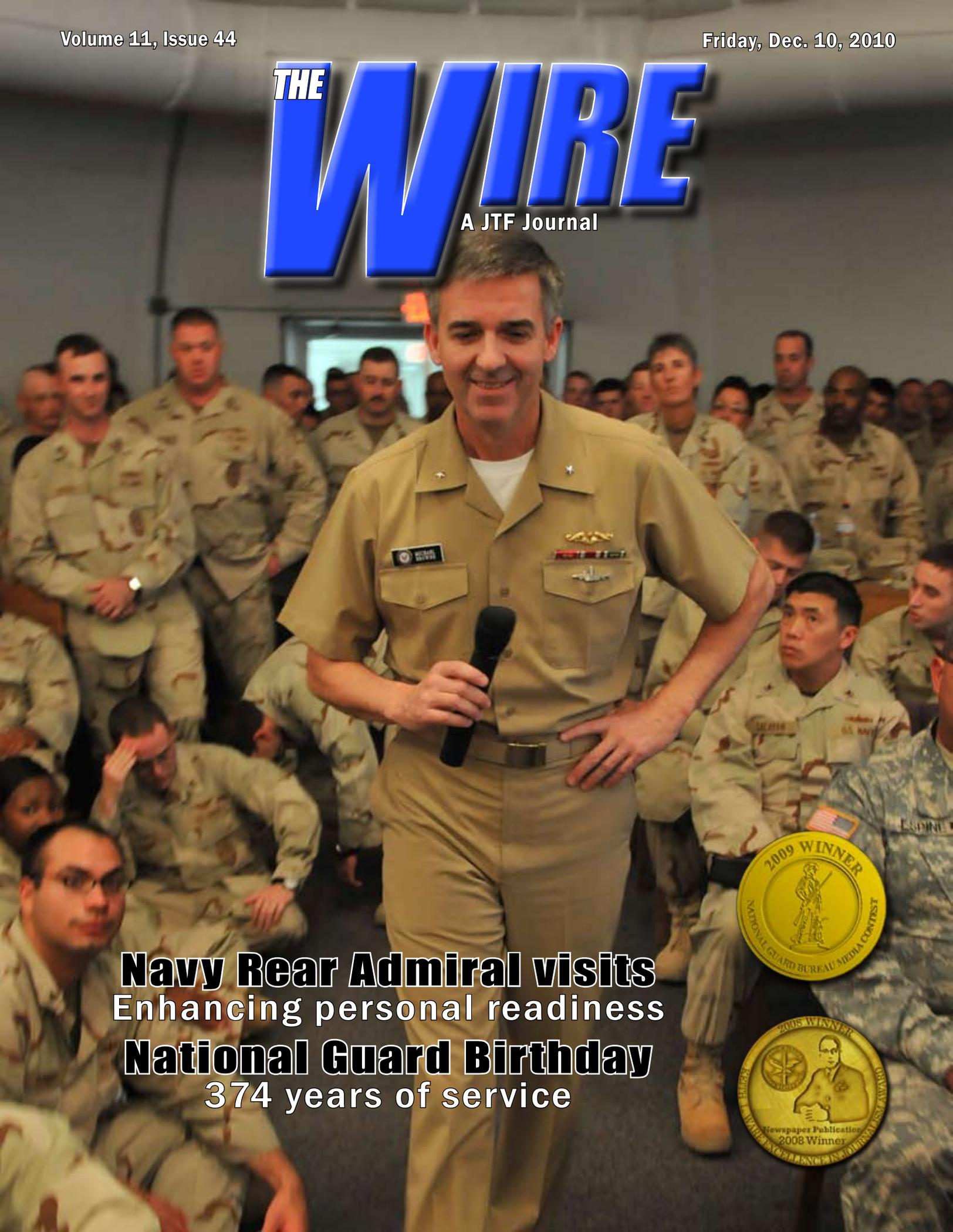


THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



Navy Rear Admiral visits
Enhancing personal readiness
National Guard Birthday
374 years of service



Honor

**Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer
Brian Domino**

JTF Joint Medical Group, Senior Enlisted Leader

So what is honor to people these days? Is it just to do the right thing in a bad situation? Is it to do the “honorable thing?” Or maybe it’s to say what you mean and mean what you say? There are many definitions of honor, such as “a keen sense of ethical conduct,” or “one’s word given as a guarantee of performance.”

How about we simplify it? Honor to me is to never give up. For example, people are going to mess up, many people have lied, or done something they regret; it’s not honor when you never make a mistake, its honor when you learn from the mistake and better yourself.

It’s not about being better than others, it’s about the example you set for everyone around you. This is why it is important to have each other’s back and take care of each other. That’s honor.

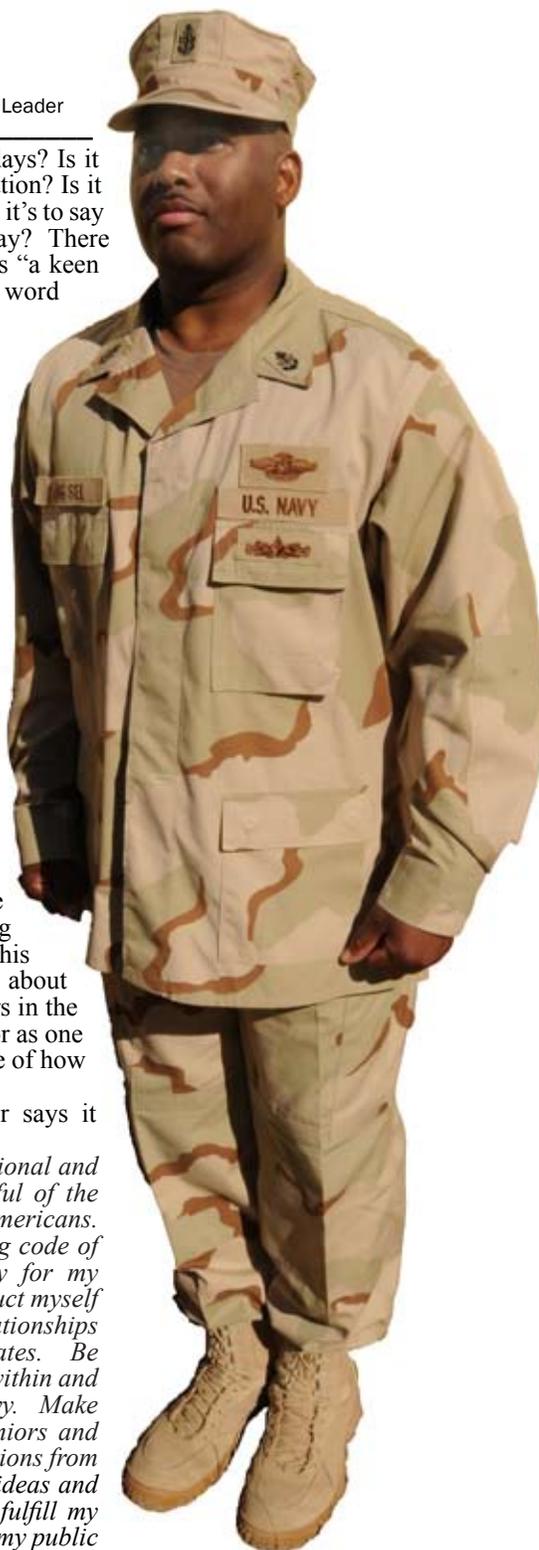
I remember when I had my first lesson on honor when I entered recruit training in 1989. My company commander gave us a period of instruction – or in today’s military, a Professional Military Education (PME), – on Navy core values.

Honor was the first core value he talked about. When he finished talking about honor, we all had memorized his sea-stories and got the big picture about honor. Today, after more than 20 years in the Navy, I still stand by and stick to honor as one of my best core values, simply because of how it relates to my upbringing.

The Navy’s Core Value on honor says it best:

I am accountable for my professional and personal behavior. I will be mindful of the privilege I have to serve my fellow Americans. I will: Abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; taking full responsibility for my actions and keeping my word, conduct myself in the highest ethical manner in relationships with seniors, peers and subordinates. Be honest and truthful in my dealings within and outside the Department of the Navy. Make honest recommendations to my seniors and peers and seek honest recommendations from junior personnel. Encourage new ideas and deliver bad news forthrightly and fulfill my legal and ethical responsibilities in my public and personal life.

This is what true honor means to me. ★



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Rear Adm. Michael J. Browne, director Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch, speaks to a Joint Task Force Guantanamo group of mostly Sailors at an all-hands call, Dec. 2. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

BACK COVER:

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Commissions Support Group Sailors raise multiple flags up the flagstaff to commemorate the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor at McCalla Hill, Dec. 7. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

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Senior Marine on Deck

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Marine Corps Lt. Col. J. Scott Frampton has seen many things in his tenure as a Marine - Joint Task Force Guantanamo is another challenging stop on his continuous journey. On island for more than a month, Frampton is diving head first into his role as the Executive Assistant for JTF Guantanamo.

"I'm kind of a utility in-fielder," Frampton said, who works directly for JTF Senior leadership. "If they have a special project they throw me at it."

"As you know the Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, and the SOUTHCOM Commander, Gen. Frasier, have asked all units to find efficiencies," said Frampton.

"Times are tough in the government right now," he added. "The Admiral has to annually certify that his numerous personnel, equipment, and processes are accomplishing their stated purpose in an efficient and effective manner."

The Admiral has also tasked Lt. Col. Frampton with aiding in Migrant Operations planning. The Admiral cannot look into all these situations personally, due to the vast number of troops and units throughout the JTF, and has placed this task in Frampton's hands.

"If a disaster occurred in Cuba, Haiti or Jamaica there is a high probability that we would keep those effected here in GTMO," said Frampton.

The migrants would have to be cared for with the utmost attention, and resolving these issues is a task Frampton is honing in on.

The highest ranking Marine assigned to JTF-GTMO is also working on internal management control, helping make sure all gear and troops are managed well.

Frampton has been in the Marine Corps 21 years and has had previous experience in a JTF environment. His first was in Guam as part of Operation Pacific Haven.

Operation Pacific Haven was an evacuation movement that brought more than 7,000 Kurdish people to Anderson Air Force Base and another camp located in Guam.

Many of the people were injured and wounded when they arrived at Anderson Air Force Base. American forces there provided them with medical care, food and shelter, and many were allowed to gain citizenship in America, added Frampton. To this day Frampton receives emails and phone calls from many of those people he helped in Guam almost 15 years ago.

Frampton also has experience dealing with a security operations.

"Two tours ago I was the commanding officer of the Marine Security Guards who guarded the embassies for Central America, the Caribbean, Canada and Havana," Frampton said.

Frampton attributes time spent with MSG as a reference point to the dealings of the Caribbean, the U.S. relationship with Cuba and the importance of the mission here in GTMO.

"I think I bring to the JTF an open mind" said Frampton. "I am here for the troops, and hopefully through my 21 years of Marine Corps experience I give them good advice and good service." ★

A photograph of Marine Corps Lt. Col. J. Scott Frampton standing in front of the Joint Task Force Headquarters. He is wearing a camouflage uniform and a cap, with his arms crossed. Behind him is a tall flagpole with an American flag at the top and two other flags (one blue, one black) on a horizontal bar. The building behind him has a red roof and white walls.

Marine Corps Lt. Col. J. Scott Frampton stands in front of the Joint Task Force Headquarters, Dec. 6. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

GTMO Holiday Events

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Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus wave to the many onlookers along the route from Marine Hill to Downtown GTMO during the holiday parade, Dec. 4. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins.



Naval Station Guantanamo residents participate in the annual holiday parade, Dec. 4. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation have several jubilant and joyful holiday events that represent the Christmas spirit and take place throughout the month of December for the entire Guantanamo Bay community to appreciate and enjoy.

“General Nichols [Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo] gave us the idea to do holiday caroling,” said Master Sgt. Natalie Mosley, J1 non-commissioned officer-in-charge. “[From that] this grew into other events.”

The caroling group is comprised of approximately 20 people, with three of its members singing in choirs at various church services. The group will carol Dec. 15 at the Seaside Galley and W.T. Sampson Elementary. More holiday caroling will take place at the MWR Library Dec. 17 and 24 in residential areas during the evening so residents can look forward to some holiday cheer.

The prayer breakfast is another special event that allows military and civilian members to assemble together and build relationships which might not otherwise be possible. General Nichols will be the guest speaker during the prayer breakfast Dec. 15, at the Seaside Galley.

For those who like singing and dancing, a talent showcase is open to the entire GTMO community at the W.T. Samson High School library, Dec. 16.

The Christmas Carnival, one of MWR’s larger events, takes place Dec. 21, at the Child Development Center. Carnival type games will be available, to include jumpers for children, crafts, face painting and cookie decorating. Volunteers are still needed for the carnival to help run the many activities.

The annual Holiday Parade was held Dec. 4. Decorated vehicles made their way to downtown GTMO, starting at the SCSi building, and ending at the Downtown Lyceum. Floats were decorated in holiday themes, with holiday carolers, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman floats were some examples of residents’ creativity. At the Downtown Lyceum after the parade, people gathered to enjoy the local crafts, while for toys were being passed out and , face painting done for children and enjoying local crafts. December looks to be a festive and fun-filled month with many holiday events for the entire GTMO community to celebrate. ★

Holiday Caroling!

15 Dec
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
Seaside Galley
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. W.T. Sampson
Elementary School

16 Dec
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. MWR Library

24 Dec
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Residential Areas

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Navy Rear Admiral Michael J. Browne, director of the Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch of Naval Operations, speaks with Sailors throughout Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Dec. 2. Admiral Browne visited the JTF to further understand the mission and to receive feedback in order to refine policies and procedures of Naval Operations
– JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

Rear Admiral Browne visits Guantanamo

**Marine Corps Lance Cpl.
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Navy Rear Admiral Michael J. Browne, director of the Personal Readiness and Community Support Branch of Naval Operations, visited Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay Dec. 2 and Dec. 3.

In his current assignment, Browne's duties include developing and providing oversight for Navy Leadership, advising leadership on policies and programs designed to enhance the personal readiness of Sailors and aiding the preparedness of Navy families while their Sailor is deployed.

Enhancing his job ability, Browne often visits sailors deployed throughout the world. Guantanamo Bay was another stop and opportunity to observe Sailors in their deployed environment as he refined his scope on the mission here in JTF Guantanamo.

"I appreciate the time I have to spend

here to get a feel for what you do here," said Browne. "It's insight into your day to day."

Browne followed the full spectrum of what the Sailors assigned to JTF Guantanamo do. He visited Camps 5 and 6 and also viewed the Detainee Hospital.

After viewing the daily work environment of Sailors throughout the JTF, Browne sat Sailors down in separate female and male sessions and discussed sexual assault and its prevention.

Finally, Browne held an open question and answer forum with all Sailors deployed to the JTF. Many Sailors asked questions of Browne, who answered each inquiry.

"We hear much less about Guantanamo Bay in the news today than we did in the past," Browne said. "That is because of the quality of work Sailors here do and the

professionalism that is transmitted by all Sailors in the JTF."

Browne understands the stress that is put on Sailors working in the camps, and

“We are all in this together doing a very important mission, I thank you for what you are doing.”

– Rear Admiral Michael J. Browne

interacting daily with detainees.

"We are asking a lot of Sailors to work day to day, face to face with people who are trying to get in your head," said Browne. Frustration can set in and stress can build.

"We are all in this together doing a very important mission," Browne said. "I thank you for what you are doing."

Browne will take his experience in JTF Guantanamo and advise Naval leadership on what is needed to promote a better environment for all Sailors here and deployed throughout the world. ☆

Season's Greetings Guantanamo Bay



Residents of Guantanamo Bay participate in the Holiday Parade, Dec 4. Onlookers from the Base Communications Office to the Downtown Lyceum viewed carolers, Christmas decorated floats and the local boy and girl scouts troops. - JTF Guantanamo photos by Navy Mass Communication Specialist Elisha Dawkins





The history of the National Guard began on December 13, 1636, when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered the organization of the Colony's militia companies into three regiments: The North, South and East Regiments. The colonists had adopted the English militia system which obligated all males, between the ages of 16 and 60, to possess arms and participate in the defense of the community. – Illustration by www.ng.mil

‘Guarding’ America for 374 Years

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December 13, 2010 will mark the 374th birthday of the United States Army National Guard – the nation's oldest military branch.

From its humble beginning as small units during Colonial times, the National Guard has blossomed, possessing more than 350,000 Soldiers and is a key force in the Nation's fight for freedom.

Currently the Army National Guard is reorganizing into 28 brigade combat teams, deployable units consisting of combat arms, support and fire units, and 78 support brigades, units organized to support combat arms. The National Guard encompasses the 50 states as well as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

The first regiments of the National Guard were formed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. Under the direction of the Massachusetts General Court, a total of 15 separate towns formed as many companies of soldiers as they could. The final number was 1,500 men which were then divided into three regiments.

That may not sound like a lot by today's standards, but consider how small the population of North America was back during the forming of our republic.

The militiamen were tested first in battle by the Pequot Indians. The Pequot were a brutal tribe who were feared by other Native Americans. The engagement of war against the Pequot occurred May 26, 1637. A force of ninety militiamen attacked the Pequot village killing more than 500.

During World War I more than 40 percent of the U.S. Army's combat forces were members of the National Guard and in World War II the National Guard supplied more than 19 divisions of Soldiers to defeat enemy forces.

Today the National Guard's 181st Infantry, 182nd Infantry, 101st Field Artillery and 101st Engineer Battalion are the Army's oldest units with direct lineage to the North, South and Eastern Regiment established in 1636.

The tradition of success in battle against the enemy still rings true to this day.

In the last 20 years, the National Guard has seen action in the far reaches of the world.

During the early 1990's, more than 37,000 Guardsmen were deployed to Saudi Arabia and by the conclusion of combat operations in the Persian Gulf more than 62,000 Guardsmen had participated in the Gulf War. This was the highest number of National Guardsmen mobilized, at that time, since the Korean War.

The National Guard has not only served in a combat environment, but in peace keeping missions as well.

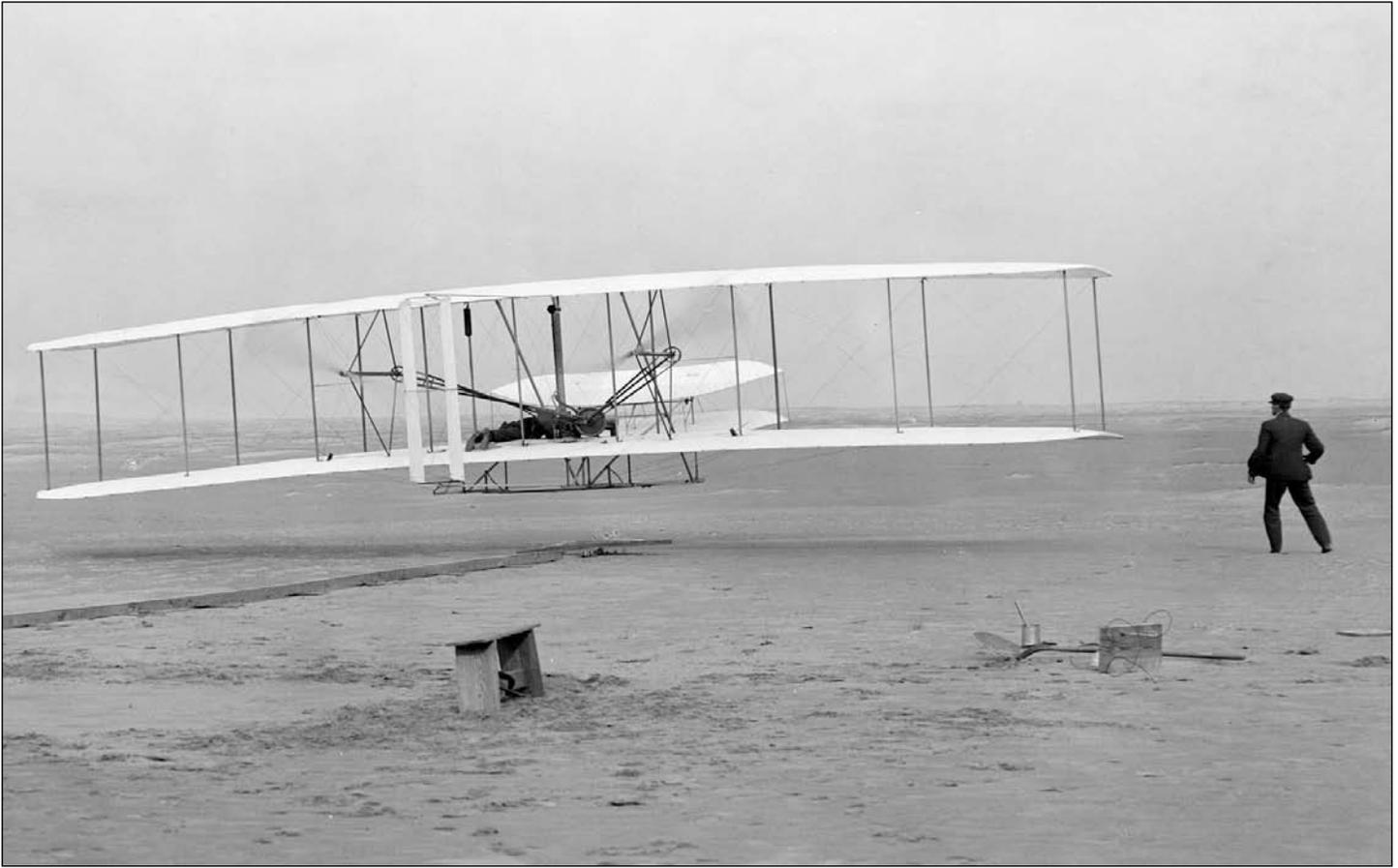
Beginning December 14, 1995, the National Guard mobilized more than 2,000 troops to the Balkans to oversee the enforcement of treaty provisions.

The National Guard continued to supply troops for peace keeping missions throughout the nineties, deploying troops to Bosnia, Macedonia and Croatia.

Between 2001 and 2007 the National Guard deployed more than 250,000 troops in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Tens of thousands of National Guardsmen continue to serve our country, at home and in support of our overseas contingency operations.

Currently, the National Guard has deployed more than 50,000 Soldiers in support of Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom, from Afghanistan to Guantanamo Bay.

HOOAH! National Guard, remember your tradition and Happy Birthday. ★



The Wright Brothers were the first to successfully fly a heavier-than-air machine on its own power near the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, NC. The Dec. 17, 1903, flight lasted for 12 seconds. - Photo courtesy of www.dailyhistory.net

Wright Brothers Day

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Wright Brothers Day is a United States national observation since 1963, commemorating the first successful flight on Dec. 17, 1903, in a heavier-than-air, mechanically propelled airplane made by Orville and Wilbur Wright near Kitty Hawk, NC. This is separate from National Aviation Day.

Orville and his brother, Wilbur, are credited for building the world's first successful airplane with aircraft controls to steer the plane. The brothers' first creation named Flyer, made its maiden flight for 12 seconds and a distance of 120 feet around the sight of Kill Devil Hill. In perspective, this first flight went only half the length of today's C-5 cargo aircraft.

It didn't seem like much of an accomplishment, but the brothers were elated.

"It was... the first time in the history of the world in which a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air in full flight, had sailed forward without reduction of speed, and had finally landed at a point as high as that from which it had started," Wilbur Wright said later.

Alternating as pilots, the brothers made three more flights. On Dec. 17, around noon, Wilbur made a flight of 852 feet that lasted 59 seconds, the longest of the day. The Flyer was slightly damaged by this long flight, and was hauled back to the hangar for repairs.

This historic event triggered a revolution in transportation, bridging vast distances between continents, forever altering our world. The Wright Brothers were self-taught and financed by the proceeds of their bicycle shop. In the pursuit of the ageless dream of controlled flight, they

persevered through great challenges. Early design failures, a skeptical public and the danger of their endeavors often tempted the brothers to quit, but they forged ahead with firm resolve and bold experimentation to complete their quest.

With such a historic achievement, the Wright Brothers are an inspiration to people around the world. While not the same, today's service members face obstacles and challenges with the current operations tempo and find inspiration in the brave actions of the two aviators.

"I have been inspired to persevere through obstacles, just as they did," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Bryan Clampitt of the Maritime Safety and Security Team.

The world is now a smaller place. Left behind were weeks-long trips across the U.S. by railroad and months-long crossings of the Atlantic Ocean by steam-powered ships. Ahead lay transcontinental trips of less than a day, and eventually even the oceans could be crossed in a few hours.

"They had the fantastic ability of creation, from bicycles to airplanes," said Army Major Bryan Todd, officer in charge of J3 plans and operations. "The realization and possibility of powered flight was awesome!"

Wright Brothers Day is traditionally celebrated with a "flyover" by military aircraft and a special ceremony held at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, a 425-acre area that features a 60-foot, granite pylon on top of Kill Devil Hill where the Wright Brothers' camp was located.

The Wright Brothers' success paved the way for our military to protect its citizens from the air and initiated a faster and, in many ways, a safer way to travel. Our country and its citizens celebrate the achievements of the Wright Brothers, every Dec. 17, to remember now we all benefited in their accomplishment of powered flight. ✨

Festival of Lights



Joint Task Force and Naval Station Guantanamo Jewish Lay Leader, Nicole Durr, places the fourth candle (representing the fourth day of Hanukkah) into a Menorah that celebrates the Jewish holiday, Dec. 3. Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated for eight days and eight nights.

It commemorates the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after being desecrated at the time of the Maccabean Revolt, 165 B.C. It reminds all Jews around the world to dedicate and devote themselves to the commandments of Adonai, through faith and daily practice. "Hanukkah is where we remember when the Greeks destroyed the temple. We had only enough oil to last one day. (Back then to make oil and make it kosher took seven days). Well when the people went back into the temple they found more oil in the same jar, this went on for eight days total," Durr said.

Hanukkah, which means 'dedication' in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and typically falls in November or December. The holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.
- JTF Guantanamo photo by Mass Communication 2nd Class Elisha Dawkins

Boots on the Ground

by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

What is your favorite video game?

Navy Yeoman 2nd Class
James Goines

Army Pfc. Leslee Fong

Marine Cpl.
Michael Cunningham

Air Force Staff Sgt
Ryan Allard



"Call of Duty Black Ops."



"God of War III."



"Guitar Hero."



"Madden NFL 2011."

Lights in the darkness

Army Capt.
Daniel J. Price
JTF Guantanamo Chaplain

The night is not always a pleasant time for us. There is something about the human condition that fears and reacts against the darkness. We will go to great lengths to banish it from our lives.

Our cities are filled with electric lights that go on as the light fades each day. We set up night-lights for our children so they are not scared when they wake up in the middle of the night. In ancient times, our ancestors built fires and huddled around them for protection against the animals and evil spirits that haunted the world outside. The dark has also come to be associated with the emotional lows and bad times we all experience in our lives.

Gratefully, there is something about this time of year that draws us back in to the light. I find it interesting there are three different holidays from three different religions that occur in the heart of winter, all of which focus on light and how it turns back the darkness.

In the Pagan traditions, particularly ancient European Paganism, the celebration of winter occurred Dec. 22. The Winter Solstice is the day when the sun turns around and the days start getting longer; it is the day when we can be sure the world will not be swallowed by eternal night and endless winter, and spring will come again. The light is returning.

For the Jews, the celebration of Hanukkah is also at this time of year. The Festival of Lights remembers the end of one of the darkest periods in Jewish history, when the lamps in the temple were relit and the temple was cleansed after it had been desecrated by Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

In the Christian tradition, it is the celebration of the birth of Christ. Though he was probably not born in the winter, the Apostle John tells us “[he is] the light of the world” and “the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overpower it.”

Sometimes in this world, particularly here in Guantanamo, the darkness can seem overwhelming. However, at this time of year we look back and remember that there is light in this world too. The light has conquered the darkness in the past and will continue to do so in our day. May you all have a Joyous Yule, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Merry Christmas. In other words, Happy Holidays. ✪

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

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 JTF



1st. Sgt. Phillip Dietz salutes during “morning colors” on Cooper Field, Nov. 16. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David P. Coleman

Officers with the Joint Detention Group enjoy a game of ultimate football at Cooper Field, Dec. 1. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Senior Airman Gino Reyes

