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## GTMO in Washington



*Troopers train replacements*

Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

▲ Moving in wedge formations, Troopers train for the foot patrols they will conduct at Guantanamo.

**By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

FORT LEWIS, WASH.—Troopers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment are here this week helping to train and inform the next round of Troopers headed for Guantanamo Bay (GTMO).

The 1-18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, California Army National Guard, who will replace the 2-113, had many questions of their GTMO counterparts, said Army Sgt. Hector Rivera, B Co., 2-113.

Questions incoming Troopers asked of GTMO vets concerned physical training levels, the length of the duty day, food at the galleys, continuing education, religious services, the Primary Leadership Development and Basic Noncommissioned Officer courses, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) activi-

ties available on the island, Rivera said.

Rivera said that when answering questions it is important to clear up any misconceptions and rumors and to stay positive for the new Troopers; otherwise they will lose their motivation before they even arrive in GTMO.

“The morale is there, and they have camaraderie,” Rivera said of the 1-18. He described them as very motivated and said they are eager to get their boots on the ground at GTMO, much like the 2-113 when they were mobilizing.

Taking part in the training of the Troopers is the next step for the infantrymen trainers here from GTMO.

“The site is well prepared, given the resources that they have. You can tell they put a lot of time into it,” Rivera said. The training site is equipped with

a mock detention camp complete with towers and vehicle checkpoints.

Once the 1-18 is done training at Fort Lewis they will arrive at GTMO for left-seat/right-seat training with the 2-113. For now, training is focusing more on the infantry skills Troopers of the 1-18 Cavalry already have but need to hone, said Army Lt. Col. Skyler Hornung, the Officer in Charge for troop-level training.

The most important tip Rivera said he has given the new Troopers so far is to look out for each other. He also stressed to the noncommissioned officers to get their troops involved in MWR activities to keep them happy and motivated.

“It’s all about doing the right thing. Do what’s right; not necessarily what’s easiest,” he said. ■

# From all walks of life



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde

## By Navy Capt. Lewis C. Nygard

JTF-GTMO Senior Officer, Naval Element

I'm extremely excited to be in a great group of Sailors coming down to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, (GTMO) to be a part of the JTF (Joint Task Force) mission.

Although this deployment is not on a ship at sea, where I've been for most of my career, this will be nonetheless exciting. We are all thrilled to serve our nation in the Global War on Terrorism.

These active-duty Sailors traveled from all over the world to reach GTMO. From shore installations in Japan, Guam, England and Italy; from ships, squadrons and submarines at sea in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans and all our major home-ports in Washington, California, Connecticut, Virginia and Florida. They all have one thing in common just like the Troopers serving here: They want to perform their job the best they can.

The Sailors in the GTMO 6 rotation reporting to JDOG (Joint Detention Operations Group) have the master-at-arms rat-

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—Navy Capt. Lewis C. Nygard

ing (a rating is like an MOS, or military occupational specialty, for Sailors) or have earned the NEC (Navy enlisted code) for correctional-custody specialist. So most have a variety of law-enforcement, security, force-protection or corrections experience.

From ships to staff duty, my experience has taught me that all men and women in our services want to perform their jobs well. Assign any task and with the proper training, tools and time, everyone succeeds.

I want to share a few guidelines that I provided the Sailors at predeployment training in Jacksonville, Fla.:

Treat everyone with respect and dignity—just like you want to be treated.

Take care and watch out for each other on and off duty.

Don't pass by a problem without taking action to correct or notify the supervisor.

Follow the procedures.

Be safe.

If the guidance and standards you need to accomplish your task are unclear, ask for help.

Make a goal to improve yourself in some manner over the deployment. Lose a few pounds, lift a few more pounds, learn to sail, take up the harmonica, play a sport or two, take a few college courses, read a few more books, ride, hike or snorkel.

Although the JTF mission is our No. 1 priority, all of us should make ourselves professionally, spiritually and personally better over the deployment and leave Guantanamo Bay a little better after our stay.

I look forward to working beside you in the upcoming months and will see you around the base.

Honor Bound! ■

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Photo by Chris Faddis

# Weight Loss

## One Trooper's success

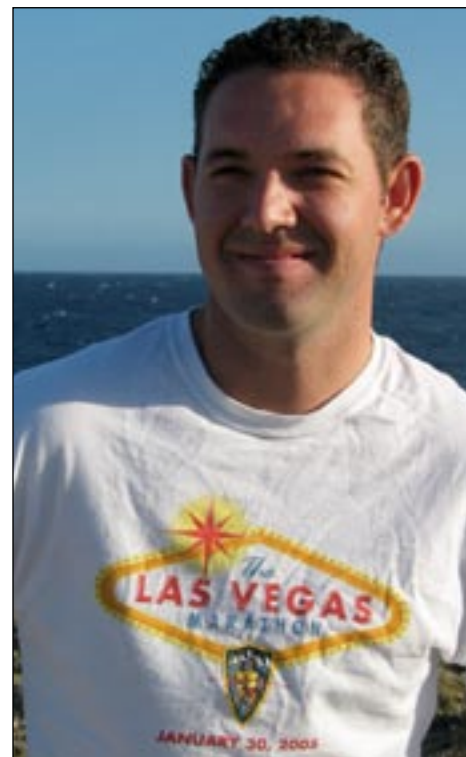


Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

**Army Sgt. Scott Faddis**

**By Spc. Jody Metzger**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Going from physical fitness failure to running a marathon, Army Sgt. Scott Faddis turned his life around with hard work and dedication; something he believes anyone could do if they wanted it badly enough.

Faddis is serving in the 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is the noncommissioned officer in charge of public information.

A little over two years ago at 240 pounds and Army Physical Physical Fitness Test (APFT) failure, Faddis proved that anyone could change their lifestyle if they want it bad enough. This want and need to have a different kind of life drove him to a rigorous workout schedule that he still follows to this day.

At 23, Faddis didn't want to envision his life as an overweight workaholic whose only ambition was to catch his favorite TV shows before heading to bed.

It was embarrassing, Faddis said, that he was nowhere near passing the Army's Physical Training Test (APFT). "I really wasn't where I wanted to be," Faddis said. "I was 23 and very unhappy with where my life was going."

Coming to this realization, Faddis set some goals for himself. In the past the APFT—and running specifically—were a

nightmare; one that he would dread. "My solution for the [APFT] was I would run as much as I could, and I would squeak by and then I would be safe for another six months," said Faddis. In the process he would end up injuring himself.

Thanks to his chain of command, Faddis has been able to build a slow but solid base for his workout regime. "Instead of forcing me to take a PT test every month they gave me the time to do it gradually," Faddis said.

After finally passing the APFT six months later, he felt a greater sense of self, giving him the courage and support to continue on.

His inspiration to continue led him to many hours of working out at the gym. First an hour on the elliptical or treadmill and then an hour or so of lifting weights. It wasn't until he joined a running group that he truly began to enjoy running. "One of the best things about running with the group was learning the secrets of running," Faddis said.

To this day his intensity to work out and eat right has given him more than just a better body. He has achieved better self-confidence and with it, bigger goals.

Many of his co-workers and friends thought him crazy for running 15 or 19 miles at a time. Little did they know he had no intention of stopping. His plan was

to get ready for the Las Vegas Marathon in January.

Crossing the finish line in 4 hours and 45 minutes, Faddis completed his goal. And although he limped for a full week afterward, his spirits were soaring after he finished one of the major milestones of his life.

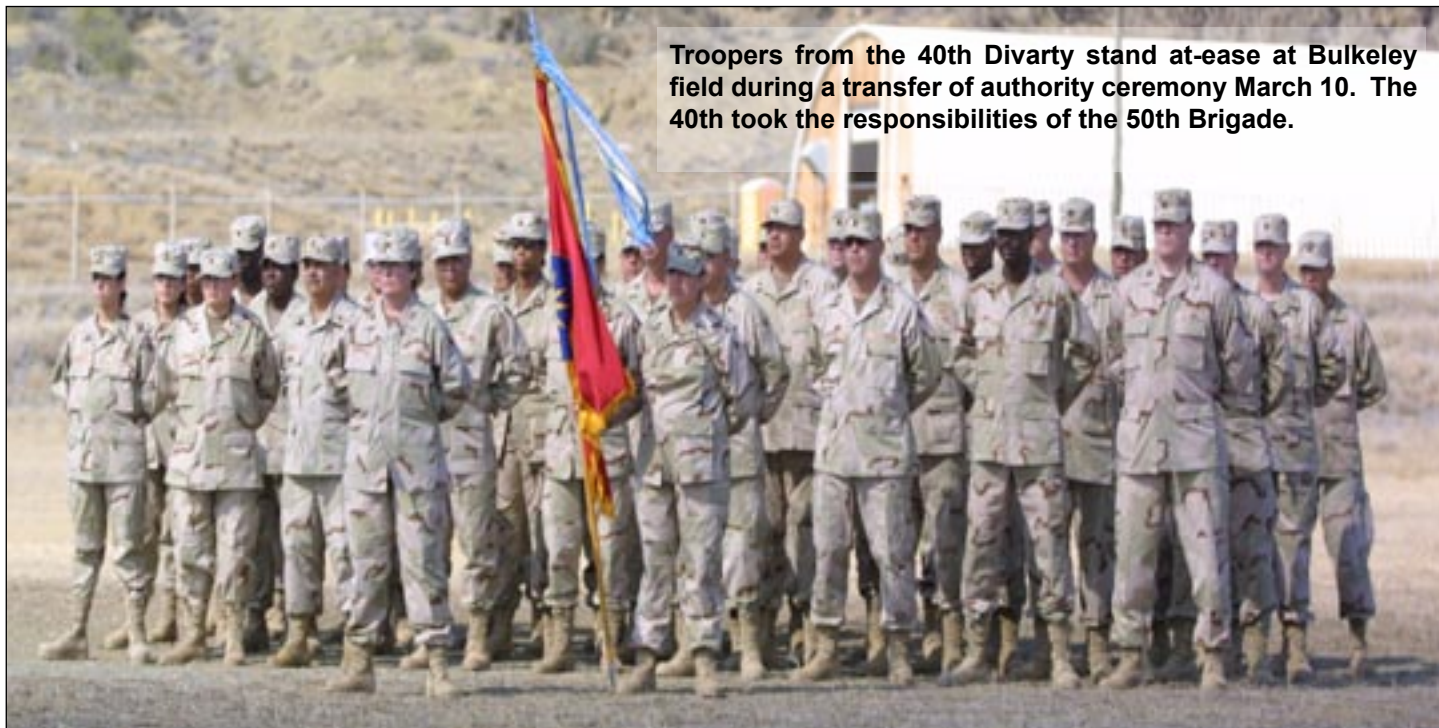
Completing a marathon is more than just running 26.2 miles. It is a time-honored tradition that brings a special bond between those who accomplish such physical and mental feats.

Running the race was a humbling experience for Faddis, one that is forged through much pain. "I am not the fastest runner, for sure," Faddis said. "There are a lot of people faster than me. The world-class marathoners do the marathon twice as fast as I did. And that doesn't matter. I'll get faster, they will get slower and somewhere in the middle I'll have reached my goals."

Some aspects of the race have changed gradually over the years, but one thing remains the same, the spirit. This spirit is why he did it. "I felt like I had just joined a very small segment of the population," Faddis said. "And it is funny, there is a bond that you feel with other people who have run a marathon." ■

*First in a series of three.*

*Reach Spc. Jody Metzger at 3499.*



Troopers from the 40th Divarty stand at-ease at Bulkeley field during a transfer of authority ceremony March 10. The 40th took the responsibilities of the 50th Brigade.

Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger



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▲ Kvaerner employees worked hard Wednesday morning installing a new portable arms room at Camp America, giving Troopers additional space to stow their weapons. Able to lift 225 tons, this hydraulic rough-terrain crane can extend up to 297 feet in the air, giving it the capacity to lift the new 40-ton arms room.

# AROUND THE JTF



More than 100 people ran the GTMO Half Marathon on March 5. Coming in at 1 hour, 20 minutes, Gordon Hyde took first place. 1<sup>st</sup> Female: Melissa Bellman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Male: Scott Anderson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Female: Katie Kuiper; 3<sup>rd</sup> Male: Brian Holderness; 3<sup>rd</sup> Female: Jennifer Therup.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde



Photos by Army Sgt. Scott Faddis

▲ Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott talks with senior chiefs of the Joint Task Force. From left to right: Master Chief Tracy Padmore, Senior Chief Petty Officer Eugene McCloud, Chief Petty Officer Jerry Brown and Chief Petty Officer Randy Jakobitz. Scott asks, “Are you learning to talk to the different services?” Jakobitz responds, “Hooah!”



▲ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Schulze and Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Denise Skym are wearing two of the Navy’s trial uniforms as part of Task Force Uniform.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Henry Chade

▲ The 2nd and 3rd Military Police Company unveils its monument March 10. Present was Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott.

From

# FORT LEWIS



▲ Troopers of the 1-18 Cavalry wait in line for their turn to cl

► Spc. Eleuterio Adalfo, 1-18 Cavalry, crowds under a small tent with fellow Troopers to receive a course in land navigation.



To

# GUANTANAMO

# GTMO 6

**T**roopers from the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment are training new Troopers at Fort Lewis, Wash., in preparation for deployment to the Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay this spring.

Troopers in the incoming 1-18th Cavalry are well equipped, well trained and have high morale, observers at Fort Lewis say.

The training site includes a mock detention facility complete with towers and vehicle checkpoints.

The incoming Troopers will be part of the sixth rotation at Guantanamo Bay.



climb into the towers for training.



◀ The training site at Fort Lewis is equipped with a mock detention camp complete with loops of barbed wire and squad towers to simulate the environment the 1-18 Cavalry will soon be working in.

# GTANAMO

## 15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH

## ARMY PFC. ROBERT YHARBROUGH

By Spc. Richard McMullen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Army Pfc. Robert Yharbrough is an example of a young, motivated Trooper serving in the Joint Task Force here at Guantanamo Bay.

**The Wire: Where are you from?**

**Yharbrough:** From Detroit. Originally from California.

**Why did you enlist?**

I enlisted because my dad and grandpa were in the Army. My cousin and I joined on the buddy system. I originally enlisted in the Navy, but my grandfather died and they discharged me. I was up in Great Lakes.

**How long have you been in?**

Two and a half years.

**What is your MOS (military occupational specialty)?**

42A (Administration) for right now. I'm more than likely going to go Special Forces (SF) or Ranger, but it's leaning more toward SF. I've been talking to a lieutenant who was assigned to an SF unit, and he told me I have the heart and mind to do it, and that was encouraging.

**What are your future goals?**

I plan on going home, going home ... and going home (laughs). Going back to school and playing football at Eastern Michigan State University, and I'll see where that takes me. I'm also going to get involved in the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program.

**You, like a lot of Troopers in Camp America, partake in the creative medium spoken word. Flowing. Rapping.**

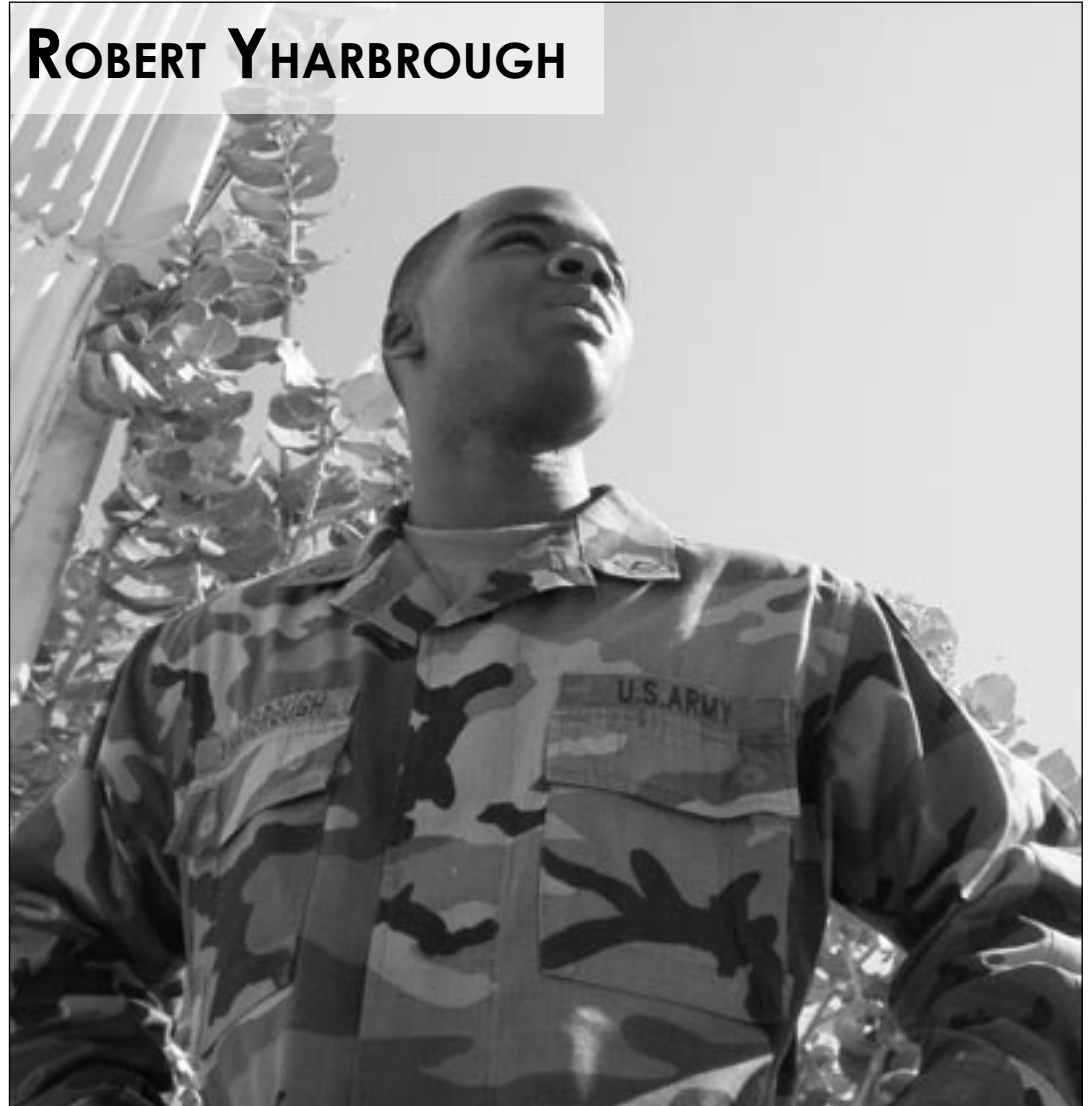


Photo by Spc. Richard McMullen

**Freestyling. Some people call it "spittin." Why is it important for people to be creative while on their stay here?**

It lets you give back to everyone. It lets them know where you're coming from and how your life is. It shows that you're an artist, and that you can get a lot off of your chest. There's something you can say or express artistically instead of getting into an altercation. It's also positive, as you can show and be shown respect.

**What are the challenges of being junior enlisted in Joint**

**Task Force Guantanamo?**

I'm an E-3 doing an E-7's job. That's challenging right there. Sometimes it happens. Maintaining and not slipping up and getting in trouble. It's a behavior issue and not getting sucked into the peer pressure. If you can go one week without getting in trouble, you can go one month. If you can go a month, you can go five. Go five, and you can do a year and then you go home. It's all your mindset.

**It appears you spend a lot of time in the gym.**

Yeah, PT's free! Like they said in boot camp.

**What is your advice for new Troopers, as well as for those Troopers going home?**

It's mental. You look good, you feel good. You don't feel good, you have no motivation. Don't work out for anyone else. Don't work out because someone's bigger than you. Don't play catch-up, you can hurt yourself. Take it slow. If you get mad at yourself, you know you won't let yourself give up. ■

*Reach Spc. Richard McMullen at 3312.*



# WorldWire: Survivor cat, survivor infant

**March 4:** Frightened cat survives 10-mile ride on top of owner's car. ...

**March 5:** Man who killed his four-year-old son because he thought the child was the Antichrist gets life in prison. ...

**March 6:** A railroad car in Salt Lake City, Utah, leaks toxic fumes and drives thousands from their homes; the car was not designed to hold the mixture of acids, which caused the leak. ... Police officers suspended after sending negative comments through the computer about a nightclub burning down; witnesses near the fire saw the words "Burn baby, burn." on the computer screen in a cop car. ...

**March 7:** New worm virus targets instant messengers and chat rooms by inserting links into chat logs that appear to come

from chatters' friends. ... Federal grand jury indicts three people on charges of running up millions of dollars on false credit cards. ... Congress rejects latest attempt to increase minimum wage. ... Much to the surprise of everyone, Vin Diesel's family-friendly *Pacifier* ruled the box office this weekend, bringing in more than \$30 million. ...

**March 8:** A gigantic cyclone is projected to slam into the Great Barrier Reef in the next few days, potentially more destructive than Cyclone Tracy, which destroyed the city of Darwin on Christmas Day in 1974. ...

**March 9:** With energy rates growing, President Bush plans to turn his attention to his energy policy, which has been controversial at times, as he seeks to make the United States an energy-independent nation. ... Bill Clinton will undergo surgery to clean up scar tissue that accumulated from recent open-heart surgery. ... A two-year-old boy survives on syrup and onions for two days after his elderly caretaker died of natural causes. ... Cell phone voice mail has become an easy target for hackers, and things got really serious when they hacked into Paris Hilton's voicemail and allegedly listened to her messages last month. ■

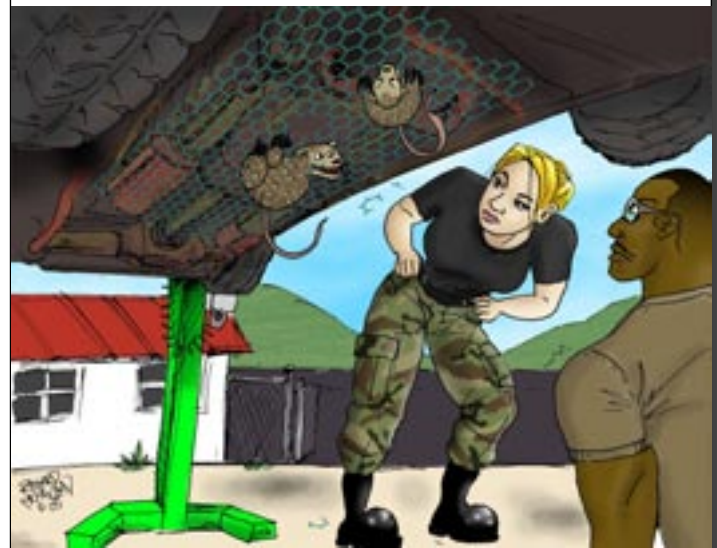
*Army Cpl. Simon Cropp compiles WorldWire from online news services. Reach him at 3589.*



DoD photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Rebecca J. Moat

▲ Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Ron Berard, of Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit SIX, labels a water sample to be tested for disease and impurities at an Internally Displaced Persons Camp, in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. An Indonesian man from the camp describes its unpleasant taste March 9.

## Tales from the motor pool



By Spc. Richard McMullen

Tastes like chicken.

See *CHICKEN WIRE VS. BANANA RATS*, pg. 12

# A lifestyle of values

By Spc. Chris Gardner

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Some people are inspired to become chaplains by having model chaplains.

But Army Lt. Col. Robert Palmer became a chaplain because he never had one.

"The first time I saw a chaplain was when I got married," Palmer said.

Motivated by the lack of spiritual guidance he received as an enlisted Soldier early in his 23-year career, Palmer made a decision. "I wanted to help provide guidance for those who wear the uniform."

Before coming to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 40<sup>th</sup> Divarty, Palmer worked for the California Department of Corrections as a chaplain for inmates.

He now sums up his new mission: "It's about bringing God to the Troopers and bringing the Troopers to God."

The chaplain said he wants to focus on providing religious, moral and morale guidance to Troopers, and his words seemed to carry an underlying theme in values.

"Trooper values should be an attitude—a lifestyle," Palmer said.

"We have our Army Values, [and each branch has corresponding values]. If we could go back [to such values], we wouldn't have to worry about people losing their sense of direction ... and not fulfilling their duty."

Once a Boy Scout, Palmer referred to the Scout Oath: "I'm here to help Troopers keep 'physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.'"

Realizing he must lead by example, Palmer has set personal goals to lose weight, gain muscle and increase endurance; to gain wisdom; and to keep an Old Testament passage as his guidon and



Photo by Spc. Chris Gardner

## Army Lt. Col. Robert Palmer

central focus:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Responding to his favorite passage, he said, "Regardless of how I feel or think, I don't let my emotions rule me. He (God) is the one in charge."

The spiritual leader recommends that incoming Troopers should vary their routines to make their deployment more enjoyable.

Palmer listed some of Guantanamo Bay's resources for Troopers: Bowling, scuba diving, snorkeling, sailing, Columbia College, the education center, the library, crafts and chapel activities.

Simpler still, Palmer said Troopers should try to appreciate the scenery, vary which chow halls they eat in, and perhaps stay in a hotel on the Leeward side from time to time.

"Variety is the spice of life," Palmer said.

Now on his first deployment, Palmer is living that variety—and gratefully.

"I'm proud to wear the uniform, but I'm humbled to serve with Troopers of commitment, courage and professionalism." ■

Reach Spc. Chris Gardner at 3594.

# Keeping faith

Among the Apostle Paul's last written words we find this expression, "I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

The unusual thing about Christian faith is that the only way to keep it is to give it away to others. The Apostle Paul spent his life sharing his faith in Jesus Christ with the people of Asia Minor and Europe, and the world certainly was made a better place as a result.

As I come to the end of my time at GTMO (Guantanamo Bay) I want to thank you all for the opportunity you have given me to share my Christian faith with you in these articles. In that sense, I too have kept the faith.

Likewise, as you have shared your faith with others, you also have kept faith. Together, I hope we have made GTMO a better place.

For those of you soon departing, I thank you for your service to our country, and pray God blesses you with a safe journey home and a joyful reunion with your loved ones.

For those just beginning the journey at GTMO, I pray that God will grant you success in your mission, and that you will be as blessed by the people with whom you serve as I have been, and that like the Apostle Paul, you will keep the faith--by giving it away! ■

—By Chaplain (Army Maj.) Steven Herman

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### CAMP AMERICA

<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m. Protestant Service 6:45 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel Building 3203
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 p.m. Alpha	Building 3202
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m. Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
<b>Saturday</b>	3 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

### NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 9 a.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School 11 a.m. Protestant Service 1 p.m. New Life Fellowship 5 p.m. Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C Main Chapel Sanctuary A Main Chapel Main Chapel Main Chapel Sanctuary C
<b>Monday</b>	7 p.m. Prayer Group Fellowship 7 p.m. Family Home Evening	Fellowship Hall Room 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	1 p.m. Islamic Prayer	Room 12
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

For information on Jewish services call 2323

# BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Spc. Jody Metzger asks ... "What are your personal goals here at Guantanamo?"



◀ "Get as much college in as possible, get fit and get my job done."

—Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Heather Normand

▶ "Go to college and make E-3."

—Army Pvt. James Askew



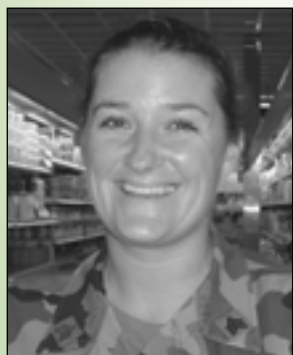
◀ "Accomplish the mission and make it home safe."

—Army Sgt. Walter Fermoye



▶ "Get myself out of debt and have enough cash to buy a house."

—Army Sgt. Jennifer Downey



Photos by Spc. Jody Metzger

## NFL free agency full of money, little restraint

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The first week of free agency in the NFL showed a lot of teams with little restraint.

The Arizona Cardinals sign Kurt Warner to a one-year contract worth \$4 million. The Detroit Lions sign strong safety Kenoy Kennedy to a five-year deal worth \$14 million. The Carolina Panthers sign offensive lineman Mike Wahle to a \$5 million-a-year deal. The Jaguars sign defensive end Reggie Hayward to a \$25 million contract.

The Washington Redskins traded wide receiver Laveranues Coles to the New York Jets for Santana Moss. Both teams benefit about the same amount from this one; the Redskins get a receiver who is a little quicker and might help break open the passing touchdowns in the upcoming season, while the Jets get quarterback Chad Pennington's favorite target back in Coles.

The Cardinals also trade cornerback Duane Starks to the New England Patriots. The Patriots cut Ty Law recently and are looking for someone to fill in.

Starks had some good seasons early in his career but turns 30 this year. The Cardinals received a third-round pick. Starks has suffered from a lot of injuries over the past couple of years and played only a little more than 60 percent of the snaps last season.

The big trade was Randy Moss, of course. Looks like the Raiders made it official and snagged the outstanding young wide-out. Moss brings with him skill, ability, athleticism and a whole lot of personal problems—but whatever—he'll fit right in with the Raiders locker room.

Many feel Minnesota got next to nothing in the loss of Moss (a first-round, seventh pick overall in the upcoming draft, as well as middle linebacker Napoleon Harris).

The Raiders also picked up running back Lamont Jordan, despite rumors of their dire cap situation.

This off season breaks the "no trade league" mold of the NFL. A lot of high-profile players are being dealt or cut, and teams are completely getting restructured. Guys like Hayward, signed to a huge deal by the Jaguars, are really unproven commodities, yet they bring the bank home. Look for a few burned teams next season when their big moves explode in their faces.

In case people were wondering, the top five picks in this year's draft are assigned to the following teams in descending order: 49ers, Dolphins, Browns, Bears and Buccaneers.

Most teams who get such high-priority draft picks often trade down in the draft and stockpile picks as their team has multiple areas to address, though this year these five teams all could benefit from one good selection of talent in the rookie pool.

Expect the teams in the top five to keep their draft picks for the most part and draft the brightest and best just released from their college glory. ■

Reach Army Cpl. Simon Cropp at 3589.

Senior Airman Lauren Machuga fastens chicken wire to the bottom of Chaplain (Army Maj.) Steven Herman's car to prevent future banana-rat mischief (see photo below).



Photos by Spc. Chris Gardner

## Chicken wire vs. banana rats

By Spc. Chris Gardner

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Change the oil, replace the brakes and ... put some chicken wire under the engine, please.



That's what mechanics at the Joint Task Force motor pool hear every day.

Aside from squeaky brakes, "The most common complaint we get is ... banana rats have chewed the spark-plug wires," said Army Sgt. Shaun Fournier, mechanic at the motor pool.

Gasoline fumes or trouble starting the vehicle could be indicators of a banana-rat problem, the mechanics said.

Up to 15 percent of the motor pool's work relates to vehicular damage from banana rats. "We've seen fuel lines, radiator lines and spark-plug lines chewed through. As long as it has the rubber coating on it, they're attracted," Fournier said.

"They've got to taste good or something," said Spc. Aziz Masai, motor pool mechanic. Familiar with General Services

Administration and tactical vehicles, Masai recalled one day when a banana rat went up against a five-ton. After pulling the truck around for repair, the mechanics discovered the banana rat under the hood, on the engine.

After we got it out, it ran around the bay for half an hour, Masai said.

They then pulled another vehicle into the garage for an oil change—a Dodge Caravan—began changing the oil and then popped the hood. The banana rat was under that hood too, Masai said.

The problem is rather common. "We see these pretty regularly—one or two times a day," said Senior Airman Lauren Machuga, also a mechanic at the motor pool. Banana rats can make themselves fit in tiny spaces and climb right up through the bottom and onto the engine, she said.

"We put a lot of chicken wire under the vehicles to try to keep [the banana rats] out as much as possible."

But even the chicken wire is no match for a hungry banana rat.

"They're real vigilant, Machuga said. "They'll actually chew through the chicken



The motor pool replaces Chaplain (Army Maj.) Steven Herman's spark-plug wires after a banana rat chewed through them.

wire to get to the plugs."

Perhaps the endemic consumption of engine components lines is a conspiracy against all Guantanamo vehicles. But who can blame the banana rat for trying to take out its No. 1 killer? ■

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## JDOG Commander's Prayer Breakfast

**Where:** Seaside Galley

**When:** 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., March 16

**What:** Prayer breakfast for all service members, whether they belong to a particular faith or have no religious preference

## Rugby

Miss playing a contact sport? Why play flag football or softball? All Joint Task Force and Naval Base personnel are invited to join practices every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at W.T. Sampson High School track or Cooper Field.

No experience is necessary, and beginners are welcome. Bring your running shoes and water.

For more information, call Chief Gabe Puello at 4053.

## Accuracy

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## CSM notes

1. 500 Mile Run-for-Your-Life or 1,500 Mile Bike Four-Day Pass: I will accept Troopers' Run-for-Your-Life until one week from their departure. It will be too late for the four-day pass but not too late for the coin and certificate.

2. Safety: I am still making on-the-spot corrections with Troopers running on the road and crossing road junctions with headsets on. This practice muffles the very sounds (early warnings) that could avoid potential accidents or worse—be fatal. Leaders are responsible for the safety and well-being of our troops; inform your troops and make on-the-spot corrections.

3. JTF-GTMO (Guantanamo Bay) Tax Center: The center is located in Camp America, Building 6208 (behind Troopers' Chapel). Call 3545 or 3548 for information. The center is open for service until April 15. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (by appointment only); 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (walk-in) and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon (walk-in).

4. Profanity: I've received comments and concern from many leaders (to include the NAVBASE) regarding the use of abusive, indecent, profane and vulgar language at events (sports, shows, dances, parties, etc.), in public areas (beaches, lyceum, parks, etc.), in facilities (the Navy Exchange, restaurants, the gyms, etc.) and in the workplace. Bottom line: This command will not tolerate profanity and other abusive language under any circumstance.

5. Dress code: During my leader check of troop recreation areas (Windjammer and Tiki Bar) I noticed Troopers wearing gang-related clothing, to include wearing of inappropriate clothing, etc. In addition, I noticed T-shirts with offensive slogans. I will coordinate with our Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities to ensure that the dress code is enforced.

6. Alcohol: Troopers who are under the influence or intoxicated will not be allowed in any of the MWR facilities, galleys, etc.

—Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles



## Sound off!

*The Wire* welcomes letters from Troopers for publication. Letters must have no more than 350 words and include the Trooper's name, unit and contact information. *The Wire* reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity and to eliminate libelous or tasteless material or anything that might raise operations security concerns. We will do our best to answer any questions posed in letters by contacting the appropriate subject-matter expert. Bring your letter to *The Wire* office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the Chaplain's Office in Camp America or e-mail [pao@jftgtno.southcom.mil](mailto:pao@jftgtno.southcom.mil).

## Legal careers

Thinking about a career in the legal profession? Interested in a mentoring program? Contact the Guantanamo Bay Bar Association. For more information, call Lori Nygard at 4692 or Cathy Rodriguez at 4096 or 4139.

## Need a ride to the Post Office?

Camp America residents who need to go to the Post Office, perhaps to mail items home as they prepare to leave the island, can call J-4 Trans at 3137 or 3138.

## 15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in Room 4A at Chapel Hill. All are welcome.

## GUINNESS BEEF

Think Irish cuisine is all about cabbage and potatoes? Think again. This recipe for Guinness Beef ought to be just the thing to give you a taste of the Emerald Isle this St. Patrick's Day.

### Ingredients

2 1/2 lb beef shank; two large onions; six medium carrots; two tablespoons seasoned flour; a little fat or beef dripping; 1/2 cup dry cider; one cup Guinness; sprig of parsley.

### Directions

1. Cut the beef into chunks and peel and slice the onions and carrots.
2. Toss the beef in the flour and brown quickly in hot fat. Remove the beef and fry the onions gently until transparent.
3. Return the beef, and add the carrots and the liquid. Bring just to a boil, reduce the heat to a very gentle simmer, cover and cook for 1 1/2 to two hours.
4. Check that the dish does not dry out, adding more liquid if necessary. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with boiled potatoes.

—By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

# Kitchen

# Movies

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM		CAMP BULKELEY	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>White Noise</i> PG13 98 min		8 p.m. <i>Racing Stripes</i> PG 102 min	
9 p.m. <i>In Good Company</i> PG13 110 min		10 p.m. <i>Elektra</i> PG13 97 min	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>Racing Stripes</i> PG 102 min		8 p.m. <i>Closer</i> R 104 min	
9 p.m. <i>Assault On Precinct 13</i> R 109 min		10 p.m. <i>In Good Company</i> PG13 110 min	
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>SUNDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>Coach Carter</i> PG13 137 min		8 p.m. <i>Assault On Precinct 13</i> R 109 min	
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>MONDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>Elektra</i> PG13 97 min		8 p.m. <i>Coach Carter</i> PG13 137 min	
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>TUESDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>In Good Company</i> PG13 110 min		8 p.m. <i>Elektra</i> PG13 97 min	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>Assault On Precinct 13</i> R 109 min		8 p.m. <i>In Good Company</i> PG13 110 min	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7 p.m. <i>Coach Carter</i> PG13 137 min		8 p.m. <i>Assault On Precinct 13</i> R 109 min	

# MWR

- March 11:** Power Lifting Meet, Gym, 6 p.m.
- March 12:** Seabee Ball, Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- March 14:** Kimberly Burns Band, Windjammer, 8 p.m.
- March 16:** Kimberly Burns Band, Goat Locker, 7 p.m.
- March 17:** Kimberly Burns Band, Bayview Patio, 7 p.m.
- March 18:** Kimberly Burns Band, Club Survivor, 8 p.m.
- St. Paddy's Day Celebration,** Bayview/Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- March 19:** Extreme Biathlon, Sailing Center, 6 a.m.
- March 19:** Air Force Tops in Blue, Downtown Lyceum, 7 p.m.

# Seaside Galley

<b>Today</b>	Lunch	Fish amandine
	Dinner	Shrimp scampi
<b>Saturday</b>	Lunch	Creole pork chops
	Dinner	Chicken Parmesan
<b>Sunday</b>	Lunch	Chicken cordon bleu
	Dinner	Roast turkey
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch	Roast beef
	Dinner	Chicken adobo
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch	Baked stuffed pork
	Dinner	Stuffed flounder
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch	Turkey a la king
	Dinner	Sweet & sour pork
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch	Sauerbraten
	Dinner	Scalloped ham & noodles
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch	Barbecued beef
	Dinner	Seafood platter

# Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday		Saturday		Sundays & Holidays	
Windward	6:30	Windward	7:30	Windward	7:30
Leeward	7:00	Leeward	8:00	Leeward	8:00
Windward	7:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>9:30</b>
Leeward	8:00	Leeward	10:00	Leeward	10:00
<b>Windward</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>11:30</b>
Leeward	10:00	Leeward	12:00	Leeward	12:00
<b>Windward</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>1:30</b>
Leeward	12:00	Leeward	2:00	Leeward	2:00
Windward	12:30	Windward	2:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>3:30</b>
Leeward	1:00	Leeward	3:00	Leeward	4:00
Windward	1:30	Windward	3:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>5:30</b>
Leeward	2:00	Leeward	4:00	Leeward	6:00
<b>Windward</b>	<b>3:30</b>	Windward	4:30	Windward	6:30
Leeward	4:00	Leeward	5:00	Leeward	7:00
Windward	4:30	Windward	5:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>8:00</b>
Leeward	5:00	Leeward	6:00	Leeward	8:30
Windward	5:30	Windward	6:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>10:30</b>
Leeward	6:00	Leeward	7:00	Leeward	11:00
Windward	6:30	<b>Windward</b>	<b>8:00</b>		
Leeward	7:00	Leeward	8:30		
<b>Windward</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Windward</b>	<b>9:30</b>	Shown are <i>departure</i>	
Leeward	8:30	Leeward	10:00	times. <b>Bold</b> listings	
<b>Windward</b>	<b>10:30</b>	Windward	10:30	indicate the departures	
Leeward	11:00	Leeward	11:00	following breaks longer	
<b>Windward</b>	<b>*12:30</b>			than 30 minutes.	
Leeward	<b>*12:45</b>			*Fridays only	

# Buses

Sherman Avenue			Camp America/NEX		
First Street	00	30	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
East Caravella	03	33	NEX trailer	02	22 42
Marine Hill	05	35	Camp Delta 2	06	26 46
Post Office	10	40	TK 4	12	32 52
Windjammer	11	41	TK 1	16	36 56
NEX	14	44	Windjammer	23	43 03
Bulkeley Landing	17	47	NEX	30	50 10
Ferry landing	21	51	Windjammer	35	55 15
Commissions Bldg.	23	53	TK 1	40	00 20
Ordinance	26	56	TK 4	46	06 26
Bulkeley Landing	28	58	Camp Delta 1	52	12 32
NEX	32	02	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
Windjammer	36	06			
Post Office	37	07			
Marine Hill	41	11			
Hospital	48	18			
Windward Loop 1	52	22			
Camp America Bus 1			Camp America Bus 2		
Camp V	00	30	Camp V	15	45
Sally Port 1	03	33	Sally Port 1	18	48
Bulkeley Bench	05	35	Bulkeley Bench	20	50
Mini Mart	06	36	Mini Mart	21	51
MWR	08	38	MWR	23	53
Chapel	09	39	Chapel	24	54
MWR	20	50	MWR	05	35
Mini Mart	22	52	Mini Mart	07	35
Bulkeley Bench	23	53	Bulkeley Bench	08	38
Sally Port 1	26	56	Sally Port 1	11	41

*Chart shows bus stops and minutes after the hour when buses are scheduled, e.g. the Sherman Avenue bus stops at East Caravella 03 and 33 minutes after the hour.*