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JTF journal

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the cookies!

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Rabun hits the ground running

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These petals need no water



COMMANDER'S CORNER

This week, before I address a few more of your specific questions from the recent all hands sessions, I would like to take a minute to talk about teamwork. After all, teamwork at every level of this Joint Task Force or any organization is at the heart of what we do to accomplish our personal and collective goals. To paraphrase a popular Chinese proverb, “behind every able person, there are always other able people.” Former President Lyndon Johnson once said “there are no problems that a team of people cannot solve together and very few that we can solve by ourselves.” I challenge you to think of a great historical achievement that did not involve a team of people. If you look closely enough, you will always find that a team of ordinary people worked together to achieve something truly extraordinary.

Wherever you serve in the Joint Task Force, you are part of a team. If you are serving as of member of our guard force, the man or woman standing with you on the block is a part of your team, as are the many other servicemembers, government employees, and contractors here you may or may not see in the normal course of your work week. If you are in command of your organization, a senior enlisted leader, or serving on a staff, you also rely on others to accomplish your mission, as the men and women you lead and support rely on you. True teamwork is not always easy and demands a significant investment of time and energy to develop. The truly great teams are those that work through the

challenges that arise from time to time and find new, cooperative ways to achieve the mission. I want to thank each and every one of you for your outstanding efforts, leadership, and dedication to accomplish what our country has charged us to do at Guantanamo Bay. What we achieve here, we achieve as a team.

Troopers Questions & Answers

If you missed last week’s installment, I plan to use *The Wire* to answer the questions raised during the all hands sessions, as well as questions you may submit in the “JTF Comments” boxes in the galleys or to commandersquestions@jftgmo.southcom.mil. Of course, I first encourage you to use your chain of command first and allow your leadership an opportunity to address your concerns.

First, there was a question as to why troopers are not allowed “take-outs” from the galleys with the exception of Kittery Café. There are a couple of reasons; food safety and cost. With “take-outs,” there is a real concern about food safety when allowing Troopers to take prepared food out of the dining facilities. There are concerns with Troopers storing their “take out” meals for prolonged periods of time, which can result in food borne illness. Additionally, the cost of the consumables (i.e., clam shells, plastic utensils and cups) are not covered under the current food service contract and are a direct expense to the galley. Only the Kittery Café consumables are covered under the food service contract due to lack of dish washing equipment. As you know, “take-outs” are



still offered at Kittery Café, which primarily supports those on shift work. Finally in regards to “take-outs,” there is a possibility of abuse – when personnel take excessive amounts of food. This increase in food cost can have a direct and negative impact on the financial operation of the galley and thus affect everyone.

Next, there was a question about the

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COVER: Army Staff Sgt. Jackson Schneider, a Trooper assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, stacks boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies at Naval Station Guantanamo, Monday. – photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand

Trooper to Trooper

featuring

Command Master Chief Reynaldo Tiong

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Amongst the clamoring calls of discipline, responsibility, chain of command and other military formalities, one key element so often missing in making this whole operation work is mentorship.

But what does that mean and whom does it apply to? I would suggest mentoring applies to every single one of us, from the lowest enlisted to the highest officer, wearing the uniform. In fact, I would go so far as to say it is essential in continuing our proud military traditions and ensuring the survival of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Why our traditions you ask? The answer is simple; the U.S. military will outlive all of us - it will keep going long after we have put down our rifles and settled into the rocking chair of retirement. The military will continue to march along and the knowledge and wisdom we impart to those junior to us will carry forth to future generations - all we've taught them, all we've shown them and all we've mentored them.

Mentoring is listening. Mentoring is advising. Mentoring is sometimes having to come out with the hard truth - "Because Trooper, you're in the military and that is what's expected of

you."

Most importantly, mentoring is a two-way street. While it is incumbent upon leaders to take an active role in both the personal and professional development of their Troopers, junior leaders must make an effort to seek out those individuals who can provide guidance and be that person they can go to.

When seeking a mentor, look for someone you respect. While it's important to have a cordial relationship, finding someone who will be honest and speak the difficult truths to you is much more important than finding a buddy. None of us like to hear we are in the wrong and a good mentor will tell you when you are but should also provide ways to correct the situation.

Senior leaders - be the noncommissioned or petty officer your Troopers seek out. Be available and make sure they know you are available. Effective mentoring begins with effective communication and if your people don't know you are there for them, then you've failed before you've even started. Show through your actions and deeds that you are fair and equitable with both rewards and discipline. Let

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Have a good Idea? See an issue that needs addressed?

Drop an anonymous note in the JTF Guantanamo Suggestion Box!

Located at the Seaside and Kittery Galleys



KEEP PERSONAL INFORMATION PERSONAL!

PSEC ALERT

Protect your Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Most of us understand that if someone were to have our name and social security number that we would be susceptible to identity theft. What most people don't know is that people finder websites have made it easy to obtain public information like addresses, phone numbers, names of relatives, etc... Before the internet, much research had to be done to gather this information. Now all this information is at the touch of a keyboard. So protect your personal information from people who don't need to know. Use OPSEC to protect your PII.

News from the Bay

Stories and reporting by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand

Group cycling classes free - offered all week

Spin a web with your friends at the Marine Hill Fitness Center in a group cycling class, which are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

“The indoor cycling class simulates outdoor cycling,” said Jen Norton Morale, Welfare and Recreation event coordinator. “It is a challenging class because the instructors incorporate climbing hills and varying speeds as if you are cycling outside.”

The class requires the participant to change the resistance on the bike to make it harder or easier to pedal.

“These classes offer a great workout to

burn a lot of calories,” Norton explained. “They also offer a form of cross-training to running. The instructors motivate the participants with great music, energy and an overall great workout.”

Classes are free. For more information call x77262.

Name that run winner announced - sign up now

Name that run winners have been announced and the prize goes to Kristin and Mark Good and Joe Koerber.

Their run is appropriately named “The Good Run - Running in Fidel’s Backyard.”

This is a 5k fun run open to ages 5-50. The first 150 people to sign up will be guaranteed to receive a T-shirt. First and second place winners in each age group will receive medals.

Hurry and sign up now at any gym near you, and call x77262 for more information.

Free pizza and bowling offered every Wednesday

Strike! Break up your work week with a free night of bowling at Marblehead Lanes offered every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This event sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Liberty Single Sailor Program is only open to unaccompanied Active Duty members.

“Active Duty Members are able to enjoy two free games of bowling and also free food,” said Jen Norton, MWR event coordinator. “Join us at Marblehead Lanes for an evening of fun!”

For more information call x2010.

What do you like most about another service that you would adopt?



“I want the Army uniforms, these winter weights are too hot!”

Tech Sgt.
Jason Burns



“I would take the travel from the Air Force, last time I was here I got on a C-17 with them and travelled the world.”

Sgt. 1st Class
Jose Santiago



“I would adopt all other branches hair regulations, because we are the only branch who has to cut our hair off in boot camp.”

Master-at-Arms
2nd Class
Heather Shelley



“I would take the organization from the Marine Corps, they always seem like they have a handle on what’s going on.”

Air Force Staff Sgt.
Brian Margovich

Boots on the Ground

TROOPER FOCUS

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class

Robert Spahr



Spc. Kelly Gary

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Robert Spahr, Joint Medical Group's leading petty officer, decided he wanted to join the military in his first year of high school but he wasn't sure which branch. He eventually decided on the Navy, following in the footsteps of his grandfather. "The pride my family has in me keeps me going," said Spahr, a father himself. "It is not always the easiest thing to be away from them."

This is not the first time Spahr's family has dealt with his absence. Before coming to Guantanamo Bay, Spahr served as an individual augmentee in Iraq and spent two years with the USS Essex (LHD2). While on the ship, Spahr participated in humanitarian missions in the Philippines, Australia and Japan. In recognition of his hard work, in 2008 he won the Sailor of the year award on The Essex. Here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Spahr ensures all the corpsmen under him are succeeding in their mission.

"He just does an outstanding job," said Chief Hospital Corpsman Marian Precht, leading chief petty officer for the JMG.

"He handles the day-to-day stuff and helps operations run smoother."

Spahr also makes certain his Sailors are taken care of professionally and personally. He helps them decide what to do with their careers encouraging them to take advantage of opportunities in the military.

"I have a lot of professional knowledge," said Spahr, "not only in Navy medicine, but as far as what the military has to offer."

Currently, Spahr is working toward his associate degree in health care management and hopes to attain his bachelor's in the near future.

Spahr believes one of the largest benefits of being in the service is the ability to meet different people from different places.

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Bullet Bio

Time in service: 18 years

Hobbies: Going to the gym, playing golf

Pet peeves: Disingenuous people

Next goal: Make Chief

MCSFCO Moonlight Run

When: 23 July 2011 Check in starts at 1800 last
Check in at 1830 depart Marine Hill 1830
Where : Starts at NE Gate, finishes at Kittery Beach

Sign up at Marine Hill Whitehouse Mon – Fri 1130-1300

Sign up Begins the 8th of July, Cost: 25.00

First 10 to sign up will receive a free T-Shirt

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**Marine Security Force Company
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba**



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Leeward Bike Ride

July 30, 2011

Ride the Leeward Fence-line from MOP 20 to Leeward Ferry Landing

Meet at Marine Hill Parade Deck 0730

Transportation to and from the Leeward side will be provided.

\$25.00 per entry, First 15 to sign up will receive a Free T-Shirt
Sign ups start July 8th



New MCSFCo Shirts are on Sale

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The new 'bird' has landed



Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Cossel

Amongst the long list of accomplishments spanning a 27-year career for Navy Capt. Patrick Rabun, perhaps the one which prepared him the most for his new role as Joint Task Force Guantanamo Chief of Staff is one not featured on his official biography.

"I coached a girl's soccer team for four seasons," the northern Louisiana native explained.

While stationed in San Diego, Rabun led his daughter's team to four consecutive winning seasons. He explained, "Coaching the players was relatively easy – it was the coordination with the league, the referees, and the parents that proved most challenging. We all generally wanted the same outcome, but the different stakeholders all approached their involvement from varying perspectives."

Rabun believes that experience will prove beneficial to serving as Chief of Staff – being aware of the interests of the various stakeholders who have influence over activities here in GTMO. "We're going to need to present a united front to the various Alphabet-Soup organizations who interact with us in JTF/JDG," he stated, "and all pull together as one effective team."

One of the first questions he asked when he learned of the opportunity to come to Guantanamo was – who's the boss? Discovering it was Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson convinced him he'd have a good start to his tour.

"The admiral was one of my instructors at Command Leadership School," Rabun said. "I knew he'd be sincerely focused on long-term mission success, and always fair."

Rabun is also no stranger to working in a joint environment. While commanding the USS Valley Forge (CG 50) in 2002-04, Rabun worked with all services as well as member nations of the Coalition Forces involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He likened his experience on the Valley Forge with what he's already seen amongst the JTF.

"I was at the BUB (battle update brief) and was struck by how genuine the relationship was amongst all participants," Rabun said. "It was great to see the frequent use of humor between the various services and agencies – both before and during the brief. The players on the field all seem to get along just fine."

As the task force moves forward preparing for pending military commission

trials and ongoing operations with a reduced footprint, Rabun said there will be challenges ahead that will require creative thinking and teamwork. "Flexibility will be key – as I doubt we'll ever be certain of the exact schedule of the commissions," he explained.

"But what is critical for everyone to know about me, is that I value the inputs of all," he says. Explaining further, Rabun said he believes that too often people assume a decision is final and stop bringing forth ideas.

"I want people to come to me with their ideas, I want to hear what they have to say, since I recognize the best ideas often come from those most involved in the details," he said.

Just a few weeks into assuming his position as the chief of staff, Rabun said he was already impressed with the way some Troopers have risen to the challenge of achieving key leadership roles.

"We should all be dedicated to improving ourselves and leaving the organization better than we found it," the Capt. said. "And from what I've seen so far, there are some great role models here in GTMO."

Troopers take to the bay on night fishing adventure

“We didn’t catch much but it was nice to get out with people who actually know how to fish!”



Logistics Specialist 1st Class Jerome Breaux, a Trooper attached to the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, casts his fishing line Friday night, at the MWR hosted fishing trip.

Story and photos by Sgt. Mathieu Perry

Servicemembers assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo filled five Moral, Welfare and Recreation boats to enjoy a night of free fishing on the bay, Friday.

The trip was made possible by the coordinated efforts of MWR Single Trooper Liberty Center program and four volunteer boat captains from the JTF.

MWR Liberty facilitates free activities through an infrastructure of volunteers for unaccompanied military members deployed to Guantanamo Bay. This allows Troopers to make new friends, learn new skills and get to know the local area.

“MWR trips like this are great for all the Troops, and it is a good way to explore and learn about GTMO,” said Ensign Kerry Yudiski, a nurse attached to JTF’s Joint Medical Group.

The sporting event was organized to help Troopers find another way to relax and unwind said 1st Sgt. Kevin Stapleton, head MWR volunteer boat captain.

“The trip was put together for the Troopers that don’t get a chance to go out or have never been out fishing,” Stapleton explained.

The MWR fishing trips are full of variety and are a great way to socialize said Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Jose Santa Maria, a Trooper attached to the Joint Commissions Support Group.

“Every fishing trip is different,” said Santa Maria. “You always meet new people and learn new ways to catch fish.”

Stapleton said the target was two dozen servicemembers, but the idea proved to be more popular than expected.

“It turned into 30 JTF military members on five boats. It was a very good turn out,” said Stapleton.

Yudiski said the evening was enjoyable even though the fish weren’t biting.

“I had a really good time on the fishing trip. We didn’t catch much,” said Yudiski. “but it was nice to get out with people who actually know how to fish.”

At the end of the night, Troopers learned catching fish wasn’t the only goal.

“Everyone had fun and that is the main point of coming out here and making new friends,” said Stapleton.

The fishing trips are scheduled twice a month. For more information call x2010.

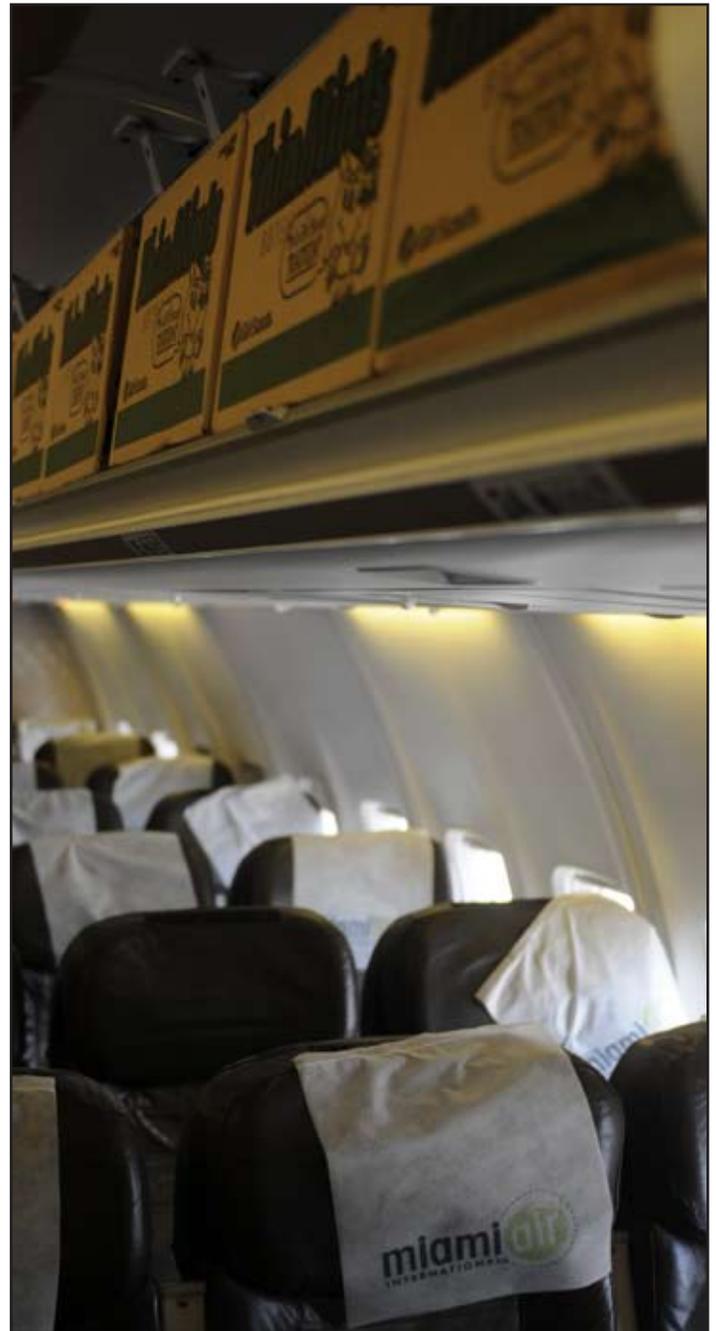


1st Sgt. Kevin Stapleton, JTF Trooper and volunteer boat captain, drives a pontoon boat during a night fishing trip, Friday.

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

OPERATION 'MINTS TO THE MILITARY' LANDS IN GTMO

Spc. Stephen Pantoja, a Trooper assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, stacks boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies at Naval Station Guantanamo, Monday. (top right) Sgt. 1st Class Gordon McCall and Army Sgt. Shawn Kirk, both assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, welcome a pallet of donated Girl Scout cookies. (middle) Nearly 10,000 pounds of Girl Scout cookies were sent to JTF Troopers through a national program based in Southwest Florida. (below right) As Trooper unload the pallets, this marks the third year in a row cookies have been donated to the JTF as part of the "Mints to the Military" program.



Troopers attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo unloaded more than 10,000 pounds of Girl Scout cookies at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Monday.

This is the third year in a row cookies were donated as part of the national Girl Scout program of Southwest Fla. called “Mints to the Military.” The program gives customers the option to purchase a box and donate it to military members serving in Guantanamo.

The cookies were unloaded from the aircraft to waiting trucks and taken to W.T. Sampson Elementary School where they will be stored for distribution to the JTF units and staff sections.

Army Maj. Tim Tuttle, a Trooper assigned to JTF, said he and his wife have always been involved in the boy and girl scout programs, and he’s glad to see this year’s cookie drive be another success.

“The 10,000 plus pounds we got today was actually only about half of what they collected this year,” Tuttle explained. “So, we’ve

actually redirected some to go down range to Afghanistan.”

Tuttle pointed out the entire process from start to finish is all volunteer based and couldn’t be done without a team effort.

“There are days where it’s tough to get this organized, because everyone in this chain is a volunteer, we have to go scrounge for the airlift to get the cookies here,” he shared. “So, there are a lot of different layers involved in getting them here and it works out because people are volunteering.”

The 1200 boxes totaling 10,000 pounds, each contained 12 individual boxes, giving the JTF a total of 14,400 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. The abundance of cookies is expected to leave each Trooper plenty satisfied.

Army Sgt. Shawn Kirk, a Trooper assigned to JTF, said it’s tough to pick a favorite Girl Scout cookie, but he enjoys the peanut butter thin mints.

“I could eat an entire box in one sitting,” Kirk laughed as he heaved a box onto a truck behind him. “It helps with morale, because we’re out here cut off from things we love like family and friends so, it keeps our spirits up and helps us work harder!”



The E



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

Mary Hardee took a likening to flowers in college. Taking a floral arranging class at night revealed a hobby she's carried with her for more than 15 years.

Thankfully, she brought her craft to Guantanamo Bay a year and a half ago, and has since been wooing friends and acquaintances with her artsy style.

"I really like flowers," said Hardee. "I like working with my hands; it helps me decompress."

Hardee, a small-framed, soft-spoken woman, with a contagious smile carries a plastic bag with her to collect the flowers – well, they're not real flowers.

She grew up in Colorado where there aren't many beaches, but she loved collecting sea glass and shells when she did find a beach.

Those little treasures later became Hardee's flowers. You see Hardee's flowers never die, because they're made of broken glass bottles, shell and oddly enough – tape. Not just any

Ever-lasting Bouquet



Mary Hardee, JTF J6 employee, displays one of her hand-made finished floral arrangements, Sunday.

tape – floral tape.

“When I came down here a year ago,” shared Hardee, “my son happened to be getting married and I was making the bouquet. I had all my floral tape and wire with me, and from there I was like, well, I could use it for this and that...”

And that she did, Hardee uses her florist mind-set, sense of design, and love of the beach to create everlasting floral arrangements.

“Red is the hardest color to find,” Hardee explained as she pulled and twisted a piece of green, floral tape around a pinkish shell. “I mostly use the green for the leaves, and I try to match the colored glass with each arrangement, some have dark glass and others lighter green. I try to match the shades.”

Hardee said she’d be overrun with sea glass if she didn’t have an outlet for her collection.

Today’s outlet is “Aunt Glo.”

“I get people begging me,” said Hardee “I do this outside my regular job as a hobby, so I don’t charge people and they get their flowers when can get to making them.”

Army Col. George Bryan, a Trooper attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo said Hardee’s work is a direct reflection of her outward expression of positivity and creativity.

“The amount of detail, creativity and time that she puts in to making these floral shell creations,” Bryan complimented, “to my knowledge, can be found nowhere else in the world other than GTMO. If you are fortunate enough to have one, you will most definitely treasure it!”

If Hardee charged for her florist talent she’d only end up making a minimum wage; between collecting the shells, the glass, and twisting the tape around each piece Hardee would have to charge too much money. Each arrangement takes about 30-50 minutes not including the time she takes collecting her materials.

“It’s just a hobby,” Hardee explained. “I’ll spend hours doing this – really because this place is crazy and some people aren’t content to be with themselves. I can go and spend hours collecting sea glass all by myself – it’s relaxing.”

Hardee said they are hours well spent and encourages others to pursue a hobby while working on Guantanamo Bay.

“Just when I’ve had a bad day at work or whatever, I know I’m making something pretty,” she smiled. “It takes my mind off of things. You gotta find what’s right for you.”

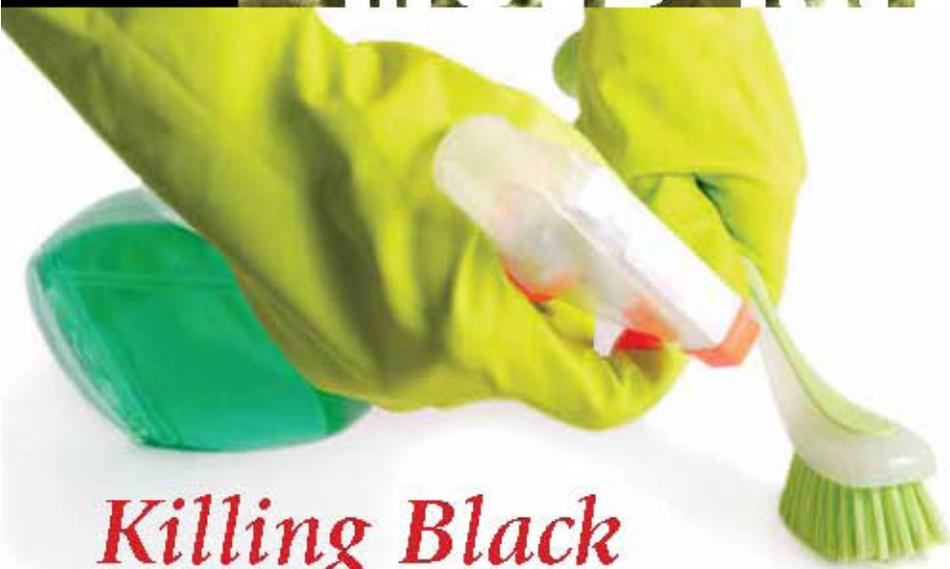
Hardee’s goal is to make a dozen roses – only difference is they won’t die. And if you’re thinking they won’t smell like flowers – think again.

When twisting an arrangement by candlelight one day, Hardee accidentally dropped the glass into the candle wax, creating a pretty coloring and giving the flower a scent – an accident she now calls “dipping.”

Hardee’s forever flowers can be seen around base on display table and pinned to plaques given away as gifts.

As for getting one yourself, you’ll have to catch Hardee by chance. She doesn’t sell her flowers or even advertize them. It’s more of a word-of-mouth thing she said. The good news is – if you do find her, you won’t find any wilted flowers!

MOLD AND MILDEW



Killing Black Mold Spores and Mildew Removal

There are chemicals that will kill mold spores. Use a solution of bleach or mold and mildew cleaning solution on all surfaces that have come in contact with mold. It is important to clean everything that has been in contact with the spores so that mold will not return later. Inactive mold spores can spread to any item by direct contact and re-infect under the right conditions.

Deactivate

If you brush a mold spot and it smears, it is active. If it is powdery and dry it is inactive. Freezing, air drying and exposure to UV light are all methods that will inactivate mold.

Once it is inactive you need to either vacuum it up or wipe it off. Do not vacuum indoors unless you have a HEPA filter (otherwise you will spread the spores around the room).

Prevent Further Black Mold Outbreaks

Mold loves a warm, moist environment. Use air conditioning and a dehumidifier during warm, humid weather while keeping the windows closed. Make sure your dehumidifier has a hose so the water drains away continuously. Wipe down shower walls after bathing or use after shower cleaning products to help prevent mold in showers and tubs.



Mold Facts

- Molds are types of fungi.
- Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any substance. Mold can grow on wood, paper, carpet, walls and foods.
- Molds produce microscopic cells called spores that are spread easily through air. Live spores act like seeds, forming new mold colonies when they find the right conditions.
- There are potential health effects and symptoms associated with mold exposure.
- Avoid breathing in mold or mold spores.
- After cleaning up mold or mildew, return to the site shortly after cleanup to make sure there is no sign of additional water damage or mold regrowth.
- Even dead mold spores may still cause allergic reactions. Dead mold spores must be removed.



An internally displaced woman holds her malnourished son at a new settlement in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, July 19, 2011.

UN declares famine in Somalia, issues aid appeal

Voice of America News Service

The United Nations officially declared a famine in parts of Somalia, Wednesday, as malnutrition rates rise to extreme levels. The U.N. is now appealing for immediate action to keep the crisis from spreading to other parts of the region.

The United Nations says consecutive droughts over the last few years in Somalia have created a famine in two regions of the south.

Speaking at a news conference in Nairobi, U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia Mark Bowden called it a "desperate situation."

"We estimate that almost half of the Somali population, 3.7 million people, are affected by this crisis and a full 2.8 million people live in the south, the most seriously affected area," said Bowden. "It is likely that tens of thousands will already have died, the majority of these being children."

What this means

While the world has been watching a food crisis unfold in Somalia, this is the first time the United Nations has used the term "famine."

That classification means that malnutrition rates have exceeded 30 percent, that more than two people per 10,000 are dying each day, and that many cannot get access to food and other essentials.

To be precise, the famine has only been declared in the regions of southern Bakool and Lower Shabelle in Somalia, but the U.N. warns it could spread to other areas in coming months.

Was this preventable?

Asked if the United Nations could have done more to prevent this crisis, Bowden told VOA that they did not have the resources.

"We had been hoping to avoid famine, we spent a lot of our resources that we had at the beginning of the years specifically to help those communities that we thought might

migrate, to stop migrations which is one of the major causes of death," said Bowden. "We spent our money, we didn't have enough to scale up as we now need to."

Now, the U.N. says \$300 million is urgently needed during the next two months to address the crisis.

Much of the money will be used to tackle immediate needs, by supplying existing feeding centers and providing medical services for affected areas.

The funds will also be used to help sustain local economies by providing cash for work and other livelihood assistance for farmers.

Main objectives

The head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization for Somalia, Luca Alinovi, says the objective is to keep people from fleeing the areas.

"We have to remember that we are in the making of an incredible disaster," said Alinovi. "The famine is eating already two regions, there are more regions on the edge of becoming in that condition and people will move out. The only way to prevent people moving out is to make sure that they have hope for the future - they can make something out of their lives. How can they do that? They can do that only if they feel that in the next few months they will be in condition to produce their food."

Complicating relief efforts, the two famine areas in Somalia also happen to be the strongholds of the Islamist militant group al-Shabab. The group, until recently, had banned foreign assistance. Its members have also been known to hijack food and aid deliveries, creating some hesitation from foreign donors.

Mark Bowden said the U.N. is doing what it can to minimize the risk posed by al-Shabab and is in discussions with local leaders in Somalia to gain support for its efforts.

He said while there is always a risk of operating in Somalia, this famine requires what he called, "exceptional actions."

Afghan forces take security control despite attacks

Voice of America News

Afghan insurgents launched deadly attacks in key cities Wednesday, even as the coalition continued to transfer security control to Afghan forces.

Afghan officials said a gunbattle between local forces and insurgents killed three police officers, including the district chief, and two militants in Kandahar city Wednesday.

Bomb attack

Separately, a bomb planted on a bicycle killed at least four civilians, including a child, and wounded 10 others in Mazar-i-Sharif. The northern city and capital of Balkh province is one of seven areas where foreign forces are handing over security responsibility over to Afghan troops, in the first phase of the security transition.

Earlier Wednesday, NATO transferred control of Lashkar Gah, the capital of Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province, to the Afghans during a ceremony. The southern city is the third area to be handed over to the Afghan government after Bamiyan province and the relatively peaceful city of Meherlam in eastern Laghman province.

The transfers are the first phase of a plan that will see all of the country's security under Afghan control in the next three years. International combat troops are set to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Violence has increased since March, when President Hamid Karzai announced which areas would be the first to be transferred to local forces.

Mullah Omar

Earlier Wednesday, the Afghan Taliban denied that its leader Mullah Omar is dead, saying a text message announcing his death was a fake.

A Taliban spokesman said the message was sent after the insurgent group's phones and website were hacked. The Taliban blamed U.S. intelligence agencies.

Rumors of Omar's death periodically arise, including in March when an Afghan news channel said he had been killed by members of Pakistan's military spy agency.

The one-eyed Afghan Taliban leader has a \$10 million bounty on his head. He implemented strict Islamist rule while leading Afghanistan during the 1990s.



ON THE DECK

Naval Academy accepting enlisted applications 2012

U.S. Naval Academy
Public Affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – The Navy announced July 12 the U.S. Naval Academy’s admissions cycle for the class of 2016, entering in July 2012, is open to enlisted Sailors.

Top enlisted performers who possess strong leadership potential, have been recognized as Junior Sailors or Bluejackets of the Quarter or who graduated in the top 20 percent in their “A” and “C” schools are encouraged to apply by Jan. 31, 2012.

To be eligible, top quality Sailors and Marines must meet competitive standards based on academic, military and physical performance. Academically, applicants must possess strong

high school grade point averages and SAT scores, and have completed four years of mathematics and English and one year of chemistry.

Applicants must be physically fit with no record of disciplinary action within three years preceding application. They must not have passed their 23rd birthday by July 1, 2012, and cannot be married, pregnant or have incurred obligations of parenthood.

The deadline for initial application to the class of 2016 is Jan. 31. All completed applications and recommendations must be received by March 1 to be considered.

The Naval Academy, located in Annapolis, Md., provides approximately 1,000 of-

icers to the Navy and Marine Corps every year, with many entering as prior enlisted men and women from the regular and reserve components of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Students at the academy are designated midshipmen and receive midshipman pay plus tuition, room and board. Upon graduation, they receive a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps.

The Naval Academy offers 23 academic majors in engineering, science, mathematics, social sciences and the humanities. In addition to the academic curriculum, students also take military professional courses in navigation, naval engineering, weapons, leadership, naval his-

tory and law.

More information on enlisted applications to the Naval Academy can be found in ALNAV 043/11 at www.npc.navy.mil.

The U.S. Naval Academy is the United States’ sea service academy responsible for developing future naval officers morally, mentally and physically. For more information about the U.S. Naval Academy enlisted admissions process, visit www.usna.edu/admissions/step.htm. Follow USNA at www.facebook.com/usnavalacademy.

For more news from the U.S. Naval Academy, visit www.navy.mil/local/usna/.



INSIDE THE JAR

Marine surgeons’ scalpels improve lives in Cambodia

By Cpl. Kentavist P. Bracin,
Marine Corps Bases Japan

PHNOM PEHN, Kingdom of Cambodia — The surgery team attached to 3rd Medical Battalion recently concluded joint training with Cambodian medical personnel during surgical operations at the Children’s Surgical Centre, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

The battalion, part of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, offers the surgical training as a new addition to Cambodia Interoperability Program 2011, a regularly held exercise between the U.S. and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces allowing both nations to conduct joint medical and dental operations, improve interoperability and foster goodwill to ensure regional peace and stability.

“This is the first time that I know of that a surgery team has ever participated in a MEDCAP with 3rd Medical Battalion,” said Navy Lt. Charles J. Siegert, a general surgeon with 3rd Med. Bn. “I think the knowledge will

have a long-lasting effect on the Cambodian medical personnel and local community.”

The team consisted of four personnel from the battalion’s Forward Resuscitative Surgical System. The team performed minor surgical procedures and screened patients in need of invasive surgery during the Medical Civic Action Program outreach projects setup by U.S. and RCAF medical personnel in the Kampot province. The CSC, one of the few places offering surgical procedures in Cambodia, is operated mostly by volunteers and is equipped with both modern and somewhat old medical equipment.

Surgery personnel helped restore some of the older equipment at the CSC while educating the medical staff how to use some of the modern equipment for operations such as hernia removal and laparoscopic surgery. One of the most modern techniques, laparoscopic surgery, involves inserting a very small camera through a thin tube placed in

small incisions for reduced pain and recovery time.

Working at the center has been a great opportunity for medical trainees and has allowed the opportunity to gain knowledge they can share with other medical personnel, according to Huot Vutha, a surgery trainee at the CSC.

“I liked working with the U.S. doctors,” said Vutha. “They taught me the proper procedures for many surgeries that we were not able to do until recently in Cambodia and guided me through several of the actual surgeries.”

The surgical operations at the CSC have allowed him and his Cambodian counterparts to learn a lot from each other, according to Siegert.

“One interesting thing I learned from the staff is that they give extra stitches to many of the locals here because they know as soon as they leave the center they will immediately go back to doing whatever hard work they were engaged in,”

said Siegert. “This can be used to benefit many of the Marines that we see everyday; some that don’t really have time and others really don’t take the time to let their own injuries heal.”

The surgery team and Cambodian medical personnel’s exchange of knowledge and surgical procedures was a great benefit and to many local residents who were able to receive treatment.

One of the largest and most difficult surgeries to take place at the CSC was the removal of a 25-pound tumor from a patient’s side.

“Before the removal of the tumor I was unhappy because I didn’t feel normal and it was difficult for me to do a lot of things, especially walking,” said Pha Nit, a 31-year old Cambodian resident who received the surgery. “I am very happy now and thankful for the help the U.S. and Cambodian doctors gave me, I hope they will continue to come here to help others like me.”

Moves made easier: New self-service kiosk opens at Fort Hood

Spc. Nathan Booth, 4th PAD

FORT HOOD, Texas – Fort Hood’s Directorate of Logistics Transportation Office opened the door on a new Defense Personal Property System kiosk in the Copeland Soldier Service Center July 8, in an effort to increase efficiency and ease the burden of moving Soldiers.

The kiosk, located in Room A111A in the center, contains 10 computer workstations where Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians can coordinate their moves, whether they are government-funded or personally procured.

Soldiers may use the Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, from any computer with an Internet connection, but the kiosk, the first of its kind in the Department of Defense, provides more than just computers, according to Gladys Yoshinaka, installation transportation officer.

“This allows them to come in here and not only access the computer but have access to a counselor who can give them the guidance,” she said.

The idea for the kiosk originated after the Department of Defense announced intentions to introduce an online system.

“We collectively, here in the transportation office, got to thinking about how that was going to impact the way we do business,” Robert Chadwick, DOL transportation chief of personal services, said. “One of the things we came up with was the DPS kiosk as a facility for Soldiers who don’t have computers or have questions.”

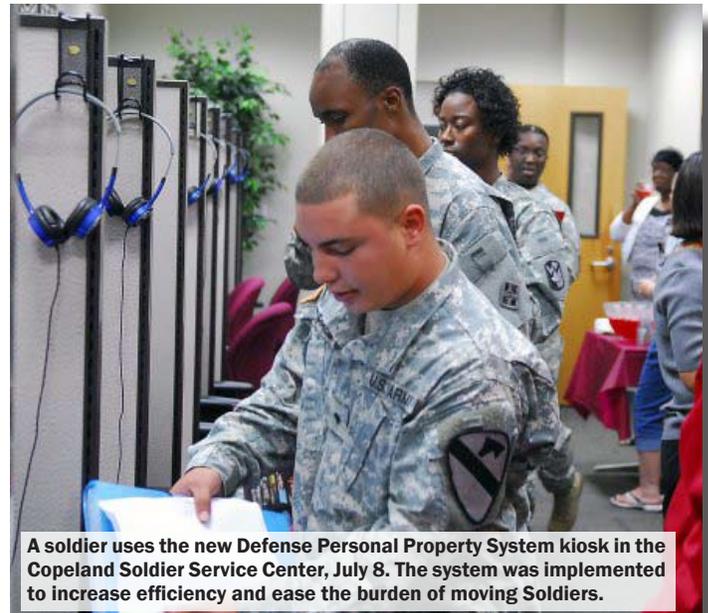
Turning the kiosk idea into reality was a long process, but one well worth the effort, according to Fort Hood Garrison Commander, Col. Mark Freitag.

“Several months ago, I was informed that it was coming online after about a year-and-a half of working toward it,” Freitag said. “It took a long time, but it’s a great product and service that we provide for our Soldiers, Families and civilians.”

According to Freitag, the execution of the plan was in line with Fort Hood standards. “The facility itself is first-class,” he said. “It’s got all the decorator touches, it’s got brand-new computers, it’s got brand-new equipment. We could have grabbed a bunch of old gray desks and old computers, but no; at Fort Hood, we do this the right way. It’s just amazing. It’s a beautiful facility.”

“If you’re a people-person, there’s someone here to help, and if you’re a computer-person, you’ll have the computer right in front of you,” Sgt. 1st Class Michael Thomas, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Task Force ODIN, and one of the kiosk’s first customers, said. “This is a good idea and a good step for the Army.”

Bob Bishop, Fort Hood’s director of logistics, said the Interactive Customer Evaluation reports echo Thomas’s approval. “From our



A soldier uses the new Defense Personal Property System kiosk in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, July 8. The system was implemented to increase efficiency and ease the burden of moving Soldiers.

Interactive Customer Service comments, we’ve only seen one negative ICE comment, which we think was attributable to the process,” Bishop said. “All the other ICE comments -- and we’ve got numerous (comments) -- are very positive from a customer service standpoint.”

Yoshinaka said the kiosk increases customer service, as well as efficiency.

“The fact that we can handle more customers at one time is a great advantage,” she said. “Prior to this, it would not be unusual to see a line waiting to get in to our office to see a counselor. Now, you come in, sit down and you’re served right away. I see nothing but benefits coming from this facility.”

Freitag called the new kiosk a success story for the Fort Hood community.

“I think that it provides an additional convenience for them as they go through a stressful time in their life,” he said. “As I said, the future of the Army begins at Fort Hood because we’ve got so many people coming up with great ideas and then implementing them. I think it speaks to the volumes of dedication and the initiative and innovation that our transportation office here at Fort Hood provides to the community.”

ON THE WING

DOD’s first F-35 arrives in Eglin marking a national milestone

By Samuel King Jr. Eglin Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – The Department of Defense’s first F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter touched down at its new home here July 14, marking a major milestone in the nation’s military history.

Upon arrival, the jet officially became part of the Air Force inventory. It now belongs to the JSF training unit, the 33rd Fighter Wing.

Flying it in was Lt. Col. Eric Smith of the 58th Fighter Squadron, the first Air Force qualified F-35 pilot.

“It was a smooth ride in,” said the colonel of the hour and 40 minute flight. “The jet behaved awesomely. I’m just so proud to bring it home to Eglin (Air Force Base).”

A crowd of 33rd FW people braved the 90 degree heat to watch the fifth-generation fighter touchdown and taxi in. Col. Andrew Toth, the 33rd FW commander, was the first to greet his pilot upon arrival.

“It’s an exciting day here at the wing where our joint and integrated

team has been preparing for this day since October 2009,” Toth said. “I have no doubt the caliber of the Airmen, Sailors, Marines and contractors will provide safe and effective training operations at Eglin. Now, we look forward to the start of classes later this year.”

Now that the aircraft is on station, F-35 maintainers will train and be certified here at home.

“It’s pretty exciting,” said Tech. Sgt. Brian West, the crew chief for the new aircraft. “We’re thrilled to be able to train with one of our own.”

As the world’s first multi-role stealth fighter, the F-35 is known for its superior range, cutting-edge avionics and next-generation sensor fusion. Each model shares breakthroughs in combat performance, survivability and support, while each is specifically tailored for unique service needs.

Lt. Col. J.D. Wilbourne, the 58th FS commander, said he was thrilled to see his first aircraft arrive, one day before his change of command.

HORRIBLE BOSSES



Pfc. Justin Pierce

We've all had our share of bad bosses in the past who keep us from our families and meddle in our personal affairs. Knowing this, it was no surprise to see a movie like, "Horrible Bosses," go over so well with its audience. Familiarity in this film reaches further than just having a hated boss when three friends, Nick (Jason Bateman), Dale (Charlie Day) and Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) meet up at their favored pub for a little shop-talk. After a few drinks, the group begins to realize exactly how much they can't stand their bosses: Dave Harken (Kevin Spacey), Julia Harris (Jennifer Aniston), and Bobby Pellitt (Colin Farrell). For the most part, I could empathize with their reasoning. Nick's boss is the physical embodiment of the Devil – not a new role for Spacey who more or less just shook the dust off of his Lex Luther script and changed Superman's name to "Any guy who looks at my wife." Kurt's boss is a real piece of work too; Farrell masters the role of tool bag here, playing a self-entitled little prick with a dope nose. And then there's Dale's boss. The only thing Aniston's character is guilty of is being game for a little slap and tickle. Don't get me wrong – I get that Dale's committed to his fiancée – but on the scale of evil bosses, a saucy vixen with an insatiable appetite for lewd behavior falls short.

So we've got three horrible bosses – one that's just horribly gorgeous – and their



three disgruntled employees having a drink at a bar. Anyone familiar with this situation can see what's coming next; they decide to kill their bosses of course! Well, maybe it would've taken a few guesses, but low and behold, about 15 minutes into the movie, we've got ourselves a story and a burning question. How are they going to get away with it?

If you're really curious, you should probably just watch the movie. That's what I did and I have to say, for the most part I enjoyed it. The story is solid and paces out bit by bit leading you through twists and turns to a decidedly clever conclusion. By no means did the storyline provoke any deep thoughts or emotions, but it kept me

happy to stay seated for the whole hour and a half – a notable accomplishment given the venue and the fact that I didn't have to pay to see it.

While the plot gives a movie its purpose, this film garnered the better part of my interest due to its cast. All of the star names were familiar and a few were even ones I genuinely enjoy watching. As I mentioned before, Kevin Spacey just played Lex Luthor in "business casual," but watching him manipulate a grumpy Jason Bateman and company was just as much fun as

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	 FRI.	23 SAT.	24 SUN.	25 MON.	26 TUES.	27 WED.	28 THURS.
Downtown Lyceum	Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 2 (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Prom (last showing) (PG) 8 p.m.	Thor (PG-13) 8 p.m. (last showing)	Jumping the Broom (last showing) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Priest (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Zookeeper (PG) 8 p.m.	Cars 2 (G) 8 p.m.
	Something Borrowed (last showing) (PG-13) 10 p.m.	Hangover 2 (R) 10 p.m.					
Camp Bukeley	Prom (last showing) (PG) 8 p.m.	Harry Potter: Deathly Hallows Part 2 (NEW) (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Something Borrowed (last showing) (R) 8 p.m.	Priest (PG-13) 8 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 8 p.m.	Hangover 2 (R) 8 p.m.	Horrible Bosses (R) 8 p.m.
	Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13) 10 p.m.	Thor (last showing) (PG-13) 10 p.m.					



U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Petty Officer 3rd Class Desiree Villa, a patrol boat operator attached to the Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston, prepares to launch off the starting line in the 4 X 400 meter relay race during the Jamaican Independence Day Committee Track Meet at Cooper Field, Saturday.

Female Troopers compete, sweep JIDC track meet

Story and photos by Mass Communication
Specialist 2nd Class Joe Ebalo

Troopers assigned to Joint Task Force and Naval Station Guantanamo dominated the women's running events at the Jamaican Independence Day Committee track meet, Saturday at Cooper Field.

A Sailor, Coastguardsman and two Soldiers beat their competition, finishing first in at least one race they entered. Together, they won eight out of the nine competitive running events in the women's division.

"This is the first time we have done this and we are extremely happy for all the support, volunteers and of course all the great competition," said Robert Graham, JIDC vice president and track meet coordinator. "Especially from all the lady Troops." "We knew there was a lot of interest in the community, but the turnout was fantastic."

Maritime Enforcement Petty Officer 3rd Class Desiree Villa, a Coastguardsman attached to Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston, won the 100 and 200 meter sprint events. Sgt. Racheal Allen, a military policeman attached to the Joint Detention Group, won the 100 meter hurdle event. Sgt. Ashley Chandler, a medic with the

525th Military Police Battalion, won the 800 meter race. Master-at-Arms Seaman Rhonda McGee, a patrolman attached to the Naval Station Security Department, won the 400 meter, 100 meter dash and the 4 x 100 meter race.

For the final event of the night, all four Troopers teamed up for the 4 x 400 meter relay race, outpacing four teams to sweep almost all women's events.

"It was a really fun and exciting time," said Chandler. "We all came out to support a good cause and compete."

Allen agreed, "I haven't run competitively in a few years, so I was a little nervous when I saw all the people out at the event. When I saw some familiar faces and recognized some of the other runners, they helped me relax a little bit and get my mind right for the race."

Villa said the competition was fierce, but no one pushed her harder than her fellow Troopers.

"These girls are fast!" Villa exclaimed. "I knew I really had to work to beat them, but it was cool because we were all rooting for one another even if we were going to be on the starting blocks racing against one another trying to win."

More than 50 servicemembers and

civilians participated in various track and field events as well as traditional, Jamaican cultural games. The most popular were the Thread the Needle Race, where co-ed runners stopped midrace and actually threaded a needle before finishing, and the Lime Race, where competitors ran 100 meters while holding a lime in a spoon without dropping it.

"Track and field is very popular in Jamaica and we thought it might be a great way to share some of our cultural games with the local community too," Graham said. "We were overwhelmed with the participation and I think a lot of people enjoyed the fun games just as much as the races."

McGee, a brand new Trooper to the island couldn't agree more, she said it was unlike any other track meet she had ever been to.

"I just got to GTMO, and in my first weekend I got to meet great people who like to run as much as I do, and I learned about a new culture," said McGee. "I hope they have more track meets, I'll sign up right now."

For more information on the JIDC or upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored athletic events, contact Denich Gym at x7727.

*“If you worry about what might be,
and wonder what might have been,
you will ignore what is.”*

by Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Berstch
JTF Guantanamo Command Chaplain

If Only



A weary traveler stopped by a river to soak his aching feet after a long journey. He was depressed over the twist and turns life seemed to be handing him. As he soaked his feet, he noticed a small leather bag laying in the grass along the bank. He picked it up, looked inside and saw a few stones.

He picked up the first stone and thought to himself, “If I were a rich man, THEN I

would be happy...” and pitched it into the stream. Then he picked up a second stone and said, “If I only had a better position in life, THEN I would be happy...” and threw the stone into the stream. “If I only lived in a beautiful house, then I would be happy...” And so on.

Finally, he picked up the last stone. As he was about to throw it into the river he suddenly realized they weren’t marbles,

but precious stones and he had thrown them all away.

Many folks waste the opportunities of TODAY by wishing on tomorrow. We can’t change yesterday, and tomorrow is not ours to determine. Don’t throw away those gems on things over which we have no control, or on things which ultimately don’t bring happiness.

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass

Tues. - 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 5:30 p.m.

Troopers’ Chapel

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m.

Troopers’ Chapel

Islamic Service

Friday 1:15 p.m.

Room C

Jewish Service

Friday 7 p.m.

Chapel Annex

LDS Service

Sunday 10 a.m.

Room A

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. & 5 p.m.

Room D

Liturgical Service

Sunday 10 a.m.

Room B

Church of the Sacred Well

Call 2323 for information

General Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m.

Main Chapel

United Jamaican

Fellowship

Sunday 11 a.m.

Sanctuary B

Gospel Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship

Sunday 6 p.m.

Main Chapel

COMMANDER

status of the Bayhill housing units. The JTF purchased the 40 trailers in Bayhill when the lease expired last summer. Upon completion of the purchase, the JTF submitted a renovation package to convert the trailers into 2-person quarters. When completed later this summer or in the early fall, the Bayhill housing units will provide living quarters to 80 troopers. They are centrally located downtown, close to all the facilities, and each trailer has its own separate living area, kitchen and laundry room. When completed, Bayhill will provide additional billeting for E-7's and below as assigned by the JTF Housing Office.

Finally, some of you asked what can be done to upgrade the Navy Exchange's fleet of rental cars. There were also concerns that the NEX was charging unreasonable prices to rent vehicles in such poor condition. We have actually been working this issue with the NEX for the past few months. At our request, the NEX recently added 17 new vehicles to their rental fleet. You may have already seen some of these vehicles being driven around the Naval Station. These new vehicles are dedicated to the short-term leases lasting 30 days or less. In May 2011, there were a total of 79 rental cars available – 20 for short-term lease and 59 for long-term lease; today, there are 94 rental vehicles – 44 for short-term lease and 50 for long-term lease. (Note that two vehicles were taken out of service.) As for the rental fee for the older vehicles, we have addressed this issue with the NEX general manager and he is exploring our request to discount the rental rate for and to repair some of the older cars. More to follow on this issue.

In closing, I truly appreciate your efforts this past week. You should all be proud of what this team has accomplished thus far and confident in our readiness to overcome the challenges that lie ahead in the coming months.

Stay focused, be safe and continue to take care of each other. Honor Bound!

FOCUS

When he is not taking care of his Sailors or studying, Spahr does his best to play an active part in the First Class Petty Officer Association and community events. "The base does a real good job with their MWR programs with trying to involve the community and bring people in to boost the morale," said Spahr.

Spahr also likes to workout and play golf. He has shown that he has drive off the course as well. Spahr hopes to pin on E-7 in the next few weeks.

"Advancement is tough but he has a wonderful chance," said Precht. "I would like to see him excel."

TROOPER

there be no doubt in the eyes of your subordinates that you are fair and live the values of your service. Serving with Joint Task Force

MOVIE

him toy with Superman. Bateman and his two cohorts made the movie. The three worked seamlessly together in their endeavors, chalking up moments of hilarity throughout a relatively dark plot.

Big names like Spacey and Bateman tend to carry along a good deal of show stealing potential, but that wasn't the case here. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia's," Charlie Day is what made this film so enjoyable. From start to finish, Day champions the role of the Loveable Loser. Whether he's saving the life of someone he's supposed to kill or just doing "Charlie work" for the gang in "It's Always Sunny," Charlie Day is fun to watch.

Overall, the movie was good. The plot was good; the acting was good, and the cameos by Jamie Foxx and – WHAT?! Bob Newhart – were pleasant surprises. Watching the film wasn't the highlight of my week – that honor goes to my new Sanuk Sandals – and it wasn't the best movie I watched all week – "Love Actually." It was, however, a nice way to spend a Saturday night. I don't regret taking the time to see it and if it happened to be on when I didn't have anything else to do, I'd watch it again. "Horrible Bosses," checks in at three and a half happy little Banana Rats.

Guantanamo means every single one of us is fully engaged in a no-fail mission. But while performing that mission, there is no reason

each of us can't take the time to work on ourselves and serve those around us. Find a mentor – grow. Be a mentor – develop.



The JTF At Shutter Speed



SHOOTER READY?
Pfc. Ashley Boniol (left) places a dime on the top of Pvt. Sierra Starr's (right) M-16 flash suppressor during dime drills at Kittery Beach range, July 14. More than 50 personnel attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo shot pistols, rifles, and shotguns for their weapons safety training. - photo by Army Sgt. Mathieu Perry



MOON WATCH
A full moon rises over Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Friday. - photo by Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Cossel



WAX ON, WAX OFF
A Joint Task Force Trooper washes the windshield of the NEGB Commander's vehicle, Saturday at the First Class Petty Officer Association car wash. - photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maddelin Angebrand



BATTALION RUN
More than 200 Soldiers representing the four companies assigned to the 525th Military Police Battalion at Joint Task Force Guantanamo participate in a battalion sponsored three mile run, Tuesday. - photo by Sgt. Mathieu Perry