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JTF journal

**They see
me rollin'
'Gitmo Specials'
demystified
also, build your own!**

**Vroom vroom
Meet the new Chief of Staff
SharePoint, you got some splainin' to do**



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This Sunday marks the beginning of April, a month associated with many different themes that focus on transition and planning.

April 1 marks the beginning of the month and one of my favorite days of the year: April Fool's Day. It's a day we can have fun with each other in a good-natured, harmless way. It helps us break from the norm and pretend the unbelievable is believable, especially if you plan it right.

Many people associate April with the changing of the seasons. Depending on what part of the world you come from, changing seasons can have different meanings. In the northern hemisphere it means transitioning from a cold winter to a warmer spring. Here at Guantanamo Bay, the climates changes from warm and dry, to hotter and humid. As most people acclimate to the changing of the seasons, they usually reorganize their wardrobe, conduct spring cleaning, and begin landscaping. All of these spring related activities also require planning.

This month is also associated with a few fiscal milestones; namely, the deadline to file your income taxes. This year your returns must be postmarked by April 17. If you reside in a state that collects income taxes, those taxes are usually due on the same date as the federal taxes. Again, getting your financial information in order and meeting that deadline requires appropriate planning.

On a larger budgetary scale, April marks the beginning of the third fiscal quarter. This is the time of the year the Department of Defense and Joint Task Force Guantanamo must evaluate our requirements and resources and determine what is needed to successfully finish the year.

April is also Sexual Assault Awareness

From April Fool's Day, to tax time, to redeployment, you can plan for most things. Take the time now.

with planning and making appropriate life choices. In an effort to assist our Troopers in planning for their next phase of their life after their Joint Task Force Guantanamo tour, we have developed a redeployment seminar to assist them with thinking about the next phase. This redeployment event will be conducted on April 4 at the Windjammer for Coast Guard MSST and NEGB Troopers. We plan to routinely conduct these events to help all Troopers plan for the next phase after serving here.

Think carefully about planning and being deliberate in what you do. Some things in life happen by chance, but you can plan for most things. Taking charge of your affairs and planning for the future is a healthy way to ensure your health and happiness. Take the time now to plan for your future.

Cover: Petty Officer 2nd Class Leroy Smith checked out one of the "Gitmo Specials" rotating through the NEX parking lot Wednesday. But keep in mind: this is a really nice car and doesn't represent the typical Guantanamo Bay vehicle market offering. —photo by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

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NEWS FROM THE BAY

Trail Blazers

Help keep the trails of Gitmo beautiful and clean. The Trail Blazers are looking for volunteers to help cut grass, trim tree limbs, remove trash and anything else it takes to keep your hikes, trail runs and bike rides fun and easy.

For more information, call Martin Sullivan at 8243 or 8242 or email him at Martin.E.Sullivan@jftgmo.southcom.mil.

NCAA championship

Upset about the outcome of your brackets? Let the stress go and enjoy the championship game at any one of the four Liberty Centers. The game starts at 8 p.m. All of the televisions will show it and MWR Liberty will provide pizza.

For more information, call 84968 or 2205.

Putt-putt golf

Grab a friend and go to the mini golf course at Denich Gym at 5 p.m. and enjoy a game or two of putt-putt golf and a chance to win prizes.

For more information, call 2010.

Swimming lessons

MWR will be offering swimming lesson to the community. The classes begin April 16 and end October 12. The lessons cost \$30 per student for one 2-week session. There are five levels for youths and adults, and an infant and preschool level.

For more information call 84968 or 2205.

Free ceramics

Looking for a new hobby? Make your way to the ceramics shop Apr. 1 at 1 p.m., and the first Sunday of the month for free ceramics, sponsored by MWR Liberty. You will be able to select a pre-made ceramics piece and glaze it for free!

For more information, call 2010.

Night fishing

Take advantage of the opportunity to go on a free night fishing trip courtesy of MWR Liberty. Boats leave the dock at 6 p.m. so make sure you show up early. Bait, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, call 2010.

Volunteers needed

The Jamaica Independence Day committee invites all hands to volunteer for a multitude of fundraising events to include a car wash, T-shirt sale, sporting events, beach party, multicultural cook-off, Jamaican cooking class, gospel concert, chef auction and much more. Jamaican Independence Day is Aug. 6, and all fundraising event dates are TBD. To volunteer, call 4822.

Attention all GTMO residents

All lawn watering at residences and car washing at the Lyceum is suspended until further notice.

Legal office moved

Troopers needing legal assistance should now go to the Naval Legal Service Office located in Bldg 760.

For more information, call 4692.

Sushi workshop

Are you craving sushi? Learn how to make it on your own on Apr. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. MWR Liberty will show you how to prepare delicious sushi from beginning to end, and teach some cultural knowledge as you prepare the food.

For more information, call 2010.



Attention divers and snorkelers

Conch season is now closed and will reopen in June. As a reminder, taking starfish is prohibited at all times.

To report violations, or for more information, call 4105 or VHS channel 12.

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TROOPER



FOCUS

By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

After nearly 35 years, Army Staff Sgt. Guillermo Diaz-Hidalgo returned to his home nation of Cuba. But this wasn't a trip to see relatives. Staff Sgt. Diaz is currently deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Diaz's main role on island is duty driver for distinguished visitors. They range from VIPs and foreign dignitaries to high ranking visiting officers.

Diaz was born in Cuba, but at the age of four his parents left and moved to Spain for a year before finally moving to America. In America the family settled in Miami.

"I was born in '73 in Havana," said Diaz. "But I spent my youth in Miami until I was 20, when I joined the Marines."

Diaz spent four years in the Marine Corps and left as a corporal. After a year-long break in service, he joined the Army Reserve.

During his time as a reservist in Florida, Diaz has deployed to Kuwait for two years, Afghanistan for one year, and now Cuba.

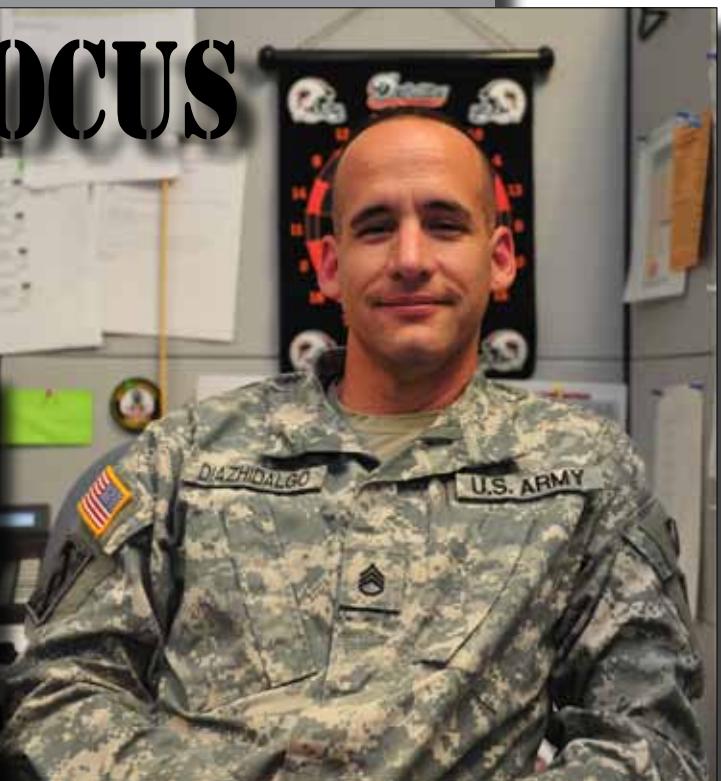
BULLET BIO: SSG GUILLERMO DIAZ-HIDALGO

Time in service: 4 years in the Marine Corps, 14 in the Army Reserve

Hobbies: Every sport available on island, especially soccer and diving

The boss says: "He's active in the community and is a hard worker."

Advice to junior Troopers: "Maintain a positive attitude, and always be flexible."



"I came here partly because I wanted to come back to home soil," said Diaz. "It's very odd, because it's been 35 years since I touched Cuban soil. I would love to visit the other side of the fence."

Eighteen years of service provides a lot of insight that Diaz is more than willing to share with younger Troopers.

"My advice to younger Troopers is to perform your jobs in a timely manner," said Diaz. "When you see something wrong correct it and don't always wait to be told what to do."

As a member of one of the last units in

the Army to receive a one year tour, Diaz has learned how to stay entertained and active on island.

"Find something you like and stick with it," said Diaz. "If you can't find something you enjoy here, then you can't find it anywhere."

One of the activities that keeps Diaz busy during his days off is coaching. Diaz currently helps coach girls' football on island.

"I coach soccer back home for youth kids," said Diaz. "Coaching offers a very unique opportunity. You get to deal with many different personalities and it's a lot like being an NCO. You get to mentor, mold and teach people."

Which vehicle would you choose as your "Gitmo Special?"



"I would bring a higher quality Gator, one that can go faster than 20 miles per hour. That's all you need down here."

Spc.
Francisco Sibrian



"Just something to get me from point A to point B."

Construction Electrician's
Mate 2nd Class
Michael Pascuzzo



"I would bring a Porsche 9-11 Turbo and take it down the abandoned airstrip."

Hospitalman
3rd Class
Marcelo Gomez



"I would bring the General Lee from 'Dukes of Hazzard.'"

Hospitalman
Jay Cherluck

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Benedict XVI visits Santiago, Havana



Voice of America News

Pope Benedict XVI has arrived in communist Cuba with the aim of awakening the faith in what was once officially an atheist state.

Benedict was greeted Monday by President Raul Castro at an airport in Cuba's second largest city, Santiago. His visit marks the 400th anniversary of the religious icon, the Virgin of Charity of El Cobre, venerated by many Cubans regardless of their faith.

He also said change is in Cuba's future. "I am convinced that Cuba, at this moment of particular importance in its history, is already looking to the future and thus is striving to renew and broaden its horizons. Of great help in this enterprise will be the fine patrimony of spiritual and moral values which fashioned the nation's true identity and which stand out in the work and the life of many distinguished



desires of all Cubans, wherever they may be, their sufferings and their joys, their concerns and their noblest desires, those of the young and the elderly, of adolescents and children, of the sick and workers, of prisoners and their families, and of the poor and those in need," he said.

The pontiff said he came to Cuba as a "pilgrim of charity," and he made a veiled reference to Cuba's political prisoners. "I carry in my heart the just aspirations and legitimate

fathers of the country," he said.

The pope arrives at time when church-state relations are warming. The Roman Catholic Church has grown to become the most influential institution behind the government. Cuba was officially an atheist state from 1959 until a constitutional change in 1992 abolished atheism as the state creed and called for separation of church and state. At that time, the Communist Party also lifted its ban on members with religious beliefs.

Pope Benedict set the tone for his trip Friday when he said the Catholic Church is ready to help Cuba move away from communism. He said the Marxist ideology no longer corresponds to reality, and he offered the Church's help to move Cuba ahead without "trauma."

Cuban dissidents hope they will be able to present the pope with their views about the government.

In Santiago, at least 15 members of the Ladies in White, a prominent dissident group, have been detained. The group is comprised of wives and mothers of 75 dissidents jailed in a 2003 crackdown on opponents of former Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Each week, the women, dressed in white, march in Havana to demand the release of political prisoners. The Ladies in White, along with many other people, have asked for an audience with the pope during his visit.

But the Archbishop of Santiago says the pope's time is limited.

"Many people came to give us lots of requests, lots, you can't imagine how many," he said. "One said: 'I'm having problems with my home, and I believe the Holy Father can help me.' Others have participated in this call from the Ladies in White. We have channeled these requests."

Cuba is the last stop on the pontiff's five-day Latin American trip that began last week in Mexico.

Pope leads Mass in honor of Cuban icon

By Jerome Socolovsky

Voice of America News

state, he said that "when God is put aside, the world becomes an inhospitable place for man."

"It is touching to see how God not only respects human freedom, he almost seems to require it," the pope said.

The pope spoke from a platform where the golden figurine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, was encased in a plexiglass box. The Mass was a celebration of the discovery of the statue 400 years ago by two brothers and a slave boy.

The pope led hundreds of thousands in prayer in Santiago and gave his homily in a German-accented Spanish.

The pope stood on a platform that was erected against the stark backdrop of a Cuban independence monument that consists of 23 giant rusted spikes.

In an apparent allusion to the decade and a half in which Cuba was officially an atheist

Benedict said he was "deeply touched" by the outpouring of fervor when the statue was recently taken on an unprecedented tour of this communist country.

But the pontiff neglected to mention that

the icon is simultaneously identified as the goddess Oshun in a syncretistic Afro-Cuban worship known as Santeria that is widely followed here.

Earlier, on arrival at the airport, the pope said he came to give hope to the people of Cuba.

"I carry in my heart the just aspirations and legitimate desires of all Cubans, wherever they may be, their sufferings and their joys, their concerns and their noblest desires," he said.

Pope Benedict will visit the sanctuary where the shrine is housed before flying on to the capital for a meeting with President Raul Castro and a Mass in Revolution Square.



Attention on deck

Capt. W. Andrew Docherty assumed his role as chief of staff of Joint Task Force Guantanamo March 22. He recently arrived on island from Fort Belvoir, Va., where he served as a chief of staff at U.S. Strategic Command. —photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven

JTF all ahead full with the new Chief of Staff

By Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven

It would have been hard to avoid the positive images of serving in the Navy with the hit movies “An Officer and a Gentleman” and “Top Gun” in the early to mid 1980s. The movie stars portrayed men of honor and courage, and of course there was the allure of flying a fighter, that got the attention of many a young person.

One of the moviegoers enticed by the images and the story of being a naval aviator was Capt. W. Andrew Docherty. It was 1986, in his final year as an economics major at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, when he and buddy decided to join the Navy.

“That looks pretty cool. That’s what I really want to do,” said Docherty of that particular career decision nearly 26 years ago. “I can say that I have loved it.”

Not that every day has been perfect: that is not the expectation as he begins his time as the Chief of Staff for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

“I have not enjoyed every day, but I have enjoyed every week,” he said, looking

back at his assignments since he earned Distinguished Naval Graduate at Aviation Officer School.

“There have been some bad days. Lose an aircraft or lose a shipmate, there are bad days out there,” added Docherty, who believes it is what you learn and how you heal from bad experiences that make you better.

He speaks passionately about the Navy mantra: mission first, people always.

“We have to take care of our people,” he said.

For example, Docherty sees housing as a focus to keep Trooper morale up.

“Whether it is the washers and dryers at Camp America, or better lighting at the Cuzcos,” he sees these issues as areas that can be improved.

Working with the JTF staff and senior enlisted leaders Docherty will strive for decent housing and to provide Troopers with the tools to excel in their careers. To that end, he wants senior leaders to serve as the models and set the right example.

He looks at every assignment as an opportunity for personal and professional

growth. “I am going to grow from you and hopefully as you grow from me, we can do better together,” he said.

He is encouraged to meet so many people in the first two weeks that are glad to be assigned here, it is the type of working environment he enjoys.

“Whatever job you are assigned, do the best job you can. That is what I hope to do here,” said Docherty. “Work as best you can, till the last day you’re asked to do it.”

He used Capt. Patrick Rabun, the leader he replaced, as best example he ever saw of that work ethic. “He cared, he cared a lot and he cared till the day he left, it was amazing.”

“How we do the tactical job is very important. But more than anywhere, here a tactical mistake can have strategic consequences,” he said. “We can not afford to make any mistakes.”

That strategic mindset comes from Docherty’s previous assignment as chief of staff for the Interagency Coordination Division of U.S. Strategic Command’s Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction at Fort Belvoir, Va.

By Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven

The medical professionals at the Joint Trooper Clinic can diagnose and treat a wide variety of conditions and illnesses, but sometimes a specialist in one medical branch will provide the best care possible. That is where the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay helps Troopers providing medical specialty clinics.

In April, specialists in audiology, dermatology, podiatry, urology and ENT (ear, nose and throat) will be available by a primary care provider referral.

“We need to bring the care here,” said Cmdr. Bruce Deschere, Navy Medical Corps, director of Medical Services at the Guantanamo Bay hospital.

Deschere has been a family doctor for 32 years. He consults with senior hospital staff to determine what specialties are needed, how often a specialist will visit and the length of stay to treat patients.

“Patients understand the limitations,”

added Deschere, when it comes to the length and frequency of the specialist visits. Most doctors rotate on a three-month schedule and stay for up to two weeks.

The specialty clinic doctors’ schedules are adjusted to provide the best patient care, with Deschere citing the example of the Ear, Nose and Throat doctor, who is comfortable in taking out tonsils, but would like to follow up ten days post-surgery. With that prudent follow-on care in mind, the specialist would be scheduled for a longer time, about three weeks; but would rotate out less frequently, about every three to four months.

Also, part of the equation considers treatments which the hospital can support, noted Deschere. Without an operating room to perform heart surgery, there is no support for a coronary specialist. Patients are sent stateside for medical issues that cannot be treated locally.

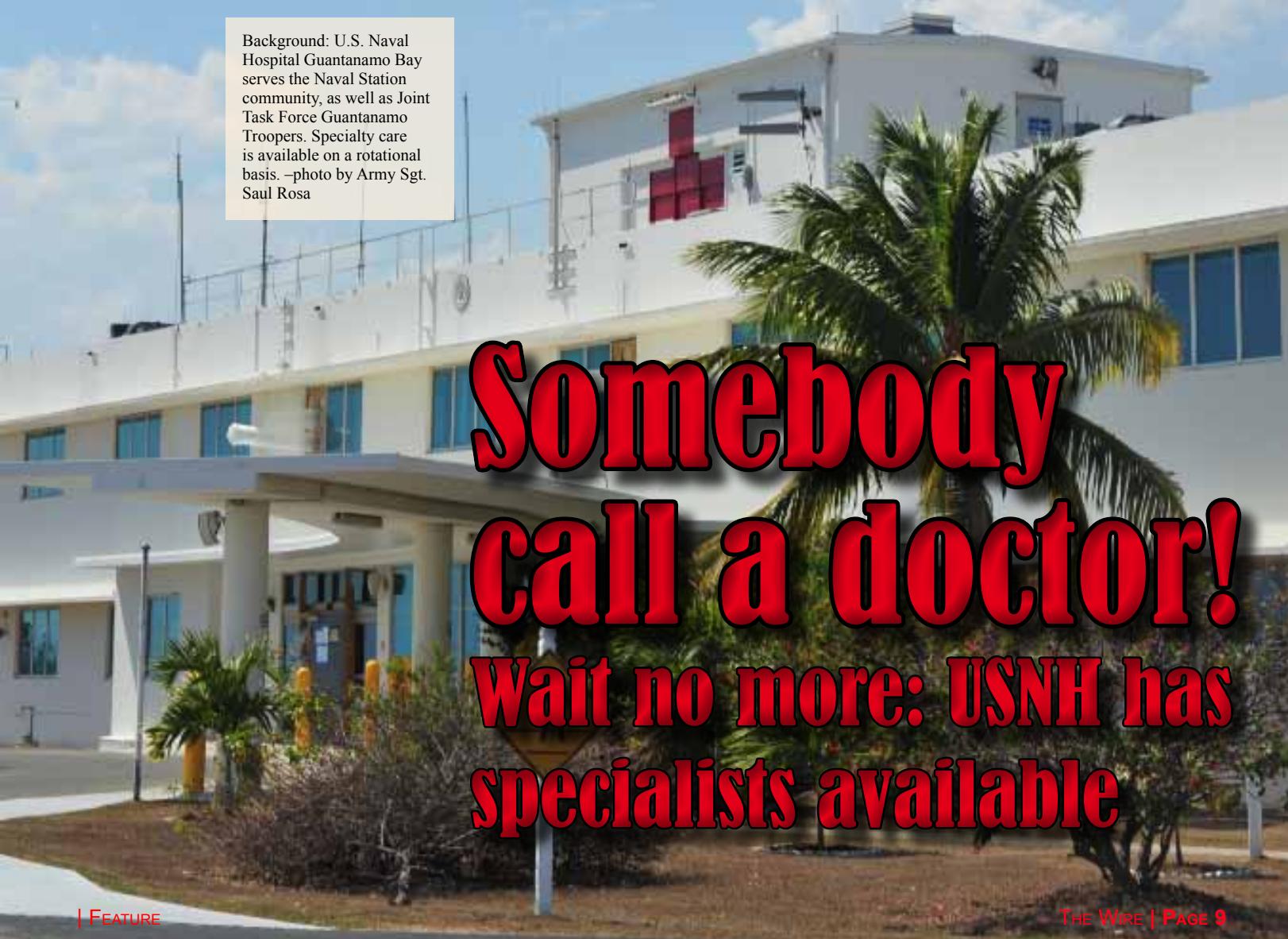
Whether doctors have come in for per-

sonnel at Guantanamo Bay; or specifically to evaluate and treat detainees at Joint Task Force camps, the goal is the same: to provide health services. “They almost always make time to assist all who would benefit from the care,” said Navy Capt. Richard Stoltz, commander, Joint Medical Group.

“That is a primary mission,” Deschere added, discussing how the medical specialists are requested for detainee care and then serve the greater Guantanamo population.

Troopers first need to go to sick call at the Joint Troop Clinic to be evaluated, where the primary care provider can determine the medical specialty clinic for the best treatment. The primary care provider has an important role, said Deschere, “to help guide you through the medical process.”

Use that guide to better health and wellness: it is Trooper responsibility, as part of the team.



How Does it Work? The Gitmo Special



By Sgt. First Class Jerome Grant

Maybe you're frustrated that your plans are shackled by the bus "schedule," or you're tired of being bound by the availability of the guy or gal who has control of your section's GSA.

Either way, you may have already begun looking in the Gazette classifieds at the used cars and scanning the "Gitmo Specials" rotating through the Navy Exchange parking lot, looking for your way to break the travel bondage.

But you hesitate on making an offer because getting a set of wheels has got to be a pain here. Well wait no more, your freedom is just a few simple steps away! Yes, gaining access to your tropical island dream ride is way easier than you might think!

Once you have identified the vehicle you want and have negotiated the price, you need to finalize the sale through the legal department. To do this, both you and the seller need to go the Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO), in building 760 during normal business hours and sign a bill of sale.

"It's too easy," said Navy Lt. Courtney Gordon-Tennant, NLSO officer in charge. "Whoever is selling the vehicle just needs to bring in any one of three documents to get a bill of sale. They bring in the vehicle title, vehicle registration, or proof of insurance. Both seller and buyer need to have an ID card."

The document must have the name of the

current owner on it. Again, only one of the three documents with the sellers name on it is necessary to make the bill of sale official.

"(The owner) must make sure to do a power of attorney before leaving the island or they're out of luck," said Gordon-Tennant. A power of attorney authorizes the designated person to make a transaction, such as a sale or shipment.

So, once you have the bill of sale you fill in the sale price and date. Both the seller and buyer sign the document in front of the legal representative at the desk who notarizes it on the spot.

Once the buyer has the notarized bill of sale, the sale is official, but there are a few more steps the buyer needs to take before they can legally engage the keys to freedom: the car has to be insured and registered.

I insured my "Gitmo Special" within minutes and it's way cheaper to insure a car here than in the States.

"After you get the bill of sale, you need to bring it, your driver's license, and the old registration along with the proof of insurance to the Vehicle Registration Office," explained Petty Officer 3rd Class Stacey Wilson, Vehicle Registration Petty Officer. "It can't be the insurance card; you must bring a copy of the insurance binder or policy that shows coverage for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the right amount of coverage."

"The minimums for each occurrence here," added Wilson, "are \$25,000 for bodily injury, \$50,000 for liability, and \$25,000 property damage."

When registering your vehicle, make sure the basic safety features all work.

"The horn, windshield wipers, all lights, and side and rearview mirrors have to be present," said Wilson. "Other issues to watch are to make sure the muffler is intact, the seat belts are present and operational, and that fenders and bumpers are properly secured to the vehicle."

"If some of these things need to be fixed," Wilson said, "I can give a temporary registration so the work can be completed and then grant a regular registration once the problems are addressed."

Seller Beware: Once you have gotten your money and the bill of sale, you need to make sure that the new owner registers the vehicle in their name. Take a copy of the bill of sale to the registration office along with the license plates to show that you've sold the vehicle and clear your name off the registration.

If you don't get your name off the registration and the buyer doesn't take care of it for you, your name will remain on the registration and you could be held liable if the vehicle gets ticketed or is involved in an incident or accident.

Buyer Beware: Make sure to check that the

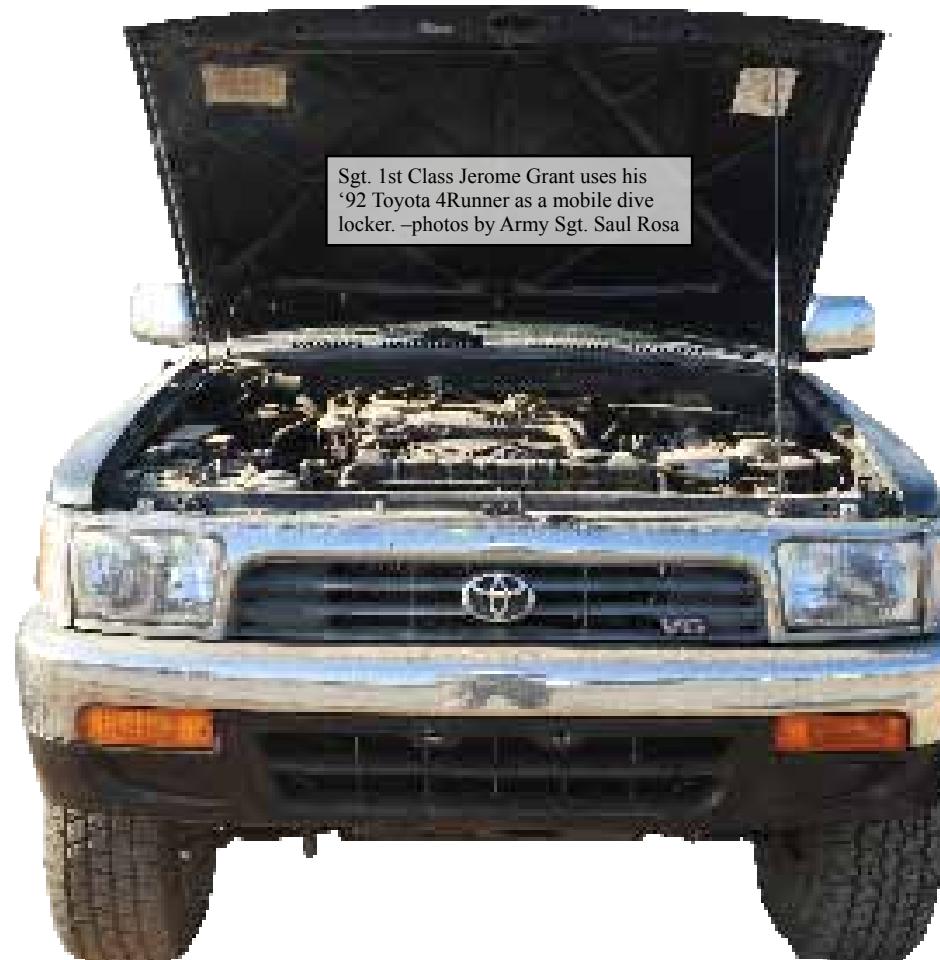
vehicle is registered to the person you are buying it from OR that they have power of attorney to sell the vehicle. If you don't, you may not be able to register the vehicle and secure a license plate for it. You may not be able to get your money back or sell the vehicle when you're done with it.

If you follow these steps, you could be the proud owner of a "Gitmo Special" in as quickly as one day!

The Navy Legal Service Office in building 760 is open for walk-ins Monday and Wednesday 8:30-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm; Tuesday 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm; Thursday 1:00-3:00 pm; Friday 8:30-11:00 am. The phone number is 4692.

The Vehicle Registration Office, located in the NEX Plaza across from the Personalize Shop is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and is closed for lunch each day from 1-2 p.m. The phone number is 2249.

If you have questions about selling or registering your vehicle, don't be shy or afraid to stop in and ask at NLSO or the Vehicle Registration Office. It's better to get an answer you may not like than it is to get ripped off or get a ticket for something you didn't know about when you bought your "special."



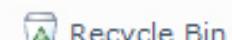
Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Grant uses his '92 Toyota 4Runner as a mobile dive locker. -photos by Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

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Have you noticed that the web browser home page has been replaced? Are you wondering where the classified ads went? Are you confused by the weird new site that looks like it came straight out of 1996? The new home page was constructed using Microsoft SharePoint and what it lacks in aesthetics, it more than makes up in functionality.

"It is a tool to help improve communication and collaboration," said 1st Lt. Chad Maurice, the project manager who coordinates Joint Task Force Guantanamo's SharePoint rollout. "If you have something to share there is a place for it on SharePoint. Does your organization have a new form for users to fill out before they can perform a certain task? How about an idea for improvements?"

SharePoint promotes team collaboration because it gives everyone access to and ownership of the piece of the website representing your unit or shop. The days of emailing the JTF webmaster requesting an update are over. With SharePoint, sections will be able to update their site with just a few clicks of a button.

"Each organization's ITO (information technology officer) will be the site administrator for the respective section," said Maurice. "The ITOs are viewed as a power user that has a slightly higher level

permission set compared to a normal user."

If J1 has an updated version of a leave and pass form, they can post it themselves. If the chaplains have a daily message, they can reach every Trooper who visits the site. If J2 wants to make a new operations security advisory they can go straight to the force by updating the SharePoint site.

David McGee, the SharePoint architect, said the site is not limited to hanging forms and posting command messages.

"The capabilities of SharePoint is only limited to the creativity and imagination of the organization and the developers," McGee said. "I envision JTF Guantanamo transitioning many of the more than 100 external applications and rolling them into a single platform, creating savings in time and money. I believe JTF Guantanamo can be the model other commands follow."

The external applications McGee speaks about are the processes your shop has in place to get your job done. Maurice provides an example.

"There are several SOPs (standard operating procedures) and continuity documents that my section uses on a daily basis but had to recreate after personnel rotated out," he said. "By housing all of these items within SharePoint, it takes a lot of the guess-



SharePoint, how does it work?

Joint Task Force Guantanamo

work out of continuity by allowing a single place for knowledge to be located."

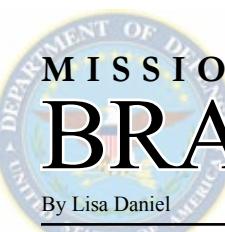
SharePoint might seem confusing now, but the more you work with it, the more you will understand it. The more you understand it, the more you can tailor the site to make your job more efficient. That's when the possibilities become endless.

"Over the next several years there is the potential for a major expansion on the foundation that has been rolled out," Maurice said. "The only major limitation on what JTF Guantanamo as a whole does with this system is our own imagination on how we can better communicate and share information with one another."

Be a part of that expansion by poking around the site. It's still in the beta test version so changes are on the horizon. If you see an opportunity for a community to share knowledge, bring it up to your SharePoint representative. If there is something that the intranet website offered that you think is missing on the SharePoint page, inform your ITO. Your input will be an integral part of the future of JTF Guantanamo's communication. And, by the way, your classified ads can still be found on the intranet webpage link located at the top left of the new page.



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MISSION FIRST

BRAC good for efficiency, savings

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department's request for two new rounds of base realignments and closures should be compared to the cost effectiveness of the first four BRAC rounds, not those done in 2005 to transform installations to match force structure, a Pentagon official said today.

"The math is straightforward," Dorothy Robyn, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, told a Senate panel. "BRAC is the single most effective thing the department has ever done in terms of producing greater efficiency and savings."

At a Pentagon news conference today, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said the two rounds are being proposed as part of "good fiscal discipline."

"We thought it was important to at least put BRAC on the table," Little said. "We're aware of the concerns raised about BRAC, but as a fiscal matter, we think it's important to look at additional cost savings through

this process."

Robyn and other defense leaders say the department needs BRAC rounds in fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2014 to meet constricting budgets. She reiterated those needs today to the Senate Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on readiness and management support. Ranking members of the subcommittee said they oppose more BRAC rounds, mostly in light of the 2005 process, which officials say had higher upfront costs and a slower return on savings than expected.

The \$11.2 billion DOD installations and environment budget request is down from \$13 billion appropriated for the current year. The budget request -- which includes \$4 billion for environmental work, mostly installation clean-up and pollution prevention, and \$4 billion for installations' energy use -- does not reflect the BRAC proposal, Robyn said.

The department receives about \$4 billion in annual savings from the 2005 BRAC, Robyn said, but she acknowledged those realignments and closures won't yield a net savings until 2018. By contrast, she said, the department has reaped \$8 billion in annual

recurring savings from the first four rounds of BRAC, which occurred from 1989 to 1995, Robyn said.

"That's the equivalent of buying three Apache attack helicopters or four Virginia-class submarines," she said.

The 2005 BRAC is not the right comparison because it was designed more for transforming installations to meet military needs during wartime than for savings and eliminating excess capacity, Robyn said.

"That was a period of growth in the military, and [BRAC] reflected the goals and needs of that time," she said. "It was not about saving money and space." Today, the military needs to reduce its installation space to match downsizing plans, she added.

The BRAC process gives a six-year window for implementing realignments and closures. Then-Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld broke with past practice and delayed the 2005 BRAC implementation for six years because of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Robyn said.

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IN THE FIGHT

Corps: Cutbacks, but no involuntary separations

By Seth Robson

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – The Marine Corps plans to trim its ranks by 20,000 over five years, but no Marines will be forced out of the service early, according to the Marine Corps' deputy commandant for combat development and integration.

"Marines who raised their hands in a time of war can serve out their commitment," Marine Lt. Gen. Richard Mills told reporters during a Thursday morning teleconference to discuss plans to shrink the Corps.

The force reductions are part of the Pentagon's overall plan to trim more than 100,000 ground troops in the face of pending budget cuts. Earlier this year, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told Congress the Army end strength would "gradually" fall from roughly 570,000 to 490,000 soldiers while the Marine Corps would shrink from just more than 202,000 to 182,000 troops.

As part of that plan, the Corps will cut infantry and artillery battalions, tank companies, aircraft squadrons, headquarters elements, explosive ordnance disposal and support units, but it will add more than 1,000

personnel to cyber warfare and special operations units, officials said.

"We looked at lessons learned in the past 10 years," Mills said of the plans to reshape the Corps. "It is not going to be your father's Marine Corps."

Mills, who also heads the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va., said Marines serving with units that are inactivated under the cuts but who have yet to reach the end of their service contracts will be transferred to active units.

"The ones who leave will leave on their own terms and when they expect to leave," he said.

The Marines' approach to downsizing is in stark contrast to the Army and Navy, which are trimming thousands from the rolls through involuntary separation processes.

Still, it will be harder to stay in the Corps, if that's the path a Marine chooses. Every Marine will be offered a chance to compete for re-enlistment, Mills said, but he added that bonuses will likely be cut and re-enlistment options will be tougher.

"Marines will need to bring their A game every day," he said. "Marines will need to be top performers to find a slot in the career

force. There are some Marines serving very well now and doing the best they can who won't stay in."

Measures such as offering retirement to some Marines or buying out their contracts to meet force-reduction goals are not anticipated, Mills said.

Transition assistance programs will offer Marines help writing resumes, entering apprenticeship programs, job networking, getting an education or looking for public sector jobs such as police work, he said.

"It is a focus on the individual Marine to ensure he understands how he goes about selling his skills on the civilian market so they receive all the help they possibly can to set themselves up for success," he said.

The cuts will not impact the jobs of civilians supporting the Marine Corps, Mills said.

About 10 percent of 21,000 Marine civilian positions are unfilled. Some will be cut, but the civilian reductions will be achieved by not filling vacant jobs or replacing civilians who retire, he said.

"There is no civilian who needs to be worried about losing his job," he said.

ON THE DECK MCPON testifies before Congress All services' leaders denounce hazing

By Mass Communication Spec. 2nd Class Thomas Rosprin

Office of the MCPON

WASHINGTON – Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West testified before Congress March 22.

MCPON appeared before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel on "Hazing in the Military," along with top enlisted leaders from the Marines, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard to discuss hazing prevention in the Navy and respective military branches.

"People are absolutely our most precious asset," said West. "Their individual success and Navy's collective mission accomplishment lie in our ability to provide an environment that promotes inclusiveness and a validated sense of value to the team."

Hazing is not tolerated in the Navy due to its demoralizing and destructive nature to an individual's self-esteem and detrimental impact on unit cohesion.

"The secretary of the Navy's instruction on hazing is the cornerstone of our approach to education, prevention, enforcement and accountability," said West. "Training on hazing, equal opportunity, and core values begins with recruits at boot camp and is reinforced regularly in a variety of forums throughout a Sailor's service."

Since 2009, 46 hazing incidents have been reported with 20 of these resulting in punitive, administrative or disciplinary action.

"Navy policy requires Commanders to formally report every suspected incident of hazing to the chain of command as soon as possible," said West. "Every Sailor has the responsibility to make the appropriate authorities aware of hazing. Those who com-



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West (pictured) and other top enlisted leaders testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel. The Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, and Navy all agree: hazing is destructive to morale, unit cohesion, and mission readiness.

mit violations of the policy and those in leadership positions who may tolerate such acts are held accountable."

MCPON pointed to the deck plate leaders aboard the ships and on the ground throughout the Navy as the pinnacle of success or failure of the Navy's hazing prevention poli-

BRAC cont.

"That turned out to be a problem, because delay always is more expensive," she said, citing inflation and high construction costs due to Hurricane Katrina and a global demand for construction materials as factors. "We were putting out bids at the worst possible time," she said.

"The lesson from that is 'Do not delay the implementation of BRAC rounds, because it eliminates flexibility,'" she said.

Also, Robyn said, the Army spent additional money during the 2005 BRAC process by using new construction instead of renovations. "Over and over again, they de-

cided to do more than they had planned because they thought the benefits were worth it," she said.

Katherine G. Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations and environment, agreed that the 2005 round "was a very different BRAC." The Army closed 11 installations and realigned 53, spending \$18 billion in construction costs, she said.

However, she said, the process improved the National Guard and Army Reserve, and made the Army more efficient at training.

The Army has been doing its own "BRAC-like" process for downsizing over-

seas, where the process is not required, Hammack said, noting it has closed 97 sites in Europe, and plans to close another 23, mostly in Germany. It has closed 34 sites in South Korea, and plans to close 20 more sites there, she added.

Terry A. Yonkers, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, said the 2005 BRAC process did not meet the service's expectations of reducing its footprint. The Air Force had about the same 24 percent excess capacity that it has now, he said.

Cadet wins Sullivan Award

By Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven

Peyton Manning, Tim Tebow and West Point Cadet Andrew Rodriguez. You know the first two names these NFL quarterbacks have dominated the sports pages, broadcast reports and websites in recent days. At the same time, most news media passed over the Associated Press story with the headline "Army linebacker Rodriguez wins Sullivan Award."

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) James E. Sullivan Award honors outstanding amateur athletes using the values of character, leadership and sportsmanship. Presented annually since 1930, past recipients of the Sullivan Award include Mark Spitz, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, and Michael Phelps.

You can mention Manning, Tebow and Rodriguez all in the same breath, as this trio shares something very rare in amateur sports. These are the only college athletes to have earned the AAU Sullivan Award and the National Football Foundation's Campbell Trophy.

The NFF Campbell Trophy recognizes an individual for a combination of academic achievement, football performance and outstanding community leadership.

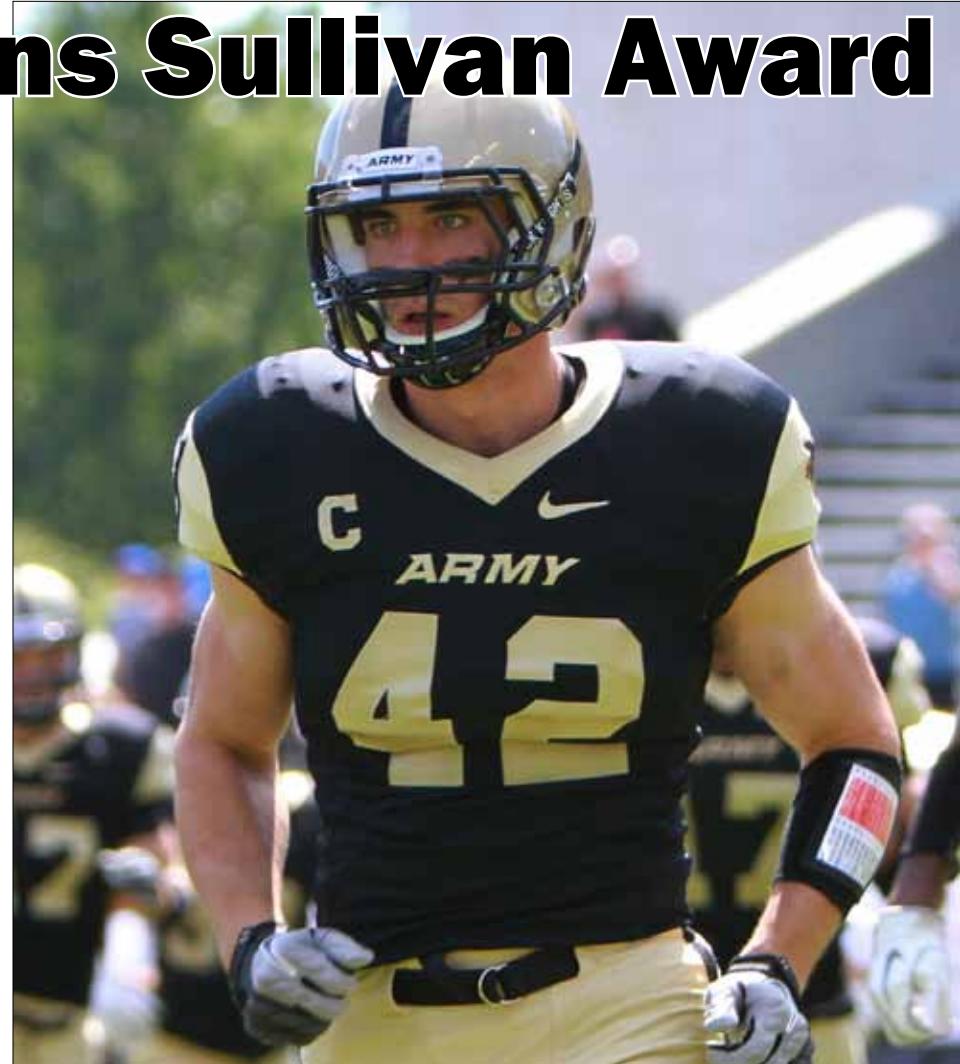
Unlike the two NFL quarterbacks with whom he shares this rare distinction, Rodriguez's abilities on the gridiron are not setting NCAA records.

Coming to the United States Military Academy in the fall of 2008, Rodriguez did not play that year for the Black Knights, even as a former three-time all-state linebacker selection from Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va.

In 2009 with an injury to another player, Rodriguez was promoted to starting linebacker and excelled, leading the team with 85 tackles. Fifteen of those tackles came against Navy. The cadet grabbed a pair of interceptions and made two fumble recoveries during the season.

High hopes for the 2010 football season were dashed by a near career-ending back injury. Rodriguez trained vigorously to return and was picked by teammates to be one of the three team captains. In his final opportunity to wear the black and gold, Rodriguez accounted for a team-leading three takeaways and recorded 59 tackles during the 2011 season.

His statistics for only two years of play are commendable, but Rodriguez's stats off the football field deserve the most attention. A 4.12 grade point average as mechanical engineering major; he earned 21 A-plus grades; placement on the Dean's List six



West Point Cadet Andrew Rodriguez joined an elite list of athletes, to include several Olympians, by winning the James E. Sullivan Award. —Army Athletics photo

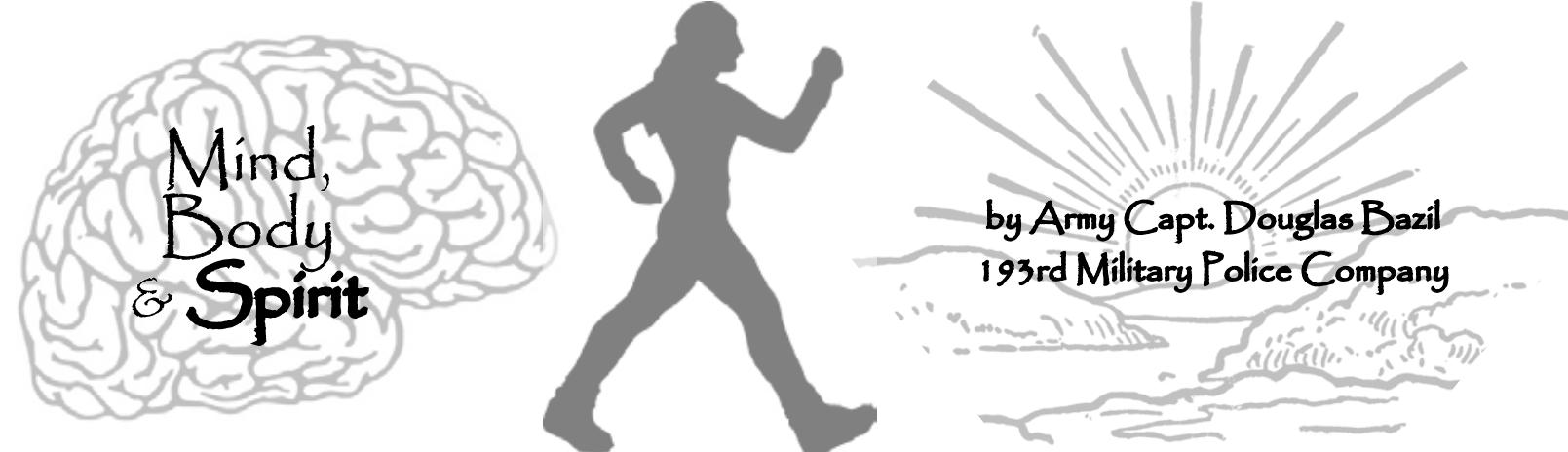
times and is ranked third out of 1,052 cadets in West Point's Class of 2012.

His family background could help explain his drive to excel. His dad, Gen. David Rodriguez, is commanding general of U.S. Forces Command and the former commander of the International Security Assistance Joint Command in Afghanistan.

His sister, Amy, recently returned from a deployment to Iraq since her graduation from West Point in 2006. Dad is a member of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 1976 and Cadet Rodriguez will be the next family graduate in May.

It was the troops overseas that Rodriguez was thinking about when he accepted the AAU Sullivan Award at the New York Athletic Club, New York on March 20. "I had the opportunity to play for all the servicemen and servicewomen around the world. That's who my teammates and I played for, and this award goes out to them."

The video of Rodriguez's acceptance speech on the Army Athletics website shows a young man in the cadet uniform who is genuinely amazed that his sharing a stage five



One Trooper's lesson in spiritual resilience

A spiritually resilient Trooper has hope when those around him have lost hope. He or she can find meaning when the mission seems meaningless. They can find new strength when others are giving up. Consider this quote from 2 Corinthians 4:

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed... Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Viewed from the outside, the person described here appears to be "wasting away,"

but inside they are being "renewed day by day." This is spiritual resilience.

The military has given great attention to developing Troopers who can confront and

overcome any obstacle. The last 10 years of conflict have revealed the strength of our military: we can go anywhere in the world to accomplish any mission against any opposition. At the same time, this conflict has shed light on our weaknesses: high suicide rates, substance abuse, and stress disorders are now common in every branch of service. Because of this trend, there is a new focus on developing resiliency.

Resilience is defined as the ability to "bounce back." The most obvious example is physical resilience, which is developed through physical training. A trained athlete has a greater physical capacity and can "bounce back" from an injury faster than a couch potato. Every service has set a basic standard for physical fitness, and every Trooper must pass a physical fitness test in order to be ready for the next deployment.

Spiritual resiliency is not so easy to

by Army Capt. Douglas Bazil
193rd Military Police Company

measure and is often overlooked. The truth is that spiritual strength, just like physical strength, can be increased through training. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 says:

"Train yourself to be

godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The physical fitness test comes a few times a year, but tests of your spiritual fitness come every day. If you feel that you are "wasting away," you need to become spiritually strong. Take the time every day to become spiritually fit. Pray, pick up your Bible, talk to the chaplain, find someone you admire who is spiritually fit and do what they are doing.

Spiritual strength is developed through a daily relationship with God. A daily routine of praying (talking to God) and reading scripture (listening to God) will slowly and steadily increase spiritual strength. As you grow stronger spiritually, you will find that you have a new hope, a new meaning, and a new strength that will renew you day by day.

ONLY AT GTMO

by Mass Communication Spec. 1st Class Keith Simmons



Movie Review

PG-13

83 min.

CHRONICLE



By Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

There are some people who absolutely detest "the camcorder movie." In fact, my Cuzco neighbor walked off during last Saturday night's showing of "Chronicle," which is this type of film, about 20 minutes into the feature at the Downtown Lyceum. That's understandable. These types of films don't have the same mass appeal as the summer popcorn blockbusters do. However, I do believe these films ultimately do find their audience.

"The camcorder movie" is also known as the "found footage" movie. Basically, these are films purporting to be the faithful and accurate depictions of actual events as they had unfolded. The characters in these pictures chronicle everything with their video cameras. Good examples would be the supposed lost NASA archival footage of "Apollo 18" (2011) or the supposed discovered camera of the ill-fated college students of the witch-in-the woods creepfest "The Blair Witch Project" (1999). The actors in these movies are usually unknowns to aid in their believability as the ordinary people they portray. The sound fluctuates and the image is usually grainy to appear as actual stock footage, right down to framing and dust on the film if required for the medium.

It is necessary to establish this before going right into my review of "Chronicle" and for the context in which I have graded this picture. This is a movie intentionally designed to appear being pieced together from multiple video camera footage, cellular telephone videos, a surveillance video and a live news broadcast feed.

"Chronicle" starts off simplistic

enough. The film opens with Andrew Detmer (Dane DeHaan, "True Blood"), a socially awkward teen, videotaping his abusive alcoholic father pounding on his bedroom door. At first you think this is a defensive tactic to ward off the father, but we soon realize there's more to Andrew's need to videotape the moments in life. His camera now goes everywhere he goes as he documents his world. He doesn't fit in at school and his loving mother is dying of cancer.

Andrew's cousin Matt Garety (Alex Russell, "Almost Kings") has been absent for a while. He likes to quote Plato and is asking deep questions. Matt and Andrew link up and attend a rave outside of Seattle. That's when popular Steve Montgomery (Michael B. Jordan, "Red Tails"), who's running for class president, enlists Andrew's aid in taking some video of the mysterious cavern in the woods and what is inside.

After the trio is exposed to a glowing crystal in the cave, they develop telekinetic abilities. That is, they are able to move objects with their minds. At first this is a novelty to them. It's good for hijinks with a hacky-sack and skipping rocks on a lake. They

discover telekinesis is also fun to play pranks at school and at a shopping mall. The moments in the parking lot and the toy store are some of the funniest I've seen in a movie this year. The part with the young girl with the teddy bear had me in an uproar.

After theorizing the use of their powers is like "flexing a muscle," the three friends broaden their abilities into flight. The footage of them playing football in the clouds together is what you'd expect newly super-powered youths to do in real life.

To them, their new found powers are the means to goof off and have a little fun. Sadly, as is often the case, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Not everyone can possess super-human abilities and keep their tempers in check. For those who can do so, it might have something to do with moral rearmament and their upbringing.

This first 50 minutes of "Chronicle" are an absolute delight. The three friends act just like ordinary high school kids would act as they test their new powers. The problems they face and their good humor comes across as real making this film feel like a legitimate home video. Even when the extraordinary happens to these guys, they still act as teens probably would act in this kind of situation. There's an authenticity throughout the picture that really makes everything feel believable and true. This includes Matt's courtship of the cute Casey (Ashley Hinsaw, "Gossip Girl") to the extraordinary show-down in downtown

Seattle toward the climax of the picture.

DeHaan is terrific as the shunned Andrew, whose problems at home and school are universal. Andrew's repressed anger issues are to be expected. He is sweet and reserved until his personal demons get the better of him. What starts off as an unassuming movie with good cheer turns a very dark page. Though this transition seems a little abrupt, it also makes sense. The last act plays out well.

"Chronicle" has the ingredients of a comic book origin story, though the filmmakers wisely decide to keep this movie in the real world as much as possible. The overall effect is one of sincerity. Some will argue that "the camcorder/found footage" approach in this film's story telling is a gimmick. Maybe it is, but so what? In this case, it helps make "Chronicle" work.

"Chronicle" is written by Max Landis, who is the son of filmmaker John Landis. It's evident that he has a firm understanding in writing teen dialog and making lines that seem nonsensical come across as real and true. All of the characters are genuine.

I can only review "Chronicle" in the context of what it is: "the camcorder/found footage" picture. For those who don't care for this kind of picture, there is no talking to you. That's fine and I respect where you're coming from. On its own merits, I think "Chronicle" did what it set out to do. For that, I appreciated and enjoyed it. I didn't expect much when I sat down, but I did have fun as I watched it.

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Fitness Power Lunch!

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JTF Chaplain's Office

For more information, call 2305.

NAVSTA Main Chapel Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

**Palm Sunday,
April 1**

9 a.m. - Catholic Mass
11 a.m. - Protestant

worship
1 p.m. - Gospel

worship
6 p.m. GTMO Bay

Christian Fellowship

**Holy Thursday,
April 5**

5:30 p.m. - Catholic

Mass
7 p.m. - Protestant

worship

Good Friday, April 6

5 p.m. - Catholic Good

Friday Passion
6:30 - Protestant

worship

Saturday, April 7

7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Mass

**Easter Sunday special
services, April 8**

6:30 a.m. - Easter

Sunrise Service at

Windmill Beach,

with breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt

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The JTF at shutter Speed



Above and background: The Red Cross Hike took Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers around the trails Saturday morning in appreciation of the 170th Military Police Company's Trail Blazer efforts. –photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson



Above: Army Capt. Joyce Louden took command of the 189th Military Police Company March 23. –photo by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

Below: Congratulations to the J3 Joint Operations Center for earning the March Integritas Award! –photo by Mass Communication Spc. 2nd Class Kyle Steckler

