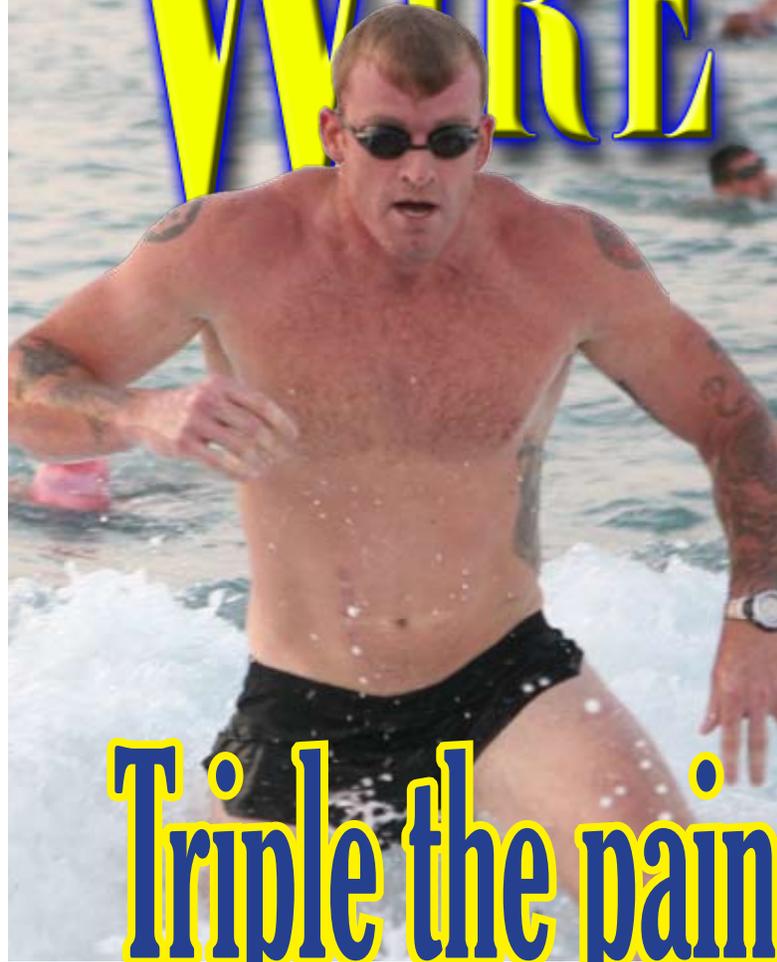
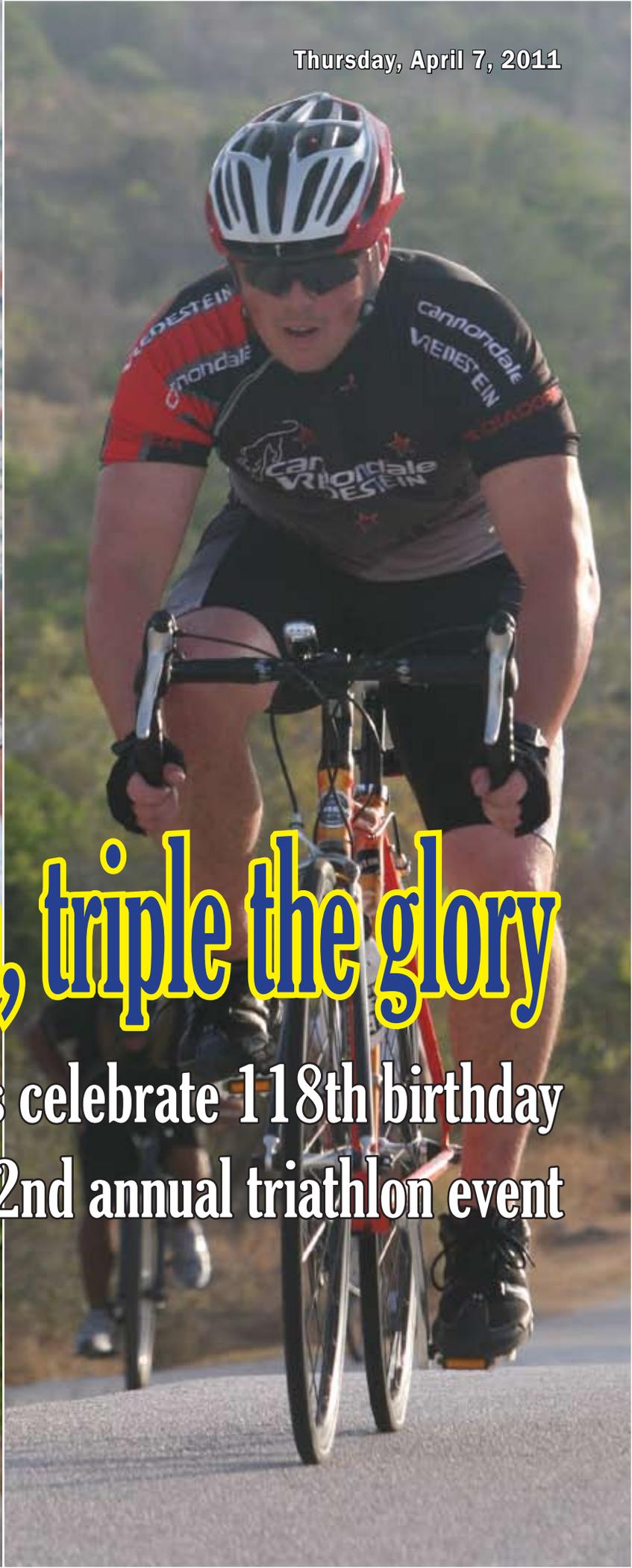


The Wire



Triple the pain, triple the glory

Chiefs celebrate 118th birthday
with 2nd annual triathlon event



Trooper to Trooper

featuring

Master Chief Petty Officer Evan Cutler

Senior Enlisted Leader, J2

As you read this article, I will be on my last leg of checking out of Joint Task Force Guantanamo and of the U.S. Navy. Come October 2011, I will officially retire from the Navy and hopefully be sitting at a cushy job that pays a lot for me to go nowhere. Part of any military service is accepting orders that will take you places all around the globe - my orders now are to take care of my son. That is the reason for my retirement.

Someone once said if a person doesn't study history, they will be doomed to repeat it. I say if a person doesn't study history, they will not have the choice. History, for me, became a choice to repeat things I have witnessed, or to seek out a new path. In most services there are two major points in time: the time you entered, and the time you leave. For me, the time I put on Chief Petty Officer became a third. When I look forward to my exit date, it makes me look back on when I came in. The decision to join the service was a painful one, as was my life before it.

My family was afflicted with pain and addiction all of my life. An attempted suicide became a distinct learning point that a change was needed. The military became my change. Let me be clear: The NAVY saved my life. They gave me a new history to learn, a skill set (or three) to master, and a new horizon to look at. I was given a choice now: work with the history my family suffered, or take on the new history I was learning in what it takes to be a Sailor.

Why is this all important? It is so easy for someone like me to see how history can help you

define yourself. The visuals of what to look at become so clear. The actions of Sailors not only set the traditions of the Navy, but those who upheld it made those traditions last. The more I learned about my service's history, the more I was fascinated by the stories of the Sailors in it. I respected it and I wanted to be a part of it. For anyone in uniform, take the time to learn your service's history.

What was the most important fact I remember? I remember the ideal that people teach people. Every military campaign we have been involved in since our independence was fought by those taught and raised by people with experience from the campaign before. I remember being trained by individuals from the Gulf War, Vietnam, and sometimes the Korean War. The old Master Chiefs who trained me using hard-to-forget techniques changed my perception of what is important. I remember their teachings, lessons and experience. I have used those experiences to teach as many Sailors as I could. This includes over 500 Petty Officer First Classes as they transition to Chief Petty Officer. The overriding factor is eventually these sailors will replace me.

This is the lesson I wish to give you. No matter what you do, or how you do it, make sure you are learning how they did it before you. Then make it better and teach others. We will all leave the military sometime in our life - how we hand it off to our juniors and peers will determine how strong our military will be from that point forward. Remember what you have learned and



teach as many people as possible. The military stays strong not by politics or policy, but by passing down our knowledge and wisdom to the generations after us. That one fact is truly our tradition.

To my shipmates of every service, it was an honor to serve with you. I will miss the days of wearing the uniform, but I take with me the memories of so many professionals here at the JTF and my past commands. I will always cherish and love the professionals of the uniformed services I have served with and will remember those who have given their life to the people of the United States. Thank you. Thank you for teaching me so many things in life. And above all, thank you for saving my life. Good luck and god speed.

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COVER: Guantanamo Bay residents participate in the trifecta of events - a 200-yard swim, 10-mile bike ride and a 5K run - during the 2nd annual Chief Petty Officer's Birthday Triathlon.

Alleged 9/11 mastermind to be tried at Guantanamo

Voice of America News Service

The Obama administration reversed course on Monday and announced that the alleged mastermind of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, will be tried in a military commission. The decision brings to an end a year-and-a-half political battle in the United States over the judicial fate of the accused terrorist ringleader and four alleged co-conspirators.

The announcement was made at the Justice Department by Attorney General Eric Holder.

It was Holder who announced in November 2009 that the administration had decided to try Mohammed in a civilian court, sparking outrage from Republicans and some Democrats, especially those who represent New York City where the trial was to have been held.

Holder announced that new restrictions passed late last year by Congress prohibiting the transfer of terror detainees to the United States from the U.S. military detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, had effectively tied the administration's hands when it comes to pursuing a civilian trial.

“But we must face a simply truth. Those restrictions are unlikely to be repealed in the immediate future. And we simply cannot allow a trial to be delayed any longer for the victims of the 9/11 attacks or for their family members who have waited for nearly a decade for justice,” he said.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed has long been considered the alleged mastermind of the attacks on New York and Washington that also resulted in a downed U.S. airliner over Pennsylvania. Mohammed will now be tried in a military commission along with four alleged co-conspirators are also being held at Guantanamo Bay.

The announcement of the administration's



This courtroom sketch of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was drawn by artist Janet Hamlin during Mohammed's arraignment in June, 2008.

decision was greeted with enthusiasm by Republicans in Congress who have long called on the president to try terror detainees through military courts.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell described the administration's change of heart as a welcome development.

“This is the right outcome to the long and spirited debate that proceeded this decision,” he said.

California Republican Buck McKeon is the Chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. “It is about time. And I think that we should be moving forward for justice for the victims, for their families,” he said.

The policy change will disappoint civil liberties and human rights groups who supported the administration's initial decision to try the terror suspects in federal court.

Holder said he still believes a trial in federal

court would be the better way to go, but that he reluctantly decided to refer the cases to military commissions because of what he described as the “unwise and unwarranted restrictions” approved by Congress.

“The reality is though that I know this case in a way that members of Congress do not. I have looked at the files. I have spoken to the prosecutors. I know the tactical concerns that have to go into this decision. So do I know better than them? Yes,” he said.

Holder said the Obama administration still intends to close down the Guantanamo Bay detention center at some point, which would fulfill a promise Obama made to close the facility within one year after he took office.

The president signed an executive order last month lifting a two-year freeze on military commissions at Guantanamo Bay, signaling that the prison will remain open for some time to come.

Gay sailor faces a DADT discharge despite pending repeal

Megan McCloskey
Stars and Stripes

Congress voted to repeal “don't ask, don't tell” last year but that doesn't necessarily mean the discharges are over.

On Friday, March 31, a sailor in California faced a 3-member panel about a potential discharge under DADT.

The policy won't be officially finished until 60 days after the president, the secretary of defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff all sign off that the military's ability to fight won't be adversely affected by lifting the ban.

For now, DADT is still in effect. But Defense Secretary Robert Gates directed in October that all discharges had to be expressly approved by the secretary of the service and the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Nobody has been discharged since then.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Derek Morado was outed in November 2009 after he posted photos of him kissing another man on his MySpace page, but his case sat idle while the Pentagon studied the consequences of repeal ahead of a congressional vote on the matter.

After his hearing today at Lemoore Naval Air Station, the recommendation will go to Navy Secretary Ray Mabus for approval.

Lawrence Korb, a senior fellow at the liberal think tank Center for American Progress, said although the lower ranks have to follow regulations and move forward, its doubtful Mabus would sign off on a discharge.

“Given where we are with everything (for appeal) moving along smartly it certainly seems unlikely,” he said.

Instead Mabus could put the decision on hold until the repeal is finalized, Korb said.

News from the Bay

Stories and reporting by Spc. Meredith Vincent and Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason Tross

Poker Ride offers new challenges to cyclists

The 2011 Poker Ride is scheduled for this Saturday, at 9 a.m. Participants should plan on arriving by 8:30 a.m., said Cory Geiger, outdoor recreation director for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

It is \$5 to register and includes an event T-shirt.

“This is a fun event that is open to all riding levels because it is not a race,” said Geiger.

The ride will begin at the MWR marina. The route will take riders to five different unknown locations. At each stop, players will draw a playing card. After the fifth destination, participants will return to the marina, where the last two cards will be flipped. The winner is decided by the best card hand created from the individual’s cards and the two flipped at the marina. Geiger said this event’s unpredictable nature makes it particularly exciting.

“Not knowing the locations until the start of the race will add to the experience as people will head in several directions from the

start,” explained Geiger. “It will be fun for the participants as they will be passing each other going in all different directions.”

MWR is also partnering with the NEX to give away \$800 worth in prizes, added Geiger, making the incentive to participate that much more enticing.

For more information on the Poker Ride, contact Geiger at x2345.

New TK Mini-NEX holds grand opening

The new Navy Exchange Mini-Mart at Tierra Kay housing officially opened for business during a grand opening ceremony April 5.

“This is a completely redesigned Tierra Kay Mini-Mart,” said Guantanamo Bay Navy Exchange General Manager Mark Good. “It basically moved out of the old trailer and added some freezer and chilled space, along with some vertical storage and expanded a lot of the assortments for the troopers here at Tierra Kay.”

New items include an expanded selection of health and beauty aids, supplements, food storage and kitchen gadgets.

“These are things we think Troopers around here need,” said Good.

Local TK shoppers were both impressed and happy to see the improvements to their closest store.

“Location, location, location,” said Tierra Kay resident Spc. Nicholas Lampkin. “It’s important to have a NEX like this here because it’s a transportation issue. A lot of us just can’t easily make it down to the Commissary and the big Exchange. So it’s nice to have a little spot where we can pick up little odds and ends.”

Convenience and variety are improvements Good hopes to add to an already healthy bottom line for the TK Mini-Mart.

“We’re hoping sales continue to grow,” said Good. “The previous store’s sales were up about 23 percent for the year, so with an expanded assortment of products and a newer facility we hope to keep adding to that growth.”

What is your favorite game/pastime?



“Football – I have played all my life and now I get to coach.”

Army Sgt. 1st Class
Derryle Bankhead



“Twister. It pretty much goes without saying.”

Religious Programs
Specialist 3rd Class
Jeffery Lauber



“Monopoly, because it’s about domination and power.”

Seaman Apprentice
Gregory Lewis



“Madden, because it makes me feel like I am on the field.”

Army Master Sgt.
Craig Scott

Boots on the Ground

troop- ★ fo- Yeoman 1st Class John Baker

Spc. Kelly Gary

After seven years and with nearly three deployments under his belt, Yeoman 1st Class John H. Baker, J2 executive assistant, is a prime example of one of his own favorite phrases, “you get out of it what you put into it.”

Baker has put a lot into “it” and his superiors have taken note.

“Baker is one of the most professional yeomen I have ever worked with,” said Senior Chief Damiko Kippers, J2 administrative non-commissioned officer in charge. “He is very articulate, he speaks well and he is organized.”

Baker joined the Navy when he was 17 years old. By 20 he was nominated by the executive officer of the USS Enterprise to work at the Pentagon for the Secretary of the Navy.

Now 25, Baker, who has his associate degree, is looking to pin on chief and attain his bachelor’s degree in business administration in the near future.

“[I joined] for the education and getting to travel and see the world,” said Baker.

Having already traveled to the Persian Gulf and now Guantanamo Bay, he now wants an overseas tour to Italy, Korea or Japan.

When not spending long hours at the office or doing school work, Baker is watching or playing sports.

“I am a huge sports fan,” he said, adding he not only likes to watch and play various sports, but also aspires to write about them.

Baker said author David Maraniss’s book “When Pride Still Mattered: A Life of Vince Lombardi” has influenced him in many ways.

Lombardi led by example and set up his players for success. Baker said that is a



characteristic every leader should have.

“If you set people up for failure, nine out of ten times they will fail,” he explains. “If you set them up to succeed, you give them the tools.”

“It is like the expression, ‘you can lead a camel to water but you can’t make it drink,’” philosophized Baker.

Honor, courage and commitment are the Core Values every sailing camel should exemplify.

Baker said the Navy Core Values are important but servicemembers have to understand what each of the words mean.

“You have to actually say ‘okay, I honor myself and my service, I am going to do the best job that I can, I am going to have the courage to do it and I am going to commit to it,’” Baker said.

Kippers said Baker is definitely committed to his people and his job.

“I have put in some long hours and he is here as long as I am,” said Kippers. “A lot of people can just go home at four o’clock but Baker stays here until the job is done.”

Baker’s time and energy have propelled him to be a candidate for success.

“I honestly feel he is going to be very successful,” Kippers said. “I see him as an LDO at no later than his 15-year mark.”

Bullet Bio

Time in service: 7 years

Hobbies: golf and basketball

Pet peeves: people with a wrongful sense of entitlement

Next goal: bachelor’s degree, to make chief

Advice to junior

Troopers: “Actually care about what you are doing, regardless of how menial the task is.”

Kippers said he already sees Baker as a leader.

“He is a chief wearing a petty officer’s uniform,” said Kippers.



DON'T BE A VICTIM. USE NEED TO KNOW.

PSEC ALERT

Do your friends and family know about OPSEC?

It is easy to assume what we do here on GTMO just affects us. What some of us may not know is that it also affects our loved ones back home, which potentially makes them targets. Teaching them simple techniques like updating security settings on social sites and varying their day-to-day routines are just a couple examples of how they can protect themselves as well as you. Practicing good OPSEC is not just the responsibility of servicemembers but your family and friends as well.

Residents strive to preserve, protect GTMO wildlife population

Story and photos by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand

They creep up on you, scurry over your toes, leap off of trees and some only emerge at night. Who are these creatures on Guantanamo Bay and how did they get here?

For years, iguanas, banana rats and boa constrictors have wandered the often dry, cactus-laden terrain on Guantanamo Bay. Naval Station Guantanamo is dedicated to protecting its wildlife population.

It is well known that anyone stationed here could get slapped with a \$10,000 fine for killing an iguana- this helps keep critters safe from vehicle tires and eager onlookers.

More recently, the wildlife population has clashed with the growing number of feral cats

spotted peering around corners at the Cuzco Barracks, where many Joint Task Force Guantanamo servicemembers live.

Working with animals since he was a kid, one knowledgeable Army veterinary technician said we could be aiding to the increased cat population.

“The feral cat problem started obviously way before I got here,” explained Sgt. Ardicio Galveo, who works at the Guantanamo Bay Veterinary Treatment Facility. “A lot of what we see is owners that come down on island, and they bring a cat with them. Often, the cat is not neutered or spayed. Then, the member finds out they have to leave and can’t take their pets. So, they release them out.”

Galveo explained feeding the cats could

actually decrease our protected wildlife populations.

“They [the cats] reproduce rapidly and then with the help of people feeding them, they continue to reproduce,” he said. “It becomes an overwhelming thing and they don’t really have too many natural predators here.”

Without any predators, the cat population continues to rise while their food sources dwindle. To compensate, the cats begin hunting Guantanamo’s endangered species, such as the Cuban boa constrictor.

“Last year, we had Dr. Tolson here who comes down from the Toledo Zoo in Ohio,” said Galveo. “He’s been doing snake research here for over ten years. We had one of the snakes that gave birth, so we implanted some of the babies and released them out.”

When Dr. Tolson returned a few months later, they discovered none of the young snakes survived. Galveo also noted, the percentage of baby snakes that survive is already low. With feral cats in their environment, it creates a dent in the balance of wildlife on the island and ultimately impacts their food chain.

Many servicemembers struggle with the complexities of wanting to protect the wildlife, while at the same time wanting to help the cats.

“It’s sad because there are so many of them without homes,” said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Karie Nielson, attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s personnel department. “I saw one licking up the rainwater the other day and I felt bad, but some people say they [the cats] are good for keeping the banana rats away.”

As far as giving the cats a home, Galveo said the JTF policy remains but there are other options.

“Our policy here for unaccompanied members is no pets allowed,” said Galveo. “Most of the time, when they [servicemembers] do bring an animal in, it’s primarily for an emergency like they see a stray animal that’s injured. We can’t really release it back to them, because they are not authorized to have a pet. So, what we do is keep them here and try to adopt them out.”

Interacting with the cats and wildlife can also lead to bites, injuries or contracting infections.

“When you are bitten by an animal you worry about rabies,” Galveo stated. “They also carry a lot of bacteria on their teeth. If someone is, bit they need to immediately go to the nearest emergency room and do a bite report.”

Despite rumors of euthanizing the cats, Galveo said a plan is in the works to help with the numbers, but no formal action has been taken yet.

To do your part in protecting Guantanamo’s wildlife population please contact the veterinarian’s animal emergency line at 84618 if you see a creature in need of treatment.



Veterinary Technician Staff Sgt. Jamie Jackson, attached to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, shaves German Shepherd Gino’s arm before he gets his blood drawn at the Guantanamo Bay Veterinary Treatment Facility, April 1.

JSMART radio offers on-air life skills help

Story by Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cossel

Standing in front of a group of Troopers giving yet another brief on sleep hygiene, Navy Lt. Jason Duff thought to himself, “there’s got to be a better way to get all this information out.” And then it came to him – radio.

“I realized we could hit a much wider audience if we went with the radio medium,” Duff, officer in charge of Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s Joint Stress Mitigation and Reduction Team, said.

The more the lieutenant thought about it, the more he liked the idea. Not only could he communicate to a broader base, but, as Duff explained, he could reach out to those who might have reservations about visiting the JSMART office.

“Some people hold the misconception that seeking psychiatric help holds a negative connotation,” Duff said. “So we see this as doing primary prevention to try to get ahead of the curve and get people thinking about things, while providing them with some tools to help work through whatever they may be dealing with.”

Before he could get on the air, Duff said there were a few challenges he had to overcome.

“The first thing we had to do was get approval from the JTF command,” Duff said, noting not only did leadership approve of the idea they were extremely supportive.

“From the admiral to the public affairs, everyone worked with us to make sure everything was good before we went live,” said Duff.



Navy lieutenants Jason Duff and Danyell Brenner chat it up with their listeners during JSMART’s radio show, Match 18, at Radio GTMO. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason Tross

Beyond leadership support, Duff realized there would need to be a consistent voice on the program.

“We’re a rotational force on the JTF side,” Duff explained. “So I knew I would need to bring in someone who could provide continuity to the program when I left.”

To that end, Duff enlisted the assistance of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Hospital’s Behavioral Health Division Officer, Lieutenant Danyell Brenner.

“We did something similar to this when I was stationed in Okinawa called Shrink Wrap,” Brenner explained. “I knew I wanted to do something similar here at GTMO.”

The final obstacle to getting out across the airwaves was learning how to use the control boards at Radio GTMO.

“The mass communications specialist, and, really everyone at the radio station, was extremely helpful in showing us around the controls and giving us a few pointers about conducting a show,” said Duff.

No stranger to the microphone, Duff worked as a DJ for several years in Philadelphia. Still, he said, sitting down and producing a two-hour show was a different experience all together.

“The first show especially there was a bit

see JSMART, page 19

Red Cross balances delicate tightrope of neutrality

Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason Tross

A mother anxiously waits in a room. She sits with two of her sons. Hundreds of miles from her remote Algeria home, she sits, waiting to see her third son.

The woman’s face lights up with a look of both relief and happiness as her son, a detainee at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba greets his family. Her emotions are shared by all three of her boys as they laugh and share personal news from the home front.

Despite a decade of war and captivity, this family is reunited – even if it is only an hour. This is what delegates with the International Committee of the Red Cross call success.

“If you were detained in your [own] country, you would have family visits,” said ICRC

Protection Coordinator Jean-Paul Carboz. “Here we are halfway around the world – Afghanistan and Yemen are essentially 12 hours by plane. So we try to help these families have contact. I think that

the world. At 11:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on this spring day, in both Algeria and Cuba, they are successful. But this seemingly simple task is anything but simple.

“One of the first things we try

place. But we try to visit detainees [everywhere] just like we do here.”

Long regarded as the guardians of international humanitarian law, ICRC delegates ensure detainees from the delegates’ assigned nation

“We have many principles – independence, neutrality and impartiality. Whatever we are doing for the population at Guantanamo, we would offer for any U.S. Soldier or POW being detained anywhere in the world.”

is one of the most essential things in life - to be in contact with your relatives and the people you love.”

A video teleconference is just part of what the International Committee of the Red Cross does in more than 80 countries around

to do is avoid being killed,” said Carboz. “At least one of our Red Cross colleagues is killed every year in a battle somewhere in the world. They could very well be the target of an attack and it could also be simply wrong time and wrong

are being held in accordance with conditions set forth in the Geneva Conventions.

Traveling to battle-ridden

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gtmo gears up for GRIDIRON GREATNESS



*JTF faces off
against NAVSTA
in season opener*

Story and photos by Mass Communication
Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand



Flag football season kicked off Monday night

with a victory for Team Militia who trumped the Average Joes 14-6 at Cooper Field.

A 60-yard rocket-launched pass sealed the deal for the three-year reigning champion team consisting of NAVSTA security servicemembers.

With the score 8-6, the Average Joes found themselves down by two heading into the half.

“We had set plays, and looked a lot better than we did last year,” said Matt Williams Average Joes’ wide receiver. “It was just first game jitters, and some of us have only been here a few months, so we are just getting used to each other.”

Despite knowing each other a short time, Williams said there were some encouraging signs in the effort.

“We moved the ball better in the second half, we played great defense overall,” he said. “Just two unlucky plays cost us points. We tried to turn the game around, but that play is what beat us.”

The defeating play Williams pointed out was the winning 60-yard touchdown pass to Militia receiver, Marcus Williams.

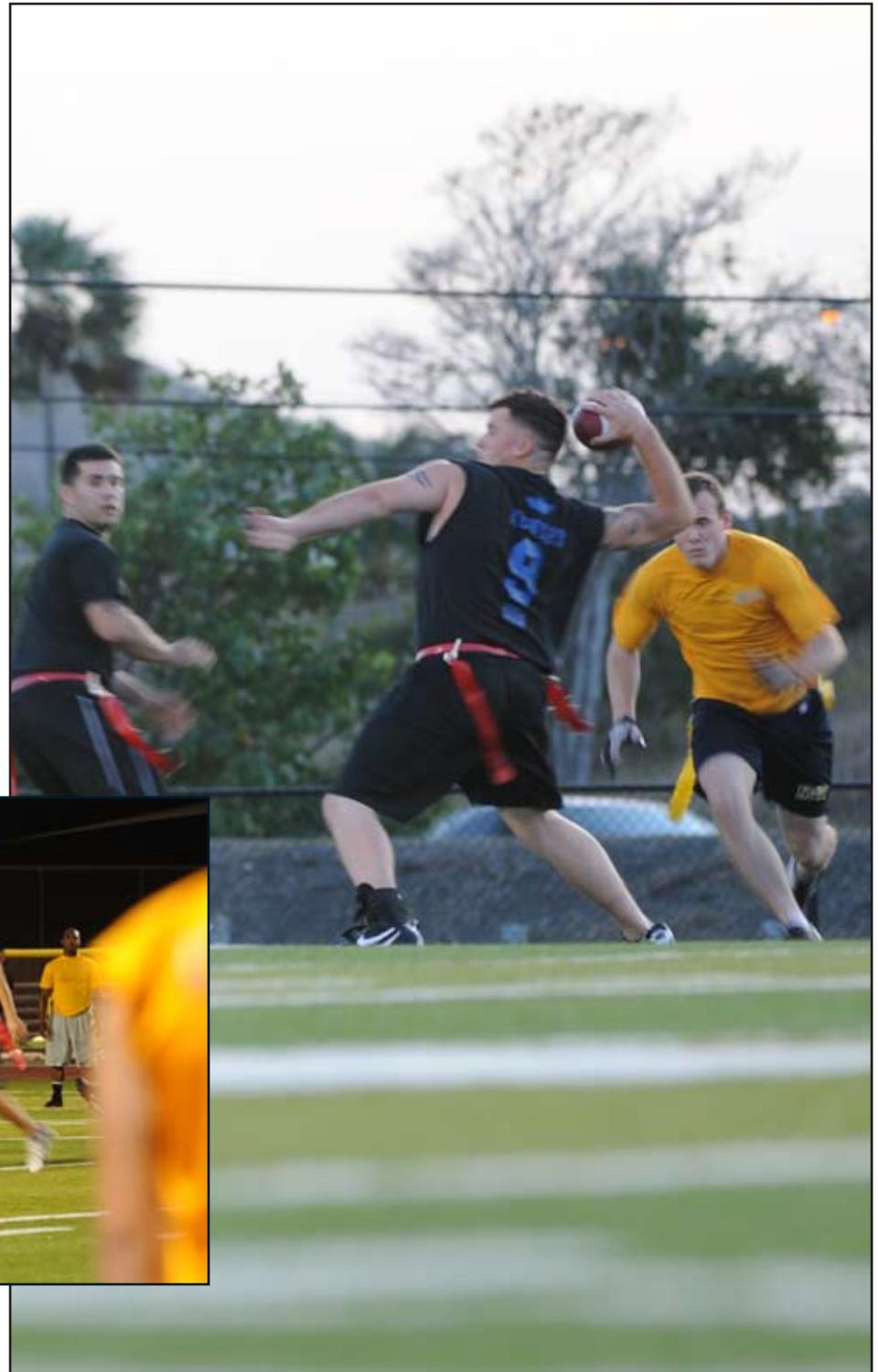
“This is the first time that our team has come together in a long time,” explained Militia running back Kenneth Cooper. “I believe it was our defense that got us through, and that highlight catch at the end by Williams was off the hook!”

Top left: Michael Hoag, quarterback for the Average Joes’, dodges two defenders while looking to pass the ball during flag football season opening night at Cooper Field, Monday.

Bottom left: Team Militia’s defense attempts to tackle the Average Joes’ runningback Greg Marshall.

Bottom right: Marcus Williams, team Militia quarterback, takes a breather on the field after making a play.

Top right: Team Militia quarterback Jason Virseno spots a receiver and pulls back to pass the ball as Average Joes’ Daniel O’Brien sprints for the tackle.



Athletes storm Windmill Beach at 2nd Annual CPO Triathlon

The U.S. Navy's Chief Petty Officer rank turns 118 this month. To celebrate, individual athletes and teams gathered at Windmill Beach before sunrise Saturday to compete in the 2nd annual Guantanamo Bay Chief Petty Officer's Birthday Triathlon.

A total of 49 individuals and 19 three-person teams - of both first-time racers and veterans alike - started off with a 200-yard swim, immediately followed by a 10-mile bike ride from Windmill Beach to the Windjammer and back and finishing with a five-kilometer run.

Triple threat

Story by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Jason Tross



Participants for the triathlon take off for the 200-yard swim. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David Coleman



Teammates tag each other at Windmill Beach during the 2nd Chief Petty Officer's Birthday Triathlon. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jason Tross

U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Specialist 2nd Class Tom Fischer, a veteran triathlete and coxswain with Maritime Safety and Security Team 13, won the individual race with a time of 54 minutes, 48 seconds.

“Today is about having fun,” said Fischer. “If you have fun when you start doing races, your times will reduce quicker. That’s why we keep doing it.”

Fischer is a two-time Ironman. Ironman athletes swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and finally run a 26.2-mile course in immediate succession. Fischer finds the same joy competing for Ironman that he does here.

“In the next eight years I want to get on the Coast Guard Ironman Team,” said Fischer. “It’s only one man and one female and they compete in the Ironman World Championships in Kona [Hawaii] in October. But I have to lower my Ironman time by two hours.”

Experienced racers and newcomers competed for the same purpose – to push themselves.

“I have no clue what a good time is, but I did an hour and nine minutes and everyone says that’s pretty good,” said first-time triathlete, Navy Aviation Machinist’s Mate 1st Class Julio Ossaosorio. “It doesn’t matter if you win or lose as long as you complete it.”

Fischer and Ossaosoria were just two of 106 total competitors whose entrance fees help fund the CPO Association’s scholarship fund for W.T. Sampson High School.

“We’re still counting up the money, but I know we raised more than \$1,000,” said event planner Navy Diver Chief Michael Hajduk. “We give that money to seniors as a scholarship based on the essays they submit.”

Competitors and students alike would not benefit from this event without the consolidated

efforts of the Chiefs sharing their birthday this year.

“It takes the whole CPO Mess to put this thing together,” said Hajduk. “It’s a great event and a way to bring people together. My favorite thing about races is seeing everyone come out here and have fun.”

Good times, friendly competition and raising money for a great cause while celebrating the Navy’s most revered rank were the themes of this year’s triathlon. Guantanamo Bay’s Chiefs are hoping for more next time.

“This is the second year we’ve done this triathlon and one of only two held here at GTMO,” said Hajduk. “Last year we had just under 70 people [register]. We grew to more than 100 [competitors this year]. We actually had 120 to 130 people register. Hopefully we’ll be back bigger and better next year.”



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U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Specialist 2nd Class Tom Fischer finishes the Chief Petty Officer’s Birthday Triathlon. Fischer won the event, completing it in 54 minutes, 48 seconds. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David Coleman



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Victim, general give personal insights into pain of sexual assault

Dave Larsen
III Corps & Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas -- When the keynote speaker for the Fort Hood Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation signing event was announced, polite applause followed her to the podium April 4 in the III Corps Headquarters. The mood in the room changed, however, as Spc. Patricia Fuentes began her remarks.

"I'm the victim of a life-altering event. I was assaulted in 2007, on Feb. 14, by another servicemember while on a date with him," Fuentes, currently a member of Fort Hood's Warrior Transition Brigade, told nearly 100 people filling the West Atrium of the III Corps Headquarters.

"So many people wanted to put a time on when I was supposed to get over it. But that's the problem," she said. "There is no time limit on a situation like this, especially when you don't get the help you need."

It took Fuentes many months of struggling before she sought help.

"It made me an angry person," she said. "I started alienating my friends. I couldn't deal with somebody touching me, not even in the slightest way."

Fortunately for her, Fuentes said she was

able to reach out for help, starting within her unit and then with a victim's advocate with Fort Hood's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. She said she was thankful for the support she received from caring professionals.

"They helped save my life," she said, "I am honored and proud to have served under III Corps and its subordinate units. Thank you to the most supportive command group I have had the honor to have served under."

Applause echoed through the atrium as Fuentes concluded her remarks. Her courage to stand in front of a packed room and tell of her personal tragedy moved many in the audience, including the III Corps commanding general, Lt. Gen. Bob Cone. Her story brought to mind a tragedy in his own life.

"When I was a plebe at West Point, my sister was visiting friends in Boston, Mass., and was raped. She never recovered from that," Cone said. "She ended up taking her own life."

With tears rising in the corners of his eyes and his voice cracking with emotion, the commanding general continued, "So, this is an emotional thing for me."

Overall, Cone said, the Army is a representation of America's best, and it has been successful in battling sexual assault "because we've come together as a team; teams of people

who care about each other, who literally love one another and who put each other's lives on the line in the care of one another."

But he said there are the tragic exceptions.

"When we see something like sexual assault in our own ranks, it makes me sick," Cone said. "Put simply, there is no excuse for it."

When a sexual assault occurs, the general said it's the command's responsibility to help survivors of these incidents.

"We have the responsibility to treat the survivors with dignity and respect," Cone stressed, adding that every Soldier should do the same.

Concluding his remarks, Cone said he continues his belief that Soldiers are great Americans, "but this is a problem that has gone on too long, and we are going to redouble our efforts here at Fort Hood. It's a leadership issue," he said, while admitting that these assaults aren't happening in the work place.

"It happens when Soldiers are away from legitimate authority," Cone stressed before signing the proclamation. We, as leaders, are intrusive enough in our Soldiers' lives that we can, first of all, make sure that they know there's always a command presence, and to identify those kinds of people who would take advantage of their fellow Soldiers."



The guided-missile frigate USS Doyle (FFG 39) is docked at the Charlestown Navy Yard during a Columbus Day weekend port visit to the city of Boston. - photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Dave Kaylor

Fleet, Sea, Shore Sailors of the Year announced

U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs

NORFOLK – Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF), announced the 2010 U.S. Fleet Forces Command Fleet Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year (SOY) April 1.

Adm. J.C. Harvey, Jr., announced the winners during a ceremony at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Va.

“It is our Sailors who are the heart and soul of our Navy,” said Harvey. “These Sailors are the ones who bring meaning to the words: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. They are the ones who set the example for all of us.”

Construction Electrician First Class (SCW) Leonardo Calderon, of Guadalajara, Mexico, assigned to 31st Seabee Readiness Group, was named Fleet Shore SOY; and Aircraft Survival Equipmentman First Class (SW/AW) Amy Davis, of Lowell, Mass., assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 87, was named Fleet Sea SOY.

The announcement came at the conclusion of a week of activities designed to highlight the individual accomplishments of the 12 finalists.

“It’s indescribable,” said Davis. “I am so thankful for the recognition today and all those who supported me. I can’t even put it into words.”

USS Doyle returns from final deployment

U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) – USS Doyle (FFG 39) returned from a six-month deployment April 5, after successfully conducting Counter Illicit Trafficking (CIT) operations in the U.S. Southern Command’s (USSOUTHCOM) area of responsibility.

Doyle conducted CIT operations in support of Joint Interagency Task Force – South’s (JIATF-South) mission to eliminate illicit trafficking posing a threat to national security and regional stability.

“Although this was Doyle’s last deployment, she made it possible for the crew to do so much good, not only to combat the ‘War on Drugs,’ but in

building friendships and positive relations with the Central and Southern American states,” said Ensign Dylan Vest, USS Doyle main propulsion officer. “I feel proud to have served on Doyle and contribute to the efforts to expand U.S. presence among other countries. It’s all about showing other nations that we can work together to build a better place for the next generation.”

Working in conjunction with an embarked Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 42 det. 8, Doyle successfully deterred and captured illicit traffickers in the Eastern Pacific. The crew also conducted community relations

(COMREL) services and foreign relation projects during the deployment.

Doyle is scheduled for decommissioning July 29, 2011.

COMUSNAVSOP/C4F supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

Servicemembers would earn pay during shutdown

Cheryl Pellerin,
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Military members would continue to earn wages in the event of an April 8 shutdown of the federal government, but they’d have to wait to collect them until Congress agrees on a budget, a senior administration official said April 6.

During a telephone briefing administered by the Office of Management and Budget,

a senior administration official detailed the consequences of a possible federal government shutdown that will occur April 8 if Congress doesn’t agree on a budget.

Service members, the official said, “will continue to earn money” in the event of a shutdown.

But because there wouldn’t be any money to pay out to service members during a shutdown, the official said, they

would have to wait to be reimbursed.

“They will be paid once we have money again to pay them,” the official said.

Some members of the Defense Department’s federal civilian work force would be exempted from a shutdown because of their work in critical areas, or because they are funded through sources outside the federal budget, the official said.



Marines from Military Police Support Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, move a simulated casualty on a stretcher during a Tactical Combat Casualty Care class on Camp Schwab March 17. – photo by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care: Marines learn battlefield first aid

Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr
Marine Corps Bases Japan

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Japan — Combat is an inherently dangerous environment in which casualties can occur at any time.

The Tactical Combat Casualty Care course held on Camp Schwab March 14-18 taught Marines the battlefield first aid needed to tend to the wounds fellow Marines might receive during combat.

During the five-day course, Marines with Military Police Support Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, learned how to keep combat casualties alive while awaiting transport to medical care.

The first three days were classroom instruction with some practical applications, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Eddie Rodriguez, a special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd MarDiv. During the last two days of class, Marines use their new skills in realistic training scenarios.

All Marines receive some sort of first aid care while in boot camp, but the training taught during TCCC goes more in depth, Rodriguez said.

“All Marines know how to use an occlusive dressing on a gunshot wound or splint a broken bone,” Rodriguez said.

An occlusive dressing is an air- and water-tight trauma dressing used in first aid.

Providing care on the battlefield however involves understanding human physiology, the aftermath of a wound and being able to care for the victim for a few hours or even days, said Rodriguez.

In one field environment training scenario, two students, a caregiver and an assistant, administered care to a simulated casualty. The team assessed the casualty before providing battlefield first aid, he added.

“It was as real as we could get it,” said Cpl. Daniel Malmberg, the simulated victim for the exercise and one of the students in the course.

As part of the “real” training the caregiver

and assistant inserted a tube into Malmberg’s nostril. The procedure, referred to as a nasopharyngeal, is used to open the airway of an unconscious victim, preventing the tongue from blocking air passages.

The course taught the guidelines of battlefield care but also provided Marines with the necessary skills to think independently when dealing with a downed casualty, said Malmberg after completing the course.

“I’d be able to assess any casualty, diagnose and fix them,” he added.

The Marines learned to improvise and use what was available to treat casualties, Rodriguez added.

“Field medicine is kind of improvised,” said Rodriguez. “You might use a stick to make a splint. Today we had the Marines use duct tape as an occlusive dressing.”

TCCC instructors try to teach Marines to think outside the box for solutions to provide medical aid, Rodriguez said.

The knowledge corpsmen teach Marines at TCCC might someday save lives, he said.



Airlift meets challenge of global ops surge

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) -- Mobility Airmen are playing significant roles supporting the NATO no-fly zone over Libya, as well as humanitarian relief efforts in Japan, all while continuing to support U.S. operations around the world, including in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since the March 11 natural disasters in Japan, C-17 Globemaster IIIs have flown 42 sorties, moving 184 passengers and nearly 272 tons of cargo, ranging from search-and-rescue teams to generators used to restore power to disaster-stricken areas, officials said.

Air Mobility Command continues to work closely with Pacific Air Forces to coordinate the airlift requirements of ongoing relief efforts under Operation Tomodachi ("Friend").

KC-10 Extenders from the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis AFB, Calif., have also flown missions supporting relief efforts by providing more than 409,000 pounds of fuel via in-air refueling to the C-17s over the Pacific Ocean. Without the KC-10s, the C-17s would need to land and refuel on the ground, adding two to three hours onto each mission, according to AMC officials.

In addition to supporting relief efforts in Japan, mobility Airmen are simultaneously playing a major role in operations to support the no-fly zone over Libya, as part of international efforts to enforce United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973. U.S. military participation in the effort, known as Operation Odyssey Dawn, is being led by U.S. Africa Command with AMC-controlled aircraft providing a combination of airlift and air refueling capabilities to support the overall efforts.

Since the security council resolution passed March 17, AMC-controlled C-17s, C-5 Galaxies, C-130 Hercules, and commercial partner aircraft have flown nearly 150 sorties delivering more than 1,000 service members and 2,500 tons of cargo to bases throughout Europe, where U.S. forces are staged.

On top of the airlift operations, Active-duty, Air Guard and Reserve KC-10s and KC-135 Stratotankers have flown more than 350 sorties offloading more than 4.5 million pounds of fuel to fighters and



Capt. Yuri Batten looks at a map of Japan while transporting medical supplies March 19, 2011. Captain Batten is a C-130 Hercules pilot from Yokota Air Base, Japan. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

bombers supporting Operation Odyssey Dawn. This includes B-2 Spirits that flew non-stop missions from the U.S. to Libya and back. The total amount of fuel off-loaded by the tankers would fill a mid-sized sport utility vehicle 37,000 times.

Mission planning and command-and-control for the AMC contributions to these globe-spanning operations are being carried out by Airmen at the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill. As AMC's hub for global operations, the TACC plans, schedules and directs a fleet of nearly 1,300 mobility aircraft in support of strategic airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation operations around the world.

In addition to supporting the operations, mobility Airmen and the TACC continue to support missions responsible for the deployment, re-deployment and sustainment of U.S. and coalition personnel for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Development teams aid AF preparation of SNCOs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force's top enlisted leader addressed the service's first pilot enlisted development team March 31 for senior noncommissioned officers in the nuclear weapons career field.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy met with assignments representatives and EDT panel members from the 2W2 career field to share his vision for the future of enlisted force development.

"The purpose of deliberate development is to grow our senior NCOs and grow the next generation of senior enlisted leaders to meet the highly technical and very complex leadership challenges the Department of Defense and the United States Air Force face in the future," Chief Roy said.

The pilot EDT initiative originated with the Air Force's Enlisted Force Development Panel and will enable the enlisted force to

move forward in deliberately developing senior enlisted leaders.

Eight career fields were selected to participate in the pilot EDTs - nuclear weapons (2W2), space systems operations (1C6), explosive ordnance disposal (3E8), dental assistant (4Y0), public affairs (3N0), security forces (3P0), command post (1C3) and missile and space electronic maintenance (2M0).

"We want to prepare our Airmen to reach their highest potential," Chief Roy said. "This can only happen if we capitalize on each Airman's experience, education and training."

During his visit, Chief Roy said vectoring senior NCOs from the nuclear weapons career field is critical to helping the Air Force accomplish its top priority of strengthening the nuclear enterprise.

"We felt it was appropriate to start with the 2W2s to handle the unique challenges associated with the nuclear enterprise," Chief Roy said.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Terry West, the Air Force's enlisted force development chief, the pilot EDT program evaluates targeted ranks within select Air Force specialty codes and will vector senior NCOs who have the right training, education and experience to fill critical positions within their career fields.

Chief Roy reiterated his overarching goal for EDTs and how the Air Force develops the enlisted force for the future.

"The emphasis is on deliberate development as a whole," said Chief Roy. "We need to ensure that our enlisted Airmen are developed deliberately for future DOD and Air Force needs."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad Pendarvis loads the RVTT 50-caliber machine gun for training on the latest Fort Dix training simulator. -photo by Lt. James Cullen, USCG Training Team

Coast Guardsmen train on simulator prior to Middle East deployment

Story by Sgt. Ray Reyes, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, New Jersey Army National Guard

Coast Guardsmen who normally patrol the high seas for drug runners or environmental hazards were the first behind the wheel of the latest high-tech combat convoy simulator addition at Fort Dix.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Redeployment Assistance Inspection Detachment Team 13 was the first military unit to ever use the newly-fielded Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer simulator, taking part in simulated Afghanistan defensive combat situations on Saturday, April 2. The RAID Team has been undergoing Army basic combat skills training at mobilization station for the past month.

"The RVTT simulator is an invaluable tool since it combines elements of all of the training the team has acquired from the Army over the past month at Fort Dix, and actually puts it together in real-time scenarios in deployed environments," said RAID Training Officer Lt. James K. Cullen of Lake Hopatcong, NJ.

The Coast Guardsmen were trained on the RVTT in preparation for their upcoming deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. Working closely with Army units, forward-deployed U.S. Coast Guard RAID members oversee hazardous materials movement from remote locations in combat zones. Most RAID members will

be working in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

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The RVTT simulator, which was installed in February and underwent testing, is the newest part of the military's growing arsenal of realistic simulations for Fort Dix in the 3500 training area. Military personnel in a convoy of full-sized vehicles can feel a simulated rumbling of their engines in their seats, hear the engine roar louder as the vehicles accelerate, and hear gunshots and feel recoil as they fire their weapons to fend off the enemy. As the military relies more heavily on advanced simulations to prepare war fighters for combat, realism has become a key aspect to training. If the RVTT was any more lifelike, the RAID team would have needed to clean bugs off their windshields.

The RVTT system is unlike most traditional computer simulators or engagement skills trainers because it surrounds personnel in a realistic, 360-degree virtual world.

Cutter Nantucket returns home after 60-day patrol

Coast Guard News

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Nantucket is scheduled to return home Wednesday, April 6 at 9 a.m., after a busy 60-day patrol in the Caribbean Sea.

During the patrol, the Nantucket's crew conducted multiple counter-drug and migrant-interdiction boardings throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The Nantucket's crew worked alongside the Caribbean Border Interagency Group law enforcement authorities to interdict 21 Haitian and Dominican Republic migrants on a 20-foot yola-type vessel that was spotted by a Coast Guard HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft crew from Air Station Miami, 12-miles off the coast of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico.

Sector Guam rescues three fishing boat crewmembers

Coast Guard News

GUAM – Three crewmembers aboard a 42-foot U.S.-flagged fishing boat are safe after Coast Guard Sector Guam received a distress signal from the vessel, prompting a search and rescue Tuesday.

Coast Guard watchstanders were notified by Saipan Emergency Management Office on Wednesday of a mayday call received at about 8 a.m. Shortly after being notified, an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon signal was received from the fishing vessel San Antonio approximately 65 miles off the northern tip of Saipan.

The Coast Guard Cutter Assateague, a 110-ft patrol boat homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam was dispatched to the location. A crew from the U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, stationed at Andersen Air Force Base was also launched at about 9 a.m.

HSC-25 located the disabled vessel just after 11 a.m. Fighting strong wind gusts, the aircrew hoisted all three crewmembers and returned them safely to Saipan before 1 p.m. The survivors had no injuries and were released to the Saipan Department of Public Safety.

The crew of the San Antonio was on a fishing trip heading toward a fishing area in Zealandia Bank. The vessel was registered in Saipan. The fishing vessel was anchored and unable to start their engines when the wind and seas in the area began to increase significantly. A small craft advisory was issued on Tuesday and remained in effect through Wednesday afternoon.

Chaplains' role develops throughout Civil War

Capt. Daniel J. Price,
JTF Guantanamo Chaplain

On a windy summer day in 2002, I headed out with a friend to explore Charleston, S.C. We had just finished the first half of our Chaplains' Officer Basic Course, had the weekend off and wanted to see some of the sights. One of the big items on our agenda for the day was to visit Fort. Sumter.

As a history major in college and a military history buff long before that, I wanted to see the place where the first shots of the American Civil War were fired. It's hard to describe what it was like.

It seemed a peaceful, almost sacred place. There was a gorgeous view over the water. It was difficult to picture it as a battlefield, let alone the place where America's most horrific war began, April 12, 1861.

Over the next four years, the North and the South savaged each other. The two sides fought legendary battles in places like Gettysburg, Antietam and Vicksburg. In the end, President Lincoln and the North won, resulting in the abolishment of slavery and the preservation of the Union, but at an incredibly high cost. More than 600,000 Americans died in the fighting, with another 400,000 wounded. The United States would never be the same.

Chaplains were at the forefront of providing ministry to Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. They served on every front of the war and faced many of the same dangers their Troopers faced. Both Navy and Army chaplains gave their lives. Three Army chaplains won the Medal of Honor for their bravery on the battlefield. They ministered in encampments, prisons,



hospitals, on ships and everywhere else their people were.

During those four years, chaplains began to develop many of the concepts that now characterize the chaplaincy. The combat chaplain, bible in one hand and musket in the other, was a staple of the Revolutionary War. By the Civil War, chaplains began to place more emphasis on their pastoral role. The interdenominational and interfaith focus in military ministry began as Roman Catholic and Protestant chaplains worked and ministered side by side. The military commissioned the first African-American chaplains, as well as the first Jewish, Native

American and female chaplains. The Civil War truly laid the foundations for today's military chaplaincy.

As we look back on the history of the Civil War, we realize not much has changed in the last 150 years. Chaplains from the Army, Air Force, and Navy are out serving wherever their Troopers are. We face the same dangers and take many of the same risks. And we continue to be there for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, or Marines. Whether you need a listening ear, want to hash through a problem or just want to hang out, the chaplains will be there for you. Just ask.

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Troopers' Chapel

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Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
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Friday 7 p.m.
Chapel Annex
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
Chapel Annex
Room 17
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Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 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
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Main Chapel
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Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel



Guest columnist
Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Hoag

“Historic” is how this year’s Final Four has been coined. For the first time, not a single top-seeded team made the big dance. Some say because of this, the results were underwhelming and they have a point. Could it be because reigning champs, the University of Connecticut, only made two three-point shots in both games combined? Or that they only scored a combined 109 points in both games, the lowest by a championship team since Oklahoma A&M in 1946? Or was it Butler’s impotent shooting from the field? The Bulldogs only made an anemic total of three two-point shots the ENTIRE GAME. Is that even possible in a match-up of this caliber?

Meanwhile, what made UCONN’s win remarkable is it wasn’t the women’s team. Heading into the tourney, it was the women – not the men – who were the sure bet to win an NCAA Championship. The men, meanwhile, had become somewhat of a long shot. They ended their season under heavy criticism due to a disappointing 9-9 finish in Big East Conference play. Despite the doubters, they rode an 11-game winning streak, including the Big East Championship game, until their championship victory. This ended an incredible Butler run and resulted in a heartbreaking second straight championship game loss for the Bulldogs.

Over the last week, as Butler fever swept through the nation, people once again found themselves captivated by this Cinderella team. People cheered the Bulldogs on without a clue of where Butler was other than “somewhere in Indiana”. To help clear things up, Butler



University is a private school in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a member of the lowly mid-major Horizon League Conference – a conference stacked with unimpressive teams featuring Youngstown State, Cleveland State and other Division II Mid-West schools. Even former President George H. W. Bush caught the fever and jumped on the Butler bandwagon, sitting behind their bench and rooting them on throughout the finals.

Sadly, Butler’s weaknesses were exposed Monday night and UCONN capitalized with pure hustle and high-energy play. Butler shot an abysmal 18.8% from the field (their 12-of-64 shooting was the lowest in NCAA tournament championship game history and third lowest in tournament history),

partly due to a stingy UCONN defense that racked up 10 blocks. In the end, Butler had their looks and simply could not deliver on the big stage. UCONN crashed the boards and completely shut down the lane, outscoring Butler 26-2 in the paint. Butler’s horrid shooting, coupled with their lack of physicality down low, enabled UCONN to coast in the second half as Butler went nearly 14 minutes without bucketing a shot. It didn’t help the Bulldogs their own high-tempo defense wore themselves down, leading to a retreat to a half-court zone which was systematically picked apart by UCONN’s

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NCAA cont.

future NBA lottery pick Kemba Walker and company. Walker contributed 16 points to cap off a prolific tournament. When it was all said and done, he averaged 23.7 points per game and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Notably, UCONN senior Alex Oriakhi added 11 points, 11 rebounds and an emphatic 4 blocks. Oriakhi's presence down low stifled the Butler inside attack and set the tone for the best defensive performance of the tournament.

Despite its second straight disappointing finish, Butler is rising as a perennial powerhouse of college basketball. However, do not be too fast to crown the Bulldogs as the NCAA prom kings, as many mid-major schools have come and gone just as quickly. Perhaps under the guidance of 34-year-old coach Brad Stevens – and the notoriety of the team's recent success – it isn't too farfetched to plan another Butler run in 2012. Will it be as surprising next time around? Probably not. Will it be just as exciting? Maybe more so.

JSMART cont.

of nervous jitters but once we got going and got into the program, all of that seemed to go away," Duff recalled, adding, "There's also the challenge of being both entertaining and relevant for a two-hour show."

The program – which airs every Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Radio GTMO's channel 103.1 – covers a wide range of mental health topics ranging from responsible alcohol consumption to post-traumatic stress disorder. While Duff and Brenner both had some initial ideas of what they wanted to talk about they said as the audience responds, they adjust accordingly.

"We try to tailor what we talk about each week to the feedback we're receiving," said Brenner. "And the feedback has been pretty overwhelming."

While the program was originally intended to reach out to servicemembers, Brenner said she has received emails from servicemembers' spouses, retired military and civilians alike.

"I get emails and have people come up to me all the time thanking us for talking about a

subject they didn't know how to approach," Brenner said.

"This is generating more work for all of us," admitted Duff. "But it's good work. We're bringing the service right to them, wherever they are on the Naval Station and it's having an impact."

In addition to Duff and Brenner, the program regularly features special guests along with a slew of the hospital corpsman that work with Duff at the JSMART office.

"They have a lot of knowledge to share and we give them a chance to get on the air and tell everyone," Duff said. "They can be a little shy at first but once you get them going and involved in a discussion, they open up and this wealth of knowledge comes out."

Despite the increased workload, both Duff and Brenner appreciate the opportunities the program gives them.

"We both have a very special place in our hearts for our Troopers," Brenner said. "So to be able to do this – to reach out, to be able to help – is just such an amazing honor."

ICRC cont.

locations, working around failing equipment, sub-standard communications in third world countries, harsh mountain weather and even locating a detainee's family can be daunting tasks. Despite these dangers, each detainee at Guantanamo Bay has representation from an ICRC delegate who also regularly visits their families.

Today's family connection appears to be going well. Everyone is safe and the discussion is within both U.S. and ICRC guidelines, which restrict conversations to family news only.

"Detainees cannot speak of any operations pertaining to the camp," said Legalman Chief Ramona Koonce. "They cannot speak in any language not previously agreed to during the call and they cannot speak to other previously released detainees."

These rules are just a few of the many outlined by Joint Task Force Guantanamo authorities and the ICRC alike. Conversations are limited to family matters only.

In a separate room inside the detention facility, a few JTF Troopers monitor the family's communication for these violations and technical difficulties.

Between the detainee and the authorities is a delegate who traveled here to Guantanamo Bay as a liaison for all detainees from his assigned country. He knows

the detainee's family quite well from his regular visits, where he was just a few days ago. Today, he has cookies and personal news from home for the detainee. The family's contagious emotion hits the delegate too as he listens to their interaction – laughing and smiling. He accomplished his mission.

This ICRC group's visit to Guantanamo Bay brings 21 country delegates – each here for various amounts of time. One of them is Arman Atal. He's both a linguist and a delegate for Iran, Afghanistan and other middle-eastern countries. He's made the trip four times a year since 2002 and only missed one visit.

"I spend more time with the detainees and their families than I do with my own family," said Atal, who lives in Europe but spends 50 percent of his time working in Iran and almost the rest of it traveling for the ICRC. "So we delegates have a lot of difficulty... even in our private lives."

Atal's story is just one of hundreds at the ICRC where people dedicate a great deal of their lives to safeguarding the Geneva Conventions – which outline ethical warfare and laws during international conflict. No matter their country of origin, each delegate is required to expatriate and work in a country foreign to their own. This is in the name of

neutrality – a fundamental behind the ICRC and their governing Geneva Conventions.

"Impartiality is one of our pillars," said ICRC Guantanamo Bay Detention Coordinator Ralph Wehbe. "We have many principles – independence, neutrality and impartiality. So whatever we are doing for the population at Guantanamo, we would offer for any U.S. Soldier or POW being detained anywhere in the world once we have access to them."

Wehbe and every one of his ICRC colleagues visiting detainees here expresses the need for neutrality and laws during war. They also talk about the challenges of getting both sides believing ICRC delegates are truly neutral. That includes the guards at Guantanamo Bay and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"It is so difficult to prove you are doing humanitarian work," said Wehbe. "As such the first thing we would like to achieve here is have an impact from our visits – be it with detainees or in our dialogue with the authorities."

As with any new relationship, the JTF and ICRC had to establish how to work together to achieve their individual objectives, once detainees began arriving in 2002. Many years later they established a strong working relationship. Wehbe and his colleagues are committed to preserving that

rapport.

"It's very important that we maintain a good dialogue with both sides," said Wehbe. "Because through dialogue you can achieve things. There is no other reason to do our work other than being humanitarian. So I insist on this to explain the reason we are here."

Wehbe has more than ten years experience visiting both detainees and the authorities who hold them. Over the years, he has come to understand the unique dynamic of two sides with a neutral party between them.

"How to show that you are neutral is very difficult," said Wehbe. "As U.S. Navy you see me shaking the hand of a detainee. I would understand if you had some feeling [about that]. You are detaining a person who is an enemy for you. And it is difficult for me to show you that I am really neutral. And I try to do it by shaking your hand as well."

As this spring day comes to a close, today's conversation turns to goodbyes. While this mother and her two sons are clearly saddened again by the distance between their family, the ICRC will be back in a few months. In the meantime, ICRC delegates will be traveling the globe reuniting families and striving for neutrality in a very divided world.

The JTF

At Shutter Speed



PERMANENT FIXTURE

Army Sgt. Sedric Sutton, 525th Military Police Battalion, pours concrete while Army Sgt. Jeremy Kaiser, also with the 525th MP Battalion, assists by holding the new sign in place as they install it in front of their headquarters building, March 31. -photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand.



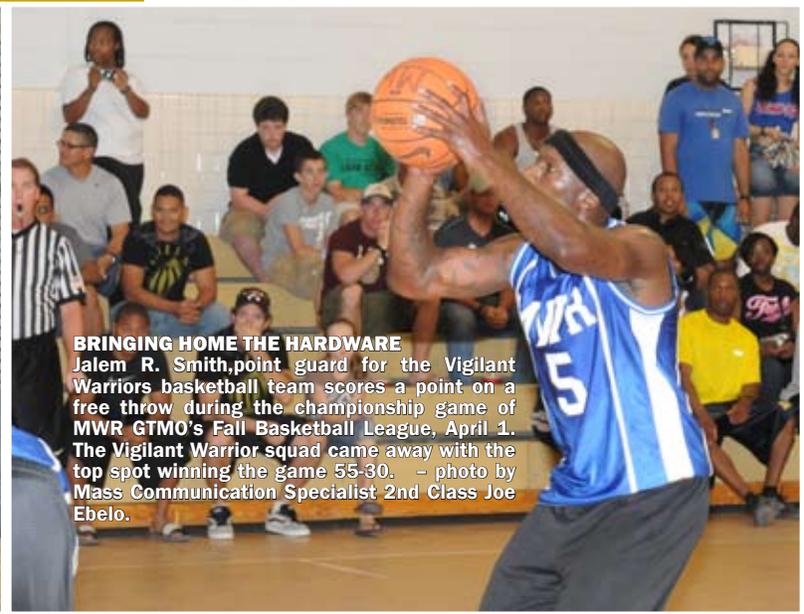
THIS ISN'T A JOKE

A member of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion participates in the MWR sponsored April Fool's Day 5k run, April 1. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Joe Ebelo.



HEY BATTER, BATTER

Petty Officer 1st Classes Joshua Bright and Jyl Bucano, both attached to Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion Joint Task Force Guantanamo, volunteered at the W. T. Sampson Elementary School's annual field day, April 6. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand



BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE

Jalem R. Smith, point guard for the Vigilant Warriors basketball team scores a point on a free throw during the championship game of MWR GTMO's Fall Basketball League, April 1. The Vigilant Warrior squad came away with the top spot winning the game 55-30. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Joe Ebelo.

