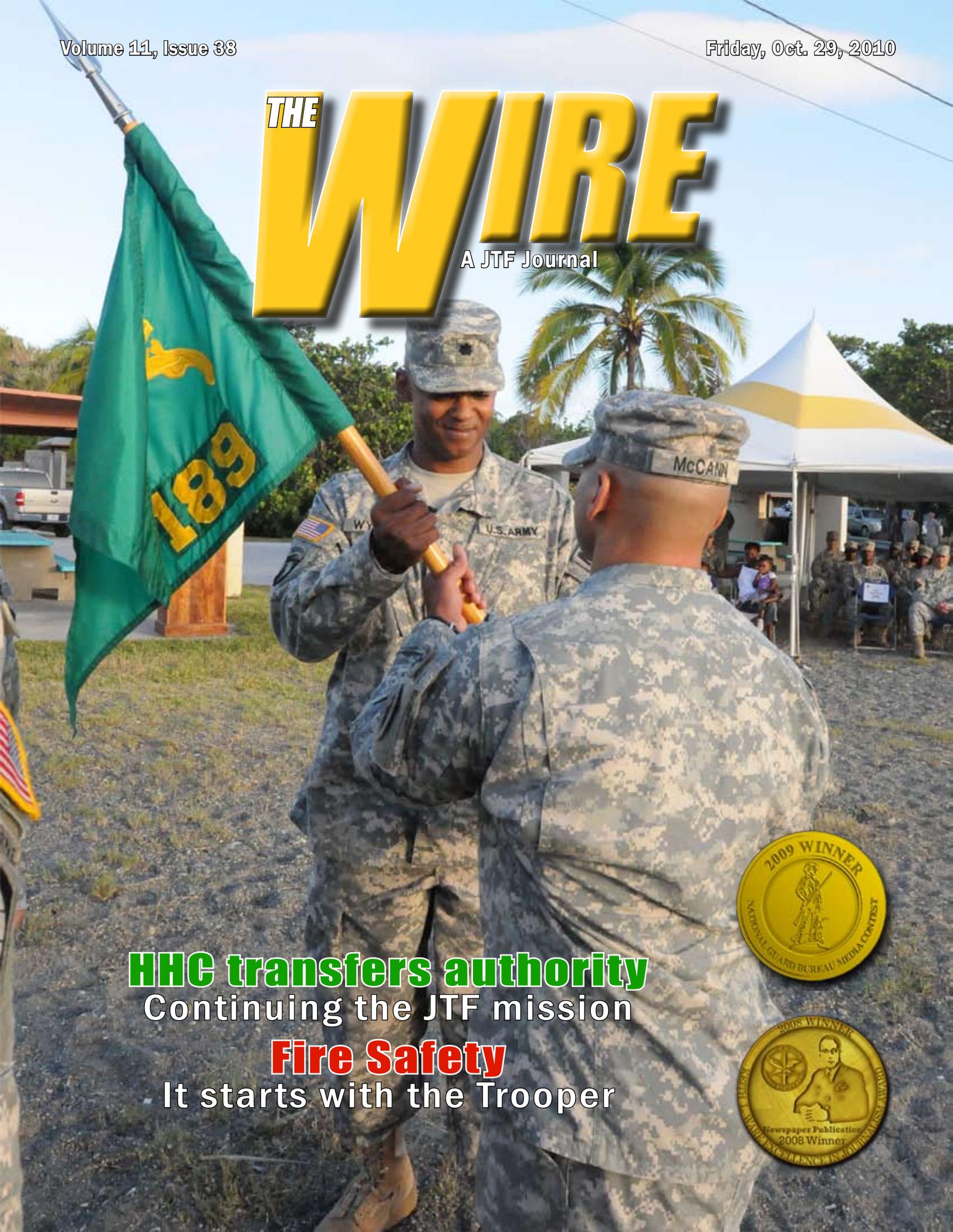


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Packing parachutes

Air Force Master Sgt.

Danny J. Bradberry

JTF Guantanamo J6 Superintendent

“Danny, there’s a growth on your spine; we think you have an aggressive type of cancer ...” I heard those words as I pulled ear plugs out and climbed down from the MRI machine. I remember thinking - hoping - I had stumbled into an awkward conversation between some other doctor and his patient, but it was me.

The doctor continued, “We’ve put together a team, flying in a specialist and we’ve scheduled the OR for next week.” He ended, “Danny, there’s a 60-percent chance you won’t make it through the surgery. If you make it, there’s an 80-percent chance you’ll be paralyzed. Sergeant Bradberry, there’s a 100-percent chance your military career is over ...”

Ever face challenges like that? Many of us have and many of us rub elbows each day with people who have. Thousands of Troopers have experienced the manacles of the body or shackles of the mind. They have been bound by unfortunate external circumstances; automobile accidents, disasters, paralyzing grief.

My story didn’t start far from the bottom. I woke from surgery and couldn’t move my legs. My lower body wrapped in foam to prevent bed sores. I felt like I had been cut open from head to toe, and the rest of my body was covered in bruises from the 18-hour surgery.

I was miserable, became despondent, I closed myself away. The truth is, I was afraid. I found myself teetering on the edge of eternity and I didn’t want anyone to see me the way I saw myself; weak, vulnerable, exposed.

What I felt was not that different from countless others. Once wounded by misfortune, many become too insecure to open doors. They turn to alcohol, drugs; they become unfaithful to their wives, husbands, life. These diversions spawn intense feelings of guilt and worthlessness. Some victims ultimately isolate themselves and become dejected. A few commit suicide.

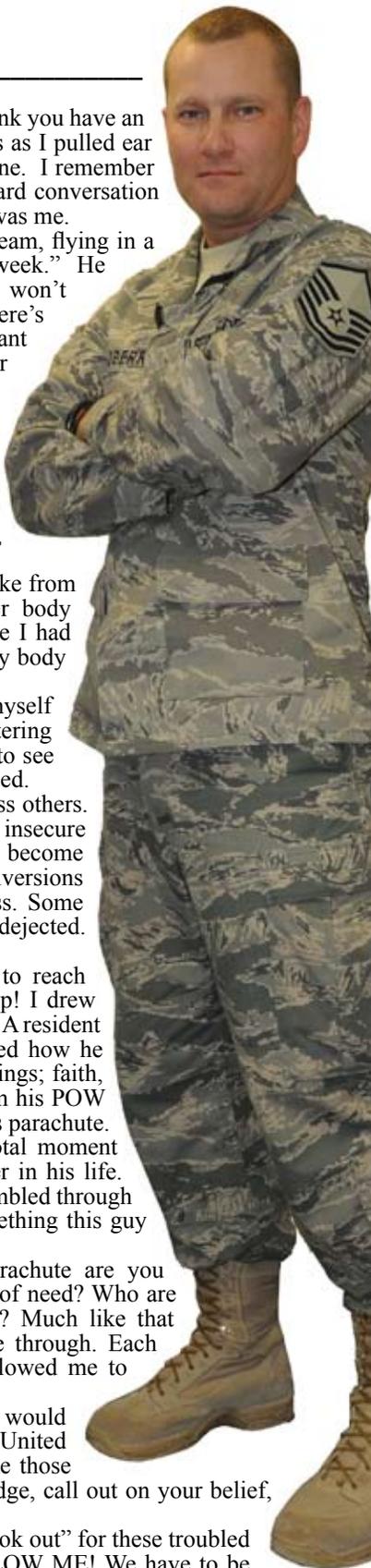
My life changed when I found the courage to reach out. The healing began as people lined up to help! I drew particular inspiration from a POW, Charlie Plumb. A resident of the “Hanoi Hilton” for six years, he was asked how he pulled through that awful time. He said, “three things; faith, hope and charity ... ;” faith in his God, hope from his POW brethren, and charity from the fella that packed his parachute.

That “fella” really prepared him for the pivotal moment when Captain Plumb needed help more than ever in his life. When Captain Plumb ejected from his plane he tumbled through the sky, instantly, he was able to hold on to something this guy gave him and fall safely back to earth.

So, the philosophical question is, whose parachute are you packing? Who looks to you for strength in times of need? Who are you preparing for those catastrophic life events? Much like that prisoner of war; faith, hope, and charity got me through. Each of these nurtured the others. Combined, they allowed me to endure.

One hundred percent chance my military career would be over, but here I stand, a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. So Troopers, when you feel like those walls are closing in, maybe you’re right on the edge, call out on your belief, reach out and hold on, we are coming!

Leaders, we have to do more than “be on the look out” for these troubled Troopers. We need to be on the hunt! So, FOLLOW ME! We have to be keepers of people, packers of parachutes. Look for these souls, reach across the abyss. I am living proof that together, there is NOTHING we can’t do! ✪



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Lt. Col. Christopher Wynder passes the 189th Military Police Company guidon to Capt. Christopher McCann during the change of command ceremony. Capt. McCann is assuming command from Capt. Suzanne Redente, Oct. 28. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

BACK COVER:

Air Force Tech Sgt. Scott Dean, member of the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, pours concrete for a new sidewalk, Oct. 21. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

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336th CSSB assumes authority



Joint Task Force Guantanamo personnel from the 336th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and the 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion during the transfer of authority ceremony, Oct. 21. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

**Army Spc.
Juanita Philip**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Joint Task Force Guantanamo personnel of the 336th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Buckeye, Ariz., accepted the transfer of authority from the 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Virgin Islands National Guard during a ceremony, Oct. 21.

During the ceremony, Navy Capt. Sharon Campbell congratulated outgoing commander Army Capt. Josephine Hector-Murphy, on a job well done in overseeing the Troopers appointed under her from all branches of service, volunteering numerous off-duty hours to assist shipmates, and providing 100 percent accountability for more than \$40 million of government equipment.

Campbell also challenged the incoming 336th CSSB Commander Army Lt. Mark Wise.

"I charge you with carrying out your responsibilities to the utmost of your ability, always mindful of the special trust and confidence being placed in you today," she said.

The Reserve Soldiers will make up the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of Joint Task Force Guantanamo and will spend their tour acting as the support element to the JTF. They will be 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.

Hector-Murphy praised her Troopers on the outstanding work they performed while here, leaving GTMO a better place, because of their hard work and determination.

"Each one of you has done your duty with a willingness and enthusiasm that will be hard to match," Hector-Murphy said.

Wise acknowledged the importance of continuing to raise the bar that the 786th set.

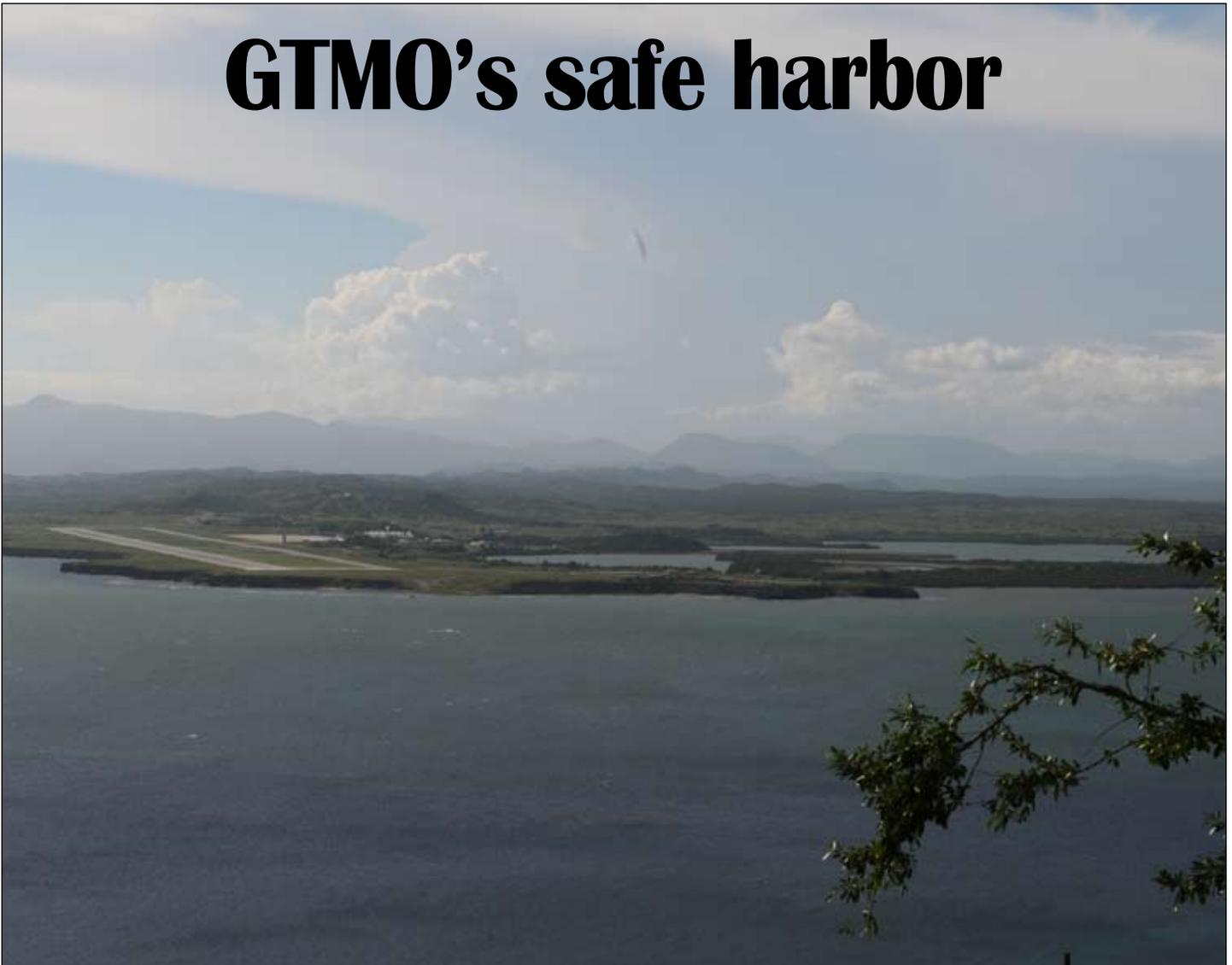
"My mission is to support the JTF GTMO mission," Wise said. "Expectations are high, but as I told my battalion commander, 'give me the ball and I will run with it.'"

"I look forward to working with you all and having a fruitful and productive year." ♣



Army Lt. Mark Wise passes the JTF HHC guidon to 1st Sgt. Kevin Stapleton during the transfer of authority ceremony at Troopers' Chapel, Oct. 21. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

GTMO's safe harbor



A bird's eye view of Guantanamo Bay that is used by recreational boaters, divers and swimmers. The Joint Operations Center monitors the bay to ensure the safety of base residents, and to track merchant vessels, Oct. 25. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

Army Spc. Juanita Philip

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

At Joint Task Force Guantanamo the J-3 Directorate has many sections. Of those sections, the Joint Operations Center constantly maintains a vigilant posture at all times.

The JOC maintains a firm and secure posture operating on a 24-hour schedule with a full staff on watch. The staff includes civilians, JTF GTMO Troopers and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay personnel.

"The watch staff is a true testament of a Joint Task Force environment," said Army Staff Sgt. Lewis.

"We are the eyes and ears of JTF [GTMO] command.

"We maintain daily operational status of what goes on here [JTF GTMO]."

The JOC watch sends reports to U.S. Southern Command and also can act as a liaison between SOUTHCOM and JTF GTMO.

"The JOC keeps higher headquarters and local headquarters apprised of activities on security traffic and destructive weather," said Marine Maj. Rose.

During Operation Unified Response, the Naval Station was used as a staging area for personnel, supplies and cargo going in and out of Haiti.

According to Rose, the JOC helped maintain SOUTHCOM's situational awareness.

JOC watch is not limited to supporting JTF GTMO operations, the watch personnel also provide support to NAVSTA Port Control.

One function for the center is to monitor the bay for the safety of swimmers, divers and recreational boaters. Merchant vessels and harbor traffic are tracked to ensure that they do not venture into the boundaries of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

"We keep our harbor safe," Rose said.

Before any recreational boater or diver can leave the Morale, Welfare and

Recreation Marina, they must communicate with watch personnel.

"When boaters and divers are going on the water, they must contact us on the radio," said Navy Operations Specialist 2nd Class Hale.

"They communicate the amount of people, their dive and float plans, the amount of time that they will be on the water, and certification number or license number," Hale stated.

If the boaters should have an emergency like a dead battery or might be in distress, they contact the watch personnel who in turn notifies marina rescue.

In the event of an emergency or destructive weather, the JOC has the capabilities to serve as a command center.

"The headquarters elements of JTF GTMO can operate out of the JOC," Lewis said.

"[The JOC] has the full capability to maintain operations for JTF-GTMO, as well as communication to SOUTHCOM."★



STILL ARMED. STILL DANGEROUS. STILL GOT IT.

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Shane Arrington
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Featuring an all-star cast, “Red” does not fail to deliver a healthy dose of awesome.

Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) is a retired CIA operative who spends his days tearing up his retirement checks and calling his pension office to flirt with customer service agent Sarah Ross (Mary-Louise Parker). His life gets turned upside-down, and his house demolished when the very agency he used to kill for, sends people to kill him.

Realizing Sarah may be in danger due to his phone stalking, he grabs his emergency bag, which every good ex-spy must possess, and heads to Kansas City.

Things with Sarah don’t go quite as smoothly as Frank anticipated. He ends up taking her bound and gagged to see an old friend of his, retired operative Joe Matheson (Morgan Freeman). After obtaining some information from Joe, Frank realizes the attempt on his life might be part of something larger.

His search eventually brings him to a hit list, giving him the names of all those connected with him. He hunts down another CIA retiree, Marvin Boggs (John Malkovich), who helps him connect the dots to a 1981 black ops. mission in Guatemala.

This is where the real action ... and hilarity, begins.

The interaction between Frank and Sarah fails to excite, but the complete craziness of Marvin creates a wonderful mix of humor and explosions. I mean, how often do you see an insane assassin carry around a bright pink pig?

Another combination of humor and violence comes from yet another CIA retiree, Victoria (Helen Mirren) and Russian secret agent Ivan (Brian Cox). Mirren does a great job portraying a cool, elegant assassin and Cox completely pulls off a slick, charming Russian spy. Their interaction does its part in adding a little romance to the story ... a job that was meant to be shared with the Frank/Sarah combination, but the latter fails to compare.

“Red” was a bit slow in places, but overall was very entertaining. While Willis was given the top spot in this movie, Malkovich earned it. It still would have been worth watching without him, but was much better with him in it. Actors aside, the script and direction are spot on. The lines are witty, but not cheesy, and the action entertaining without going over the top.

Retired, extremely dangerous is the perfect way to describe this collection of insane killers. ★



MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCES COMPANY AT THE RANGE



Marine Corps Security Forces Company (MCSFCO) Marines train on the Squad Automatic Weapon M249 Light Machine Gun at the Grenadillo Range. MCSFCO is responsible for providing perimeter security for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

JTF Guantanamo photos by
Air Force Senior Airman
Gino Reyes





Fire Safety

Navy Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class

Wesley Kreiss

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

No matter which housing complex a Trooper lives in, Cuzco Barracks to Windward Loop, it's everyone's responsibility to practice proper fire safety and prevention.

October is National Fire Prevention Month, and the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Fire Department wants to use the month to educate people on the importance of smoke alarms and encourage everyone to take steps to ensure they know what to do if a fire occurs.

National Fire Prevention Month was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), the tragic 1871 conflagration killed more than 250 people, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

Preventing a fire is the goal at GTMO. Here are some tips to remember:

Smoking is prohibited in bachelor quarters.

Fire hazards such as storing of weapons, ammunition or other flammable materials inside housing units are prohibited.

Open flame producing devices are also prohibited; this includes, but is not limited to, incense, oil lamps, Tiki lanterns, and candles.

Most fires are the result of negligence, such as a cigarette thrown from a vehicle or unattended cooking.

"Everyday awareness is the best way to prevent a fire," said John DiGiovanni, Naval Station Guantanamo Fire Prevention Chief. "The moisture content of the vegetation around the base is very low. A stray cigarette or airborne ember from a barbeque can cause a brushfire."

Being proactive and correcting discrepancies may prevent most outside fires including many accidental ones, DiGiovanni added.

According to DiGiovanni the number one cause of fires in the GTMO community is unattended cooking.

Cuzco Barracks residents should be especially safety conscience. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas between the blocks and at the end of blocks. Grilling is permitted in the buffer zones on the rocks between the blocks. Cuzco residents should also be aware that tampering, damaging or destroying firefighting equipment and smoke detectors is prohibited.

In the event that a fire occurs, first, call the Fire Department, second, pull the fire alarm if applicable and third, do not endanger yourself. If the fire is small put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and exit the building.

All members of the GTMO community need to be proactive in the basics of fire safety and prevention. Get to know the safety measures of your housing area, fire department phone numbers and learn to locate and operate a fire extinguisher – it's your responsibility at GTMO. ★



Battle of the underdogs

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
 Shane Arrington
 JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Professional baseball has been one of America's favorite pastimes for more than a hundred years. The World Series, Major League Baseball's championship game, has started every October since 1903, with the exception of 1904 and 1994, the 2010 World Series started Oct. 27.

The World Series is a best-of-seven games matchup between the champions of the American and National Leagues. Both leagues make up the Major League Baseball governing body.

Dubbed the Fall Classic by sportswriters, the World Series was first won by the Boston Americans, who are known today as the Boston Red Sox. In the 107 years since, 22 of the current 30 franchises have earned the title of World Champions.

The World Series has endured, despite two World Wars, the Great Depression and the Loma Prieta earthquake that shook Candlestick Park only 30 minutes before Game Three of the 1989 World Series.

The first break in the Series was in 1904 and would have featured the New York Giants and the Boston Americans. The Giants owner, John T. Brush, refused to allow his team to play, claiming the new American League was inferior to the National League. At the time there was no governing body for the World Series and it was not mandatory that the Series be played. The press had a field day with Brush's refusal to play, and after much public criticism, Brush withdrew his complaint and drafted rules for the Series that were adopted in the off season.

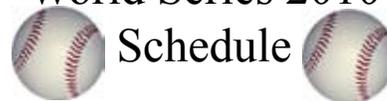
Ninety years later, the second break occurred when the 1994-1995 Major League Baseball strike caused the 1994 season to end mid-season. Debates of unfair labor practices, most notably the desire for a salary cap, were the main reasons for the strike. After the labor dispute was concluded, the 1995 season started three weeks late on Apr. 25.

The New York Yankees has the honor of winning more World Series titles than any other franchise. Their 27 titles give them almost three times the amount of their closest challenger, the St. Louis Cardinals. Their latest title was last year, and they were favored to make another appearance this year, but were denied the chance after losing the American League championship to the Texas Rangers.

The National League is also represented in the 2010 World Series by an underdog team, the San Francisco Giants. The Giants defeated the 2008 World Series Champions, the Philadelphia Phillies, to play for the title.

This will be the Rangers first World Series appearance and the 18th for the Giants. The Giants franchise has won five titles, but the last one was more than fifty years ago in 1954. ☆

World Series 2010 Schedule



- ☆ Game 1: Oct. 27
Giants 11 - Rangers 7
 - ☆ Game 2: Oct. 28
Start time 7:57 p.m.
 - ☆ Game 3: Oct. 30
Start time 6:57 p.m.
 - ☆ Game 4: Oct. 31
Start time 8:20 p.m.
 - ☆ * Game 5: Nov. 1
Start time 7:57 p.m.
 - ☆ * Game 6: Nov. 3
Start time 7:57 p.m.
 - ☆ * Game 7: Nov. 4
Start time 7:57 p.m.
- * If necessary



Recognized for service

Air Force Capt. Cindy Cuencas, flanked by Navy Capt. William Albin and Army Maj. Sally Petty, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Cuencas, who deployed here with the Virgin Islands National Guard, served as the Commissions Support Group support officer-in-charge, Oct. 25. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

Boots on the Ground

by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

Army Sgt. 1st Class
Maria Limbo



"I actually don't dress up for Halloween; I spend the day playing video games with my kids."

Coast Guard Boatswain's
Mate 2nd Class
Andrew Moorhead



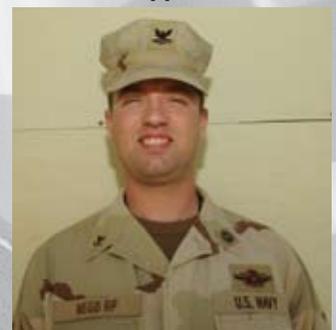
"A zombie Justin Bieber."

Air Force Master Sgt.
Doug Weivoda



"I will be E.T."

Navy Religious Program
Specialist 2nd Class
Jonathon Jappe



"Batman from 'Batman Begins'."



**Army Capt.
Eric Bey**

525th JDG Battalion Chaplain

As a chaplain, I am frequently called upon to give classes. In some of those classes we discuss what depression is and what causes it.

It is difficult to say what depression is. It is much easier to describe what depresses us, and to convey that depression is how we feel about what depresses us.

I use the analogy of playing “Pictionary.” I ask, “If depression is the word you have to draw, how could you convey it?”

Many people answer that they would draw a sad face. I quickly point out that would mean sad. In one class, a brilliant military thinking Soldier said that he would draw a circle and put tick marks pointing in. That is brilliant, but a civilian wouldn’t know what that meant. I venture to say that other branches of the military do not stress map reading skills and would not be able to identify the drawing as a depression, one of ten terrain features.

The point is that there are a myriad of things that can depress us. There are situations and circumstances that we have no control over; relationships gone bad, separations, death and financial troubles are some of the most prominent.

So what is one to do? I suggest two approaches. First, one must remember that while they may not have control over the situation, they have total control over how they let the situation affect them. Those who say they lost control, blacked out, or couldn’t control themselves are lacking self-discipline.

Sir Winston Churchill said, “The power of man has grown in every sphere, except over himself.” People give away too much control over their emotional state to others, way more than they ever intended. Giving this power to others is not wise.

The second approach I recommend is a little praise therapy. It starts by praising God in all things. I believe that what happens during a crisis is that people become overly focused on the problem instead of invoking God into the situation. It is tunnel vision in a sense.

By invoking the presence of the almighty, transcendent God of creation, you begin to put things into perspective. Somehow you have let your problem grow bigger than everything, but by praising God in His majesty you begin to realize that there are really good things bigger than your problem. I have found that praising God is like putting down the first domino. Once He is in place, everything seems to take its respective, subordinate place.

If you are depressed, ask yourself where you have given control to others over your emotional state? Then, ask where God is in the situation? When you have those answers, you will find that you are on the path to wellness, think about that. ☆

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 Christo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service

Sunday 11 a.m.
Room B
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



Around the
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JTF



Service members from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Joint Task Force Guantanamo partake in a cardio kickboxing class at the Marine Hill Fitness Center, Oct. 25. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins



A Navy Religious Program Specialist delivers prayer material to Joint Task Force Guantanamo detainees, Oct. 20. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David Coleman