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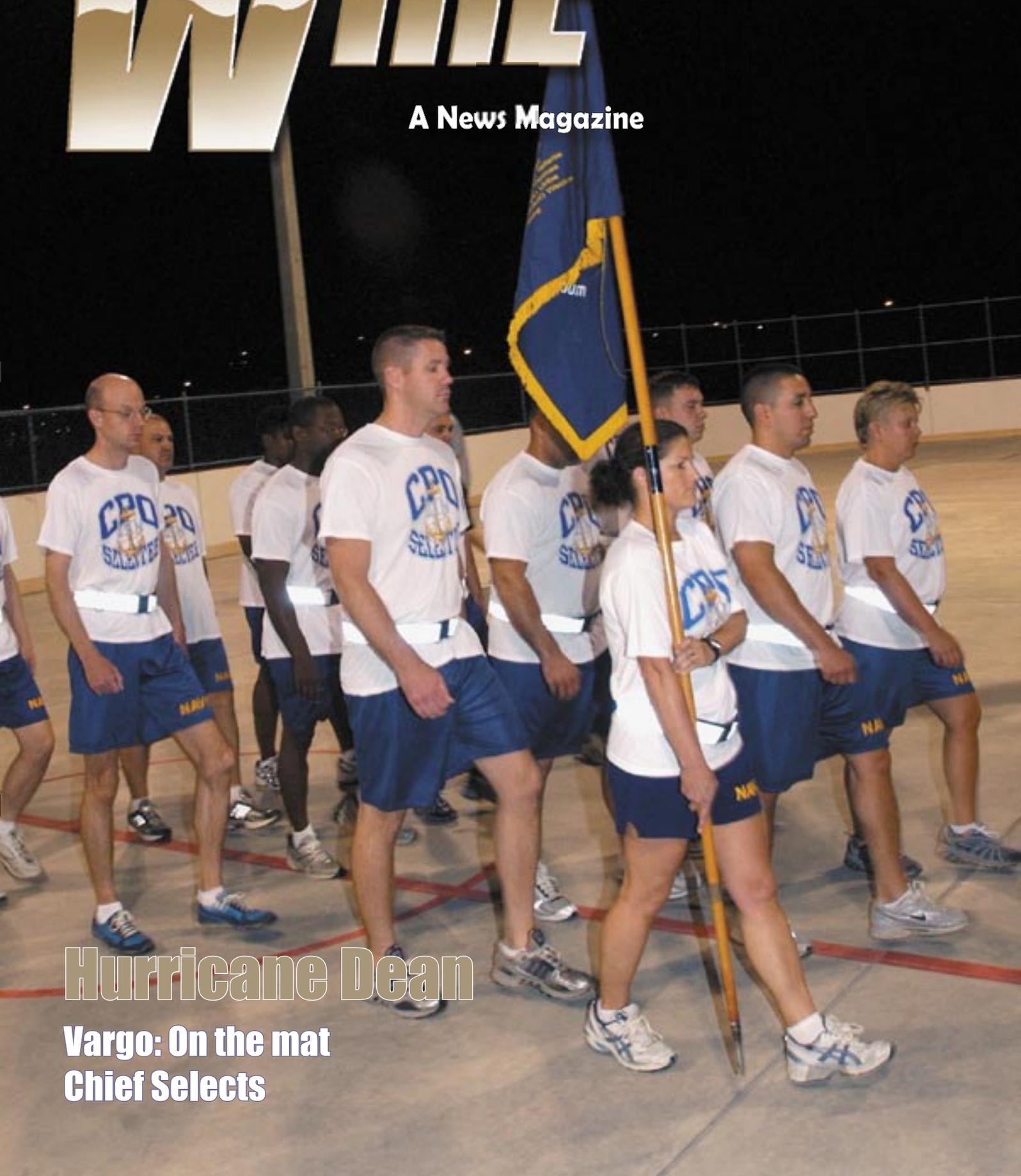
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By Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Otis Carolina

JTF-GTMO NEGB Command Master Chief

The decision for many of us to join the military in lieu of some other profession was not one that most of us made without much thought and consideration. The reasons are as many and as different as we are from each other. I recently asked the question – “What was your reason for joining the military?” – to a number of Troopers across pay grades. A few of the responses were typical: to get away from home, to find a better job, to be independent, to travel, money for college and honor family history.

Today’s military offers many of these opportunities and more with an array of different programs to get you in the door such as enlistment bonuses, school bonuses and, later, reenlistment bonuses, as well as special pay and allowances and the Thrift Savings Program. As busy as you may be on any given day, do not let your dreams pass you by. Get over to the educational services office and get started on that degree program by using any of numerous educational programs offered. Manage your own career; apply for the jobs of your choice and, hopefully, you will be selected for your dream assignment. Take advantage of Space A travel

opportunities. If your reason for joining was family history or tradition, get photos of yourself at different milestones of your career to add to the album.

The military’s family support services provide various programs such as the Ombudsman Program or Family Support Centers, Financial and Budgeting, Domestic Affairs, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Planned Parenthood, and Legal Assistance. Given the continuing high cost of health care, the military’s health care systems are considered to be among the best and most affordable. With all of these programs in place there is no need to suffer in silence. Your chain of command exists to guide you in the right direction when required; however, it is your responsibility to communicate your issues and concerns to them before it’s too late.

Aside from the reasons you joined the military as stated above, there is a part of you that screamed patriotism and love of country. Your assignment here proves that your devotion and loyalty runs deeper than your initial motivations.

If no one told you yesterday or today, your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated by your fellow Troopers and by the millions of American who enjoy their freedom everyday. My thanks to you!

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On the Mat with Army Col. Bruce Vargo

By Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

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The commander of the Joint Detention Group, Joint Task Force – Guantanamo knows a bit about the challenge of facing an opponent without any force multiplier other than wits, a strong team, and assurance that he and his team are fighting for a worthy cause.

Army Col. Bruce Vargo once grappled with opponents as a member of the U.S. SAMBO wrestling team. SAMBO, a Russian acronym for SAMozashshitaBex Orvehiya, roughly means “self defense without weapons,” and it is ‘self defense without weapons’ that Vargo directs his Troopers here to perform each and every day as members of the Joint Detention Group.

Vargo’s mission – to provide safe, humane, care and custody of detainees in Camp Delta – means directing Soldiers and Sailors of the 525 Military Police Battalion, Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, and Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry in a day in/day out battle that is fought without the force multipliers of traditional police or infantry weaponry.

“It’s a battle of minds here. Our Soldiers and Sailors don’t go into the wire armed with weapons. They go into that particular battlefield armed with their intellect,” he explained.

Vargo takes particular pride in the joint services team of Sailors and Soldiers that he leads here in the Joint Detention Group, even though he makes a point to stress that he’s definitely Army.

“I’m an Army guy, but I’d go to battle with any one of these Sailors any day of the week. You could change the uniforms within this operation and you wouldn’t be able to tell the difference between who’s a Soldier and who’s a Sailor. If you don’t believe that, go outside and see how many high and tights are on these Sailors.”

The battle focus and emotional detachment Vargo once employed on the SAMBO mat is a necessary element that he applies to

the challenge he faces daily as a leader when he sees his Troopers mentally and physically abused.

“My greatest challenge is keeping my emotions at bay as I watch these kids every single day get verbally and physically assaulted in this psychological environment and yet every single day they respond in a professional manner.

“They maintain safe, humane, care and custody, containing their anger and responding professionally, even when feces and urine are thrown on them. They get checked-out medically, cleaned up and within hours they face the exact same detainees who did this to them.”

Vargo sets a high standard for himself and the leaders under his command in how he expects his Troopers to be supported.

“We [leaders] have to ensure we provide our Sailors and Soldiers with the resources they need to complete the mission, while making sure the mental and physical stresses don’t get the better of them,” he said.

The stresses Troopers face today are not unique, in the sense that they’re the same basic stresses that Troopers in war time have always faced. However, according to Vargo, these stresses are intensified by the particular nature of this battle – the mental battle – and the long hours, sometimes 16-17 hour days, that Troopers spend engaged with the detainees.

“This is a battlefield of the mind, a battlefield of wits. This is to see who has the greater control,” he said.

Vargo believes that it is the responsibility of leaders to motivate the Troopers to win the daily battle for control by ensuring they have relevant and realistic training and by demonstrating understanding and support



Army Col. Bruce Vargo, commander of Joint Detention Group, Joint Task Force Guantanamo shares his thoughts about leading Troopers and providing safe, humane care for detainees. (Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Welch)

for them at the operational level.

“We must have leaders inside the wire to stand next to them and tell them every day ‘Thank you’ for what they do for this nation and for this task force every day. We must engage with them and with what they’re doing at the ground level. And when we see they need a break, when they need some fresh air, we should give them some down time.”

Vargo sees daily the results of a command philosophy that directs his leaders to look out for the well-being of Soldiers and Sailors and instill in them the sense of teamwork he learned from his SAMBO training years ago. He knows that one determinant of success on the battlefield is the care and concern Soldiers and Sailors demonstrate for each other every single day.

“When you walk around these camps and you see shipmates helping shipmates, battle-buddies helping battle-buddies and battle-buddies helping shipmates – that’s success. You know that it’s all good.”

Induction to Leadership

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Gary Keen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

For 114 years, Navy chief petty officers have been the ‘anchor’ for enlisted sailors, holding them steadfast against ‘affliction and persecution’ while simultaneously being the ‘eyes and ears’ of their commanding officers.

Joint Task Force and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay has 15 new chief selects that will take their place as leaders and join the ranks of chief petty officer. But before these 15 new chief selects can call themselves chiefs, they will have to complete a six week induction process led by the Chief Petty Officer Association here at Guantanamo Bay.

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Bradley LeVault, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, explained that the induction process has changed quite a bit since he went through it.

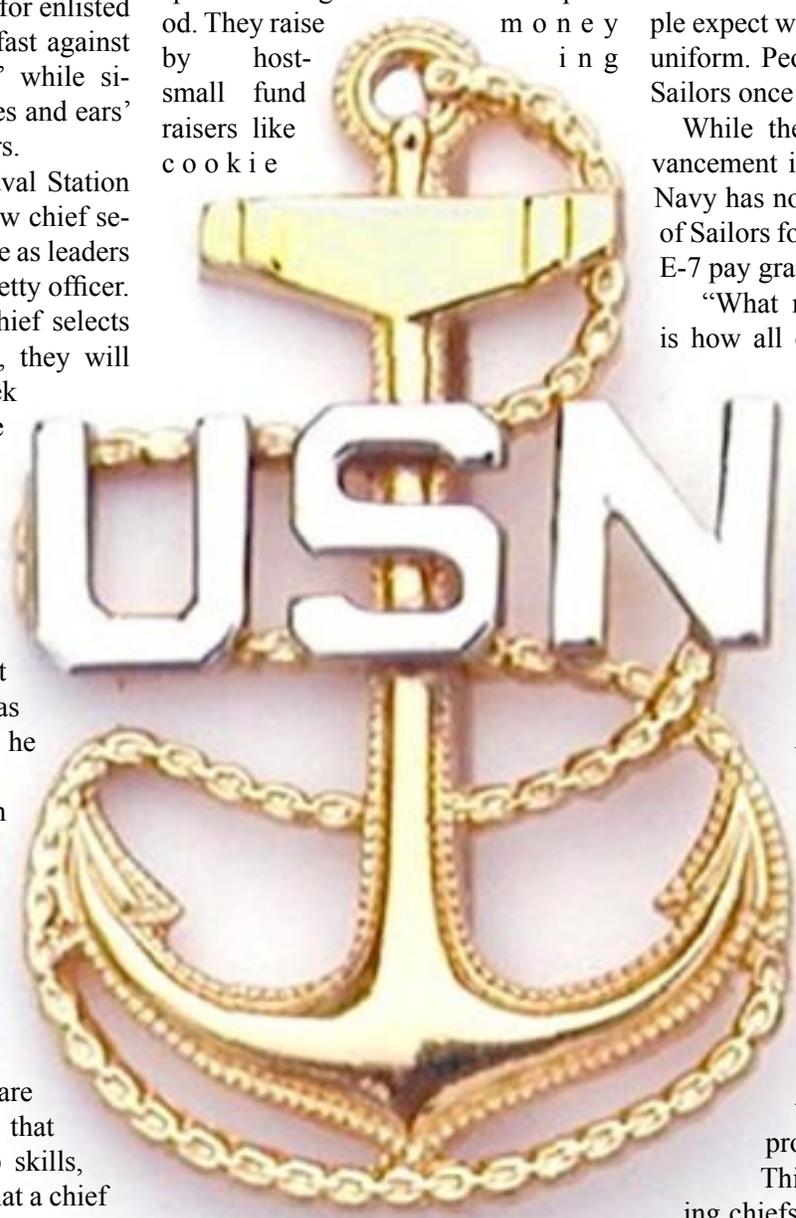
“When I went through the induction process as a chief select, it was called initiation and was mostly frat boy type of ‘tomfoolery’ and it had nothing to do with teaching a Sailor to be a leader,” he said.

Today’s chief selects are given exercises and lessons that help teach them leadership skills, because being a leader is what a chief petty officer is all about. Each selectee is expected to pay attention to what their lessons are and how each lesson relates to leadership development.

“In six weeks you are not going to be a leadership expert, but you will understand your job as a chief and you will continue throughout your career to build on your weaknesses and

strengths,” LeVault said.

Chief selects do not receive any funding for the induction process; they have to raise funds for the events they sponsor throughout their induction period. They raise money by hosting small fund raisers like cookie



sales, T-shirt sales, car washes and by receiving donations from other chief petty officers.

“Primarily, most of the money they raise goes towards the Khaki Ball at the end of the induction process, but they have to use their money to pay for everything during the induction pro-

cess, like the soap for car washes,” said LeVault.

For Sailors, the advancement from E-6 to E-7 is a huge step. It is a change of uniform and a change in what people expect when they see Sailors in that uniform. People expect much more of Sailors once they make chief.

While the other services note advancement in rank and pay grade, the Navy has no parallel in its preparation of Sailors for the responsibilities of the E-7 pay grade.

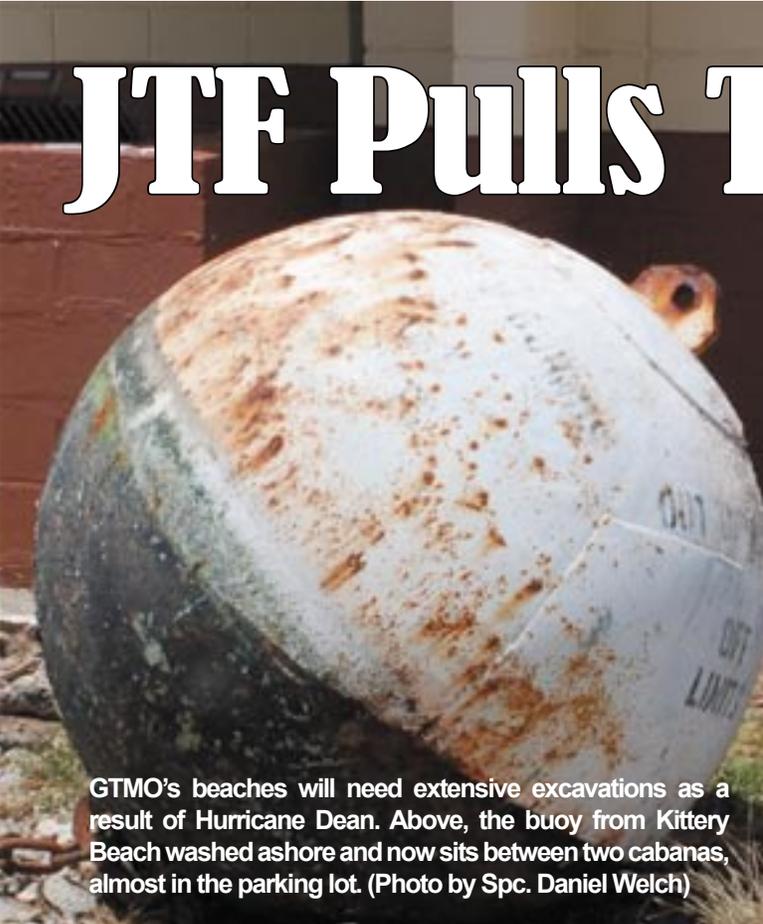
“What makes the Navy different is how all chiefs work together as a cohesive unit to get the job done. Even if I outrank another chief, in the Chief’s mess he or she can come and talk to me because we are all chiefs. It’s a brother- and sisterhood that chiefs can turn to get an answer,” LeVault explained.

When the Chief’s Mess brings in these new chiefs and welcomes them, they will be expected, in turn, to make their Troopers feel welcome by encouraging them to ask all the questions they have about any subject. They will also need to emphasize to their Troopers that they will always give prompt and honest answers.

This tradition of chiefs helping chiefs, and chiefs, in turn, helping their subordinates, gives everyone in the enlisted chain of command a core resource base they can trust and rely upon.

“The chiefs are the eyes and ears of the division officers and department heads. They are the backbone of the Ship.” – Retired Master Chief Petty Officer Carl M. Brashear.

JTF Pulls Together in Face of Hurricane Dean



GTMO's beaches will need extensive excavations as a result of Hurricane Dean. Above, the buoy from Kittery Beach washed ashore and now sits between two cabanas, almost in the parking lot. (Photo by Spc. Daniel Welch)

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone
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Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) pulled together this past weekend in response to the threat from Hurricane Dean, the first major hurricane in 2007. The storm traveled well south of Guantanamo Bay delivering relatively minor damage to the Bay compared to that of neighboring Jamaica, which endured flooding and mudslides along her southern and eastern coasts, as well as blown off rooftops and collapsed buildings in Jamaica's capital, Kingston.

The greatest damage to Guantanamo Bay, which may take quite a while to clean up and repair, is mostly visible on the beaches. Guantanamo Bay was lucky this time, but thorough preparation remains of utmost importance anytime a potential disaster presents itself. After all, Hurricane Dean turned out to be the first hurricane to cross the Atlantic basin and become a Category 5 storm since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, and is listed as the ninth most intense hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic.

"Kittery Beach will need some extensive excavation," said Navy Chief Petty Officer Joshua Tolleson, president of the "Reef Raiders" diving club here. "One cabana is heavily damaged and another is completely missing. The buoy is sitting between two cabanas, almost in the parking lot. The Dive Locker will be picking it up and fixing it, but it will take a while to replace. The beach has been extended out about 30 feet, so the pool is smaller.

"Hopefully, most beaches will be open in some capacity

by this weekend," said Tolleson. "What we need to do is get out there and see what we can do to help maintain the safety of our beaches."

Destructive weather Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are set in place here in order to prepare for severe weather conditions. JTF departments ensured their SOPs were followed precisely to ensure smooth sailing in the face of emergencies. According to Terence M. McGee, Deputy Surgeon and Officer in Charge, JTF-GTMO Joint Medical Group (JMG) Detention Hospital, the storm provided his team with an opportunity to gauge the effectiveness of their SOP.

"This was a great test case of our destructive weather SOPs," said McGee. "The JMG has to prepare for destructive weather events presuming the worst case scenarios. We were very pleased with the flexibility our staff displayed by being able to provide coverage to eight different sites where we had detainees during the storm. We anticipated the inability to travel between sites and distributed staff among these varied locations to have personnel ready to respond to any crisis. We had approximately 30 personnel working 48 hour shifts. All critically required medicines were provided to detainees and all the enteral feeds were given on the usual schedule to the hunger strikers.

"The guard forces of Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion and 525th Military Police Battalion performed admirably in helping us complete our mission safely despite the disruption of the storm preparations," continued McGee. "We felt fortunate to miss the brunt of the storm and had no significant events concerning detainee care. We are proud of the effort put forth by our personnel and are excited about the opportunity to improve our preparation for future events."

Some of the requests and restrictions put on Troopers in preparation of a hurricane may have seemed like inconveniences; however, it's imperative that Troopers help themselves and their fellow shipmates/battle buddies by following their command's directives and SOPs. While we may have gotten off a little lucky this time, it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Hurricane Dean was no joke. After doing damage across the Caribbean, it hit Mexico's Yucatan peninsula Tuesday, while still classified as a Category 5 storm. It was recorded as the third most intense Atlantic storm ever to hit land, and the strongest since 1988. Maximum sustained winds reached 165 mph and gusts reached 200 mph. It can always be worse!



(www.bealonghorn.utexas.edu)

By Army 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen and Army Spc. Daniel Welch

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You can almost feel that early autumn nip in the air, virtually smell the waft of barbecue from tailgate parties and nearly make out the notes from your school's fight song. Well, maybe not here, but if we were home.

With just a week separating us from the College Football season, let's take a look at the Associated Press preseason Top 10 and assess their chances in the upcoming year.

1. Southern Cal: As the preseason number one, USC may be carried by their dominant defense rather than their signature high-octane offense. The Trojans return ten starters on the defensive side of the ball that ended last season ranked 20th in the nation in total defense. On offense, John David Booty returns as quarterback and, after a successful season where he threw for 3,310 yards and 29 touchdowns, is considered a potential Heisman Trophy candidate. He will need receiver support, however, because USC lacks a veteran runner in the backfield.

2. LSU: The biggest question for the Tigers this season is what the effects of losing JaMarcus Russell and LaRon Landry will have on the team. However, with defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey bolstering one of the best defenses in the entire nation, and wide

receiver Early Doucet (widely regarded as one of the best receiving prospects in next year's NFL draft), LSU should be able to battle through an always tough Southeastern Conference.

3. West Virginia: Playing in the very weak Big East, the Mountaineers should have no trouble with their strong backfield duo of Pat White and Steve Slaton returning for another season. Defensively, West Virginia is this year. Defensive tackle Keilen Dykes returns to lead a decent run defense, but their pass defense is predicted to struggle this season.

4. Texas: Sophomore Colt McCoy returns at QB for the Longhorns after piloting them to the sixth best offense in college football last season. The Longhorns have had more off-field issues than on-field ones with the arrests of four players during the off-season. However, with promising starting running backs Jaamal Charles and Rodrick Muckelroy returning this season, the Longhorns, who are the only program to have double-digit wins in the past six seasons, should cruise in a very weak Big 12.

5. Michigan: Returning starting Quarterback Chad Henne and running back Mike Hart should do well on the offensive side of the ball, which is a good thing because Michigan's defense was lackluster at critical moments last season. It remains to be seen if they will be able to step up this season.

However with question marks surrounding their rival Ohio State, Michigan's offense should be able to take the Big 10 and possibly contend for the National Title.

6. Florida: Last year's national champs lost nine starters on defense and quarterback Chris Leak. Tim Tebow, a threat running and passing the football, takes the helm. Just like LSU, Florida doesn't rebuild – they reload, and luckily for them on defense, National Championship MVP defensive end Derrick Harvey returns to help.

7. Wisconsin: Coming off a successful 2006 campaign that saw the Badgers win 12 games, Wisconsin returns 18 starters to a fairly easy early schedule, which is lucky for them because late season match-ups vs. Michigan and Ohio State will be a huge test for the Badgers. The biggest question mark may be at quarterback where Tyler Donovan takes the helm after the graduation of three year starter John Stocco.

8. Oklahoma: With no clear starting quarterback, the loss of superstar running back Adrian Peterson to the pros and a defense that lacks strength on the defensive line and backfield, the Sooner's may be the most overrated team in the Top Ten. It remains to be seen if head coach Bob Stoops has the personnel needed to compete with Texas.

9. Virginia Tech: An early road game to Baton Rouge against LSU will be a huge test for the Hokies and an indicator of what kind of team they will have. Running back Brandon Ore returns after a successful 2006 campaign; however the rest of the '06 offense was horrid, and Tech ended the season ranked 99th in the nation in yards per game. On defense, the Hokies have a formidable group spearheaded by linebackers Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi, which should help them in a very competitive Atlantic Coast Conference.

10. Louisville: The Cardinals return 10 starters on defense as well as their explosive quarterback Brian Brohm and his two favorite targets, Harry Douglas and Mario Urrueta. The real question mark is what affect the loss of Bobby Petrino to the NFL will have on the team and whether or not Steve Kragthopre will be able to fill his shoes.

Soccabombas drop bomb on Strikers



A Soccabombas defender looks to clear the ball, while being pursued by a Strikers midfielder.

Story and photo Army Spc. Daniel Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Tuesday saw a clash of titans at the Cooper soccer field as the Soccabombas battled in an epic struggle against the Strikers.

As the game kicked off it was the Strikers who took control early, neatly moving the ball around and nearly opening the scoring on a wicked shot by their forward that was just right of the goal.

However, as the half progressed the Soccabombas got their feet under them and began to suffocate the Strikers offense and then began to mount their own offensive attack.

The second half opened with the Soccabombas clearly in defensive control seven minutes into the second period, Soccabombas right mid-fielder Lana Dennis picked off an errant pass in midfield and, after shaking off a Striker defender, ran towards the goal. Dennis smoothly slid the ball over to striker Ileen Henry who blasted a shot into the back

of the net.

With the Soccabombas now in the lead 1-0, they played the rest of the game tactically defending their own end. The Strikers moved more players forward and nearly tied the game on a one-time shot by their forward that sailed just high and right of the goal. With just minutes left and the Strikers mounting as much pressure they could muster, Soccabombas goalie Charlene Williams made the save of the day by fisting away a blistering shot and thwarting the Strikers last substantial goal scoring opportunity.

When the final whistle blew, the Soccabombas walked off the field triumphantly. Soccabombas head coach Lennox Williams was exuberant.

“Our defense played great today! We kept up the pressure for the entire game and they could not mount a sustained attack.”

With the win the Soccabombas improved their record to 2-0-2, while the Strikers fell to 1-1-2.

Family Members can Fly Space A

By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

A new exception to a Department of Defense (DoD) regulation makes it easier for dependents of family members assigned to the Joint Task Force here at Guantanamo Bay to visit their loved ones.

As of Aug. 17, 2007, this exception to DoD regulation 4515.13, “Air Transportation Eligibility” allows dependents of Troopers with orders assigning them here for at least 365 days to use travel space available (Space A) between the Continental U.S. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Joint Task Force Command Master Chief Bradley N. LeVault said this new policy affords Troopers here the same privileges that service members deployed around the world receive.

“Troopers can now bring their family members over here just as military members deployed in other countries can when they must leave their families stateside.”

“Guantanamo Bay is very unique since we are on a U.S. naval station that is located on communist soil. Since there are no international airports within a reasonable distance

available for commercial flights, we only have one way in and one way out,” said LeVault.

He added that extending Space A privileges to more Troopers not only increases morale, but it also allows dependents to travel here for a 30-day period at a reasonable price.

According to Leeward Airfield Manager Mark E. Veditz, the exception authorizes dependents to travel Space A on rotator flights that arrive and depart from Guantanamo Bay to Jacksonville, Fla., Norfolk, Va. and Langley, V.A. Veditz added that Troopers can contact the terminal here for additional information on flights that may have space availability.

Before dependents can sign up for Space A seating, their sponsors must obtain a non-command sponsorship letter that authorizes them to receive Space A accommodations. In addition to the letter, which is valid for 30 days, a dependent must also fill out an Area Clearance Request form that permits them to stay on the island. A copy of this form and other information on the Guantanamo

Bay visitation policy is located on the Joint Task Force website Policy 4. All dependents above age five must obtain a military identification card and all individuals traveling to Guantanamo Bay will need a passport.

Veditz added that a copy of all required documents must be presented to terminal staff before signing up for Space A seating. Since selected military and government personnel traveling Space A may take precedence over dependents, Veditz said paying full fair for a ticket is the only way to guarantee a seat on a flight. However, any dependent with a reservation that is canceled within 48 hours of a flight will be required to pay for the ticket. LeVault added that dependents willing to travel in and out of Guantanamo Bay on Tuesday rather than on Saturday are a seat since availability is usually higher.

Additional information on initiating the process and getting copies of all required forms are available on the Joint Task Force Intranet under the ‘Pubs’ link. The documents included within Policy 4 provide the guidance needed to ensure that Troopers’ family members can visit Guantanamo Bay.

Hurricane Dean



Guantanamo Bay barely missed a walloping from Hurricane Dean last weekend as the ferocious storm bore down across the eastern Caribbean on its way to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and beyond.

Dean terrorized St. Lucia, St. Martinique, Dominica and Jamaica before smashing into the Mexican coast with wind speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour.

While the resident community of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba survived virtually unscathed, its beaches and recreation areas were significantly damaged by pounding surf.

Photos by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone and Army Spc. Daniel Welch

GET A FINANCIAL HEAD START AT GITMO

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Personal financial assistance and services tailored to all Troopers' needs are available here at Guantanamo Bay through Fleet and Family Services.

The Fleet and Family Services financial advisor, Paul Walker, provides Troopers with three areas of financial assistance: education, training and referrals. Walker believes that Troopers need education and training on managing debt and saving money (especially for short-term goals), as well as referral assistance when considering government programs like the Thrift Savings Plan and Veteran's Administration mortgage services.

Fleet and Family Services offer financial assistance through workshops and one-on-one consultation appointments. Whether Troopers are young or old, single or married, have children or not, Walker is ready to sit down and help Troopers devise concrete, written plans that target present and future financial security.

Walker says that the first part to developing a plan is to assess one's current financial position. This involves looking at where money is being spent, sources of income, living expenses, debt load, and current investments, both short and long term.

There are many different factors that influence the development of a solid financial strategy, so Walker typically lays everything out in a spreadsheet so that Troopers can gain a visual understanding of how their money is being used. Specifically, the worksheet allows Walker and his clients to easily track assets and liabilities, monthly living expenses, and most importantly, the debt-to-income ratio that is so easily affected by credit card debt, student loans and home mortgages.

According to Walker, being deployed to Guantanamo provides an excellent opportunity for Troopers to save money and pay off debt.

"Most people I have encountered have really been able to save their money and pay off their debt, but you have to commit to it and then you have to come up with some type of plan," Walker said.

Walker finds that Troopers having a hard time managing money either don't have a good financial plan or don't stick to the plan they've made. Most of the time, Walker explains, people try to make plans in their head

instead of putting them down on paper.

"I have found that people don't want to put anything down in writing because they are afraid of what they are going to see. In my experience, having some type of written guideline really helps," Walker said.

As far as saving, the best way to do it is by setting up automatic withdrawal from your paycheck to your bank or credit union.

"If it is out of sight, it is out of mind," Walker said.

Everybody can afford to save some money. Whether it's 3 percent or 10 percent of your pay on a regular basis, Walker explained, it really adds up over time. It is just a matter of making good choices, directing your money to where you want it to go and committing to keeping your money where you've decided to invest it.

Of parallel importance to having a good savings plan and sticking to it is having a viable emergency fund, according to Walker.

"You need to have reserve emergency funds set aside for those unexpected emergencies. This can really help you from taking on debt. What happens with most of us every time something comes up, like a car accident, medical bills, house repairs, is that we take on more debt by putting it on the credit card or taking out a loan from the credit union," said Walker.

Learning how to save and how to live a life free of debt should be everyone's dream. This dream is possible with the right kind of assistance such as that provided by Paul Walker of Fleet and Family Services.

Troopers can find out about public workshops or one-on-one appointments by calling 4141 or they can walk in on Tuesdays at the One-Stop in Camp America.



Indicators of Security Risk: Foreign Interests

Submitted by Anthony Camera

JTF-Security Manager

Past espionage cases can be analyzed to determine the prevalence among spies of behaviors or circumstances often considered indicative of potential security risk. U.S. Government decisions to approve or disapprove security clearances for access to classified information are based on a set of thirteen Adjudicative Guidelines. These guidelines cover behaviors commonly associated with security risk, such as alcohol and drug abuse, criminal behavior, emotional or mental problems, financial problems, and vulnerability to foreign influence.

The national guidelines governing adjudication of security clearances require consideration of any foreign relationships that may make an individual potentially vulnerable to coercion, exploitation, or pressure. This includes foreign attachments such as family ties, other emotional attachments or obligations to foreign persons, and financial, business, or professional interests abroad. There is concern that conflicting loyalties or conflicts of interest can make a person vulnerable to foreign pressure.

A large percentage of offenders had foreign backgrounds or connections. For example:

- At least 33% had close foreign relatives. In many cases, the relative was a relative of the spouse, not of the offender.
- At least 44% had emotional attachments to foreign persons such as spouse, fiancée, lover, friend, or relative other than a parent or sibling.
- At least 16% had foreign financial, business, or professional interests.
 - At least 17% were naturalized citizens
 - At least 7% lived in a foreign country during part of their formative childhood years, and an additional 8% during their entire childhood.

For analytical purposes, offenders with foreign relatives, foreign emotional attachments of various types, and foreign financial, business, or professional interests are combined as a group called offenders with foreign interests. This group includes 76 (51%) of the offenders.

These offenders with foreign interests can be compared with offenders who had no such interests. Those

with foreign interests were more likely to have been recruited directly by a foreign service than those without such background or connections (41% versus 32%), and less likely to have volunteered their services to a foreign intelligence service (59% versus 66%). Of the 76 offenders with foreign interests, foreign relatives played a role in recruiting 26% of them.

Offenders with foreign interests were significantly more likely than other offenders to have been motivated by ideology (34% versus 10%). Recall that in this context the term ideology includes a set of beliefs based on common ethnic or national background. On the other hand, they were less likely to have been motivated by money (61% versus 78%).

It is not surprising that 51% of espionage offenders have foreign interests. This does not indicate that Americans with foreign background or connections are less loyal than other Americans. In considering the security risk associated with foreign interests, it is important to distinguish between susceptibility to recruitment and vulnerability to being targeted for recruitment. Foreign interests do not make one more susceptible (less loyal), but they do make one more vulnerable.

Americans with foreign interests have valuable language skills and area knowledge. Because of these skills, they are more likely than other Americans to be in positions where they have access to classified information. They are more likely to have contact with foreigners and more likely to feel comfortable dealing with foreigners. They are also more likely to be accessible for assessment and to be targeted for recruitment by foreign intelligence services.

HONOR

Story by Army Private 1st Class Jeffrey N. Silva

525 Military Police Battalion

What Honor Means to Me

Honor is fairness, integrity, courage, discipline, and facing up to the consequences of your actions. Honor means speaking out when something is wrong. Honor is not letting the people around you fail. Honor means not allowing yourself to fail without trying again. If you do not demonstrate the right qualities that make the word honor, then you don't have it. Honor as a word by itself means little. That is why the Army places honor as one of the seven Army values; without the other six values, honor is just a word, not a way to live.

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Photos by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Aug. 25

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Isolated T-Storms

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Sunset: 7:22 p.m.
Chance of rain: 20%

Sunday, Aug. 26

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Isolated T-Storms

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Sunset: 7:21 p.m.
Chance of rain: 30%

Monday, Aug. 27

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Isolated T-Storms

Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:20 p.m.
Chance of rain: 30%

Tuesday, Aug. 28

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:20 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Isolated T-Storms

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:19 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Isolated T-storms

Thursday, Aug.30

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:18 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Isolated T-Storms

Friday, Aug. 31

Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset: 7:17 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Isolated T-storms

THE SIMPSONS MOVIE

IN THEATERS JULY 27TH 2007

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen

Rated: PG 13
Duration: 87 minutes
Rating: ★★★★★

“The Simpsons Movie” is here and we don’t have to ask ourselves, “Why would I blow my hard-earned money on a movie that I could watch on the TV for free?”

“Simpsons” fans will run to watch this movie and for good reason. The film is incredibly funny and there are some classic lines like “Spider pig, Spider pig...” The film caters to all ages with humor ranging from slapstick to subtle and sly. The writers did a good job at making the story hold up on the big screen mainly because you need a whole movie to reveal just how stupid Homer really can be. I liked having a basic reason to come out and see a movie that is not too crazy or in your face like a South Park movie might be, but still bit more extreme then a “Simpsons” TV episode.

The plot is pretty standard fare for fans of “The Simpsons.” Homer and Bart are constantly at each other. Lisa is trying to save the environment and falls in love. Marge is cleaning up the mess behind her family.

Politics, religion, the environment and family all play their parts. The main downside is that given the width and depth of the big screen, the movie feels like a really long TV episode, yet it leaves you wanting more. They probably could have taken three popular “Simpsons” episodes and made a movie just as good or better. It’s hard to top episodes Like “Flaming Moe’s”, “Homer gets Fat” and “Homers goes to Space”. It is also surprising that there aren’t more celebrity voices, besides that of Tom Hanks and the singing of Green Day – come on!

“The Simpsons Movie” is not the best animated film ever made or the best movie of the summer, but it is entertaining and funny in the same brainless, yet clever, manner that has kept “The Simpsons” on TV for 18 years.



Boots on the Ground

By Army Spc. Jamison Self

“What was your biggest concern regarding the hurricane that passed by on Sunday?”

-Army Spc. Jose Camacho

-Army Sgt. Jose Aponte

-Army Staff Sgt. Amario Miranda

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Desiree Clark



I was concerned about our own safety because I have experienced those situations back home.



We wanted to see if Camp America could handle 150 mph winds.



I did not believe that Camp America was ready for four or more inches of rain.



I was worried about my personal property being affected.

Running Toward Victory

By Army Capt. Yun Kim

525th Military Police Battalion Chaplain

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on . . .”(Philippians 3:12-14)

A first principle is having an awareness of the need to pursue a better condition. This does not mean a better position, or a better job. It means an improved condition. You are not yet what you should be, you are not yet what you can be, and you are not yet what you will be one day when you see the Lord.



It is true that people in every generation love athletics including biblical writers who used athletic analogies to illustrate spiritual truths. One of the Apostle Paul's athletic analogies is that of a runner, running a race. The runner to him is a picture of mankind and the race is mankind's life journey.

We see many events in the athletic world. Sometimes, the expected champions fall and unknown contenders are crowned champions. It reminds us of the old saying 'there is no eternal champion.' How we can keep our stamina, and get the final prize? Here are the principles for pursuing the prize.

Anybody who thinks they've reached the point of perfection has no awareness of pursuing a better circumstance. So they become content with their present condition, and worse than that, they spend the rest of their life defending themselves as perfect to people who aren't convinced. If you are content, you have reached a very dangerous point. It is a point at which you will find yourself insensitive to sin and defensive when you ought to be admitting your weaknesses and pursuing spiritual strength.

Another principle is giving maximum effort to pursuing that better condition. This requires perseverance. There certainly are difficulties and obstacles to be overcome such as sickness, weakness, missed opportunities, and unrealized dreams. The principal enemies in our lives are worry, weariness, discouragement and guilt. God tells us not to worry. Instead, we should choose to rejoice, choose to give thanks and choose to control what we think about. Endurance leads us to the victory.

Finally we need to be focused and concentrate on pursuing that better condition. Maximum effort without focused concentration is not enough. Any athlete knows that when you're running a race you have to fix your eyes on something ahead of you. Your focus has to be pointed straight ahead to the goal that is ahead. You must "throw off everything that hinders and entangles." (Hebrews 12:1). You must devote your best energies toward accomplishing God's purpose for your life.

Believe that God has marked out a wonderful course for your life and he intends to help you run it.

15 MINUTES OF FAME

Navy Chief Petty Officer Christine Cots



**Story and photo by Army Spc.
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JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

There are many qualities that are needed to become a leader in the Navy and they are embodied by someone here at the Joint Task Force who lives and breathes the Navy core values. She's a mentor willing to show junior Sailors what is needed to succeed and a volunteer who is willing to give back for the good of her community

Navy Chief Petty Officer Christine Cots joined the Navy nearly ten years ago, looking for adventure and something more than her suburban New York City home could offer at the time.

"I had completed one year of college and was working as an Emergency Medical Technician, but I wanted something more and also wanted to see the world," said Cots.

She began her career in communications as a Radioman (RM), but as she explained, felt locked into the position she had achieved because there was little opportunity for advancement.

She decided to cross-rate or change her military occupation into her current job, Cryptologist Technician and Spanish Linguist since that offered her better career advancement and she could use her ability to speak Spanish to her advantage.

After becoming a Cryptologist, Cots began five years of ship duty aboard 11 vessels covering the far reaches of the Pacific. She also accomplished something that seldom occurs in the Navy – she ascending to the rank of Chief in a staggering seven years.

"At first I had a very hard time adjusting from civilian life, but I could not leave the Navy the first time it came time to reenlist," said Cots, "I realized that I love the Navy; I love the tradition; I love how close knit the community is on a ship; I love it all," she explained

Cots acknowledges that her job here at the Joint Task Force is quite a bit different from ship duty, but no less interesting.

"Working here at Gitmo has been very unique. We work behind the curtain, so to speak. Out here no one has done our job [for some time]. Unfortunately, I can't talk too much about what we do, only to say that we work with indicators and warnings and that we work not only with

groups here but organizations on a national level as well," said Cots.

Cots shared that she snorkels avidly and spends time crafting ceramics in the Ceramics Shop. She also runs diligently and has been conducting physical training for the new Chief Selects. Additionally, she is very active in the Chief Petty Officers Association.

"There are a lot of things that go into being part of the Chief Petty Officer Association. You give back to the community and it is a way to learn leadership abilities while not on work hours," said Cots, "One of the things I have done while being here is help revamp the scholarship program that the Gitmo association offers to high school students."

Cots added that she also mentors younger female Sailors who are interested in learning effective leadership in the hopes that when they attain higher rank their voices will not be marginalized in what are often primarily male-dominated environments.

"When the 133rd Seabee Detachment was here, I mentored some of their female sailors. They [along with their male counterparts] are the backbone of the Navy and without them we would not have the service," explained Cots. "They [female Sailors] are just as much a part of the service."

It is assertive leadership such as this that distinguishes Chief Cots and marks her as "Honor Bound" in service of the Joint Task Force, the Navy, and her country.

AROUND THE JTF



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Christine Moone casts and paints ceramics at the Ceramics Shop at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker)

Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby and Deputy Commander, JTF-GTMO Brig. Gen. Cameron Crawford greet Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau at Leeward Airfield, Guantanamo Bay. Blum will be meeting with National Guard Troopers in a “town hall” meeting during his visit with the Joint Task Force leadership. (Photo by Army Sgt. Joseph Scozzari)



Army Sgt. 1st Class Natividad Lopez, Army Sgt. Luis Melendez, Army Sgt. 1st Class Raul Gonzalez, Army Sgt. 1st Class Tomas Carreras, Army Sgt. Edna Torres and Army Sgt. 1st Class Rafael Almonte supply Cuzco Barracks residents with emergency water and MREs on Sunday, Aug. 12 during barracks lockdown while Hurricane Dean crossed Jamaica south of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker)