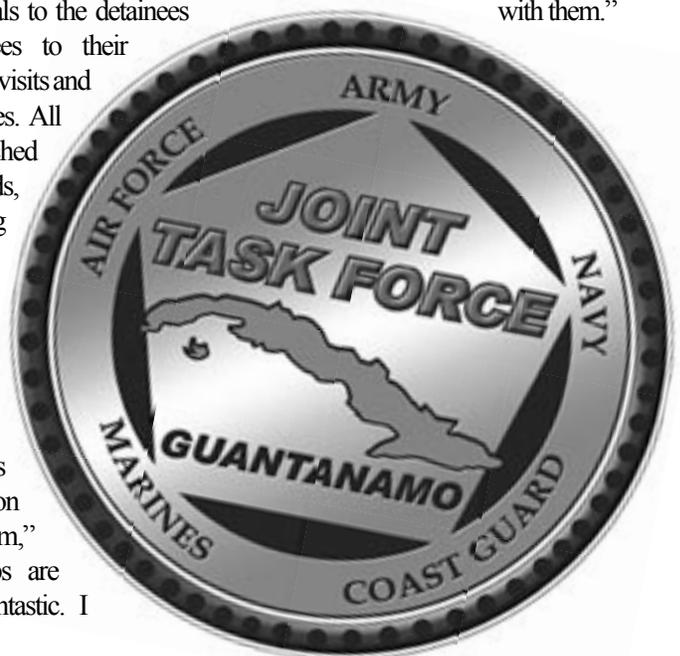
The detention facilities are a far cry from the original camp set up in 2002. The temporary facility at Camp X-Ray — which still shows up in some video footage on television news reports — is closed, the Admiral said. It is totally overgrown. The facilities today are comparable to facilities in the United States.

"Our two newest facilities — Camps 5 and 6 — are modeled after county and state facilities that exist in Michigan and Indiana," he said. They meet all specifications for detention: climate control, safety devices and safety for the guard force.

Many members of the Joint Task Force live in former family housing at Guantanamo. Buzby said the command works closely with local base officials to improve the quality of life.

The Admiral said the response to a detainee's suicide provided his most memorable experience since assuming command just over a month ago.

"I was impressed with the way the folks responded: from the guards who attempted first aid [to] the medical people who tried to revive him," he said. "The guard force worked together to ensure nothing else occurred. ... I knew then how professional a force I had under my command. I am honored to serve with them."



# Fleet & Family Support Center Increases Accessibility



Photo by Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

**By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Whether you are having issues with finances, stress, anger, parenting or locating employment, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Guantanamo Bay offers various services to help Troopers improve their quality of life.

FFSC services are now even more accessible to Troopers living and working in Camp America with the opening of a satellite office in the One Stop building. FFSC Educator Madhya (Maddie) Husta said the new office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and provides various services including transition assistance and counseling.

“We are a joint Fleet and Family Support Center that offers a full range of services,” said Husta. “All services currently offered on the Naval Station side will be available at the One Stop location. Since we are sharing services and resources with Naval Station, some services will only be available at the One Stop location on specific days.”

FFSC offers many resources and training programs to ensure that Troopers take advantage of all benefits available to them. These programs include transition assistance, family employment readiness, family advocacy, sexual assault prevention and relocation assistance. Training courses focusing on life skills education, personal financial management, victim advocacy and deployment assistance are also available on scheduled dates.

Husta mentioned that courses on stress, anger, parenting, couple’s communication, and other topics are scheduled throughout the year. She added that these courses can be customized to address a need within a unit. Thus, unit commanders may request that a trainer come out to their unit and teach a course.

In addition to providing educational training, FFSC also offers information and referral services to provide Troopers and their family members with any type of assistance needed during a deployment. Troopers in need of irons, coffee makers, silverware and other hospitality items can also rent them from FFSC.

Husta said that Troopers should call 8127 or visit the One Stop location to access a schedule listing the dates when certain services

are available. Whether a Trooper is mobilized, permanently stationed or individually augmented, they are welcome to attend any of the courses and workshops offered by FFSC.

The new satellite office will place counselors and trainers in closer proximity to the Troopers who can only schedule appointments during the workday.

“It’s a friendly organization. We are in partnership with Joint Task Force, and we are here to make sure that Troopers get what they need,” said Husta. “Our goal is to be helpful to the mission.”

Although Troopers were orientated to FFSC services during the newcomers’ briefing, Husta encourages them to visit the office and learn more about how they can benefit from the services offered.

“Whether there is an issue with anger, stress, family, the marriage or child rearing, our job is to help resolve these problems. We have classes here and three licensed counselors on staff who will help Troopers work through the process,” said Husta. “The only time we will share information with a Trooper’s command is if the information shared may put the Trooper or others in harm’s way.”

In addition to the counseling services, FFSC has resources for Troopers either transitioning out of the service or seeking to change jobs when they return home.

Transition assistance courses are available for military members retiring or separating from the service who are seeking employment. During the four-day training session, Troopers can learn more about the retirement process and benefits available to veterans. Troopers who need to fine-tune their resumes can benefit from the services offered by the Family Employment Readiness Program. Although staff members will review resumes and help Troopers navigate through employment resources, Family Employment Readiness Program and Transition Assistance Program Manager Ronald Lancaster said their task is to jump start the process.

“My job is to work with Troopers by getting them to talk with us, so we can determine how we are able to assist,” said Lancaster. “Once we learn more about their goals, we can then direct them to the services that will allow them to make a more sound decision.”

Before Troopers purchase a “Gitmo special” or open another credit card account, they are encouraged to speak with a financial specialist. FFSC staff is available to provide general information on credit card management, debt reduction, the benefits of investing money into a Thrift Savings Plan and purchasing a home or car. Husta mentioned that FFSC offers these services to help prevent Troopers from making bad financial decisions.

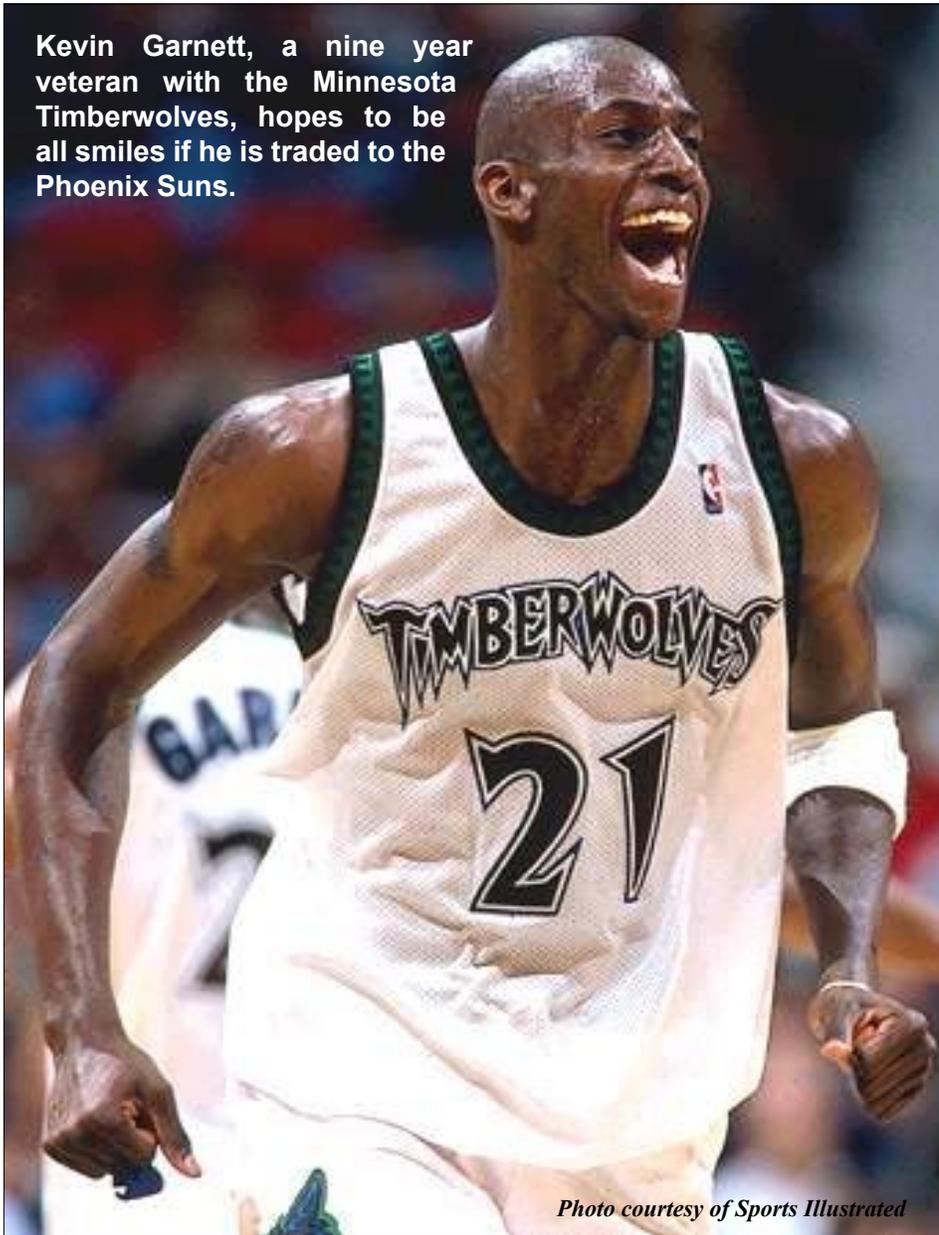
“Unfortunately, military members have been targets of scams. Because some service members are so young, they tend to make decisions that can adversely affect their personal life and military future,” said Husta. “We provide Troopers with information on credible places they can go to get a loan.”

Husta mentioned that FFSC staff members are not able to prepare taxes, address legal issues, or treat drug and alcohol abuse. However, their doors are open to help meet the many needs of Troopers and their family members during their deployment.

# Suns lead the pack

## in Garnett trade talks

Kevin Garnett, a nine year veteran with the Minnesota Timberwolves, hopes to be all smiles if he is traded to the Phoenix Suns.



*Photo courtesy of Sports Illustrated*

**By Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone**

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The Minnesota Timberwolves are at best a mediocre basketball team. Statistics prove this, year after year. And year after year, for nearly a decade, Kevin Garnett has been quietly giving his all for the Wolves every season. After nine years, Garnett must be wondering if he'll ever get remotely near an NBA championship.

It's no secret that Kevin Garnett is the only shining star in the galaxy that is the Minnesota Timberwolves. Statistics show that no other player in the history of the NBA has had as many consecutive seasons averaging at least 20 points, ten rebounds and four assists than Garnett. Garnett has done it nine straight seasons. In fact, the only person that came close was Larry Bird, with six seasons (1979-1984).

As Garnett continues to age, one

would believe that his value would diminish somewhat at the end of each successive season. Nevertheless, Garnett is still considered to be one of the game's elite, and he may finally be rescued from his not-so-fantastic voyage aboard Vice President of Basketball Operations Kevin McHale's ship of fools.

Two trade scenarios arose on Tuesday, both of which would send Garnett to the Phoenix Suns to join Steve Nash and company's whirlwind offense. The scenarios are not your usual sports trade proposals, however. Three teams are involved in both scenarios.

The best possibility would see Phoenix trade All-NBA center Amare Stoudemire to the Atlanta Hawks. The Wolves would receive Atlanta's third and eleventh picks in Thursday's NBA draft. The Suns would then receive Garnett. All three teams look to make good with this deal.

Atlanta wants to see what happens if they can reunite Stoudemire with his ex-teammate Joe Johnson. The Wolves, as a bonus to the two draft picks, would also receive their salary cap-friendly contracts from the Hawks. Garnett, who has requested a new home, would then be free to move on to the desert, his new preferred home of choice.

Previous trade talks included the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers, but all indications appear that these two once-proud franchises are no longer in the running.

The Wolves would like to enjoy a fruitful draft this season. They already have a seventh pick, and with a third pick and an eleventh pick, they look to be able to rebuild the foundation of their team with younger stars.

If the trade actually does happen, and Garnett and Nash end up playing together on the same paint, look for nine years of patience on Garnett's part to finally pay off. Some guys just deserve it.

# Ready... Set... **SHIMMO!**

Photos by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Wolff and Army Sgt. Michael Owens, Jr.

By Army Spc. Daniel Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

What do you get when you have modular trailer housing, an isolated Caribbean island and a group of Troopers looking for a good time? You get Sumo Wrestling, that's what!

On Friday, June 22, a crowd of Troopers gathered at the H block of Cuzco Barracks to battle each other in the age old Japanese sport of Sumo Wrestling.

Traditionally Sumo wrestlers can weigh in excess of 400 pounds. Since none of the participants at Cuzco came anywhere near that kind of girth, participants donned inflatable costumes to help pack on the appearance of extra pounds.

The idea was thought up by Army Sergeant 1st Class Jenxie Cintron, who wanted to bring a little excitement to what some consider a rather mundane place, Cuzco Barracks. "I had been thinking about doing something like this for awhile, I thought there must be something better than another boring Friday night."

"I saw a thing on TV that showed inflatable Sumo suits," explained Cintron. "Once I told everyone on the block what I wanted to do, everyone pitched in to help get it off the ground."

Cintron went on to explain that he called up Morale, Welfare and Recreation to make sure they could rent those kinds of suits, and then went about securing exercise mats to put down to ensure the safety of all the individuals involved.



**ATTACK!**



**GRAPPLE!**

The event kicked off at 8:30 p.m. with some of the participants even giving themselves nicknames such as *The Bulldog*, *The Slicer* and *Black Thunder*.

Adding further to the fun, Cintron hooked up a microphone which allowed for ring announcements and entrance music.

Given the success of the sporting event, Cintron added that he is looking forward to doing something similar again in the future; he is just not sure what. "I want to make this a fun place to live, so keep an eye out!"



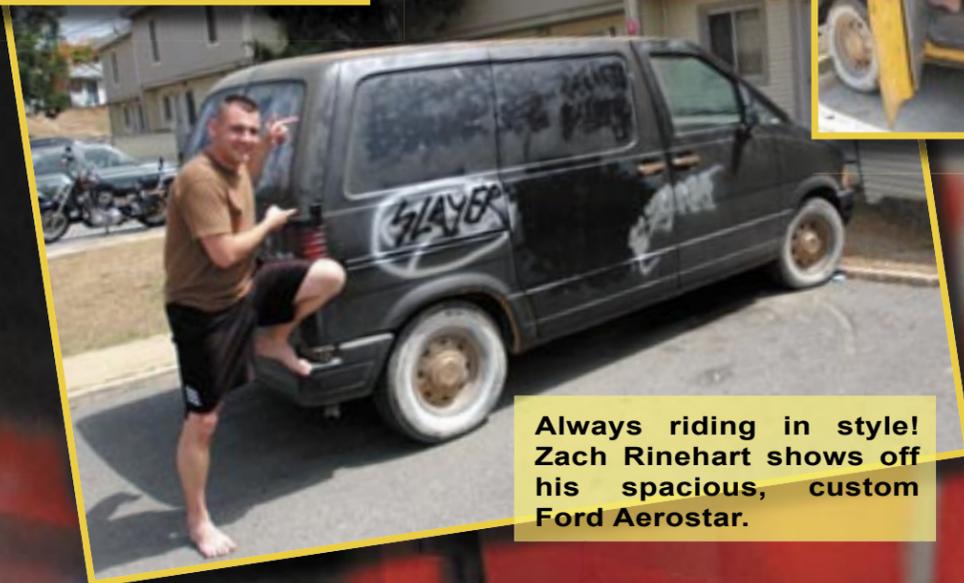
**DEFEAT!**



**SMASH!!!**

# Gitmo Specials

## Fantastic Ford



Always riding in style! Zach Rinehart shows off his spacious, custom Ford Aerostar.

## BAM!!!



Matt Allen tricked out his Dodge beach buggy with a flowered up paint job.

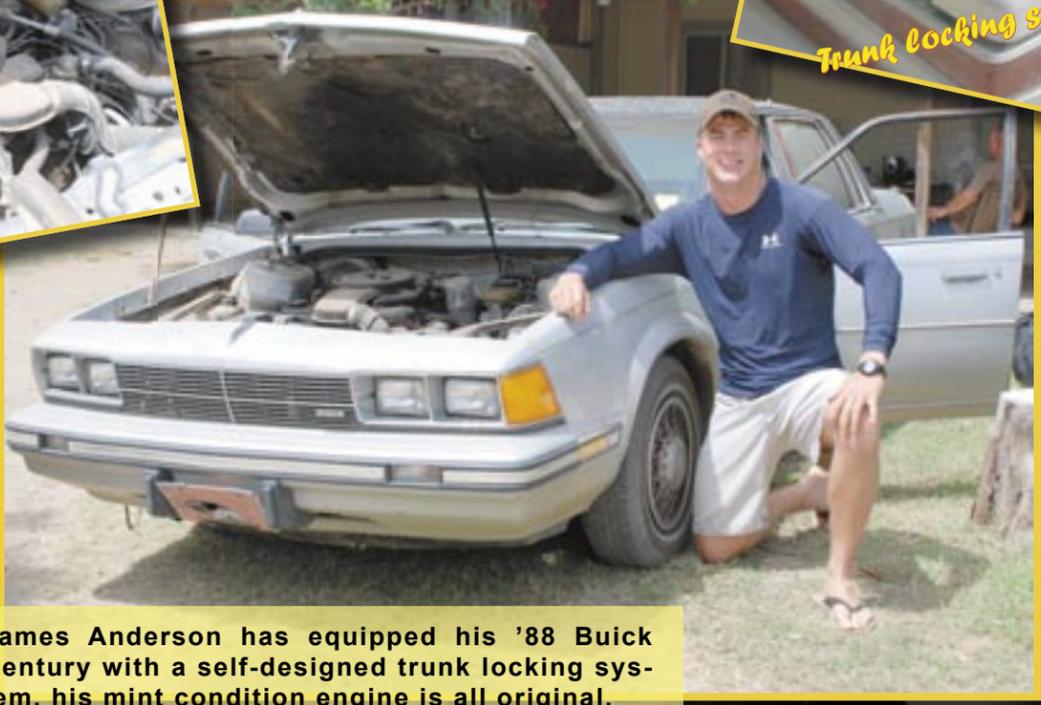
"Gitmo Specials" – you see them everywhere you go here at Guantanamo, with their fiery paint jobs, tricked-out wheels and high-revving engines. Roaring around at top speeds of 25 mph, they take hairpin turns as you watch breathlessly and wonder how the rubber of their tires even grips the road. Just who are these phantom drivers – these warrior patriots, who give their lives to protect this great nation, and solemnly accept the duty of keeping these pristine steel thoroughbreds running at the highest states of excellence? They're "Kings of the Road," and they don't let rust, age or high mileage keep a good car down!

## 3-Wheel Motion!!!



With a flick of a switch, this car does not even need a fourth wheel to cruise around Gitmo, as long as it has a pile of rocks to keep it level in the parking lot.

## Custom Buick



James Anderson has equipped his '88 Buick Century with a self-designed trunk locking system, his mint condition engine is all original.

# Sexual Assault Intervention

Mandley added that acts included in the definition are rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault and any attempts to commit such conduct.

The Department of Defense has characterized sexual assault as a criminal act that goes against the core values and high standards of professionalism and personal discipline. Therefore, actions taken against service members may range from courts-martial and discharges to other punitive or administrative remedies.

Since 1994, the Navy has required each command to employ a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) to coordinate response efforts for victims of sexual assault. The SARC is tasked with managing the sexual assault victim response care process from the initial report to the final disposition.

The SARC works closely with the SAVI Victim Advocates who provide support and guidance for sexual assault victims. When a sexual assault occurs, a Trooper can dial 4273 (ICARE) from any installation telephone and be connected with a victim's advocate. The victim's advocate is a trained volunteer who supplies information on available options and resources, and may also accompany the victim to his or her medical examination. Additionally, a victim's advocate may assist with ongoing non-clinical support by accompanying the victim, with consent, during investigative interviews.

Any Trooper interested in becoming a victim's advocate may contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at 4141 for more information. Mandley encourages male and female Troopers of all ranks who are at least 21 years old to consider becoming victim's advocates. The next 30-hour training session for victim's advocates is scheduled for Aug. 6 through 9.

Although a sexual assault victim can report the incident to anyone, Mandley encourages Troopers to seek out individuals within their "protected circle" to ensure

confidentiality. Individuals included in the protected circle are health care providers, SAVI counselors, chaplains and victim's advocates.

"It's always good for a victim to get to people in a protective circle since these are the people who can educate them on their options and keep all information confidential," said Mandley. "If a service member tells a friend or someone in their command, then he or she cannot file a restricted report. It is best for the victim to call ICARE or get to a hospital as soon as possible."

Mandley added that a sexual assault victim has the option of initiating a restricted or unrestricted report when they contact SAVI. Restricted reporting allows sexual assault victims, on a confidential basis, to receive medical treatment and counseling without becoming involved in an investigation. Since law enforcement is not informed and the Trooper's command is not involved, restrictive reporting eliminates the opportunity for disciplinary or protective action.

However, an unrestricted reporting will trigger the investigation process with the Naval Criminal Investigation Services, the SARC and the Trooper's command being notified when the sexual assault is reported. The sexual assault victim will also have access to victim's advocacy and other supportive services offered by SAVI.

"We present the advantages and disadvantages of both reporting processes to the victim," said Mandley. "This information allows Troopers to make an educated decision on what way they want to go." He reminds Troopers that if they request a restricted report but share the information with their command, the confidentiality is broken and an investigation may be initiated.

"Unit commanders and their leadership should encourage Troopers to be responsible for their own actions," said Mandley. "Since alcohol is a contributing factor in many cases, Troopers should be educated on the consequences of alcohol consumption. For the program to be successful, leaders should emphasize sexual assault awareness every opportunity they get."

**By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons**

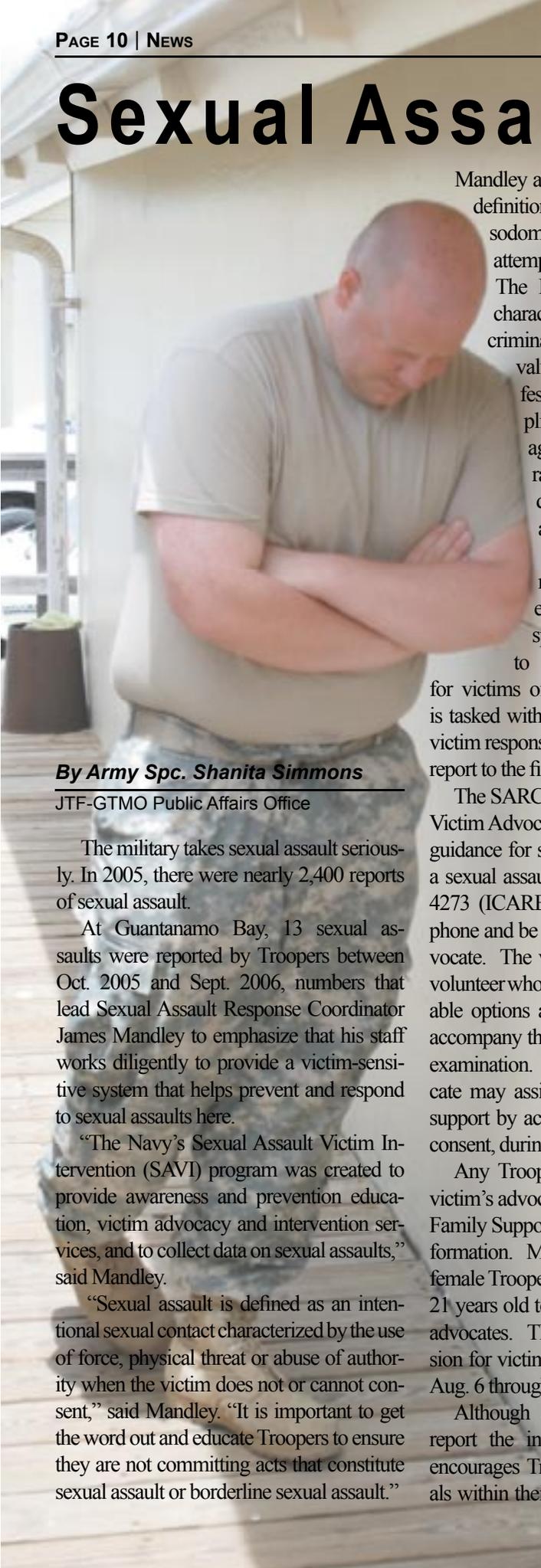
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The military takes sexual assault seriously. In 2005, there were nearly 2,400 reports of sexual assault.

At Guantanamo Bay, 13 sexual assaults were reported by Troopers between Oct. 2005 and Sept. 2006, numbers that lead Sexual Assault Response Coordinator James Mandley to emphasize that his staff works diligently to provide a victim-sensitive system that helps prevent and respond to sexual assaults here.

"The Navy's Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program was created to provide awareness and prevention education, victim advocacy and intervention services, and to collect data on sexual assaults," said Mandley.

"Sexual assault is defined as an intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent," said Mandley. "It is important to get the word out and educate Troopers to ensure they are not committing acts that constitute sexual assault or borderline sexual assault."



# THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

"I want to be out of a job," Naval Hospital Counselor Petty Officer 1st Class Corelle Street said with a smile. Street is smiling because she knows it would mean that there are no substance abuse problems on the base because personnel here are being responsible with their alcohol consumption.

The Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) offered here at the hospital assists all branches of service in dealing with addictions such as alcohol and drugs.

As a substance abuse counselor, Street is a graduate of the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counseling School and has been in practice for five consecutive years. Her love for the job comes primarily from her desire to help the Troops. "I want to educate, educate and educate Troopers about responsible drinking behavior," Street said.

The danger of substance abuse, according to Street, is the damage it does to one's personal and professional life. People drink for a reason. Most people tend to use addictions like alcohol to cope with different forms of stress – money, family problems, work issues and more.

Dependency, Street explained, does not start immediately. Dependency is insidious, starting with the first sip of booze or abuse of a drug. Over time, the amount a person consumes in order to feel the effect – whether a head rush or buzz – increases. Eventually, negative behavior patterns develop into dangerous decisions: drinking on the job, getting into fights, cutting out early to drink. Those bad decisions continue the downward spiral of self-abuse that can lead to decisions as dramatic as sexual assault and suicide.

"These are things you would never think about doing in a sober state of mind," Street said.

Troopers need to maintain a vigilant mindset when consuming alcohol. One way to monitor alcohol intake is by using the 0-0-1-3 Method. Initially created by the Air Force four years ago, this method has slowly been adopted by the Navy. The system edict follows four guidelines: 0 drinks

underage, 0 drinks if you plan on driving, 1 drink an hour, and not to exceed 3 drinks total.

This system, Street explained, helps individuals gain an awareness of their alcohol intake. "Those numbers promote responsible drinking," she said. "Drinking games should also be avoided," said Street.

The Naval Hospital has designed SARP to provide soldiers with private, confidential counseling for substance abuse. There programs provide focused education on the negative aspects of drinking and drugs.

SARP is located on the second floor of the Navy hospital. To make an appointment, or for more info, call Street at 2128.

Alcoholics Anonymous also has meetings at Chapel Hill on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. They can be reached at 2323.

## ***Signs of a problem drinker:***

- Drinks more than intended
- Negative consequences at home, work or school
- Drinks and drives
  - Verbally or physically abusive while drinking
  - Neglects responsibilities
  - Has health problems as a result of drinking
  - Has hurt himself or others as result of drinking
  - Has been told that he or she has a drinking problem



# Reunion Issue #1

*From the JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain's Office*

Personnel at Guantanamo Bay are constantly arriving and departing every month. Some of us are serving here briefly and others 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 or are reservists returning to civilian employment. 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 partners or families need them anymore. Our partners have learned to take care of needs and responsibilities without us. Our partners have 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 partners. If we have children, they will also have changed and, depending upon their ages, behave shyly and even get 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, seven days a week at **1-800-342-9647**, or visit [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

*From the JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain's Office*

Action Item #1 – Communicate

The number one positive action we can take at Guantanamo is to use the many ways of communicating with those we love and miss. Sending email, letters, cards, or making phone calls, sending flowers and gifts by the Internet all keep us in touch during the time of separation. If we don't do these things 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 forms of communication.

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

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

### Saturday, June 30

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



**Partly Cloudy**

Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 20%

### Sunday, June 01

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



**Partly Cloudy**

Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 20%

### Monday, June 02

Isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



**Isolated T-storms**

Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 30%

### Tuesday, June 03

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 20%

**Partly Cloudy**

### Wednesday, June 04

Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 30%

**Scattered T-storms**

### Thursday, June 05

Isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 60%

**Isolated T-storms**

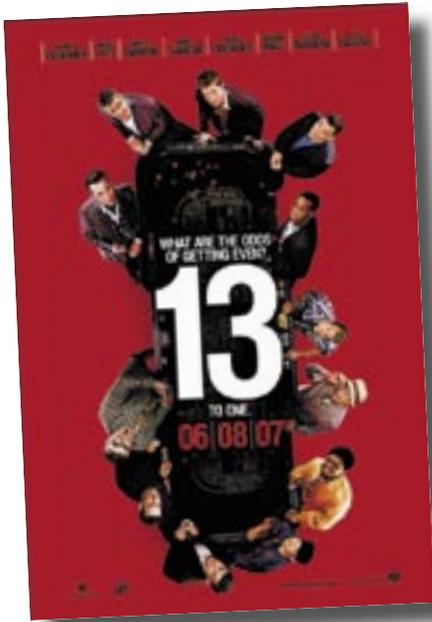
### Friday, June 06

Isolated thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the high-70's.



Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.  
Sunset: 7:44 p.m.  
Chance of Rain: 30%

**Scattered T-storms**



# MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

By Army Sgt. Scott Griffin

## Ocean's 13

Rated: PG-13

Duration: 122 minutes

“What are the odds of getting even?” If you’re watching a summer blockbuster it’s pretty much a sure thing and the latest summer ‘three-quel’ is no different. Ocean’s 13 returns master thief Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his crew of assorted con men to Las Vegas for a final heist of amazing proportions. Notorious casino tycoon Willy Bank (Al Pacino) double-crosses Danny’s mentor, Reuben Tishkoff, inducing a heart-attack in the process. Reuben’s broken heart (technically speaking, it’s a myocardial infarction, but close enough for the movies) brings the gang back together. Instead of stealing for personal gain and a still-burning torch, this job is straight revenge. Danny and Rusty Ryan (Brad Pitt) concoct a plan to break ‘The Bank.’ If they can make Bank lose \$500 million on opening night, the shareholders will fire him from the board and put up Reuben in his place.

Director Steven Soderbergh slips back into more comfortable gear for this installment, eschewing the self-indulgence of Ocean’s 12 for the audience’s indulgence of watching some of the coolest cats in Hollywood strut on-screen. The script is tightly-packed and well-paced. While there are plenty of one-liners and opportunities for sight gags, each laugh keeps the story moving. The rest of the film is Danny and the gang staying one step ahead of Willy Bank as things go wrong – or do they?

Danny and his crew have matured for this episode and Reuben’s plight sobers their attitudes a bit. Pacino’s performance is surprisingly understated, with less of his recent bluff and bluster and more of the seething menace of a ruthless egomaniac. Ellen Barkin turns in a great performance as a ‘Cougar’ suffering from a dose of Spanish Fly and a crush on Matt Damon’s nose. Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) – uber-villain of the first two films – makes a brief return as a member of Ocean’s 13. Even the “Mormon Twins” (Casey Affleck and Scott Caan) get an enjoyable scene as they wind up liberating the oppressed workers of a small Mexican dice manufacturing facility.

And there you have it: fast-paced and funny, charming and filled with thrills. Catching Ocean’s 13 at the Lyceum is a steal.

Overall, the film is an enjoyable popcorn flick, surpassing the thrills of the first installment. For the last of a trilogy of thrilling heist flicks, the film is surprisingly funny. After all, “Revenge is a funny thing.”

Rating: ★★★★★

## Boots on the Ground

By Army 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen and Spc. Jamison Self

“How do you celebrate the 4th of July when you’re home?”



“Celebrate and spend time with my family on the beach.”

-Army Sgt. Edgardo DeGuzman



“Go to Fort Buchanan for the shows.”

-Army Staff Sgt. Randy Quintana



“Go to the beach and watch the fireworks.”

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Block



“I barbecue and shoot fireworks.”

-Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Raoul Bolduc

# Strength, Confidence and Courage

By Army Chaplain (Cpt.) Glenvil Gregory

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

I remember feeling very sad and disappointed when a young man to whom I was providing pastoral counseling cancelled three appointments consecutively. My disappointment stemmed from the fact that he was just beginning to do the hard work necessary to help cope with his difficulties. I also became worried because I did not know whether he was in jail or if he had attempted suicide. Unexpectedly the young man showed up. Although I was glad to see him, I was not sure how to respond.

As he sat across from me, he quietly spoke of his relapse and the things that might have triggered this episode. He spoke of the shame that he felt and the pain that his actions caused his wife and children. He also expressed his gratitude to the staff of our organization for their support. As I listened, I experienced various emotions. I also wrestled with whether I truly believed his story. I thought about what he deserved for his offenses. I felt as though he deserved some real tough love. I was tempted to throw the "whole book" at him.

While there is always a price to pay for offenses, we must always keep in mind that people who seek help are

really seeking a welcoming presence as they work out their problems. This is not the time to make a person feel ashamed or deal with him or her from a position of power. Rather, we should aim to readily participate with him or her as they seek out the love of God.

In the case mentioned above, this person – through his remorsefulness and humility – was crying out for mercy. In such situations, sensitivity to the person's inner cries is required and not judging actions that would shame him and send him away.

As we deal with each other daily it might be helpful for us to keep in mind that nothing but "self" can keep us from the mercy of the forgiving God. Let us also be reminded that our pleas for mercy are not a one-time cry or a request that is made when we are in trouble. It is an appeal that we must make on a daily basis.

God always offers a place from which we can begin again. Our cries for mercy speak of our willingness to accept God's love for us. In this light, I encourage each of us to pray for one another on a regular basis, asking God to have mercy and to grant us the strength, confidence and courage to live each day and to support each other as we accept God's offer to begin anew.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY STUFF!!!** *Forget Will Smith - This is the 4th of July!*

Noon - Miniature Gold Tournament at the Denich Gym  
 1 p.m. - Paintball Tournament at Cooper Field - *Ouch!*  
 5 p.m. - Carnival at the Skate Park (Food, games, *fun!*)  
 7 p.m. - Festivities begin at the Bayview / Tiki Bar  
 9 p.m. - Stay at the Bayview / Tiki for the Fireworks display! *Zowie!*  
 9:30 p.m. - Stick around for Dayami Cruz and Tropical Dreams! *Jazzie!*

**And more stuff! There's going to be booths and food and go carts and games and even a bouncer!**

# 15 MINUTES OF FAME

## ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS JENXIE CINTRON

**By Army Spc. Daniel Welch**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Noncommissioned Officers' Creed is a basic outline of responsibilities, tasks and goals that all noncommissioned officers in the United States Army are expected to live up to. While all of the points made in the creed are of importance, its second paragraph states "My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind – the accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers."

When it comes to Army Sgt. 1st Class Jenxie Cintron, Joint Detention Group (JDG) Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), truer words have never been spoken. A ten year veteran of the active duty Army and National Guard, Cintron has traveled far and wide in his dedication to his country as well as to the mission and the Soldiers he has led.

Entering the Army in 1997, Cintron initially was looking to the Army to help him find a better life.

"I did not like the path I was on, so I needed to make changes in my life and do something different," explained Cintron. "The Army has given me so many opportunities that I did not know existed and has helped me grow and become a man."

Cintron served his early years as an active duty Soldier in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum N.Y. The Army has taken him throughout the world, from picturesque settings in Spain, Germany and England to the combat zones of Iraq and Afghanistan and then on to his current deployment here.

Throughout his varied career, one of Cintron's guiding principles of leadership has been the great care he has taken leading Troopers under his watch.

"We are all away from our families when we are deployed," said Cintron, "so it is my job to form a feeling [of family] in my Troops."

Cintron shared that one of the things he will always remember about his time served in the Army is just how close you can get to others when you must rely on them for everything while serving in a combat environment.

After finishing his time on active duty, Cintron wanted to spend more time with his children back home. Not wanting to entirely give up the Army, he enlisted in the Puerto Rico National Guard.

"I love wearing the uniform and it is something that I did not want to take off just yet," explained Cintron.

This deployment is his first with the Guard and it has brought a new wrinkle into his military career – a shift in roles from an infantry Soldier to his present administrative duties.

"At first I thought I would be doing something like

being a Morale, Welfare and Recreation co-ordinator," Cintron said, "but as it turned out my job is much different."

His current job is a far cry from clearing houses and finding insurgents. As the JDG S-5 NCOIC, he has been tasked with a variety of missions. These include being the liaison between the Joint Visitors Bureau, the Staff Judge Advocate and the Public Affairs Office.

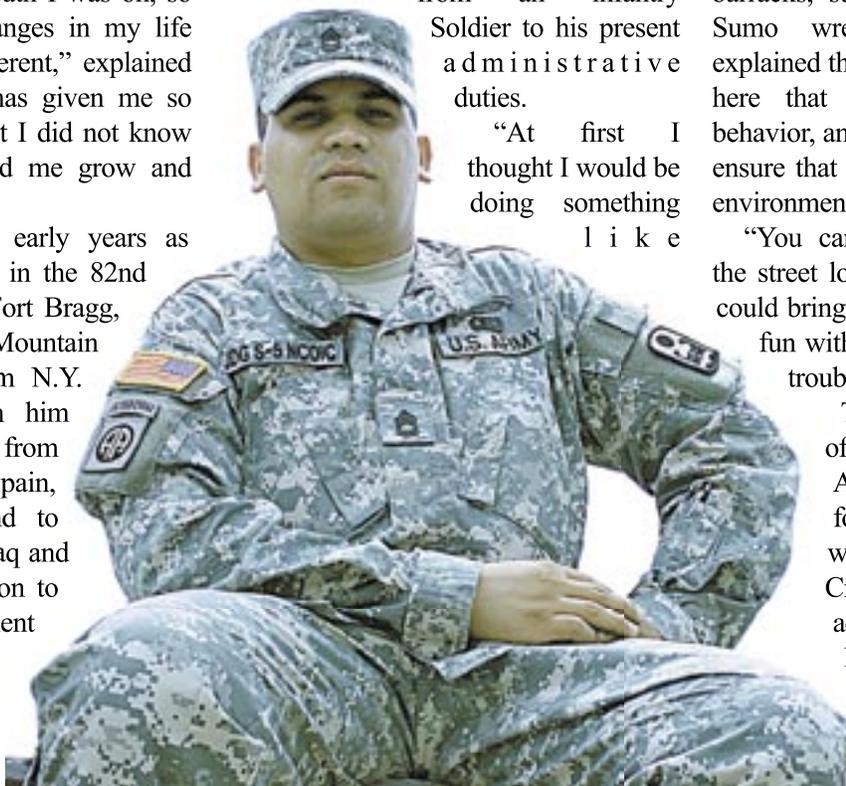
"I have enjoyed this experience very much so far," explained Cintron, "I have met some very interesting people and I've done things I never thought I would do in the Army." One of the things Cintron enjoys most is coordinating events and bringing people together.

"You are a Trooper 24/7, so it is important that in your off hours you have a way to relieve stress," said Cintron, "I have a lot of hobbies. I like to fish, play basketball, work out – anything that will take my mind off the job."

Cintron enjoys staging weekend activities for his neighbors at Cuzco barracks, such as this past weekend's Sumo wrestling extravaganza. He explained that there are a lot of activities here that could result in negative behavior, and that ultimately he wants to ensure that Troopers have fun in a safe environment.

"You can have your guys running the street looking for problems, or you could bring everyone together and have fun without anyone getting into any trouble," said Cintron.

There is no doubt that the lives of Troopers in the United States Armed Forces are demanding for many reasons. Nevertheless, with leaders like Sgt. 1st Class Cintron, Troopers can expect to accomplish their mission, be looked after and have fun!



# AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

**Sailors stand at attention Thursday, June 28, as they're awarded the Joint Service Achievement and the Joint Service Commendation medals for their hard work and dedication while deployed at Guantanamo Bay.**



Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Welch

**Navy Capt. Michael Reynolds congratulates the newly promoted Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Samantha Davidson after her promotion orders were read.**



Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Welch

**A water spout hovers menacingly over the Caribbean Sea just off the coast of Camp America.**

## CO-ED Sports Standings (as of 27 June)

### Co-ed Softball

Team	Won	Lost
GTMO Devils	4	0
NEGB "Lock down"	3	0
Detox Security	3	2
Renegades – TFP	1	2
Hydroids	1	2
The Untouchables	0	2
Ballin'	0	4

### Co-ed Volleyball

Team	Won	Lost
Nothing Drops	3	0
DHS – PPI	2	0
Fuego (Bombers)	2	1
PA Volley Ballas	1	2
Bubble Gang (V)	0	1
The Starters	0	2
Panthers	0	2

## Sudoku Puzzle



Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9. There is only one solution to the puzzle.

		6		3			1	
								7
5	7	3		9		8		
					6	3		
6		2	7		1	5		8
		4	2					
		8		7		1	5	4
9								
	4			6		7		



## Runway Report

In an effort to ensure the safety of all flights, Naval Station Guantanamo will be resurfacing the runway during the final two weeks of July.

No rotators will be departing the air station during this period. The only flights leaving on schedule are military air flights originating from GTMO en route to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

If this project impacts Trooper leave plans, affected individuals are encouraged to please notify their chain of command to determine how to change/adjust flight arrangements. For more information, call ext. 4850.

### Accuracy

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. If you see an error in *The Wire*, call Navy MC3 Jeff Johnstone at ext. 3594.

### Last week's Sudoku answers

5	8	9	3	1	6	4	7	2
4	2	3	9	8	7	5	1	6
6	1	7	2	4	5	3	9	8
9	6	5	4	7	1	8	2	3
8	3	1	5	6	2	9	4	7
2	7	4	8	3	9	6	5	1
3	9	8	7	2	4	1	6	5
1	4	2	6	5	8	7	3	9
7	5	6	1	9	3	2	8	4

# Movies and Weekly Events

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EVENTS

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Downtown</b> <i>Fantastic Four</i> (PG) 8 p.m. <i>Lucky You</i> (PG13) 10p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>Spiderman 3</i> (PG13) 8 p.m. <i>Hot Fuzz</i> (R) 10p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>Disturbia</i> (PG13) 8 p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>Fantastic Four</i> (PG) 8 p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>Ocean's 13</i> (PG13) 8 p.m. <i>Next</i> (PG13) 10 p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>In The Land of Women</i> (PG13) 8 p.m.	<b>Downtown</b> <i>Fracture</i> (R) 8 p.m.
<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Fracture</i> (R) 8 p.m. <i>Ocean's 13</i> (PG13) 10 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Fantastic Four</i> (PG) 8 p.m. <i>Lucky You</i> (PG13) 10 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Hot Fuzz</i> (R) 8 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Vacancy</i> (R) 8 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Fracture</i> (R) 8 p.m. <i>Invisible</i> (PG13) 10 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Perfect Stranger</i> (R) 8 p.m.	<b>Camp Bulkeley</b> <i>Spiderman 3</i> (PG13) 8 p.m.
	<b>NEX Parking Lot</b> <i>Car Wash</i> 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. FMI: 4439  <b>Fenceline Run</b> Starts 6 a.m. N.E. Gate Ends at Kittery Beach FMI: 2643/2703	<b>Bowling Eliminator</b> <b>Marathon</b> Starts 7 p.m. FMI: 2118				

Call MWR at ext. 2010 for more information.

All events are subject to change.

## Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday		Saturday	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward
6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	noon	11:30 a.m.	noon
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		

U-Boats		U-Boats	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
1:30 a.m. <i>Friday Only</i>	12:45 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
		1:30 a.m.	1:45 a.m.

Ferry		Sunday	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	noon	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
		10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.

## Bus Schedule

All buses run on the hour, 7 days/week 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Camp America	:00	:20	:40
Gazebo	:02	:22	:42
NEX Trailer	:03	:23	:43
Camp Delta 2	:06	:26	:46
KB 373	:10	:30	:50
TK 4	:12	:32	:52
JAS	:13	:33	:53
TK 3	:14	:34	:54
TK 2	:15	:35	:55
TK 1	:16	:36	:56
West Iguana	:18	:38	:58
Windjammer / Gym	:21	:41	:01
Gold Hill Galley	:24	:44	:04
NEX	:26	:46	:16
96 Man Camp	:31	:51	:11
NEX	:33	:53	:13
Gold Hill Galley	:37	:57	:17
Windjammer / Gym	:36	:56	:16
West Iguana	:39	:59	:19
TK 1	:40	:00	:20
TK 2	:43	:03	:23
TK 3	:45	:05	:25
TK 4	:47	:07	:27
KB 373	:50	:10	:30
Camp Delta 1	:54	:14	:32
IOF	:54	:14	:34
NEX Trailer	:57	:17	:37
Gazebo	:58	:18	:38
Camp America	:00	:20	:40



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