

JTF names Troopers of the Year

By Army Spc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Joint Task Force Trooper and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year board took place Wednesday at Camp America.

Army Sgt. Sean McNaughton, of the 29th Infantry Division, was named JTF NCO of the Year, while Spc. John W. Minarik, of the 525th Military Police Battalion, was named JTF Trooper of the Year.

Each participant was selected by their chain of command to represent their unit. Board members (sergeant majors, master chiefs and other senior-enlisted personnel) judged the candidates on their confidence as well as their military knowledge.

"Being selected as Trooper of the Quarter or Trooper of the Year is a great honor. Since the JTF has so many top performers, it is very difficult to select only one each quarter (for the Trooper of the Quarter board). Each candidate can be justifiably proud to be nominated; they did not arrive at this point by chance," said Master Chief Benjamin W. Teague, the president of the board.

Competing in this board requires time, dedication and ample prepara-



Photo by Army Spc. Philip Regina

Army Sgt. Sean McNaughton (left) and Army Spc. John Minarik (right) stand proud as the newest Joint Task Force NCO and Trooper of the Year.

tion. Few individuals are awarded the privilege to represent their units and those who do compete must put in a lot of time into preparation. McNaughton and Minarik found that preparing for the board not only demands personal dedication, it also requires a little help from some friends.

"I spent nearly two hours a day, for almost two months studying for the board. In addition to my solo studying, the soldiers in my unit helped me study even more so. I would have my soldiers quiz me and we'd also hold mock boards, just to prepare for the competition," explained McNaughton.

"I owe a lot of my success to Staff Sgt. (Chris) Faulkner, Staff Sgt. (Charles) Gary and 1st Sgt. (Jeffrey) Fewell. It was not only the constant quizzing they put me through, it was also the confidence they had in me that helped me win," said Minarik.

Leadership, the X-Factor

By Army Lt. Col. Richard Kirk

JTF-GTMO Operations Officer

Leadership - it's the X-Factor. Your followers will climb mountains when your leadership is effective.

Leadership is art and science, a balance of both. The finest leaders operate comfortably in a formula of creativity that best suits their character.

Leadership motivates and inspires. Good leaders share the purpose behind every mission, and motivate the team to accomplish the mission through clear expression and understanding of the mission.

Rangers often refer to this concept as Sua Sponte (of their own accord). Once the ranger understands what the purpose is behind his mission, he will accomplish it, no matter what it takes. Even if it means his own life is risked to accomplish that mission.

Here's a story I read recently about a ranger in action. "Ranger Nick Panagakos served as a rifle platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division in Operation Desert Storm. He is now a special agent for the FBI assigned to the Counter-Terrorism Task Force.

Nick says that one of the most powerful carryovers from Ranger School to his work with the FBI is his ability to initiate positive action, even without direct or current orders from above. Adjusting for titles within the FBI, Nick credits the source of responsibility and latitude to the supervisor's intent. He contrasts the tight focus provided by intent statements in the Army and in the FBI with the daze and confusion he witnessed among Iraqi forces during Desert Storm. Nick estimates that 90 percent of the Iragis who were captured did not know their mission or what to expect in terms of allied operations.

Betrayed and abandoned by their leaders, they had no sense of which actions to take or how to take them. Surrender and defeat became rational



choices.

In the U.S. military and in the FBI, everyone in the unit must know what the mission is, understand its purpose, and be prepared for all the contingencies. Nick refers to this as the bottom line understanding, meaning that what must be accomplished, must be understood down to the lowest ranking person. No confusion, no excuses. A clear sense of duty plus empowerment equals responsibility to get the job done." The key ingredient here is purpose, or sometimes referred to as, "the commander's intent."

Motivating and inspiring a team is absolutely the art I referred to. Here, leaders must have strong communications skills. Leaders must be able to turn decisions into actions by succinctly communicating the plan of action, and intent.

As brigade S-3 (operations officer) in the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea, I served with one of the best communicators and leaders I have ever known. He's a general now. and he somehow found time to write eight books during his personal time. In Korea, he commanded an infantry brigade that included one battalion stationed north of the Imjin River. In the operations order I wrote, he added a simple intent statement, "Kill the enemy." Everyone understood his intent, and his words focused our effort.

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Taking a closer look at GTMO

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Your paddle glides freely through the water with effortless grace, resulting in your kayak peacefully skimming across the bay. Eagerly, you paddle in search of new sights and beauty.

Joint Task Force Troopers and Naval Base residents participated in a free MWR-sponsored kayak tour of Guantanamo Bay here Saturday morning.

This two-hour tour explored various areas within a two-mile stretch from the Sailing Center.

"There was a quiet inlet where we first went and got to play around. It was a side of GTMO I had never seen before," said Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend, Information Assurance manager.

Besides the scenic route, the

kayak tour offered other benefits.

"It's a great way to reduce stress and get a good workout all at the same time," said Jaron Chapman, the tour guide.

Chapman encourages all kayak enthusiasts to join in on the fun.

"We'd love to see more people out here. This is a great opportunity to get a closer look at Cuba, and it's all for free," said Chapman.

For more information on upcoming kayak tours, call the Liberty Center at ext. 2010. ■



Photo by Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

Army Sgt. Bradley Raupp, from the 29th Infantry Division, cruises along the Guantanamo Bay waters during a kayak tour Saturday.

Security bulletin: Da Plane!... Da Plane!...

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Prior to departing fantasy island, all military, civilian and contractor personnel affiliated with the Joint Task Force must have their baggage checked and their electronic media scanned. Baggage will be checked by JTF baggage inspection at the Leeward Air Terminal before leaving. You must have approved departure orders, leave chits, contract orders, etc. to board the plane.

During baggage inspection, all clothing may be unfolded, shaken out, and searched using the crushing method. All pockets may be unbuttoned and searched. This search will include undergarments and shoes.

All containers with paperwork (day planners, note-books, folders, mail, etc.) may be opened and thoroughly searched. Any questionable documents will be viewed. All sealed mail can be opened, unless exempted by J-2 (security).

If you plan to depart with any media items (iPods, lap-

tops, flash drives, floppy disks, cameras, PDAs, burned CDs and DVDs, cell phones, etc.) you have to turn it into Media Scan, at McCalla Hangar, within three business days before your departure date. You will recover your media during baggage inspection at the Leeward Terminal. Your media will be confiscated if Media Scan has not scanned it, unless you have a signed waiver from J-2.

All photographs will be screened for unauthorized Kodak moments, which include photos of detainees and any detention facilities. For futher guidance on unauthorized photography, refer to general order #2 and policy memorandum #8, which can be found on the JTF hompage under the 'pubs' link. No undeveloped film will leave GTMO, including disposable cameras. Unused film may be carried, but will be checked for usage.

You may contact media scan at ext. 4253, or 4214. Baggage inspection can be contacted at ext. 6022, or 6171.

Remember, mission first, security always!

Reserve income hike begins Friday

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Eligible Army Reserve and National Guard applicants will begin receiving Reserve Income Replacement Program payments as early as Friday.

The RIRP was developed to compensate servicemembers who make less money on active duty than then make in their civilian work, if they are experiencing a monthly differential of more than \$50.

"An active duty income differential is the difference between the average monthly civilian earned income of the member before mobilization and the member's total monthly military compensation while involuntarily mobilized, when the member's average monthly civilian income exceeds the total monthly compensation," describes the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs website.

To be eligible, servicemembers must currently be involun-

tarily mobilized and have completed 18 consecutive months of active duty, completed 24 months of active duty during the previous 60 months, or been involuntarily mobilized for 180 days or more within six months of the previous involuntary period of active duty of more than 180 days.

Payments will be made to eligible members on a monthly basis, not to exceed \$3,000.

For more information, visit http://www.dod.mil/ra/. ■

Network News

Blogging while at GTMO

By Air Force Capt. Troy Townsend

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

Web logs, or blogs, are a popular way to stay in touch with people back home. They allow you to post thoughts and experiences onto the web so that friends and family can read about all the exciting things you are doing while deployed here. What bloggers need to remember is that the information posted on the web is available for anyone to read. Naturally, this raises some concerns for network security and operations security. In fact, many locations have a policy that prohibits members from posting to blogs while deployed.

Here are some pointers to make sure that your postings do not jeopardize the safety of your fellow servicemembers and civilian personnel.

From a network security standpoint, blogging sites are increasingly dangerous because they are breeding grounds for exploits and viruses. Because of the popularity of the blogging sites, viruses can spread very quickly as people from all over the world pass through the site. Additionally, someone can exploit a specific target by placing malicious code on a site that is known to be frequented by, in our case, deployed members at GTMO. A couple months ago, a blogging/chat site that was created by a deployed Trooper had to be blocked because malicious

code was embedded into advertisements appearing on the site.

If you are going to blog, the best advice is to choose a well-respected site that allows you to limit who views your postings. Then, refrain from allowing anyone to post images, movies etc. that could contain malicious code to your site.

Blogging also raises many operations security concerns. "Troopers must practice operations security at all times. OPSEC is an analytical process used to deny an adversary critical information about our planning processes and operations. Your blogs, [like] this article, will be available to anyone with Internet access including our adversaries. In order to keep you, your family and our mission safe, do not reveal your city, or the names and ages of your children or spouse. In addition, Department of Defense policy dictates that no critical or classified information can be in blogs, as well as no speculation on incidents that are still under investigation (i.e. detainee suicides)," said Jim Morales, the OPSEC program manager.

In many respects, the easiest thing is to simply refrain from blogging while deployed. The information that can be gleaned from many blogs over a period of time adds an element of unnecessary risk to what the JTF-GTMO mission is trying to accomplish. However, if you are going to blog, blog safely!

If you have a topic that you'd like us to address in an upcoming column of Network News, send your request to: j6-ia@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.

Texas Hold 'Em tourneys at Marine Hill

By Army Spc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The Marine Hill Liberty Center hosts free Texas Hold 'Em games every Monday at 7 p.m.

The games are tournament style, with the top two players receiving prizes.

Past prizes have included a \$12 gift certificate for Pizza Hut and a \$10 gift certificate for Mongolian Barbecue.

Each player receives 40 poker chips of four different colors: blue, red, yellow and white. The colors represent different values. Blue is worth 20, red is worth 10, yellow is worth five and white is worth one.

The game goes on until the last two remaining players are identified. These two players can either opt to



flip a coin to determine a winner or go head to head if desired.

The game is open to all individuals stationed in Guantanamo Bay, both Joint Task Force and Naval Station.

Call the Liberty Center at ext. 2010 for more information. ■

You know you're at GTMO when ...

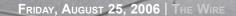
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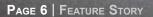
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- People compliment you on your GTMO special.
- You can't get your car out of first gear.
- You travel over to the GTMO lighthouse just so you can speed.
- You have loss of cell phone coverage within sight of a cell phone tower.
- You plan your days to the beach when it is low tide.
- You go to the movies with your friends and those strap hangers commonly referred to as Banana Rats.
- You use quotes from movies such as "Office Space" and "Team America" in an important briefing...and they make perfect sense.
- You intentionally sit through the movies "Lady in the Water" and "Silent Hill" because you had nothing else

better to do.

- Going to Mongolian BBQ at the Bayview is a big night out on the town.
- That fancy new cologne everyone compliments you on goes by the name of "OFF".
- You check the NEX nearly everyday for something new.
- Having curried goat and a Red Stripe beer is something new and exotic.
- It's one of the greatest days in your life when you hand off your cell phone to your replacement.
- You think a bad day of diving is when your visibility is less than 30 feet.
- You safeguard the location where you picked up those lobsters and Tridents Trumpets.
- You know what a Tridents Trumpet is.
- Dressing up means wearing a t-shirt, shorts and those fancy new leather flip-flops.







Story and photos by Army Spc. Philip Regina

he rhythmic thumping of fast-paced dance music fills the air. The smell of sweat fills your nostrils as bodies of synchronized motion moving at a million miles per hour make the room temperature soar. The aerobic instructor at the front of the room urges you to keep moving. Your legs tighten, your lungs burn and your heart feels as if it's pumping pure battery acid through your veins. This is the price you pay for a perfect body.

Whether you're looking to sculpt your body into a work of art, or if you're simply looking to increase your overall physical fitness, attending one of the many MWR fitness classes here is a good idea.

"We try to cater to everyone's needs here. We offer a

wide variety of classes so I'm sure you'll find at least one class that strikes your fancy. Our number one priority is to increase the overall health and welfare of the personnel here," explained Audrey Chapman, a fitness coordinator for the MWR.

Your jazzercise class is nearing completion. The last five minutes are like a cruel form of torture. Your aerobic instructor keeps pushing, keeps urging you to move. You dig deep, get pumped and throw that last kick in the air. You're tired, sore and drenched in sweat, but a sublime sense of satisfaction overcomes you. It was a tough hour, but you've just burned a ton of calories and you're growing even closer to having the body you want.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation center here has a multitude of fitness classes available to Joint Task Force Troopers.

- * Cardio Kickboxing (Mon., Wed.: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) A vigorous, high-intensity workout involving fast-paced punching, kicking and aerobic movements.
- * Spinning (Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.; Tues, Thurs: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) An hour-long class of high-intensity indoor cycling.
- * Yoga (Mon., Wed., Fri.: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) An hour of serene relaxation, great for increasing flexibility and soothing the soul.
- * Water Aerobics (Sat.: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Windjammer Pool) Aerobic training performed in a pool. The water is used as resistance.
- * Jazzercise (Thurs.: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) If you enjoy dancing then jazzercise is the class for you. It mixes elements of aerobics with dance moves to get the blood flowing.
- * Cardio Quick (Tues., Thurs.: 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) –A condensed class of Jazzercise.
- * Pilates (Tues., Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center)

 Abdominal and balance exercises focus on working the core.
- * Step Aerobics (Thurs.: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) A fast paced, high-intensity step workout.
- * Step Sculpt (Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) Step workout with a focus on sculpting the body rather than purely aerobic workout.
- * Bosu (Tues. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Marine Hill Fitness Center) Aerobic class that uses half of a ball placed on the floor and performing balance and aerobic exercises on it. ■



To be Super Bowl champions nevermore?

By Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

After facing a tough losing season last year, the Baltimore Ravens are looking to rebuild and rebound for their 2006 season, which opens September 10, against the Buccaneers at Tampa Bay. While both teams sport a strong defense, it may be the Raven's offense that proves the deciding factor.

In the off-season, the Ravens were able to acquire quarterback Steve McNair from the Tennessee Titans and running back Mike Anderson from the Denver Broncos. Both fill key positions and bring years of experience to a sometimesstruggling Raven offense. If the offensive line can remain injury free and McNair can bring his leadership to bear, then the Ravens stand a good chance of turning their team around from a disappointing 6-10 season last year.

Another change in the lineup for the remainder of the preseason may be seen in the running back position. Although he did play in the first half of the preseason game last Thursday against the Philadelphia Eagles, running back Jamal Lewis will be sitting out of practices and games for the next two weeks due to a nagging hip injury that occurred in July from running sprints during training camp. He will be sidelined until the week of practice leading into the regular season opener against Tampa Bay. Running back Mike Anderson, who ran over a thousand yards last season for the Broncos, is also on the injured list with a sprained foot.

In the place of the two injured starters, the Ravens have placed eleven-year veteran and nine-time Pro Bowl player Jonathan Ogden in the running back position. Ogden, who had missed training camp because of the death of his father two days prior to the start of camp,

was on the field running plays with the rest of the offense during practice last week.

However, the man to watch may be running back Musa Smith. Smith, who made four carries and one reception totaling 91 yards gained against the Eagles last Thursday, also scored the Ravens only rushing touchdown in the preseason so far. If he can maintain his competitiveness, it would be a shame to let his talent go to waste, even with the return of Lewis and Anderson to full health.

The Ravens have two more preseason games to go before the start of the regular season. They play the Vikings at Minnesota tonight and the Redskins at Washington on Thursday. That means two more chances to tighten up their offensive line, smooth over any kinks and prove to themselves, and the rest of the NFL, that their Super Bowl win in the 2000 season wasn't just a fluke.

Sports standings as of Tuesday:

Co-ed volleyball

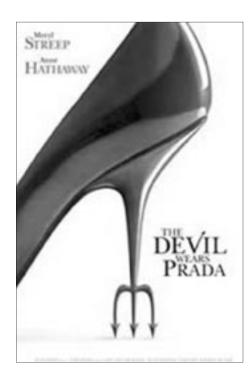
<u>Team</u>	Won	Lost
DHS-PPI	11	0
The Unreliable	10	1
NEX Striker	9	2
Bubble Gang	8	2
GTMO Sharks	7	3
Six Packs	7	5
JIG is Up	6	5
GTMO Packers	6	6
Devils	3	5
ARB Lords	4	7
Waa Gawn	3	7
Just 4 Fun	3	8
JMG	2	9
Thunder Chicken	1	10
Pirates	0	10

Sports standings provided by Jessica Hulgan, MWR sports coordinator.



Ravens running back Musa Smith rushes for a touchdown during the third quarter against the Eagles August 17.

Movie Summary





"The Devil Wears Prada"

After graduating college, the naïve Andrea Sachs comes to New York and lands a job as the assistant to one of the city's biggest magazine editors, the ruthless and cynical Miranda Priestly.

Miranda, a high-profile, fabulously successful editor of Runway magazine, terrorizes everyone who is around her. The young Andrea knows nothing of the fashion industry and sees her job with Miranda as a stepping-stone to another great journalism position. Andrea is tested to the limits with Miranda's outlandish orders, from sending the latest, not-yet-in-stores Harry Potter to Miranda's children in Paris by private jet, to locating an unnamed antique store where Miranda had admired a vintage dresser, to serving lattes to Miranda at precisely the piping hot temperature she prefers.

Things start to escalate from merely unacceptable to downright outrageous, and Andrea begins to realize that the job a million girls would die for may just kill her. And even if she survives, she has to decide whether or not the job is worth the price of her soul. Rated PG13, 109 mins.■

Phil and Louie's movie review will return in a future issue. In the meantime, enjoy some brief summaries of current and upcoming feature films showing at the MWR theaters.

More really Corny Jokes

- 1. A woman says to her husband, "Every day our neighbor's husband comes home with flowers for his wife. Why don't you do that?"
 The husband replies, "Hun, I hardly know that woman..."
- 2. Who is the most famous ghost detective? Sherlock Bones!
- 3. What do you call a skeleton who tells jokes?
 A funny bone!
- 4. What's a ghost's favorite fruit?
 Booberries.
- 5. What's a haunted chicken? A poultry-geist.
- 6. What do you call a ghost with a broken leg? Hoblin Goblin.
- 7. Boss: (to employee) Experts say humor on the job relieves tension in this time of downsizing, Knock, Knock.
 Employee: Who's there?
 Boss: Not you anymore.
- 9. A reporter was interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" She simply replied, "No peer pressure."
- 10. What do you call a song sung in an automobile? A cartoon.
- 11. What lies on its back, one hundred feet in the air? A dead centipede.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

I regularly receive emails from a fellow chaplain. This is a recent one that gives us many things to think about.

Now, I like many sports to not only watch but also to play. I've played softball, baseball, soccer, ping-pong, horseshoes, and many others in one way or another. There is one sport that I play that I have found quite different in many ways than any other sport...golf. Yes, the sport of hitting a small white ball with a piece of metal around a large pasture. But, let us examine this sport in more detail.

- Golfers don't have some of their players in jail every week.
- Golfers don't kick dirt on, or throw bottles at, other people.
- Professional golfers are compensated in direct proportion to how well they play.
- Golfers don't hold out for more money, or demand new contracts, because of another player's deal.
- Professional golfers don't demand that the taxpayers pay for the courses on which they play.
- You can watch the best golfers in the world up close, at any tournament, including the majors, all day, every day for \$25 or \$30. The cost for a seat in the nosebleed section at the Super Bowl will cost around \$300 or more.
- In golf you cannot fail 70 percent of the time and make \$9 million a season, like the best baseball hitters (. 300 batting average) do.
- Golfers keep their clothes on while they are being interviewed.
- You can hear birds chirping on the golf course during a tournament.
- At a golf tournament, you won't hear a steady stream of four letter words and nasty name calling while you're hoping that no one spills beer on you.
- And lastly, here is a slice of golf history I thought you might enjoy. Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, and not 20, or 10 or an even dozen? Answer: During a discussion among the club's membership board at St. Andrews in 1858, one of the members pointed out

that it takes exactly 18 shots to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out.

I'll tell you another sport that is highly honorable ... life. Yes, life is honorable. It is an honorable game that is played out for various time sequences but every moment is honorable. The problem is, like some sports, that we don't treat it honorably. We many times treat life as a past time of bad behavior and broken rules. We glide our way through it as if the score at the end doesn't matter. We participate not as a team sport but as a single selfish act.

Life is holy. Life is sacred with rules to keep it balanced and fair. It can be played as a single but not for long because we discover we need others to make it fun and special. It's more fun and comforting to laugh and cry with someone else.

Play by the rules as you live. Play with abandon and in joy. Play as if it's the only game allowed. Play to win. P.S. Don't forget the referee. ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	Protestant Service Confessions	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8:00	a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13		
	8:15	a.m.	Confession	Main Chapel		
	9:00	a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel		
	9:00	a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ			
			of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A		
	9:30	a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel		
	10:00 a.m.		Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B		
	11:00 a.m.		Protestant Service	Main Chapel		
	1:00	p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel		
Monday	5:00	p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13		
	7:00	p.m.	Prayer Group			
Man to Fri	7.00		Fellowship	Fellowship Hall		
Mon. to Fri.	7:00	p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8		
T 4. Ful	5:15	p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel		
Tues. to Fri.	6:00	p.m.	Mass	Main Chapel		
Wednesday	6:00	p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel		
Friday	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall		
Saturday) p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C		
	4:15	p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel		
	5:00	p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel		
	6:15	p.m.	Confessions	PPI Chapel		
	7:00	p.m.	Mass	PPI Chapel		
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Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.

15 Minutes of Fame

with Army Spc. Steven Deitchman and Army Spc. Peter Butkus

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

An engine sputters in the distance, a generator hums throughout the night and tactical vehicles patrol the land. This is the world through the eyes of two mechanics here at Guantanamo Bay.

Army Spc. Steven Deitchman and Army Spc. Peter Butkus, from the 29th Infantry Division, keep the Joint Task Force running, one piece of equipment at a time. From various types of government vehicles to even

something
as simple as
a generator,
Deitchman and
Butkus see
GTMO from
another point of
view.

"The most rewarding part of my job is that every time I look around, I see something that is rolling, and I'm part of the reason it's moving," said Butkus.

But these mechanics are more than that; these mechanics are the reason why the Joint Task Force, as a whole, is moving forward every day. This past month, Deitchman and Butkus were awarded coins

from Army Lt. Col. Kevin Burke, the previous commander of the 525th Military Police Battalion. The mechanics were given six days to complete a task and they completed it within 24 hours.

"We're just able to work well together. We both want to get the job done and we're both motivated to do it, so it just works out," said Deitchman.

Having a passion for what you do also makes the time go by quicker.

"The one thing about my job that I love is that it keeps me busy. There's always something to do no matter what, which is good because it makes the time here pass fast," said Butkus.

As the duty day ends and the sputtering of the engines subsides, JTF Troopers and staff rest assured knowing Deitchman and Butkus are dedicated to getting the job done, one part at a time.

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Army Sgt. Christina Douglas at ext. 3593.



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Army Spc. Peter Butkus (left) and Army Spc. Steven Deitchman (right) work diligently to maintain a JTF tactical vehicle at the Camp America motor pool here Monday.



■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremy R. Fuzi, from the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, digs out the dirt beside the Seaside Galley Friday for some future construction here.







Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

▲ Navy Vice Adm. Kevin J. Cosgriff, deputy commander U.S. Fleet Forces Command, greets Troopers at the Seaside Galley during a brief visit here Friday.



▲ Chaplain Ron Krawesnski congratulates Navy Master Chief Petty Officer McCormick Gozum on his reenlistment August 15 at the main chapel.



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▲ JTF-GTMO deputy commander, Army Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock, and Navy Command Master Chief Benjamin W. Teague, acting JTF command master chief, congratulate Army Spc. William R. Gilliam of the Joint Visitors Bureau, on his promotion to sergeant during his promotion ceremony Monday.



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▲ Army Staff Sgt. Robert S. Tate, a Trooper with the Joint Visitors Bureau, tapes a holiday greeting for his loved ones Friday, which will be offered to TV stations within his home town.