

# THE WIRE

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# Values, judgment, and passion

**Air Force Senior Master Sgt.  
James Woodham**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. JTF-GTMO/Safety

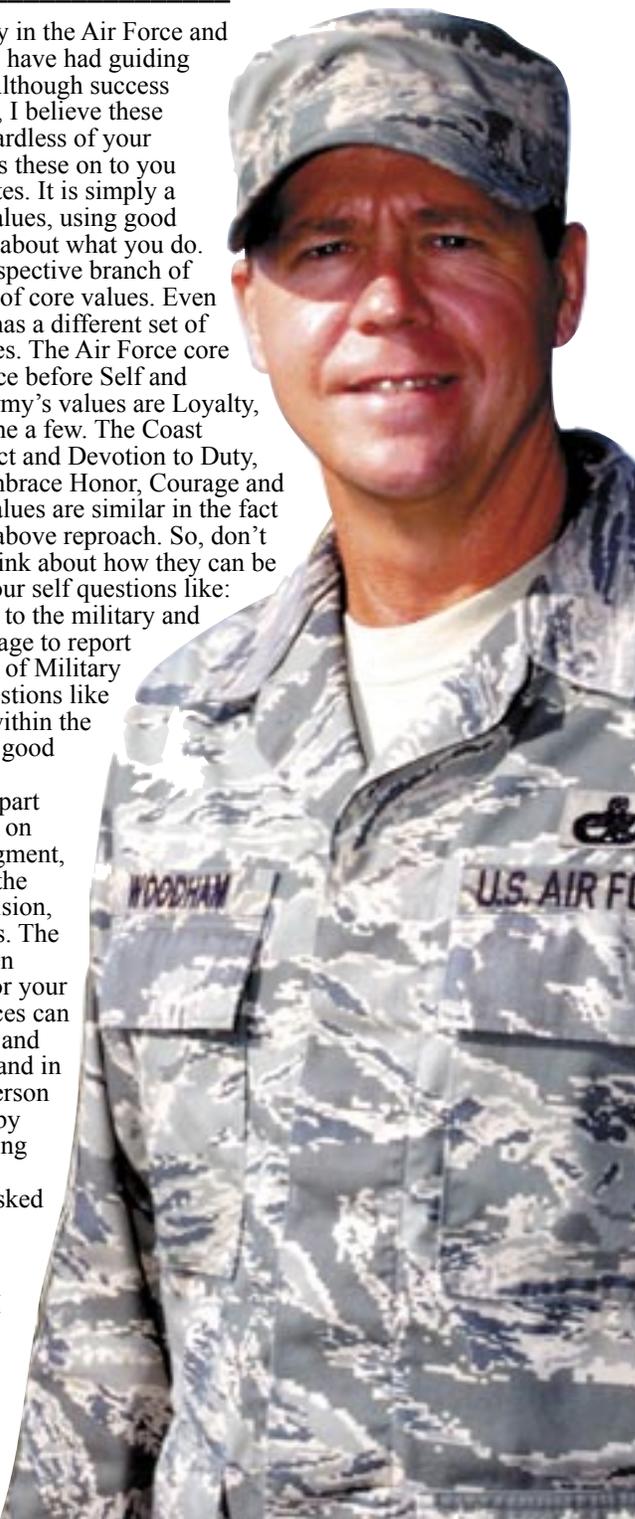
In my 23 years of active duty in the Air Force and seven years as a first sergeant, I have had guiding principals to achieve success. Although success can be measured in many ways, I believe these principals can apply to you regardless of your branch of service. I want to pass these on to you as leaders, peers and subordinates. It is simply a matter of embracing the core values, using good judgment and being passionate about what you do.

As each of us entered our respective branch of service we learned our own set of core values. Even though each branch of service has a different set of core values, there are similarities. The Air Force core values are Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in all we do. The Army's values are Loyalty, Integrity and Honor, just to name a few. The Coast Guard values are Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty, while the Marines and Navy embrace Honor, Courage and Commitment. All of the core values are similar in the fact they have meanings which are above reproach. So, don't just think about these words, think about how they can be applied to your mission. Ask your self questions like: Do I respect others? Am I loyal to the military and my leaders? Do I have the courage to report violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? If you ask yourself questions like these, you are not only acting within the core values, you are displaying good judgment.

You see, judgment is a vital part of being a military professional on and off duty. Without good judgment, not much else matters because the end result is usually a poor decision, possible disrespect or violations. The lack of good judgment may even negatively impact the mission or your personal life. These consequences can eventually erode your thoughts and perceptions of the core values, and in turn impact who you are as a person and professional. I have found by believing in core values and using proper judgment, we become passionate about what we are asked to do for our nation.

Over the years, I have been passionate about being a first sergeant, no matter what tasks I was assigned. I have dealt with domestic violence, cases of driving under the influence, Article 15 processes, courts martial and even death. While handling every one of these

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**Cotton candy clouds grace the seascape as the sun sets over Guantanamo Bay Monday, May 5, in a view seen from the Naval Station chapel hill. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Emily Russell**



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# Anchors aweigh for JDG deputy

**Army Sgt. 1st Class  
Vaughn R. Larson**

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For Navy Cmdr. Andrew Haynes, his final mission proved to be the most memorable.

Haynes just wrapped up a year-long stint as the deputy commander for the Joint Detention Group. He also concludes his service to the Navy, following a 26-year career.

“I had already been approved for retirement before this assignment,” he said.

In his duty position at Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Haynes provided day-to-day oversight of the detainee camps, allowing Army Col. Bruce Vargo – the JDG commander – to deal with off-island business and military commissions, matters Haynes referred to as “big-picture stuff.”

Vargo had high praise for his departing deputy.

“Absolutely incredible,” Vargo said. “Simply fantastic. I have no doubt he could have been the JDG commander. I had full trust in him.”

Haynes said his previous command experiences proved helpful in this mission. He also had previous experience in a joint assignment, but this was his first with Army Soldiers.

“There’s a lot of difference, but there’s a lot the same – how we deal with situations, how we come together,” he explained. “I learned ‘Hooah’ and a lot about sergeant majors. I hope I taught the Army guys some Navy stuff as well.”

Haynes said he leaves this mission with tremendous respect for the Troopers guarding the detainees.

“Watching them work in this environment, dealing with detainees, the restraint they show,” he said. “I’ve seen people spit on, [feces] thrown on them, and they don’t retaliate. They have tremendous self-possession.”

Haynes also recalled watching guards walking their rounds through sheets of rain during Hurricane Dean last year, not missing their regular detainee checks, and how that reflected on Troopers’ honor.

“Honor is at the core of what we do,” he observed. “No one can take it away, but you can give it away. Here and in combat, it comes center stage. It carries you through difficult times.”

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**Navy Cmdr. Andrew Haynes speaks with a Joint Detention Group Trooper inside Camp Delta prior to his departure from the Joint Task Force.** – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nat Moger



# Navy Nurse Corps turns 100

■ *Mission here continues with same dedication as that shown by founders*

**Army Sgt.  
Gretel Sharpee**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The Navy Nurse Corps celebrates its 100 year anniversary May 13, but the nurses at the Joint Task Force Detention Center keep their focus on the mission.

“Working in a detention center requires a high level of alertness,” said Navy Lt. Matt Brickey, a staff nurse for the detention facility, “We have to always be aware of our personal security while still doing our job.”

In 1908 the United States Navy established the female Nurse Corps and by October of that year 20 women had enlisted in the corps to begin working in several naval hospitals.

By World War I there were more than 160 female nurses serving in the Navy representing one of the few professions open to women at that time. Between WWI and WWII, the nursing corps made several professional advancements: the first permanent ship position aboard the sixth USS Relief, paid retirement and disability, and continuing and specialized education. By 1941 the Nurse Corps had more than 800 active duty and 900 inactive reserve nurses.

Currently, the Navy Nurse Corps is an integral part of the U.S. Navy and its nurses can be found wherever the Navy is.

Here at Guantanamo Bay, the Joint Medical Group nurses work within the Detention Center Hospital and the Behavioral Health Unit.

“It’s adventurous to be a part of this historical experience,” said Navy Lt. Heather Lyon, a staff nurse in the Behavioral Health Unit.

Daily tasks for these nurses involve routine physical examinations of the detainees, but also include daily nutritional supervision, counseling, and any event that requires medical care.

“In the states, group therapy is used but here we have to use new techniques when handling the mental health of the detainees,” explained Navy Ensign Kelly Ricketts, a Behavioral Health Unit nurse. “One-on-one counseling, meditation, coping skills—anything to make their situation seem more manageable.”

Daily nutrition is another way the responsibility of providing health care to detainees is challenging.

“I work in the feeding block making sure the detainees get the caloric intake they need,” said Brickey. “That includes the ones who are on hunger strikes and have to be fed through feeding tubes.”

One thing these nurses agree on is how valuable their corpsmen and guards are in completing the mission.

“When working in this environment you have to rely on your guards a lot. I have a lot of confidence in my guards which allows me to do my job,” said Brickey.

There is no argument that the nurses working in the detention center have a challenging job, and there is also no argument as to why these nurses choose the profession they are in.

“I wanted to help people and I saw the Navy as a great place to do that,” said Navy Lt. Brent McDuffie, staff nurse. “I also see this as a stepping stone for other things, but wanting to help people is what got me here.”

“I worked as a technician at the VA (Veterans Affairs Hospital) while I was going through school and I wanted to work at the beginning, to be their continuum of care from military to civilian,” said Ricketts.

The Navy Nurse Corps is a community within the Navy. These nurses have the opportunity of not only being a part of history here at Gitmo but also the history of the Nurse Corps.

“Every station you go to you know people who have worked with someone and in that sense this is a community that makes the Navy a little smaller,” said Brickey. “I was a corpsman first and I never regretted continuing on to the nursing corps – it has been a wonderful career.”

**The Sacred  
Twenty- group  
photograph  
of the first 20  
Navy Nurses,  
appointed in  
1908. Taken  
at the Naval  
Hospital,  
Washington,  
D.C. October  
1908.**



# Sailor earns first Safety Incentive Award

**Army Staff Sgt.  
Emily J. Russell**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The quick actions of Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric Walker prevented a potentially hazardous situation when he instinctively grabbed a fire extinguisher to quench flames between two trailers at Cuzco Barracks April 3.

The fire ignited between trailers G-58 and G-59. The cause was determined to be a combination of “poor housekeeping and carelessness.” An improperly disposed cigarette ignited clutter and old mops left between the trailers.

Walker, returning from a trip to the Navy Exchange, could smell something burning and noticed smoke.

“I saw my shipmate staring, almost in disbelief, at the fire,” said Walker. “I dropped my bags away from the fire and grabbed the nearest fire extinguisher, and extinguished the fire.

“At first glance I was kind of nervous,” Walker admitted. “I guess the firefighting training I had at boot camp finally paid off. The training just kicked in and that’s when I grabbed the fire extinguisher.”

In an effort to bolster the safety program for Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, 1st Sgt. James Woodham, noncommissioned officer in charge of the safety program, created the Safety Incentive Award as a way to reward military members for their actions to promote safety.

“The award is new, and this is the first we’ve presented to the JTF,” Woodham said. “It’s for Troopers who go above and beyond the call of duty.”

“A program like this has been stagnant so long – we wanted some sort of incentive to motivate [military members] to do a better job being safe,” Woodham explained. “The award is given to boost morale and to get people to take the safety program seriously.”

The award is recognition for those who take initiative when faced with the decision to react or be proactive when safety is a concern. It is presented in the form of a certificate, given by the admiral or general, and accompanied by a coin. Woodham also presents an “outstanding performer” coin to the recipient, along with thanks and positive reinforcement for a job well done.

There is no specific time frame for the award. It can be given at any time and does not preclude the individual from receiving a Joint Service Achievement Medal or impact award.

Candidates for the award are identified through their chain of command, and nominated by their supervisor or leadership, or in some cases through the safety office.

“We can’t be everywhere,” Woodham said, referring to safety office staff.



**Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric Walker received the first JTF Safety Incentive Award from Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti for his quick reaction to a fire that broke out between two trailers at Cuzco barracks.**

**Charred wood and smoke stains remain visible after the Cuzco fire. The fire ignited old mops and clutter left between the trailers after a cigarette butt was disposed of improperly.**

According to Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti, JTF deputy commander, safety is everyone’s responsibility.

“The best way to be safe is to watch out for each other,” said Zanetti. “I hope [the award] makes people more aware of being safe here at Guantanamo Bay and reminds

people to watch out for their ‘battle buddy’ or ‘shipmate.’”

Walker echoed Zanetti’s sentiments.

“I’d want someone to do the same for me or my family in that event,” said Walker. “Safety is what gets us home to our families.”

# Guano cup finishes

## Playoffs begin next week

**Army Pfc.  
Eric Liesse**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The Spring 2008 Guano Cup indoor soccer league finished its regular season this week with games Monday, May 5, through Thursday, May 8. Games were held at the indoor soccer rink at Denich Gym.

The soccer league, sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, finished out the season – which began March 31 – with the Thursday games and with four days of playoffs next week.

Each day had three games played. Some games, however, were Superliga league games, which is the third country nationals' league.

On Monday, the Weapons of Pass Destruction trounced the Mustache Mustangs with an 8-0 shutout win. Frank Lennon of Weapons brought in five goals alone, and Josue Alcaraz scored another two.

The second game boasted a hard-fought contest between the Roadrunners and Kickin' Asphalt. The first half ended in a 3-3 tie, with the final score knotted at 5-5. The whole game was a series of close shots and plenty of small missed opportunities.

In the final Monday game, Prime Beef

took a 7-4 win over the Bamfs, with Haider Khan's almost full-court goal.

On Tuesday, the Roadrunners achieved a close 4-3 win over the Mustache Mustangs.

The second and final Guano Cup game for Tuesday night featured a high-energy game between the Bamfs and Kickin' Asphalt. The second half proved to be rallying time for the Bamfs. With Asphalt leading 3-0 at halftime, the Bamfs came into the second half hungry and scored all four of their goals in about 10 minutes of play. However, the rally was too little, too late as Kickin' Asphalt won 7-4.

Wednesday's and Thursday's games were too late for this week's deadline. Wednesday night's game included the Mustache Mustangs taking on Kickin' Asphalt, and Weapons of Pass Destruction battling the Bamfs. Thursday night's games included the Bamfs against the Mustache Mustangs and Prime Beef in the rink with Kickin' Asphalt.

The nights of Monday, May 12, through Thursday, May 14, will showcase the Guano Cup playoffs at Denich Gym's indoor soccer rink. The final records of each team will determine their seeding in the brackets for the playoffs.



**Navy Lt. Jonathan Higdon, a member of the Roadrunners, launches the ball for a goal attempt during the first half of the game against the Mustache Mustangs.**

### Team stats (As of May 7):

Bamfs	1-7-0
Prime Beef	4-6-0
Roadrunners	8-1-1
Mustache Mustangs	1-7-0
Kickin' Asphalt	3-3-2
Weapons of Pass Destruction	7-1-1



**A member of the Mustache Mustangs blocks a hard, full-court kick from an opponent during the first half of their game against the Roadrunners Tuesday, May 6 at the G.J. Denich Gym enclosed outdoor soccer arena. The game was a hard-fought, close win for the Roadrunners, with a final score of 4-3.**

# 'Job' pays off big

**Rated R**  
1 hour 50 minutes

## **Army Pfc. Eric Liesse**

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I'm going to be up front about something – I love heist films, especially the British variety. So I went into this movie with a predisposed penchant for enjoying it. However, I generally find “based on a true story” movies lame and pretentious, using the fact as an excuse for not being good. That aside, let's get into it.

“The Bank Job,” set in 1971 London and directed by Roger Donaldson, stars the ever-witty Jason Statham as Terry, a family man with a debt-filled car dealership. An old friend named Martine, played by Saffron Burrows, meets up with him at a wedding and reveals a fail-safe plan to steal the contents of safety deposit boxes in a basement vault of a London bank. Along with his friends Kev (Stephen Campbell Moore) and Dave (Daniel Mays), Terry signs on for the job, which entails digging into the vault from a clothing store two shops down.

The plan, however, does have some ulterior motives. Martine wants the contents of one particular safety box – a box that holds potentially incriminating, sexually explicit photographs of royalty. These photos are being sought by government officials and some Black Movement radicals. There is also a local porn king looking to cover his

butt by getting some other incriminating loot from the troupe of first-time thieves.

This may seem like a lot to process, especially as the robbery divides the movie into nearly equal parts. However, the storyline manages to be complicated without being convoluted. If the audience can make it through, the movie comes together neatly in the end.

Although there are many different groups of people and even more characters to keep track of, most don't have much interaction before the third act – the action and the sharp presentation of each person makes the film work. Statham shows off his oft-underestimated acting muscle, and even gets some fighting moves in by the end to boot. His ability to portray that the character doesn't completely know how to handle the professional criminals and crime fighters post-heist proves he isn't just an action star.

Most heist films follow the same basic train of thought: an almost over-planned arrangement laid out meticulously, several different antagonists in the way of the plan who rarely know what is going to be happening other than something will happen, the rookie who sometimes puts holes in the entire caper, and a quick wit to be able to adjust to the missteps during the job itself.

I was pleasantly surprised. Yes, it did have all the basics – albeit with some

modifications

– but by the end, there were so many diversions from the standard that it was more than just another heist film. Actual emotional value presents itself when you watch Statham deal with the fallout from the robbery and the unvarnished brutality at times. These scenes add credibility to the film, and the second half of the movie takes on a much more mature tone, really drawing the audience into the aftermath of a bank robbery.

The “based on a true story” line can be felt in the film, though it sometimes feels as though much creative liberty has been taken. Not too much, but enough to notice. The end does seem to come together far too perfectly to be entirely accurate.

Granted, historical facts do not a movie make. Usually it ends up just being a crutch to say, “So what if it wasn't that good of a movie?”

This isn't the case with “The Bank Job.” The fact the story follows an actual bank robbery of this scale is a special kind of rush. However, if the audience went in without knowing the film is based on a true story, the film would still hold up and be fully entertaining. “The Bank Job” is well worth your time and money.

**Rating: ★★★★★**

# BRADLEY COOPER TOURS GITMO

**Army Spc.  
Megan Burnham**  
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Some people may know him as Will Tippin, the best friend to Sydney Bristow on the TV show "Alias." Others may know him as the villainous boyfriend in "Wedding Crashers." However, when he visited the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay May 2-4, he introduced himself with his real name and identity: Bradley Cooper.

Cooper, a Philadelphia native, currently resides in Venice, Calif. where he works and owns a little house with a couple of dogs. He moved from New York to Los Angeles, in 2001 to take the job for the Alias series.

Due to positive feedback from friends who went on tour in Afghanistan six months ago, Cooper requested to participate in a similar tour with the United Services Organization, an association that helps the American public show support to service members. The actor had some free time and when USO asked if he wanted to go to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he jumped at the chance. This was his first visit to a U.S. Naval Station; in fact, this was his first visit to any military base.

"I'm here to show my support, say hello and learn more about the military and what they're doing, especially here in Guantanamo Bay," said Cooper.

The event, sponsored by the USO and Morale Welfare and Recreation, provided Troopers (especially Bradley Cooper fans) the opportunity to meet with the star, take photos with him as well as acquire signed photographs.

Traveling with the celebrity was his buddy Dave Bugliari, USO Entertainment producer Tracy Thede, and Liberty Coordinator Jeffrey Shaw.

The "Handshake Tour" consisted of three busy days around the base, including a visit to Camp Delta, Camp 6, the Northeast Gate and Water Gate, and the Port Security Unit, as well as recreational activities.

"I am absolutely blown away; it's very educational," said Cooper. "Going into the camps definitely took it out of the TV and put it into real life."

Troopers and civilians attended scheduled site visits at the Marine Hill Liberty Center, the Navy Exchange Atrium, and the Deer Point Liberty Center to meet the actor.

"It's cool that he's taking the time out of his day to come down here," remarked Andrew Kolbek at the NEX visit. "It shows that he cares what we are doing and why we're doing it."

"He is setting the morale for the whole base," added Micah Howard, also in attendance. "It's a good thing

he's doing - we really appreciate it."

The meet-and-greet event ran smoothly largely due to Thede's efforts, as well as Craig Basel and Jeffrey Shaw from MWR.

"The MWR folks, they're phenomenal," Thede said about Basel and Shaw. "They go above and beyond to make sure that as many creature comforts as possible are here for the service members."

Before Cooper left the island, he shared some parting words to everyone he came in contact with this past weekend.

"Thank you all so much for how generous you've been with your gratitude, and being able to talk to us," he said. "We're so happy to support you, and I hope that you all feel that from us and that anything we can do, we're willing to do it."

Prior to visiting Guantanamo Bay, Cooper was busy starring in movies with some other well-known entertainers. His upcoming comedies and romantic comedies include "Yes Man" with Jim Carrey, out in December, "He's Just Not That Into You" with Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Jennifer Connelly, Drew Barrymore and Scarlett Johansson; and "All About Steve" with Sandra Bullock and Thomas Aiden Church, out next year. The performer will also be starring in a thriller with Renée Zellweger called "Case 39," scheduled to hit the big screen sometime in 2009.



A woman with short dark hair, wearing a white sleeveless top, is sitting in a wooden chair and reading a book. The background shows a room with a white chain-link fence and some hanging items.

**Sgt. Valentina Herrera of the New Mexico Army National Guard reads a book for her son back home. Through the United Through Reading program Herrera can stay in touch with her son by reading a book while being video-taped, then sending the DVD and book home to her child.**

# Mother's Day in **COMBAT BOOTS**

**Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Cheryl Dilgard**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Mother's Day, the second Sunday of May, is set aside to honor the women who wiped our noses, made our dinners and tucked us in at night.

This day can be very difficult for moms in the service who are deployed and away from family. Four servicewomen here at Guantanamo Bay typify mothers in the armed forces, and offer good advice for all service members – especially women coping with being away from family.

Sgt. Valentina Herrera, mother of three and a member of the New Mexico Army National Guard, will miss Mother's Day with her children this year. She has been in Guantanamo Bay since late January. Herrera – a Native American from the San Philipe Pueblo tribe of San Philipe Pueblo, New Mexico – holds the teachings of her ancestors and tribal leaders close to heart.

"As a mother, I try to carry myself as dictated by our elders and proudly represent our ancestors," Herrera explained. "Our creator has blessed us [women] with the ability to have children. Children don't ask to be born – we ask for our children. So I take my responsibility as a mother seriously."

Herrera also takes her responsibility as a soldier seriously and is proud of the job she is doing.

This is the first deployment for the 8-year Guard member.

"My two older children, I knew they would be okay, but I thought my 11-year-old son couldn't live without me," she said. "Now I call home and he is doing all kinds of things. I call and talk to my son and he says, 'Hi mom, how are you,' then he is off and running."

Sometimes the hardest part of being a Soldier and mom is separating the roles of nurturer and disciplined Soldier.

"I love being in the Army, but I feel like the one thing I really excel at is being a mom," Herrera said.

She is not alone in that feeling. Being a mom and a service member is often not an easy combination.

Staff Sgt. Michelle Wickell, a 12-year Air Force veteran, has a 9-year-old son with her husband at home in Las Vegas. Wickell is used to maintaining strong family relations while being deployed.

"I was deployed Mothers Day '07 in Alaska, '06 in Thailand, and '04 in Qatar," Wickell recounted.

The importance of remaining close to family despite location is part of Wickell's deployment routine.

"I call every night to tuck my son into bed," she said. "Sometimes I call in the morning before

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**I love being in the Army, but I feel like the one thing I really excel at is being a mom.**

**– Army Sgt.  
Valentina Herrera**

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# Deployed moms cope with holiday minus family

## MOMS from 10

he leaves for school and tell him to make good choices. I think it is important that he just hears my voice. When it gets hard, it's important to remember that everything will come to an end and to make as much contact as possible."

Lt. Col. Doris Acevedo of Puerto Rico has been in the Puerto Rico Army National Guard for more than 20 years. This is her first deployment.

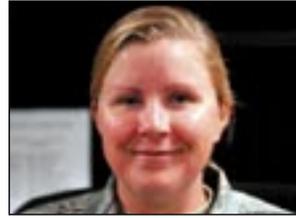
"During the first Gulf War I was worried about getting deployed and being away from my son who was four at the time," she said. "I finally realized that if God allows me to be sent away, God will give my son the person in his life to fulfill his mission in life. God always provides what you need for your mission in life. If we have to be away from our children, it will be their strength."

Acevedo contends now is the best time for her to be deployed. She was thankful to be able to wait until her son was an adult before being deployed.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Carol Smith, the division officer of the detention hospital, has been in the Navy for 15 years and is serving on her first deployment. This is also her first time away from her children



**ARMY LT. COL.  
DORIS ACEVEDO**



**AIR FORCE STAFF SGT.  
MICHELLE WICKELL**



**NAVY LT. CMDR.  
CAROL SMITH**

during Mother's Day. Smith is taking advantage of the opportunity of having her family visit.

"It is so important to keep in close contact with your family, send pictures, web cam if you can, and just find ways to stay in touch," said Smith.

Navy Lt. Angela Corriano, the JTF psychologist and officer in charge of Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team, is an expert at ways to reduce stress.

"It is really important to keep lines of communication open with family back home and find ways to stay in touch," Corriano said. "Being away from family is a big stressor for most people. We have a lot of tools that can help."

JSMART offers group and private sessions as well as offering a variety of

tools to help relieve stress. JSMART has a booklet especially for deployed moms, "Moms Over Miles," filled with activities for mothers and children even while apart, and creative ways to stay in touch.

One such method is through the "United Through Reading" program. You can be videotaped reading a book to your child; then you can send the DVD and the book to your child.

If you are feeling a little down about being away from your family this Mother's Day, consider that this too shall pass. Keep a positive attitude, find ways to keep in contact with family, and surround yourself with good friends and activities you enjoy while here at Guantanamo.

"It's important to hang out with good people and be able to share stories about your family," Wickell said.

## JTF SAFETY BRIEF

### DANGERS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

One of the most dangerous short-term consequences of binge drinking is alcohol poisoning, which can lead to irreversible brain damage or even death.

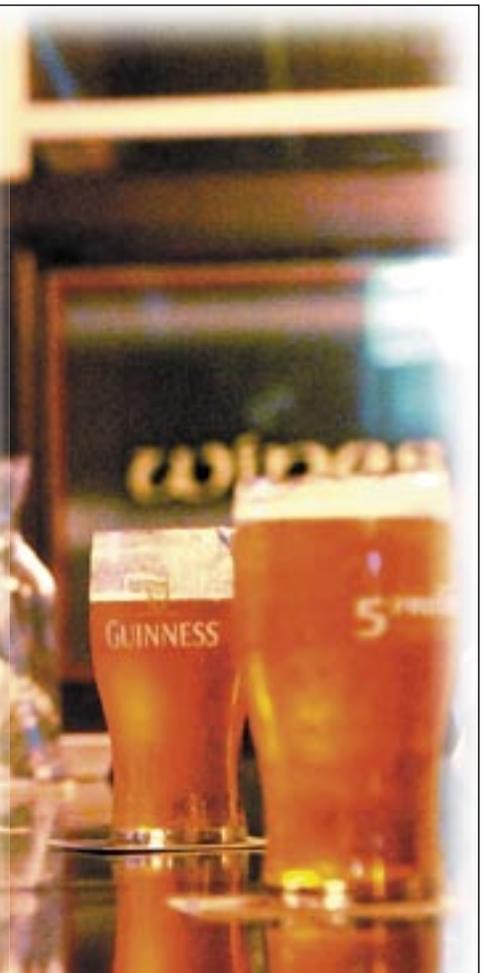
Excessive drinking depresses nerves that control things like breathing or the gag reflex. Drinking too much in too short a time can lead to slow or stopped breathing; irregular or stopped heartbeat; choking on vomit; severe dehydration; low body temperature; or too little blood sugar.

Don't ever let someone "sleep it off." Blood alcohol levels continue to rise in the body even when someone is passed out and no longer drinking. Watch for these signs of alcohol poisoning and get help immediately:

- Mental confusion, stupor or coma
- Passed out and difficult to wake
- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Slow or irregular breathing
- Hypothermia (low body temperature)

In general, it takes the average drinker about one hour to metabolize one drink. When you drink more than that, your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) rises, and you start to feel the effects of intoxication.

Information from [www.thatguy.com](http://www.thatguy.com)



# H Gitmo residents remember the HOLOCAUST

**Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Nat Moger**

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Residents of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay gathered in the base chapel May 2 to speak about and reflect on the Holocaust. A tear-inducing event for some and a solemn event for all, speeches and personal accounts of how the Holocaust has affected the past 70 years did not bring closure, but rather a deeper understanding of how the lessons of the past can inform the future.

The event began with the parading of colors by members of the W.T. Sampson Sea Cadets color guard and moved into an invocation by Chap. (Navy Lt.) David Mowbray.

“The fact that there are neo-Nazis and radical types that say that the Holocaust never happened is reason enough to have this event,” Mowbray said afterward. “How can you say ‘I don’t believe 6 million people vanished at the hands of the Nazis?’ They did.”

Next, a candle lighting ceremony commemorated the children, parents and grandparents of those who perished. Then Jeff Einhorn, Naval Station Jewish lay leader, or non-pastoral staff religious leader, recounted the events leading up to “Kristallnacht” or the “Night of Broken Glass.” Kristallnacht was a pogrom in November of 1938 that brought Nazi Germany’s anti-Semitism to new heights and is considered the beginning of the Holocaust.

Chap. (Army Capt.) Scott Brill followed with a reading of Elie Wiesel’s “Never Shall I Forget.” Army Brig. Gen Gregory Zanetti then took the podium to tell the story of Army Lt. John Withers, who, as a black company commander in an all-black unit, provided refuge for Dachau concentration camp survivors at great risk to himself and his company.

The crowd never got to hear it.

Instead, the general spoke about what he saw during a trip he took with his family to Jerusalem last year.

“Rather than tell the story they gave me, I decided to tell the story that meant something to me,” Zanetti said afterwards. “The story was about a 7-year-old girl

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Kathy Einhorn lights a candle during a Holocaust remembrance service in the base chapel on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, May 2. The service included readings by base and Joint Task Force Guantanamo chaplains and leaders, as well as members of the civilian community.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo deputy commander Army Brig. Gen. Gregory Zanetti tells the story of Dina Baitler, who survived an execution at the age of seven.



# Departing JDG deputy reflects on mission

**HAYNES** from 3

Humor also helped difficult moments pass easier. In the hallway of the Detainee Operations Center are displayed photographs of key leaders. Where Hayne's photo should have been, images of characters from *The Simpsons* or *Team America*, or perhaps a photo of John Wayne, would be instead.

"Sort of a little morale booster," he said.

Haynes offered some advice to his replacement, Navy Cmdr. Edmond Weisbrod.

"Trust your people," Haynes said. "Put your people in place to succeed, give them tools to succeed, and get out of the way. They know what they're doing, and they won't let you down."

Vargo said as much about Haynes.

"He was truly a dear friend of mine – one of the most professional officers I've ever had the opportunity to work with," Vargo said. "He'll be sorely missed."

Haynes said he hoped to carry the story about the JTF mission back home, to "dispel some of the misconceptions and distortions about what we do here."

He also appeared ready to embrace a kinder, gentler future.

"Truly at heart, I have a profound faith and hope that the mission we have here, in the broader war on terror, will no longer be necessary," he said. "I hope one day we will no longer need a Joint Task Force-Guantanamo."

## Values, judgment and passion

**WOODHAM** from 2

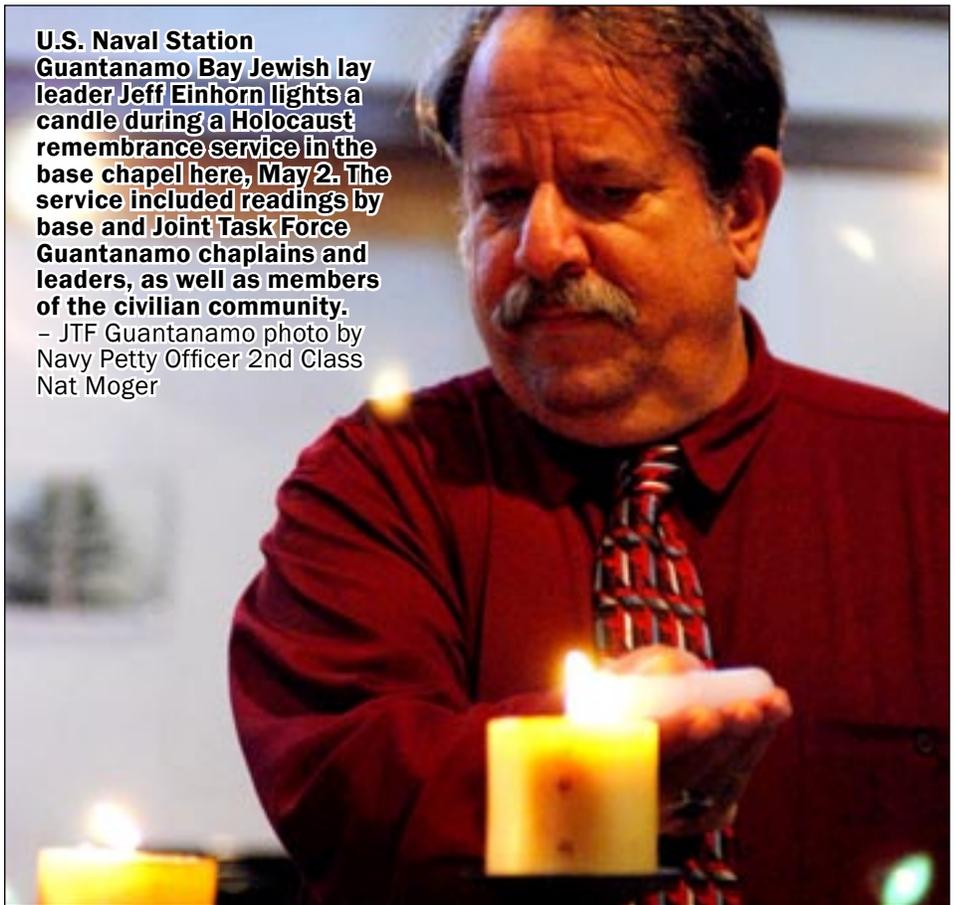
situations, I had to remember my core values, use good judgment, take care of the mission and the people involved. After doing this job for so long, it has become my passion. Even while assigned here at Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, I have been asked to do different tasks than I have at home station. Whether it has been recognition of a JTF Trooper, working management control or ensuring the safety for all personnel assigned, I continue to be passionate about my mission.

Just remember – as Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and civilians we are total force JTF Troopers, all on the same team. Even though we wear different uniforms with different insignia, we can ensure success together by remembering our core values, using good judgment and being passionate. *Honor bound to defend freedom!*

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**U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Jewish lay leader Jeff Einhorn lights a candle during a Holocaust remembrance service in the base chapel here, May 2. The service included readings by base and Joint Task Force Guantanamo chaplains and leaders, as well as members of the civilian community.**

– JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nat Moger



## Solemn event recalls horrors of past

**HOLOCAUST** from 12

named Dina Baitler who stood holding her parents' hands as they were all lined up along the edge of a pit and then machine-gunned down by Nazis. It stuck with me. I don't know why. There are so many heart wrenching stories; maybe it was because she was so little."

As Zanetti continued the story, he pondered on how a frightened girl could stay so still as to not attract the attention of her would-be executioners.

"I think the spirits of her father and mother kissed her on the forehead, put a finger to her lips and said 'Dina, be quiet.'"

As the result of such an atrocity, "good people lost their lives – Dina lived, but was certainly haunted and scarred, and the machine gunner lost his eternal soul," said Zanetti. "Everyone lost."

Following the general, base chaplain Navy Cmdr. Sal Aguilera spoke from his perspective as a Catholic priest, urging the Gitmo family to remember and reflect.

"As Pope John Paul II said, 'We must never forget those who died in the Holocaust so that we would not remember in anger, but in sadness and with the prayers of a better world,'" said Aguilera.

Base Commanding Officer Navy Capt. Mark Leary took the podium to tell the tale of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg's

efforts to save Hungarian Jews.

Using his status as a diplomat, Wallenberg and his supporters created sovereign Swedish safe havens in Budapest and offered Jews passports as Swedish citizens awaiting repatriation. Through "courage and bombast," Wallenberg is credited with saving 15,000 lives in the waning days of the war.

Mowbray spoke of the gypsy holocaust, illuminating the point that violence and bigotry can reach across many demographics, and was followed by Chap. (Army Capt.) Y.J. Kim who read four memories of the concentration camps.

The event ended with a closing by Kathy Einhorn and a Benediction by Brill. During the closing, Einhorn recognized parallels between the atrocities of World War II and contemporary conflicts.

"We study history so hopefully we don't repeat the past," said Einhorn, while noting the current atrocities being performed in the Darfur region of Sudan. Einhorn then led the room in a closing reading:

*May I never endure the experience of being a non-person.*

*May I never regard another as a non-person.*

*May my human dignity always be preserved.*

*May all of us maintain our honor as human beings.*

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# Mother knew best

**Army Capt.  
Scott Brill**

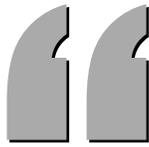
JTF Guantanamo Deputy Chaplain

Happy Mothers' Day, Sunday. Speaking of Mother's day, I am reminded of a time when all I ever did was complain to my poor mom about how totally miserable my life was. Sound familiar? I don't know what your mom said, but mine would listen patiently and almost always say, "Life is not fair. Fair is where you go to see pigs, horses, and eat cotton candy if you are lucky." Well, as tough as her words were, she was absolutely right. And since the chaplain's corner of *The Wire* is about what is right and good in this world, please bear with me while I sound like my mom, and maybe yours.

And by the way, I hope you enjoy these mom-isms, from one of the greatest moms in the world. I don't know if the word mom-ism can be found in any dictionary, but you know what I mean. These are the classic phrases that we hated to hear in our youth, only to quote them later in life. They are without a doubt like a lamp, whose oil or truths give us light to walk through the mist of darkness, in this sometimes lone and dreary world. Boy, did that sentence sound a bit too flowery. Should I have erased it? Naw – I am going to keep it in, since it's Mother's Day.

"It builds character." Wow – true words, no doubt about it, but I sure was not very happy to hear them. You see, my mom, sister, and I were homeless. For seven years we stayed in a camp ground, El Capitan, in California. I guess the silver lining in the whole experience was if you did not like your neighbor, they usually packed up their tent and left by the end of Labor Day weekend.

So now that you know the *where*, how about some examples of when "It builds character" were said. Of all the *hundreds* of times these words were uttered – a favorite and funny memory, now that so many years have passed – is when the tent collapsed in the rain with my stupid sister – I mean, sister – screaming for help. Like, what was I supposed to do about it? Answer: What every man of the house is supposed to do – rebuild the house. So, picture my mom and sister still in the tent, while I am out in the cold dark, with the rain pouring, trying to use ropes instead of the tent poles, since the ground was too muddy. Can you see why "It builds character" was so true, so hard to swallow, and a classic example of looking for the good in a bad situation? My mother, the inspirational drill sergeant.



**I am glad it happened to you, so that you know how bad it feels, and will never treat anyone like that.**

– A "mom-ism"

The trials and adversities may change with place and time, but mother's truth, that challenges are the best exercise for building character, is forever and everyone.

Thanks to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices in Guantanamo, we have plenty of places and opportunities to grow in physical stature. And thanks to God, we have an abundance of opportunities to grow mentally and spiritually while defending freedom. I still catch myself complaining about my blessings – complaining that my trials are not fair. It is a constant struggle to look for the good in life and stay positive, for me anyway. I love the sign in the shoe repair shop that reads, "I complained because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no feet." And character, honorable character, is exactly what we get when we never give up, and only give in to the pull within ourselves to reach a little higher for the things in life that matter most, like character.

"I am glad it happened to you." Does this sound familiar? Does this sound like the typical fluffy, motherly words of love to her child? Of course not. But, that is what is so great about mom-isms – they often break the mold when it comes to the expected. Maybe that is why these times are most memorable. We run to mom expecting something ordinary, and then *wham*, she says something that reminds us once again that moms are not ordinary, they're extraordinary. "I am glad it happened to you" was the beginning of every sentence when something terribly unjust happened to me. However, the extraordinary part was the line, "so that you will never do that to anyone else." *Wow*. Way to go mom.

Short example, real short: I was making my way back into church activity. I woke up one morning and decided there was no running from God. So there I was, up early in the morning, stepping over my passed-

out college roommates, on my way out the door to a church I had never attended. Big smile, big plans. I was a modern day prodigal son out to conquer the Goliath in my mind – you know the big scary guy in your head that stands between you and God, and says things like, "It is too late to change." Okay, back to the story. Well anyway, dressed in my best Ocean Pacific T-shirt and 501 Levi Jeans, I barely made it in the front door when a group of old men dressed in suits grabbed me by the elbow and said, "That is no way to dress for church, etc, etc." So I took off, and with tears told my mom what happened. And then came those familiar words: "I am glad it happened to you, so that you know how bad it feels, and will never treat anyone like that."

Here in GTMO, like anywhere else in the world, there are reasons to be offended. Abraham Lincoln said something that sums up learning from offenses: "We should be too big to take offense, and too noble to give it." Or how about Rene' Descartes' thought: "Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it."

"It will all work out." "If it is meant to be." These two statements kind of played off one another. If it did not work out, it was not meant to be. And, "You can do anything you put your mind to" was also one of mother's favorites. It was my favorite until I got older. But, not all was lost. When my best was not good enough, I could always fall back on, "If it is meant to be." Moms, they know all the right things to say, years in advance.

God, the father of us all, has a perfect plan for making it all work out, showing us what is meant to be, and accomplishing anything if it be His will. He created us for a purpose. We are not an accident. When it comes to knowing about the purpose of life, why our best is not always best enough for the task, and if it really does all work out, and what is really meant to be, we must ask the creator. He made us, and He knows for what purpose. All good, all of mother's words, I believe are inspired of God. We would be wise to search, ponder, and pray about the words of eternal life as recorded in scripture and attend worship services available at GTMO. Now I am really starting to sound like your mother. Thank goodness for godly parents.

Well that's all the room for famous mom-isms. So, to all you moms out there, and those who serve in the place of, or in addition to, Happy Mothers Day!

# Run for your Life



**Army Capt. Marguerite Mogul finishes strong as she completes a 12-mile run. Mogul, a marathon enthusiast makes running a priority and plans her day around it.**



**Mogul strides toward success during the Labor of Love Marathon at Lovell Canyon, Las Vegas, Nev. April 26. Mogul beat feet to the finish line placing first overall.** – JTF Guantanamo photo courtesy of Marguerite Mogul

## **Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

You have probably noticed her running early in the morning to Cable Beach or mid-afternoon to Windmill Beach. When she's not training for a race, she averages 30-35 miles a week but rarely more than 40. If she's training for a particular race, it's not uncommon for her to run 60 miles for three to four weeks prior. Committed, ambitious, modest; three adjectives that accurately describe Army Capt. Marguerite Mogul.

"I plan everything around running; my day, my long term goals, my short term goals ... if I have to get up at 3 a.m. to run, I do it. I prioritize my schedule around it. I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't run," said Mogul.

Mogul demonstrates her grit and determination through her rigorous training, but the proof is found in her race results. She competed in the Labor of Love Marathon in Las Vegas recently and took first place overall with a run time of 3:41:10.

"I start out every single race just wanting to finish with no injuries. If I run well, that's good," Mogul said. "You can't go out there on race day and fake it, you can't sham through it. Some days you don't run well ... but the good thing about running is it's all on you, nobody can take it away from you."

Mogul keeps a list of 10 goals she's always wanted to accomplish in life. As she attains each goal, she adds a new one. Her current list includes: completing a long road trip on a motorcycle, qualifying for a big race like the Boston Marathon in 2009, and getting in one more skydive before she

deploys to Afghanistan in June.

Mogul, a 17-year member of the Army Reserve, has spent much of her time deployed on temporary duty. As a Staff Judge Advocate with the Criminal Investigation Task Force based out of Fort Belvoir, Va., she has been deployed to Iraq, Cuba and soon, Afghanistan.

Originally enlisted, Mogul received a direct commission after she completed law school at Nova Southeastern University, located in Florida.

"I quit the Reserves during law school... but I just had too much time [invested] not to go back for my retirement," explained Mogul. "I have been blessed with a lot of opportunities and an interesting life; I always felt like I needed to give back. Being part of something greater ... allows me to give back in my own way. I want to serve my country – I love it."

During Mogul's military career she has played a significant role in detainee operations. While deployed with her previous unit, the 452nd Military Police Brigade Liaison Detachment, under the 43rd Brigade, she helped in closing down the infamous Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

"I can't put my name on it, but I'm really proud to be part of the team that closed it down," said Mogul. "The actions of a few people stained everything and all the good we were doing. I think it was good to close it down; it meant a lot to the Iraqi people."

In Guantanamo Bay, Mogul's job has kept her engaged as an advocate with the Joint Task Force. In Afghanistan she will be part of a team which will help establish a court system, and act as liaison between the Afghan people and the government.

When Mogul is not deployed, she is employed as a lawyer for a private practice

in Florida. In her free time, she continues to seek adventure and accomplish the goals she sets. Recently she completed a book she wrote and sent it to her friend, an editor, who is reviewing it.

"I wrote a book about my tour in Iraq ... it was one of my goals and I'm so pleased that I finished it. We'll see how it goes with regard to publishing," she said.

Spirituality plays a significant role in Mogul's life, and its presence is often echoed in her words.

"When [God's] not carrying me, he's pushing me," she said.

During Mogul's tour at Guantanamo, her 'carpe diem' approach to life has left an impression with those who know her as an independent and motivated Soldier, who doesn't let opportunity leave her in the dust – as she left other runners during competitive events.

"Life is too short – I could be gone tomorrow," said Mogul. "I'm not going to leave this world wanting to do something. [In the end] if I haven't gotten to it, then it just wasn't meant to be."

**The ocean floor is a perfect setting for Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Hurlburt's reenlistment ceremony.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Thompson ▶



**Inobe entertains Troops and sings her soulful songs at the Tiki Bar as part of a USO tour May 2.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheryl Dilgard ▶



# AROUND THE JTF

◀ **Members of the 2/162nd Field Artillery Maverick Division patrol in and around the Joint Task Force Guantanamo.** - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Josh Treadwell