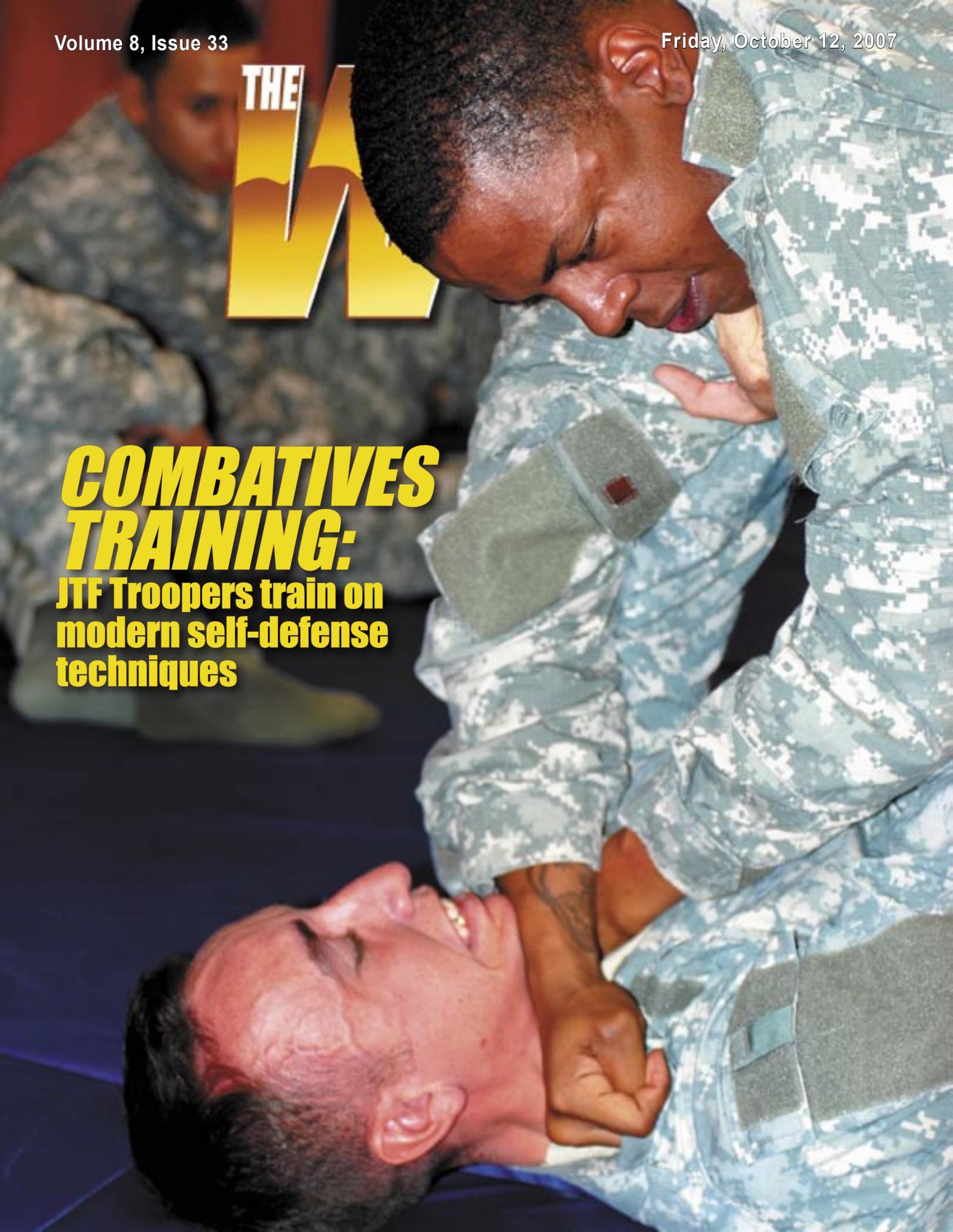


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**COMBATIVES
TRAINING:**
JTF Troopers train on
modern self-defense
techniques



Leader's self-respect leads others to show respect

By Army Sgt. Maj. Jaime Perez

JTF-GTMO Operations Sergeant Major

Leaders look for the best way they can lead their subordinates to success. I have developed my leadership philosophy using the word **RESPECT** as my guidance. As children we are taught to respect our parents, teachers, elders, school rules, family and cultural traditions, our country's flag and leaders, the truth and peoples' differing opinions, among other things. We come to believe that at some level, all people are worthy of respect. We learn that jobs and relationships become unbearable if we receive no respect in them.

I believe that the most important respect you may have is **SELF-RESPECT**. It is everyday wisdom that respect and self-respect are deeply connected. It is also difficult, if not impossible, to both respect others if we don't respect ourselves and to respect ourselves if others do not respect us. You must learn to respect yourself. Recognizing respect for oneself as a person involves living in the light of understanding and appreciation of oneself. It also means having dignity and moral virtue as a human being.

Self-respect has to do with the structure of an individual's identity and of his or her life and it affects the configuration of one's thoughts, desires, values, emotions, commitment and actions. So as you can see, it's very important to respect yourself. Then you will be able to respect your subordinates, peers and leaders. Believe me the majority of them will respect you also.

Here's how I have used the acronym of **RESPECT** as guidance during my military career.

Respect – Respect is always a two-way street. We must respect others' beliefs and values and take care of and be sensitive to Troopers' needs.

Expectation – I expect my subordinates to be honest not only with me, but with everyone in the command. Inform your leaders and support their



decisions. If you disagree, talk about it. I will never make a final decision without giving thought to their input.

Standard – Regardless of rank, gender or service, standards for all Troopers are the same. We train to standard in order to accomplish our mission the right way.

Physical Fitness – We train physically and mentally to enhance strength, endurance and stamina. Even though physical fitness is an individual task, as leaders, we must give our people the tools and the time so they can get physically fit.

Experience – Life experience leads us to do things better. Share experiences that can help your Troopers; "Do not lead them to failure."

Care – Care is essential to unit cohesion. Take care of your Troopers and they will take care of you.

Training – Quality and realistic training are our priorities. Learn from your mistakes and always keep your Troopers informed of lessons learned.

Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of education, self-study, training and experience. Remember, respect yourself; then you will be able to respect everyone else. Always seek improvement and be the best leader you can possibly be.

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Army Sgt. Calvin Duvall, a mechanic with the 525th Military Police Battalion, tries to resist a 'choke' hold during Level I Combatives Training held at the Denich Gym last week. (Photo by Army Sgt. Scott Griffin)

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NEGB changes command, yet keeps familiar hands at the helm

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Sarah Stannard

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Cmdr. Jeffrey Hayhurst, previously the regional port operations officer for the U.S. Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region, assumed command of the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion in a ceremony Wednesday morning at the Camp America Trooper's Chapel here.

Relinquishing her command of the approximately 700 Sailors who make up the NEGB, newly promoted Navy Capt. Kris Winter was applauded by Joint Task Force Guantanamo's commander and deputy commander. Rear Adm. Mark Buzby and Army Brig. Gen. Cameron Crawford praised Winter for her commitment to those who served under her leadership and for her service to the Joint Task Force, to the U.S. Navy and to her country.

U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo's commander, Capt. Mark Leary, NEGB Troopers and other distinguished guests were also in attendance.

"She was the right person, at the right time, to do the right mission," Buzby said of Winter in his address. "She's



Outgoing commander of the National Expeditionary Guard Battalion, Navy Capt. Kris Winter, salutes the "side boys" as she leaves a ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007 at the Camp America Troopers' Chapel here during which she relinquished her command to Cmdr. Jeffery Hayhurst. Winter assumed command in August of 2006 and will continue her career as the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Department head, Navy Region Southwest.

legendary. I think that all of you who have served with her know that she has attained legendary status in the year she has been here."

Taking command of the unit in Aug. 2006, Winter received the Meritorious Service Medal for her supervision of detention operations here. Her efforts greatly support the U.S mission to provide safe and humane care and custody of approximately 330 enemy combatants presently detained due to the Global War on Terror.

Lt. Cmdr. Vickie Lucas, NEGB executive officer, told those attending the ceremony, that it was Winter's unparalleled technical and operational expertise which directly contributed to the opening of a \$37 million expansion of the Joint Task Force detention facilities. She also credited Winter with significant improvements in operational procedures, as well as with effecting positive changes in quality of life issues which directly impact NEGB Troopers.

"She is without a doubt the JTF's

detention expert, and I would say, she is the Navy's detention expert," said Buzby.

Hayhurst is no stranger to the Joint Task Force detention mission. He returns to Guantanamo Bay having served previously as the executive officer for naval station from June 2004 to October 2006.

"Our system has a way of sending us the right person at the right time and we certainly have that in Jeff Hayhurst," Buzby said. "The thing I like about Jeff Hayhurst is that he's a bosun's mate. And, whatever you may say about bosun's mates – they know how to lead. You need only look at Jeff's [biography] to understand he's been leading his entire career. I know that you will excel, and if anyone could fill Winter's boots, it's you."

In a gesture very symbolic to those who work "behind the wire," Winter, upon completion of the ceremony, removed her Velcro "NEGB CO" nametape and stuck it on Hayhurst's blank breast tape.



Cmdr. Jeffrey Hayhurst, incoming commander of the NEGB.

Detainee literacy rates improve through JTF education programs

Story and photo by Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Literacy programs aimed at improving the educational opportunities for detainees held in Joint Task Force Guantanamo detention facilities show signs of success as many sharpen their academic skills.

The Joint Task Force offers detainees courses in Arabic and Pashto, as well as basic arithmetic. Army 1st Lt. Rominita Rodriquez, the officer in charge of the literacy program, credits Joint Task Force leadership with developing and approving curriculum that serves two purposes.

“The commander’s intent is to provide a program aimed at improving the literacy rate of detainees with little or no writing skills, so we can aid them with reintegrating to their country,” said Rodriquez. “Secondly, we hope participants in the program will be able to read and understand the Quran for themselves. They will also be able to read and write letters to family members in their native countries.”

Detainees who participate in the literacy program attend classes for approximately 90 minutes, three days a week, and take beginning, intermediate and advance-level courses that focus on their skill deficits. According to one instructor, Sherif, the Pashto course is popular since some of the Afghan population here is poorly educated.

“Based on my information, the majority of the Arabic-speaking detainees have high school and college degrees,” said Sherif. However, according to Mary, another instructor in the camps, the Afghan detainee literacy rate is only about 20 percent.

Pashto, the official language of Afghanistan, is spoken by about 13 million people.

Arabic is classified as a macro-language with approximately 27 sub-



An instructor for the detainee literacy program makes final preparations before teaching an advanced language course. The program aims to improve educational opportunities for detainees.

languages spoken throughout the Arab world. Sherif said detainees from diverse countries such as Algeria, Sudan, Canada and Saudi Arabia speak Arabic. Since a majority of detainees here originated from Afghanistan and Arabic-speaking countries, the literacy program’s primary focus is on teaching the two main languages spoken there.

The Arabic course focuses on helping detainees improve grammar, structure sentences and conjugate verbs using “classic Arabic, the language of the Qur’an as the base. Detainees placed in intermediate courses are taught using high school and college-level textbooks. Advanced classes serve as refreshers that focus on clarifying and revisiting various aspects of the language. Although detainees are tested periodically, class participation and homework exercises are also used to measure their success. Many detainees also check out books from the detainee library here to help reinforce their skills.

In contrast, detainees participating in the Pashto course are taught on a more basic level. These detainees are taught

the basic alphabet, and then move onto learning word and sentence structure. Conducting initial assessments of detainees are essential since they help determine the right class placements for detainees.

“The assessments help us understand exactly where they are, so we can then build on their knowledge base,” said Rodriquez. “The program has been very successful. We have detainees that didn’t know how to read and write, and now they are reading like regular guys who attended college.”

Rodriquez added that instructors provide one-on-one instruction or more homework to struggling detainees until they catch up with others in their classes.

Rodriquez attends some of these classes herself and encourages detainees to provide feedback on how the courses can be improved. She shared that many detainees have shown their gratitude by asking their instructors to thank the Joint Task Force command for helping to build and reinforce their skills.

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The U.S. Navy celebrates 233 years of service to America

By Navy Story by Seaman Julia A. Casper

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

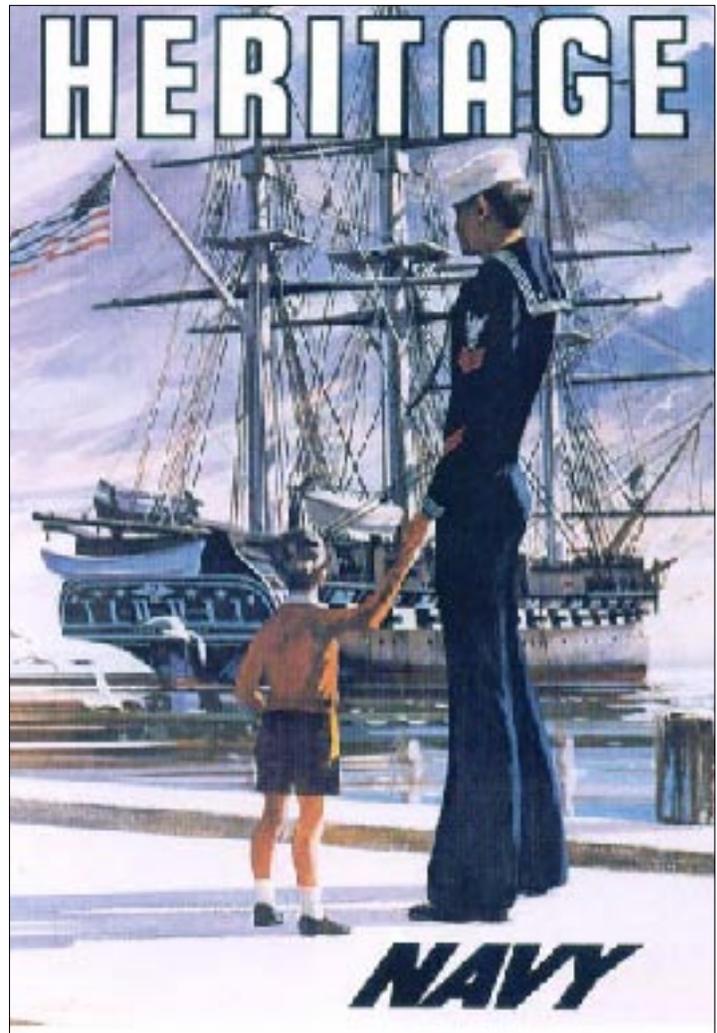
Our nation's first leaders knew their goal of obtaining independence from England was militarily impossible if they were unable to strike at the British on the water, so they commissioned a tiny fleet on Oct. 13, 1775, to take the battle to the seas.

This fledgling Navy proved itself worthy when it prevailed over the British Navy off the coast of England in 1779 under the distinguished leadership of the "Father of the U.S. Navy," Captain John Paul Jones. Later, in March 1794, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates, after nearly a decade of manning only two ships total. One of those ships was the USS Constitution, which to this day is docked in Boston, Mass.

Following the War of 1812, the U.S. Navy focused not only on defending American property, but on extending its influence beyond the nation's borders to the Mediterranean, South America, Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean. As maritime defense missions expanded, the U.S. saw the need to use other foreign ports for replenishment and to establish its international presence. Early in the twentieth Century, the U.S. began leasing land from other countries to establish bases and develop the fleet's resources on foreign lands.

Today, the Navy has dozens of bases around the world. The oldest is located here at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In February 1903, the United States leased 45 square miles of land and water from Cuba to use as a refueling station. Relations between the U.S. and Cuba remained secure until June 27, 1958, when 29 Sailors and Marines were kidnapped by Cuban forces. The incident occurred while the Servicemembers were returning from liberty outside the base. They remained in Cuban hands for 22 days. Afterward, relations between the U.S. and Cuba deteriorated until Jan. 1, 1959, when all Cuban territory outside the base was declared off limits to U.S. personnel. In April 1961, after much debate, President John F. Kennedy decided to send support to 1200 anti-Castro exiles to invade southern Cuba's Bay of Pigs. The invasion turned out to be a total disaster, as all survivors were captured and imprisoned. The last of those captured was not released until 1965.

In 1962, Kennedy evacuated Guantanamo base employees and military families from Guantanamo Bay due to the presence of Soviet missiles located on Cuban soil. This international incident became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis and resulted in subsequent U.S. naval quarantine of Cuban waters that lasted until the Soviet Union agreed to remove its missiles. By Christmas, 1962, personnel who had left the island were



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authorized to return. In the following years, Guantanamo Bay was relatively quiet, with a few exceptions of Cuban provocation and periodic Cuban and Haitian refugee migrations.

The relative calm of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay was shattered following the U.S. launch of the Global War on Terror following the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. Soon thereafter, the first enemy combatant detainees arrived at the quiet naval station. In May 1994, the base was tasked with supporting Joint Task Forces 160 and 170 which are known today as Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

The mission of the JTF is to conduct safe, secure, and humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants and to support the Global War on Terror through the collection of strategic intelligence.

Today's Navy is an equal player in the Global War on Terror and plays a lead role in those operations here on Guantanamo Bay. So, on the birthday of the U.S. Navy, American Troopers and civilians alike, in Cuba and across the world, should pause and consider the wisdom of our Founding Fathers some 233 years ago.

Three stories capture fans' attention this week in sports



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Photo by Paul Bereswill, www.newsday.com

By Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Torre's storied career careening to a close with the Yanks

Joe Torre won four World Series in five appearances between 1996 and 2000, yet according to George Steinbrenner, firebrand owner of the Yankees, his twelve year tenure as manager is about to end. Steinbrenner threatened Torre with dismissal following game three of the series if the Yankees didn't pull themselves together. Well, they didn't. This past weekend, the Joe Torre led Yankees lost game 4 of their Division Series to the Cleveland Indians, their 13th playoff loss in their last 17 playoff appearances. According to Ken Rosenthal, sportswriter for FOXSports.com, "Torre's value to the Yankees will never be more apparent than after he is gone."

LSU puts a lock on #1 after another tum-ultuous week in NCAA football

Ok, so the 41 point underdog Stanford

Cardinals upended the USC Trojan's #2 ranking with a 24 - 23 victory, a game labeled the biggest college upset of the year. (Funny, I thought Appalachian State's Mountaineers 34 - 32 stuffing of the Michigan Wolverines in week one was the biggest college upset.) Anyhow, in my mind at least, the Louisiana State University Tigers dogged 10 point fourth quarter 28 - 24 come-from-behind victory over the highly motivated Florida Gators was the real game of the week. According to LSU defensive end Tyson Jackson, the game was about something more than football. "It was a game for the ages ... it wasn't even about football

anymore. The game was about if we could prove we had a heart the size of our bodies," he said.

Romo ropes Buffaloes after six falls from the saddle

"Unflappable" is how one Associated Press writer described Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo. Somehow, someway Romo directed the Cowboys to a 25 - 24 victory over the stunned Buffalo Bills on Monday night - even after throwing five interceptions and coughing up one fumble. Speaking of the Cowboys' performance and his near-disastrous contributions, Romo had this to say: "I think our team, outside of me, played an outstanding football game. They dug me out of it. It was tough to go through that, especially on Monday night."

The win propels the 5 - 0 Cowboys to next week's smackdown with the unbeaten New England Patriots and their equally unruffled veteran quarterback, Tom Brady.



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Marine Fenceline Ride/Run hits “low points” with smiles



Story and photos by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Marine Fenceline Ride/Run, held Saturday, Oct. 6, brought 84 bikers and 9 runners to the start line at Kittery Beach for a 22-mile adventure along the American/Cuban fenceline with a finish at Chapman beach on the leeward side.

Event coordinator, Marine Staff Sgt. Kaveh Wooley reported no “low points” to the experience, a

➤ Marine Cpl. Kenneth Housouer hands bikes to competitors, with assistance from Marine Staff Sgt. Kaveh Wooley, at the start point of the Marine Fenceline 22 Mile Ride/Run held Saturday, Oct. 6. ▲ Friends and JTF co-workers, Kirk McManus, Mark Esslinger, Billy Griffin and Angel Montes, prepare to embark on the Ride/Run. The event is a fundraiser for the 232nd Marine Corps Ball which will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Windjammer Restaurant.

conclusion that most competitors would disagree with judging by the amount of mud caked on their shoes and legs. In truth, however, smiles and occasional grimaces prevailed – no complaints were voiced.

Since this was a “for fun” event, official statistics were not kept, except for one, the winning time

logged by the unknown first-place biker – 107 minutes flat.

Proceeds from the event will support the 232nd Marine Corps Ball which will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Windjammer Club. Tickets are presently on sale at the Marine Hill Whitehouse. For more information call 2643 or 2703.

JTF Runners distinguish themselves at Army Ten Miler

Story by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The seven Troopers representing Joint Task Force Guantanamo who left the island Sept. 29 for Washington, D.C. to participate in the Army Ten Miler race on Sunday, 7 Oct. acquitted themselves with definite distinction.

The top four finishers – Wilfredo Turrel, Rafael Rivas, Luis Gonzales and Patrick Sellen finished 9th overall in the Open Team Division, an accomplishment that satisfied the top 10 goal the team set for themselves.

Turrel finished in the top 100 overall with a 59:44 time and Rivas finished second in his age group with a 1:01:19 time. Gonzales made the top 300 with a time of 1:04:07 and Sellen made the top 400 with a 1:06: 58. Rounding out the rest of the team were Larry Thomas at 1:09:36, Roberto Serrano at 1:13:29 and Alexander Uropa at 1:14:15.



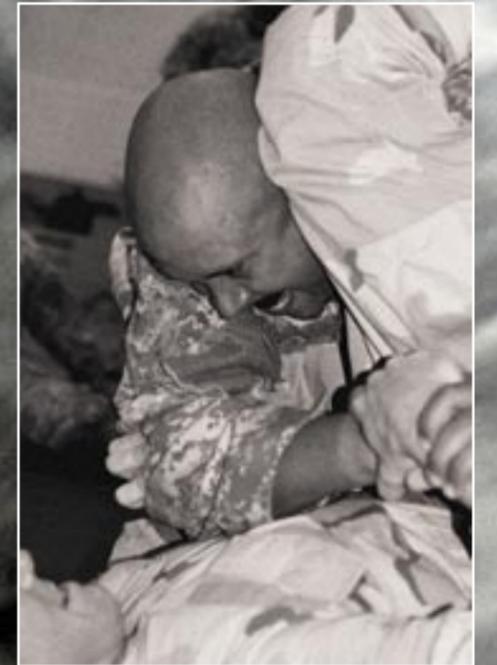
Photo provided by Army 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen

The JTF Army Ten Miler team from left to right: Patrick Sellen, Larry Thomas, Wilfredo Turrel, Luis Gonzales, Rafael Rivas and Roberto Serrano (Not pictured is Alexander Europa).



In recent years, the U.S. military began expanding its training package to include Modern Army Combatives. There are several reasons that combatives are taught:

- To educate soldiers on how to protect themselves against threats without using their firearms
- To provide a non-lethal response to various situations
- To instill the 'warrior instinct' to provide the necessary aggression to meet the enemy unflinchingly



COMBATIVES TRAINING

Story and photos by Army Sgt. Scott Griffin
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Last week, Troopers from the 525th Military Police Battalion, Charlie Co., 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment and the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion participated in Level I Combatives Training. Combatives focuses on self-defense techniques in combat. What followed were a series of strained muscles, rashes, raspberries and one beauty of a shiner.

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Army Sgt. Calvin Duvall has his fists raised up to protect his head. He lunges forward to engage his attacker and receives two swift punches in the side of his face. The Troopers surrounding him begin to yell and holler.

“Keep your guard up!”

“Go for the clinch!”

“Punch him in the face!”

“Oooohhh ...”

Blows continue to rain down on Duvall’s arms, his head, his face. Duvall drops his head low and raises his hands higher. He lunges forward, beneath his attacker’s swinging fists, then brings his arms up underneath him. Duvall clenches his hands tightly around his attacker’s back and raises the man off his feet. The attacker continues swinging but the blows fall ineffectively around Duvall’s shoulders and back.

“That’s the clinch!” Staff Sgt. Steven Barthmaier hollers. The bout ends and Duvall and his attacker break. The attacker pulls off his boxing gloves. The two Troopers shake hands and laugh.

Not a bad way to spend a week.

Barthmaier was the Lead Instructor for Level I Combatives Training held at the Denich Gym from Oct. 1 to 5. Troopers volunteered from the 525th Military Police Co., the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion and Charlie Co., 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment to participate in the week-long

Sgt. Jesus “Grampa” Ortiz suffers double head blows from Lead Instructor Army Staff Sgt. Steven Barthmaier. At 46, Ortiz was the oldest Trooper to participate in the training.



Army Sgt. Calvin Duvall (right) takes a sock to the ribs while moving in to subdue his attacker, Assistant Instructor Army Spc. Michael Markley, during Level I Combatives Training. JTF Troopers participated in the week-long training in self-defense and ground fighting techniques at the Denich Gym Oct. 1 to 5.

training that primarily employs Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. The students come from a variety of backgrounds, to include mechanics, medical, logistics, administrative, arms rooms and cooks along with Army military police and Navy masters at arms.

According to Barthmaier, the goal of Level I Combatives Training is to instill the warrior mentality in a student.

“Students basically gain the confidence to achieve the momentum in a fight,” Barthmaier said.

To do this, students learn to render an opponent immobile through a series of grapples, locks and traps. Striking techniques – such as punching and kicking – are set aside in favor of using an opponent’s size against them. When factoring in that an attacker may outsize a defender and quickly overwhelm him or her, combatives techniques are used to move the defender from a vulnerable to a dominant position.

Barthmaier starts students out

with ground fighting techniques that utilize what seem like easy grapples and traps. The moves are completely simple ... until one tries them against an opponent who doesn’t want that to happen.

To get the training as realistic as possible, students go head-to-head in ‘bouts,’ starting from kneeling positions and attempting to get each other in the ‘mount’ or the ‘guard’ or any number of ‘arm bars’ or ‘guillotines.’

That’s where a lot of the rashes and raspberries came from.

Classes accelerate as students progress toward certification day. Instructors put on boxing gloves and are eventually allowed to swing at 100 percent strength at the defending students. Taking blows and fighting through attacks builds confidence in the students so they learn that they can not only defend against larger opponents, but also neutralize them by gaining the dominant position.

That’s where the shiner came from.

Barthmaier was happy with the end results for the class.

“The leadership enabled us to do this training and the community supported it,” Barthmaier said. “You train as you fight and this training needs to be sustained. We’d love to do more.”

Exercise your right and privilege – vote!

By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
James Richardson

JTF-GTMO Staff Judge Advocate's Office

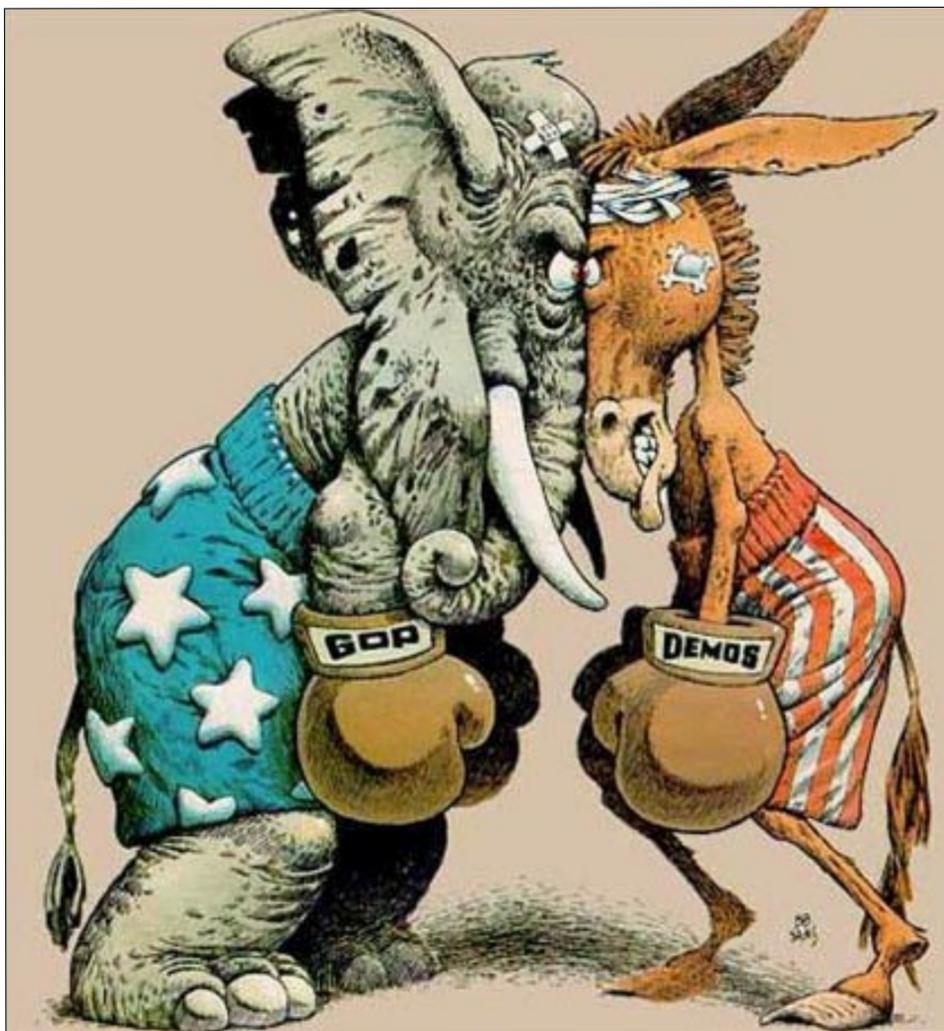
The presidential nominations are quickly approaching, and by July of 2008 the candidates should be firmly affixed to the ballots. In the scheme of democracy there is nothing more important than exercising your right to vote. Many people think that their vote does not matter. Imagine if everyone felt that way – we would never elect a president! There have been many elections – not just on a local level that have been decided by less than 100 votes. So thinking that your vote does not count could not be farther from the truth.

Maybe you feel that when it comes down to it, all the candidates are the same, so why bother voting. Even if this is how you truly feel, remember that the winning president-elect will have enormous impact on our children's future, not just for four or eight years but for 40 years or more. How? Because with each new president, there is a chance that a United States Supreme Court Justice will retire. The president alone has the power to nominate new Justices, and Supreme Court Justices hold office for life. While Congress and the President may pass laws and veto bills, ultimately it is the Supreme Court that interprets the Constitution and consequently determines how each American will live his or her life.

If you are still not convinced of the impact the Supreme Court has on this country and the differences in the various presidential appointments to the Court, consider the Supreme Court decisions of the late 60's and early 70's – *Miranda v. State of Arizona* and *Roe v. Wade*.

Chances are the next president will nominate at least two Justices to the Supreme Court. So the question comes down to which candidate would you prefer to choose the most influential position in this country, that of a United States Supreme Court Justice.

Without minimizing the importance of the presidential election, it is also important



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to vote in your state and local elections. Do you complain about the policies of your children's school? If so, ask yourself, "Did I vote for the members of my school board? Do I even know the members of the school board?" Change starts at a grass roots level whether you live on a farm, in the inner city, or temporarily overseas.

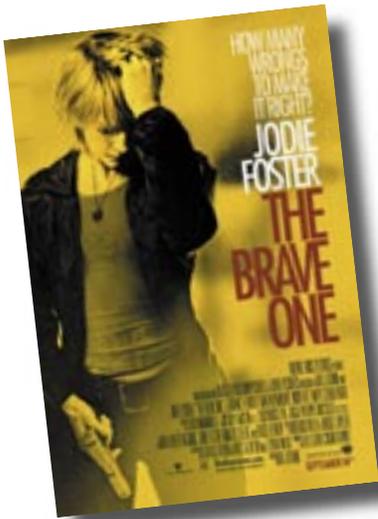
Remember, too, when you are unhappy with the condition of your town's roads or your state's tax rate, being involved, voting for and knowing your elected officials will enable you to voice your complaints to the appropriate representatives. You voted for them, so they should work for you.

Whether the excuse is apathy or laziness, voting has become a privilege that far many too Americans take for granted. The next time you neglect to vote, ask yourself how you would feel if you didn't have a

choice – to elect a president, choose a job, or decide how many children to have. There are many countries where citizens do not have these choices. I'm sure they would gladly change places with you for the fundamental privilege of voting!

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Voting Assistance Officers are available to assist military members and qualified civilians in finding information for their home states and districts.

They are committed to ensuring YOU have the ability to vote by assisting you with registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots. JTF personnel can contact the Navy's Voting Assistance Officer, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class James Richardson, at x8113, and NAVSTA personnel can contact Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Travis Mostoller, x4366.



THE BRAVE ONE: ONE WOMAN'S WAR ON VICTIM-HOOD AND BAD MEN

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Rated: R
Running Time: 128 minutes

Two-time Oscar winner Jodie Foster (“The Accused” and ”Silence of the Lambs”) is Erica Bain, a radio storyteller, who, along with her fiancé, David (Naveen Andrews – TV’s “Lost”), are attacked while walking their dog in Central Park.

A survivor of this devastating tragedy, Bain awakens from her coma to find that her fiancé is dead and her terror impedes her from leaving her house, going to work or venturing out into the city. Most of all, she’s terrified that the vibrant woman she had been was now forever gone.

Unable to move past the shock of being brutally beaten, Erica buys a gun to help with her crippling fear. She begins prowling the city streets at night to track down the men she holds responsible. In her desperate pursuit of justice, her vigilante revenge catches the public’s attention as well as that of the city police.

Oscar-nominee Terrence Howard (“Hustle & Flow”and “Crash”) is detective Sean Mercer, who is dealing with a loss of his own, albeit a far less bloody one – a divorce. He’s also desperately trying to catch a man who’s gotten away with murder and, at the scene of another crime, he runs into Erica. The two make a connection and become each other’s emotional crutches, forming a powerful bond which is sorely tested by Erica’s vigilantism.

The film is directed by Neil Jordan (“The Crying Game” and “Breakfast on Pluto”), who is no stranger to difficult social and moral subjects. This is a fascinating study of how one woman decides to fight victim-hood with bullets. In our heads and hearts we all know that taking the law into our own hands is wrong and inexcusable, but emotionally the audience can live vicariously through Erica’s actions. All of us who have been victims of crime dream about fighting violence with violence, though few choose to act on those moments of rage.

Rating: ★★★★★

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

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<p>Saturday, Oct. 13</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Isolated T-Storms Sunrise: 6:55 a.m. Sunset: 6:39 p.m. Chance of rain: 30%</p>	<p>Sunday, Oct. 14</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Isolated T-Storms Sunrise: 6:55 a.m. Sunset: 6:38 p.m. Chance of rain: 30%</p>	<p>Monday, Oct. 15</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Scattered T-storms Sunrise: 6:55 a.m. Sunset: 6:37 p.m. Chance of rain: 20%</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Oct. 16</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Sunrise: 6:56 a.m. Sunset: 6:37 p.m. Chance of Rain: 20%</p> <p>Scattered T-storms</p>	<p>Wednesday, Oct. 17</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Sunrise: 6:56 a.m. Sunset: 6:36 p.m. Chance of Rain: 40%</p> <p>Scattered T-storms</p>	<p>Thursday, Oct. 18</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Sunrise: 6:56 a.m. Sunset: 6:35 p.m. Chance of Rain: 20%</p> <p>Scattered T-storms</p>	<p>Friday, Oct. 19</p> <p>Highs in the high - 80’s, and lows in the mid-70’s.</p>  <p>Sunrise: 6:57 a.m. Sunset: 6:34 p.m. Chance of Rain: 60%</p> <p>Scattered T-storms</p>

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The Joint Task Force leadership does consider detainee requests and has made feasible changes to the program as a result of their input. However, all changes have to account for the safety of the instructors and the guard force. Therefore, there are always a minimum of two guards in each classroom and a set of restraints is located near each desk, which are all bolted to the floor.

When detainees complain about the instructional environment, Sheriff encourages them to look beyond their ankle restraints.

“I tell them that everyone has their own cuffs or boundaries of dos and don'ts, but they are not visible to the eyes,” said Sheriff. “I tell them that they must forget about those things and concentrate on what they do have. This perspective usually works.”

Despite Sheriff's Arabic descent, interacting with the detainees is sometimes a challenge since he must first establish a level of trust and respect within the classroom environment.

“Some of the detainees who attend my class would say I am an infidel because I work with the United States,” said Sheriff. “I always begin my first class by saying ‘Shalam Malacum,’ which is translated to mean ‘peace upon you’. I will then quote verses from the Quran to remind them that it is their duty to respond to peace when it is being given to them. Then they will usually respond.”

The improvements Sheriff sees through his classroom interactions with detainees validate the importance for them to learn how to read and understand the Qur'an. Both he and the detainee students look forward to seeing the program offer even more educational opportunities in the future.

USS Cole Attack



Friday, Oct. 12 marks the seventh anniversary of the bombing of USS Cole (DDG 67) by two al Qaeda members in the Yemeni port of Aden. Seventeen sailors lost their lives in the blast while another thirty nine were injured. The event marks one of the stepping points into the Global War on Terror. (www.museumofthesoldier.com)

Boots on the Ground

By Army Sgt. Jody Metzger

“What did you do differently this past week because of the rain?”

- Navy Petty Officer
2nd Class
Jeffrey Diaz



I stayed in and watched movies, then I worked out at the gym.

- Army Spc.
Luis Perez



I was on my computer surfing mySpace.

- Navy Seaman
Sergio Vasquez



I stayed inside and played video games like Madden.

- Navy Petty Officer
3rd Class Chris
Stackhouse



I stayed in the house and played Halo 3 on XBOX.

Faith and Freedom are yours to keep regardless of life's injustices



Sunset on Guantanamo Bay. (Photo by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger)

By Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Daniel McCay

JTF-GTMO Deputy Chaplain/NEGB Chaplain

One of the most remarkable survivors of the Holocaust is Viktor Frankl who was born and raised in Vienna, Austria. After World War II, having survived the deaths of his parents, brother, and pregnant wife at the hands of the Nazis, Frankl rose to prominence as a world renowned psychologist. His book entitled *Man's Search for Meaning*, wherein he recounts some of his concentration camp experiences and his work as a logotherapist, has sold over twelve million copies world-wide.

While in captivity, Frankl took stock of his situation and personal condition. He asked himself, "Why is it that in spite of all the Nazis have done to me, my loved ones, and neighbors, I'm still here? Why is it that while others give up and die, I continue not only to survive the horrors of this place, but, in fact, remain strong and thrive as a human being?" As any good psychotherapist would do, Frankl evaluated himself.

He began by asking, "Are the Nazis in control physically or am I?" His answer: "They control when I get up, what I wear, what I eat, and what I do, but I choose to help others and myself by getting extra food, clothing, or a blanket when able. So, yes, mostly they're in control, but not totally." He continued: "What about my thoughts? No, I decide what I think – not them." Next, Frankl considered his emotional condition: "Do the Nazis tell me what to feel? No, I decide my feelings." Lastly, Frankl looked at his spiritual side: "Can the Nazis take away my faith?"

No!" he emphatically declares, "My faith in God remains resolute."

What lessons, then, do we glean from Frankl's life and experiences? First, he reminds us that circumstances or situations are not the most powerful or important things in life: rather, what is by far more powerful and important are our personal choices in response to such. Second, no one can take away our freedom as a person – our intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and, to some extent, even our physical freedom: Our freedom can only be given away by our own choosing. Third, never give up hope: Be true to the God-given purpose for which you were born, no matter how great the obstacles. Fourth, the most important and lasting concern in all of life is the level of relationship we achieve with God, ourselves, and others.

Frankl's life lessons are a source of both great encouragement and challenge. They are a source of encouragement, in that they remind us that every hardship, no matter how difficult or even horrible, is also an opportunity – it's all about our perspective. And, too, they are a source of challenge, in that all too few people become even half the person Frankl was in terms of his relationships with God, himself, and others at the time of his death a few years ago. In concert with God's Word, though, I can hear him cheering us on by saying, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:23-24).

JTF comptroller funds mission and quality-of-life projects



Army Maj. Lawrence Stiller briefs Navy Rear Adm. Mark Buzby during a meeting at the Intelligence and Operations Facility Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Story and photo by Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

As the Joint Task Force Guantanamo comptroller, one deployed Army major has been called “the money man,” “the banker,” “the negotiator” and “the enforcer” by those he works with and supports. As the gatekeeper for all JTF funds, Army Maj. Lawrence R. Stiller has played all of these roles to ensure the command’s financial goals are met.

In addition to managing an \$80 million budget, Stiller is instrumental in maintaining the high accountability standards set by JTF leadership. His leadership and the work ethics of his team were acknowledged in September when his office was the only JTF section to receive an “Outstanding Rate” during a Joint Command Inspection coordinated by the U.S. Southern Command Inspector General’s office. Additionally, U.S. Army South was so impressed with the accounting practices used by Stiller and his staff that they plan to implement them command-wide.

“When I came here, a complete one-eighty was done in this office. We have funded a lot, and we have put a lot of systems and processes in place,” said Stiller. “My goal is to make sure that the processes

are in place that are going to keep everything set up for success.”

Stiller, the JTF comptroller since May, authorizes all financial transactions ranging from writing checks to funding contracts to appropriating money for temporary duty assignments. Although he has worked as a comptroller for eight years, Stiller noted that the special rules applicable to the JTF pose challenges when commanders approach him seeking funding. However, his understanding of fiscal law and his ability to interact with various government entities influences his ability to support the JTF leadership.

“I can choose to be a roadblock or a mission enabler. If you are seen as a roadblock, then you will butt heads with people all the time. But, if you try to find ways to fund things and become a mission enabler, then you can be a true advisor,” said Stiller.

Stiller credits his success to the education, experiences and understanding of the military he has obtained over the years. Stiller was commissioned as an armor officer through the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program in 1992. His education includes a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Management Information Systems and a master’s degree in Business

Administration. Stiller also acquired series six security mutual funds broker, mortgage broker and life insurance licenses. He credits his experience, along with his broad knowledge of finance, as instrumental to his ability to lead others.

“I came in the Army as an armor officer, and I have been that guy in the foxhole needing support. I can make decisions based on knowing what that guy will need down the road,” said Stiller.

Taking this perspective into meetings where Stiller advises JTF leadership contributes to large appropriations being allotted to help improve Troopers’ quality of life here. His efforts have resulted in the funding of approximately \$8.1 million for construction projects related to Tierra Kay housing improvements.

In addition to being an advisor, Stiller’s experience teaching at the U.S. Army Finance School at Fort Jackson, S.C., helped him understand the importance of educating military leaders on the rules and techniques needed to sharpen their financial accountability.

“Teaching at the finance school opened my eyes to how it all works, and I actually had to learn everything about government/DOD finance to teach it,” said Stiller. “I enjoy it. When I retire, I would like to teach personal finance. One of my pet peeves is insurance companies and sellers of mutual funds who take advantage of military members.”

Although Stiller has set many long-term goals, in the short term he looks forward to returning home to spend time with his wife and three daughters. When Stiller is not tracking funds, you can find him at home brewing beer or traveling on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. An avid soccer player, Stiller also enjoys refereeing soccer games and would love to coach children’s soccer teams.

Although the position here calls on Stiller to work many long hours, he notes that nothing is more rewarding than linking leaders and Troopers with the funds needed to complete their missions.

AROUND THE

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◀ “Helga and Ulga, the German twin sisters” and second runners up in the Oktoberfest costume contest pose with their winnings at the Bay View Restaurant’s celebration Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007. This annual event is sponsored by the Naval Station’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation program. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation department.)

JTF Servicemembers congratulate Troopers from the Joint Interrogation Group following an awards ceremony held at the Information and Operations Facility here Thursday, Oct. 4. Pictured are Petty Officers 2nd Class Jahmal Thompson, Floyd Strand, Rocio Martinez and Eric Jenkins. (Photo by Army Sgt. Scott Griffin) ▶



◀ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Cheng re-enlists for another term in the Navy, Friday, Oct. 5. Cheng is a member of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion. (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William Weinert)