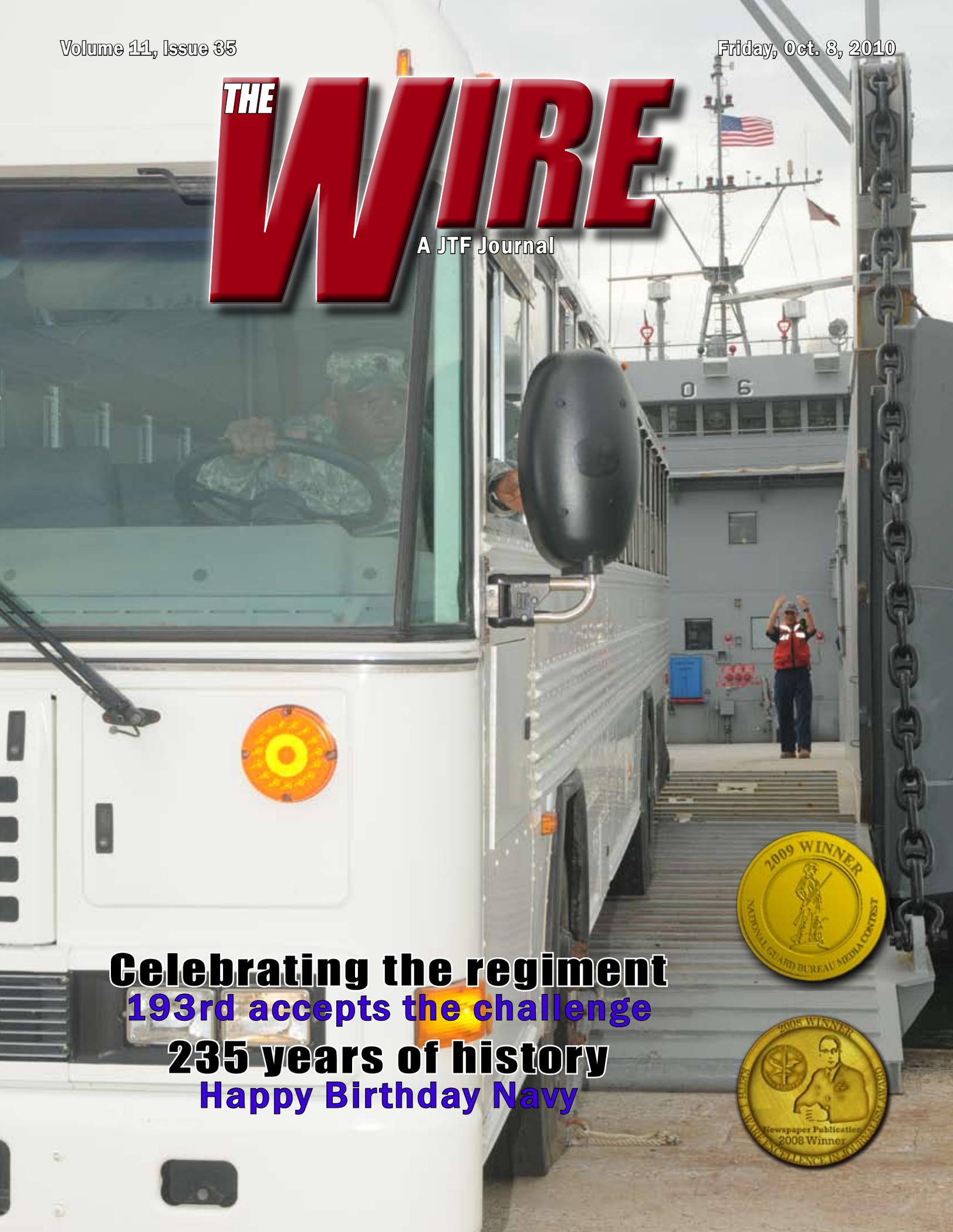


# THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



**Celebrating the regiment**  
**193rd accepts the challenge**  
**235 years of history**  
**Happy Birthday Navy**



# Defining who we are

Army Master Sgt.  
Jessica Cornelius  
JVB NCOIC

Integrity is a concept of consistent actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations and outcomes. Integrity is defined as “honesty;” telling the truth at all times, no matter the consequence.

This is not always easy. We, as service members, are expected to adhere to this standard not only because we are in the military and defend and represent a nation we love and want to keep safe. Because of our willingness to always do what is right, we are highly respected. Integrity is repeated in each core value of every military organization and it is the value that has helped shape me into the person I am today.

How do you become a person of integrity? Ordinary discourse about integrity involves two fundamentals: first, integrity is primarily a formal relation one has with oneself, and second, integrity is connected in an important way to acting morally. When you hold resolutely true and consistent in your actions, you will be seen as one whose character needs no questioning.

The job we perform here in Guantanamo Bay is challenging, but we continue to perform our mission of “safe, humane, legal, transparent care and custody of detainees.” It is this mission, in support of the contingency operations, that Troopers at Joint Task Force Guantanamo continue to excel, thus creating an inner sense of wholeness, derived from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character.

Is being a person of integrity likely to transfer to others? It is possible. When others see you constantly open and honest in all aspects of your life, it can profoundly challenge others to do the same.

Integrity is not a value that is easily achieved, but we must continue to strive to do the best we can do. As we continue our mission here at JTF Guantanamo, we must continue to hold the standards of this unique but complex duty station high. In doing so we have to understand that integrity requires several steps, discerning what is right from wrong, acting on what you discern even at personal cost; and saying openly that you are acting on your own understanding of right from wrong.

Take ownership for what you do and say. Always do what is right even when no one else is looking. ★



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Army Staff Sgt. Louin Chung, J4 Motorpool NCOIC, reverses a 44-passenger bus onto the *Bristoe Station*, a 97th Transportation Company U.S. Army Landing Craft Utility vessel from Fort Eustis, Va. Three buses were replaced and shipped off island, Sept 27. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

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Photos taken around Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

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# An eventful year for 786th CSSB

Army Spc.

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JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Virgin Islands National Guard is quickly approaching the end of its year-long tour of duty at Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Soldiers and Airmen make up the Headquarters, Headquarters Company of JTF Guantanamo.

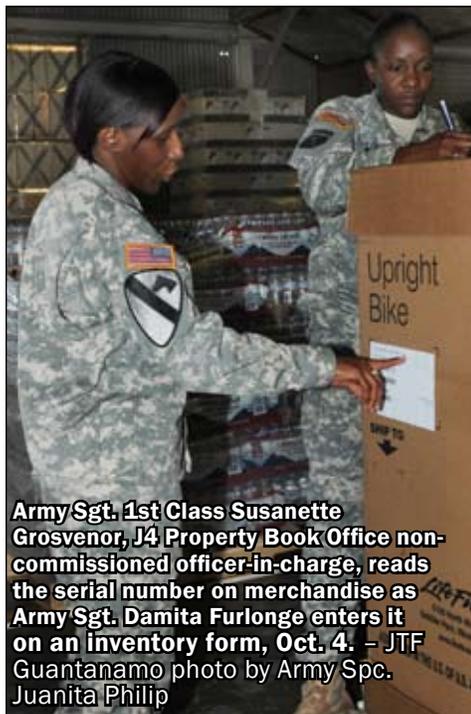
“This was the first time the Virgin Islands National Guard deployed both Army and Air Force at the same time for the same mission,” said Army Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Bailey Jr., first sergeant of JTF HHC. “We assumed the responsibility providing operational support for the ongoing mission.”

786th CSSB arrived on the island in Nov. 2009 and relieved the 191st Regional Support Group of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard.

For many in the unit this was their second or third deployment, but it was the first time working in a true joint environment.

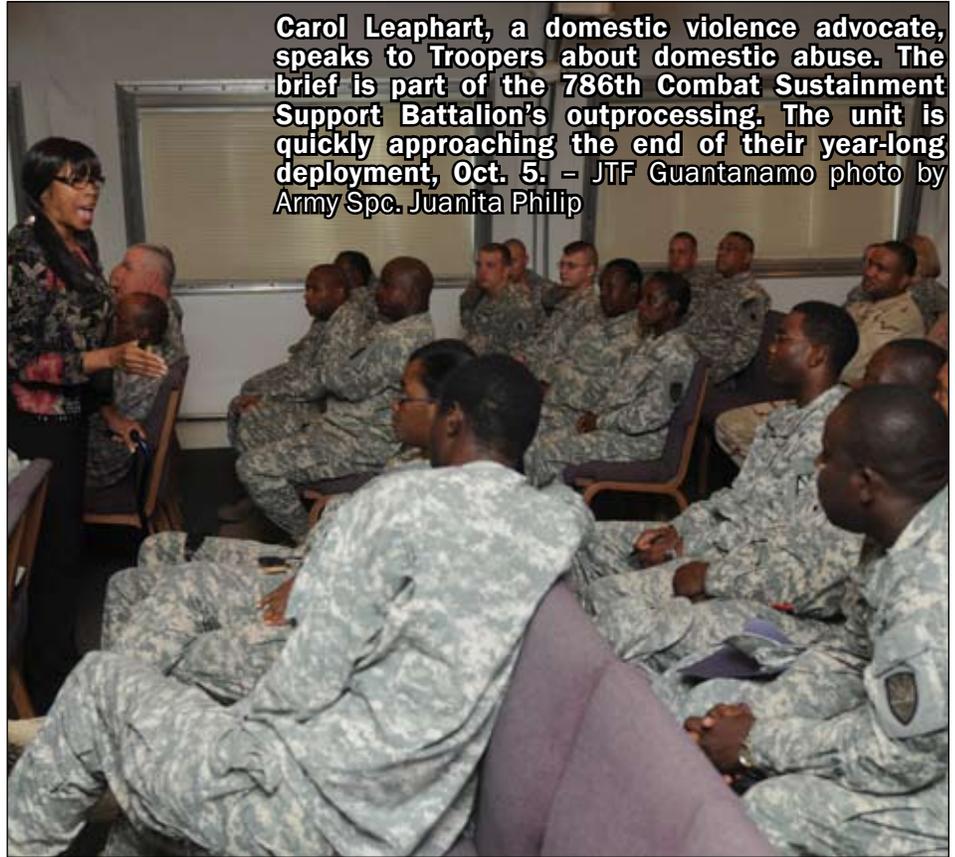
“This is the first time I have worked in a joint environment. I loved it,” Bailey said. “I loved learning the culture of all the other services. It’s amazing to see what we have in common, then you identify what we don’t have in common. How we look at things differently, and how we all come together in the end to make a decision.”

The unit spent the year as the support element to the JTF. They were responsible for a variety of missions pertaining to JTF operations such as housing, Trooper safety, logistics, and tracking and taking care of JTF Guantanamo personnel.



Army Sgt. 1st Class Susanette Grosvenor, J4 Property Book Office non-commissioned officer-in-charge, reads the serial number on merchandise as Army Sgt. Damita Furlonge enters it on an inventory form, Oct. 4. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Carol Leaphart, a domestic violence advocate, speaks to Troopers about domestic abuse. The brief is part of the 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion’s outprocessing. The unit is quickly approaching the end of their year-long deployment, Oct. 5. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip



Many excelled in the offices they had assumed responsibility.

“We have had several outstanding Soldiers and Airmen who were recognized for the Southern Command IG’s [Inspector General] inspection,” Bailey said.

One of those Soldiers, Army Sgt. Damita V. Furlonge, the J4 property book non-commissioned officer, was recognized for efficiently managing more than \$45 million of government property and for her knowledge in property book procedures.

“My commitment to duty led me to be a top performer for the SOUTHCOM IG inspection, which contributed to the J4 Logistic Directorate earning a rating of ‘OUTSTANDING’,” Furlonge said.

Senior enlisted also played a role.

“My non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Property Book Office, Army Sgt. 1st Class Susanette Grosvenor, has been a great mentor, and her knowledge of property books has had a great impact on my performance,” Furlonge added.

Outstanding performance was evident in other areas as well. Service members were utilized because of their personal knowledge outside of their military training.

Three Troopers with finance backgrounds were reassigned for their additional skills; Army Capt. Jamie I. Cornelius, J-8 director, Army Sgt. Maj. Jerraine M. Miller, J-8 budget analyst, and Army Sgt. Delicia G. Henley, a budget technician.

“That says a lot that they were moved, because of a civilian skill,” said Army Capt. Josephine Hector-Murphy, JTF HHC commander. “They performed wonders. They minimized the percentage of deficiencies,” Murphy said of the work they accomplished.

One goal the VING personnel strived for was to try to improve operations.

“Across the board, we have improved internally on a lot of our Standard Operating Procedures,” Bailey said. “We tried to leave GTMO a little bit better than how we found it.”

Hector-Murphy echoed that sentiment in the praise she gave the unit.

“I think they performed exceptionally well in every aspect of their work. Many of the deficiencies that we inherited upon our arrival here at GTMO were corrected, and there was a drastic percentage of improvement.”

Prior to leaving, the 786th CSSB personnel will transfer operations to their replacement, an Army Reserve unit from Arizona.

Hector-Murphy has a special philosophy which she attributes the exceptional work and morale of her unit.

“Ensure that every decision that is made is legal, ethical and moral. When the need arises, consult with the Staff Judge Advocate, Chief of Staff and the Inspector General, for sound advice, in critical situations that you have a doubt.” ★

# Celebrating the regiment



**Members of the 193rd Military Police Company conduct a 6.9 mile run led by Company Commander, Army Capt. Nick Francois (front) and 1st Sgt. Michael Baker (far right), during the evening hours, Sept. 26.**  
– JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class David Coleman

Army

Spc. Juanita Philip

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

This year the Military Police Corps Regiment celebrated its 69th birthday and the 193rd Military Police Company did its part to commemorate that milestone at Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

The regiment was challenged by Command Sgt. Maj. Charles R. Kirkland, of the Military Police regiment, to complete 69 miles of running as a company, platoon, section or team from Sept. 1 through Sept. 26. The 193rd Military Police Company accepted that challenge.

Army Capt. Nick Francois, the company commander and 1st Sgt. Michael Baker challenged their Soldiers to complete 69 miles of running for the duration of 26 days. Added to the challenge was 69 push-ups, 69 sit-ups and 69 four-count flutter kicks per day.

“The soldiers responded to the challenge with enthusiasm and tenacity,” said Army 1st Sgt. Michael L. Baker Jr., the senior enlisted leader of the company.

“It was a good, but hard challenge,” said Army Spc. Anthony Spires, an administrative clerk with the unit. Spires admits to having a competitive nature and working hard to surpass the standard that had been set.

“The task seemed very attainable, but given the conditions that these dedicated Soldiers face daily, it was a challenge that most would have quit after the first week,”

Baker said.

The unit’s morale increased during the time spent meeting the challenge.

“We set out to do this as team, so it helped everyone realize that we were not just a bunch of individuals doing this on our own,” Spires said.

The unit endured tiring days during the month they were meeting the challenge. A typical duty day for a 193rd MP Co. Soldier begins well before the sun rises over GTMO, to prepare for a work day that is more than 15 hours long.

The personnel who work in the camps endure long days of physically and mentally exhausting work, to ensure the detainees, receive safe, humane, legal and transparent care while in custody.

“Our Soldiers have to deal with harassment, threats, assaults and manipulation from the detainees during the duration of their [work] days here,” Baker said.

During the Regimental 69-mile run challenge, the Soldiers of the 193rd MP Co. conducted physical training when work was completed.

“Upon completion of their shift, the Soldiers would then prepare for Mission Essential Task List based, AR 350-1, or Physical Fitness [training],” said Baker. “The typical duty day ends [well after sunset],” Baker said.

It is routine for these Soldiers to work four to five days before getting a day off. The Soldiers still met the challenge under

those working conditions. The culminating event occurred when most other service members were enjoying a good Sunday football game or a meal.

On Sept. 26, 113 soldiers completed a 6.9-mile run—in formation.

“This was the most many of these Soldiers have ever run at a single time and they proved their mental and physical toughness and crushed this obstacle,” Baker said.

Given their daily obstacles, the soldiers dug deep to complete the grueling challenge. Soldiers from the company, fatigued and injured, ran together to complete all aspects of the challenge to ensure they reached the goal of 69 miles.

They also continuously motivated each other to ensure that all their battle buddies met the challenge.

“By the end of the challenge, we had run approximately 188 miles as a company, platoon, section or team,” Baker said.

The unit members also completed a total of 199,000 push-ups, sit-ups and four-count flutter kicks.

“This level of motivation and dedication cannot and will not be accomplished by all, but when needed a ‘Guardian of the Rock’ Soldier will be there to assist and motivate others to accomplish their goals,” Baker said.

“What began as a 69-mile challenge was exceeded by the 193rd MP Co., who went a step further to prove that they’re worthy of the title ‘Guardians of the Rock’.” ☆

# “Vampires Suck” ... a lot

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class

Shane Arrington

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Every now and then a spoof of a bad movie will be hilarious, “Vampires Suck” is not one.

The “Suck” part of the title does injustice to all the other movies that just suck. This movie is far beyond simple sucking, it has the gravitational force of a black hole.

The movie takes place in the small foggy town of Sporks, Wash. Just like in the “Twilight” series, I refuse to call that crap a “saga,” the eternal foggy atmosphere makes it so the vampires can walk around in the day without the regular townsfolk seeing them sparkle like diamonds.

Seriously, how did those in charge of making this movie think it was a good idea to waste 20 million cranking out something that should be listed next to “horrible” in the dictionary. It’s not like there’s a war going on or starving people to feed or anything.

The story of Becca Crane (Jenn Proske), Edward Sullen (Matt Lanter), and Jacob White (Chris Riggi), is just as idiotic and ridiculously slow paced as their counterparts in the “Twilight” series – okay, that’s a lie, nothing will ever be that idiotic and slow paced. Attempting to not fall asleep during this movie was extremely difficult. The only thing that kept me awake was realizing I had to remember as much of this waste of film as possible to write this review.

There are slightly entertaining tidbits that spring up throughout the movie providing viewers with a couple chuckles in between head bobs. Most of these are cheap quips on various pop-culture references, further reinforcing no talent what-so-ever went into the writing or directing of this monstrosity.

Even though the roles are crap, there are a couple actors who stood out as not completely devoid of talent. Proske, in her debut role, actually pulled off the character. She was more convincing than Kristen Stewart, the lead in the “Twilight” series, and had better screen presence. It will be nice to see her in something else one day – assuming this movie did not completely ruin her career.

Besides Proske, there is also wasted performances by Diedrich Bader (“Office Space,” “Beverly Hillbillies”) and Ken Jeong (“Role Models,” “The Hangover”). While I do not see either of these actors carrying their own movie, they are great supporting actors and their talents were wasted here. Anyone could have been randomly picked off the street, thrown into this movie, and it would not be much worse than it already is.

During the torture session of watching this movie, I found myself wondering why this movie was made in the first place. The “Twilight” series already took the slot of oddly humorous vampire movie parody; complete with the ridiculous shimmering, werewolves who can’t keep their shirts on, and a girl who refuses to smile and overdramatizes everything. So basically, the idiots in charge of this movie are not only stupid, but also copycats. I guess there really is no original thought left in Hollywood. ☆

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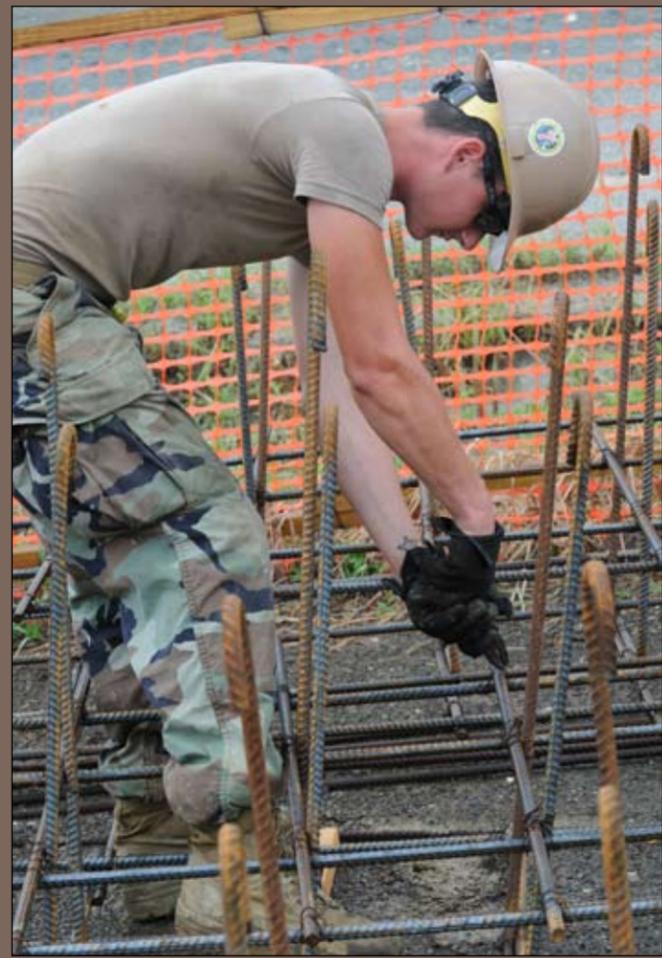
**Rating: ★★☆☆☆**



# SEABEES: "WE BUILD, WE FIGHT"

Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 based out of Gulfport, Miss., prepare an area for construction, Sept. 28. NMCB 7 is currently deployed to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to provide construction and public works services.

JTF Guantanamo photos by  
Navy Mass Communication  
Specialist 2nd Class  
Elisha Dawkins



# Cycling with MWR

**Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class  
Wesley Kreiss**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers two new bike rides that are open to the entire Guantanamo Bay community. The Scenic and Mountain bike rides, both start at the MWR Marina.

The idea for a mountain bike ride came about two months ago from Navy Lt. Travis Adams who initiated the program. Using his personal time, he has been instrumental to MWR with many aspects of this program.

Cory Geiger, MWR Outdoor Recreation Director said, “We intend to do two rides per month, alternating from the Mountain ride and the Scenic ride. MWR welcomes the small numbers, but wishes to have the number of participants to increase each time we ride.”

The Mountain ride consists of a main trail known as Ridgeline, which has several other connecting trails all starting and ending at the MWR Marina. Ridgeline is 2.25 miles and follows an east to west route of packed dirt with loose rock terrain. Some of the connecting trails are Racer Run, Boa Bend, Tarantula Trail, Pelican Pass and Hutia Highway. It also overlooks the Yatera Seca Golf Course and Caribbean Circle with a full view of Sherman Avenue.

The Scenic ride encompasses roads around Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and some light off road trails. This ride is less difficult in nature and most of the roads are paved. The route starts at the MWR Marina and goes to different scenic spots around the base like the Lighthouse Museum, Cable Beach and Windmill Beach.

Some evening rides are in the planning stages. Also, a specialty ride is in the final stages and is tentatively scheduled for the end of October. This unique ride consists of seven checkpoints where riders receive a playing card. At the finish, each rider compares their cards with the other riders to see who has the best hand. The rider with the best hand wins the poker ride.

MWR has 30 new “Trek” bikes that can be rented for \$5 a day, with a bike helmet included. Any person under 18 needs parental consent for all bike rides. The MWR Marina has consent forms available to individuals anytime during their hours of operation. The Marina is open Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m..

“The goal of MWR programs is to introduce new activities to the community that allows the individual to get exercise, try new things, meet people, reduce stress and make their time in GTMO the best experience possible,” said Cory Geiger. “This island has a lot to offer if you are willing to get out and see it.” ♠

**Navy Master Chief Petty Officer  
Jonathan Rowcliff inspects his bike  
before the MWR Guided Mountain  
Bike Ride, Sept. 25. - JTF  
Guantanamo photos by Navy Mass  
Communication Specialist 2nd Class  
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This year the U.S. Navy celebrates 235 years of service.

On October 13, 1775, during the early stages of the American Revolutionary War, establishment of an official navy was an issue of debate among members of the Continental Congress. This issue led to the momentous legislative event from which the Continental Navy was born.

Supporters argued that a navy would protect shipping, defend coasts and make it easier to seek out support from foreign countries. Others countered that challenging the British Royal Navy, then the world's prominent naval power, was a foolish undertaking.

Commander in Chief, George Washington, commissioned seven ocean going cruisers to interdict British supply ships and report the captures to the Continental Congress. This effectively ended the debate in the Congress as to whether or not to provoke the British, and thus the foundation of the U.S. Navy was formed.

While Congress deliberated, it received word that two British supply ships from England were heading toward Quebec without escort. A plan was drawn up to intercept the ships, however, the armed vessels to be used were owned not by Congress, but the individual colonies. An additional plan drafted was to equip two ships that would operate under the direct authority of Congress to capture British supply ships. The resolution to add the vessels was adopted and Oct. 13 would later become known as the U.S. Navy's official birthday.

The Continental Navy achieved mixed results. It was successful in a number of engagements and raided many British merchant vessels, but it lost 24 vessels and was reduced to two in active service. As Congress turned its attention after the conflict toward securing the western border of the United States, a standing navy was considered to be dispensable, because of its high cost and its limited roles.

Naval power would play a significant role during the American Civil War, where the Union had a distinct advantage over the Confederacy on the seas. The two American navies would help usher in a new era in world naval history, by putting ironclad warships into combat for the first time. Soon after the war, the Navy's fleet slipped into obsolescence, because of neglect. A

moderation program beginning in the 1880s brought the U.S. in line with the navies of countries such as Britain and Germany.

The Navy saw little action during World War I, but nevertheless the strength of the American Navy grew under a ambitious ship building program associated with the Naval Act of 1916.

Following American entry into World War II, the U.S. Navy grew tremendously, as the United States was faced with a two-front war in the seas. Significant battles of note are; Battle of the Coral Sea, Battle of Midway, Battle of the Philippine Sea, the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the Battle of Okinawa. By war's end in 1945, the United States had added hundreds of new ships, including 18 aircraft carriers and eight battleships.

The Cold War of the 1950s and 1960s would push the U.S. Navy to continue its technological advancement by developing new weapon systems, ships and aircraft. Navy strategy changed to that of forward deployment in support of U.S. allies with an emphasis in Carrier Battle Groups.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. Navy was a major participant and became an important part of the United States Nuclear Strategic Deterrence policy.

The Navy conducted various combat operations in the Persian Gulf against Iran in 1987 and 1988. It was extensively involved in Operation Urgent Flag, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. The Navy continues to be a major support to American interests in the 21st century including Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and ongoing Operation New Dawn.

In 2010, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Gary Roughead noted that demands on the Navy have grown as the fleet has shrunk, and the in the face of declining budgets.

In the future, the Navy must rely even more on international partnerships. Development continues on new ships and weapons such as the Gerald R. Ford class Aircraft Carrier and the Littoral Combat Ship.

The Continental Navy began a legacy of wartime experience and proud tradition. It created heroes that inspire every Sailor and many civilians. Each year we celebrate such achievements on October 13th. With a smart salute, Happy 235th birthday United States Navy!

For more information on U.S. Navy birthday, go to [www.history.navy.mil/birthday](http://www.history.navy.mil/birthday). ☆





## Patrolling the perimeter

A Soldier with the Puerto Rico Army National Guard's B 1/296 Infantry Regiment observes from the turret of a Humvee during a perimeter patrol of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Sept. 28. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

## Boots on the Ground

by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Wesley Kreiss

What team do you think will win the World Series this year?

Army Staff Sgt. Calvin Anderson

Navy Seaman Apprentice Marc Rofus

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John Runkle

Army Sgt. Felipe Rodriguez



"The Philadelpha Phillies."



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"The New York Yankees."

# Desert places



**Navy Lt  
Anthony Carr**  
NEGB Command Chaplain

The Israelites spent 40 years in the desert. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert without food or water. The desert is a place of desolation and unrelenting sun. Just as the heat of fire refines metal, the desert times of our lives refine us.

It is sometimes when we have nothing else to lean on that we find God. Cities, forests and beaches overwhelm us with sensations. They are places full of distractions and sounds. Through video games, television and all the other distractions that fill our lives we can drown out God, but in the stillness of the desert we are able to be in the presence of God.

John the Baptist was a desert dweller, a man who lived with camel-haired clothes and a diet of locusts and wild honey. The solitude and wilderness made his vision clear. Some people thought

he was mad, but his sanity and boldness are clear in his words as read in the Christian Scriptures.

The Desert Fathers fled the accommodation of the Roman Empire to the African Desert. They lived simple lives, some in community and some in solitude. The faithful would travel for days, even weeks, to learn from their wisdom and to gain spiritual guidance.

You may say you never hear God, but do you listen? Elijah, the greatest of the Jewish prophets, defeated the pagan priests in a competition, but fear of Queen Jezebel caused him to flee to the desert (1 Kings 18-19). There he was isolated and lonely, and without food or resources. Elijah sought God in the wind, an earthquake, and in fire, but it was only in the still silence that he was able to hear the voice of God.

Guantanamo can be a desert place, it can be a place where we can find a silent place to listen to the voice of God. Are you willing to dwell in the desert? ☆

## GTMO Religious Services

### Daily Catholic Mass

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.  
Main Chapel  
**Vigil Mass**  
Saturday 5 p.m.  
Main Chapel  
**Mass**  
Sunday 9 a.m.  
Main Chapel  
**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday 7:30 p.m.  
Troopers' Chapel  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
Troopers' Chapel

### Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.  
Troopers' Chapel  
**Islamic Service**  
Friday 1:15 p.m.  
Room C  
**Jewish Service**  
FMI call 2628  
**LORIMI Gospel**  
Sunday 8 a.m.  
Room D  
**Church of Christ**  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Chapel Annex  
Room 17

### Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday 11 a.m.  
Room B  
**Iglesia Ni Cristo**  
Sunday 5:30 a.m.  
Room A  
**Pentecostal Gospel**  
Sunday 8 a.m.  
Room D  
**LDS Service**  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Room A

### General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.  
Main Chapel  
**United Jamaican Fellowship**  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
Building 1036  
**Gospel Service**  
Sunday 1 p.m.  
Main Chapel

### GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.  
Main Chapel  
**Bible Study**  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Troopers' Chapel  
**The Truth Project**  
Bible study  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Troopers' Chapel

