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# Camp 6 construction coming along

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Camp 6 is a medium security detention facility designed to improve operational and personnel capabilities while maximizing the use of technology and providing a better quality of life for detainees.

“With the exception of Camp 5, Camp 6 is different than Camps 1 through 4 by providing climate controlled interior living, dining, and a medical and dental unit within the building,” said Navy Cmdr. Anne Reese, officer in charge of engineering.

In addition, Camp 6 will provide communal gathering and recreation areas.

“There will be four recreation areas, one is a large ball field measuring 150 feet by 50 feet, where organized sports can be played and they can run laps. All recreation areas are built to be communal rather than individual use,” she said.

Besides increasing the recreation area, the new facility is a more permanent structure.

“Camp 6 will provide a facility that is less susceptible to deterioration and significantly easier to maintain and operate,” she said.

Additionally Camp 6 offers indoor dining areas, improved living conditions, and improved toilets and showers. Finally, Camp 6 will require significantly fewer guards to maintain security and operate the facility compared to Camp Delta, she said.

There have been some obstacles in the



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

**The first cells of Camp 6 have been placed. Contractors are pouring the concrete for the rest of the Camp 6.**

construction of Camp 6 recently.

The project was scheduled to be completed in June 2006 has been pushed back by the recent weather. Camp 6 is now projected to be completed sometime in July of 2006.

In the past, construction was uninterrupted because of Guantanamo’s seamless desert environment. However, in the past few months it has rained more in a month’s time than all of last year. The consistent rain has put off the construction for 30 days.

“They are now just coming out of the ground with foundations, underground utilities and slab-on-grade. Basically, the

whole building remains to be built from the slab up. There are several pre-fabricated components of the building that were built in the United States. All of the steel cells were fabricated and have been delivered to the jobsite awaiting installation. Other pre-fabricated materials include the concrete structure, floors, walls, and roof slab. Some of these materials for the first floor have been delivered to the jobsite,” she said.

Camp 6 will provide the detainees with a wider range of freedoms, and comforts, as well as providing Troopers a quality work environment and adding a vital asset to the JTF mission. ■

# Leadership Challenges at the Squad Level

By Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Flannery

JTF-GTMO 1/18th Cavalry CSM

Anyone who has ever led a squad or team knows that it has the most demanding leadership challenges of any position in the military. At no other level does a leader identify Troopers, by name, to personally close with the enemy. Many think a company or battalion commander does this. But, as we take a quick look at how orders are issued, we see battalion commanders issuing directives and intent to company and troop commanders, in turn, the company commanders issue their orders and intent to the platoon leader, and the platoon leader tells the squad leaders and team leaders what to do. Then the squad or team leader turns to his troops, looks them in the eye, and says, "Kincade, Galoway and Williams, I want you to attack from the left flank, Hanson and Connors attack from the right, Kelly and Taylor set up the gun and cover us from here, Glancy stick with me. We'll rally at the base of that hill. Any questions?" Then he watches, first hand, as his Troopers engage the enemy.

The Squad Leader has to know that his troops will do what they're told. He also knows that because of his directives, some may not return.

So, how does the Squad Leader know his troops will do what they're told? Better question: how does the Squad Leader know his troops will do what is right, without being told? It's called leadership and good training. FM 22-100 defines leadership as, "...influencing people—by providing purpose, direction, and motivation—while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization". Yes, someone was hired to write fancy words that simply mean, "Train your troopers to do what is right, because it is right to do the job you're trained to do, and to lead by example."

So you ask, what does this have to do with the mission at GTMO? The principles of leadership are the same here as they are in combat. That young squad leader, section sergeant, petty officer or team leader,



gets up in the middle of the night in time to wake their Troopers, prepare them for the days mission, insure they eat, get dressed, properly equipped, inspected and arrive at their duty station on time. Through the shift the leader constantly observes his troopers and directs their actions. These duties range from standing watch in a tower to escorting detainees, performing mounted patrols, sally port duties, intelligence ops, mail room details, access control points, admin office, baggage check, medical support, logistics ops, operation centers, and many other missions required to make JTF-GTMO a success.

Our junior NCOs and POs have been told since the day they arrived, "This mission depends on the Squad Leader and Petty Officer doing their job and influencing their Troopers to accomplish their mission." The leadership skills of our young warriors and the challenges they meet and overcome are certainly the backbone of our mission. They are the future of our Military Services.

The next time you see a Squad Leader or Petty Officer directing Troopers at their positions, clearing weapons, changing the guard, or supervising a detail, watch and be proud. They are leaders! ■

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# Can you hear me now, GTMO?

**By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Most of the luxuries we enjoy in the states are not always available to us here. Satellite Communications Systems Inc. is making one of those conveniences that most Americans enjoy a reality to Troopers.

Cell phone service is now available here. This is how it works; a Trooper brings their personal cell phone to SCSi building N609. If their personal phone is programmable with SCSi's Subscriber Identity Card (sim card), they can use it. "Most phones can be used as long as they are tri-band or gsm (global system for mobile communications), and we can program it," said Mario Flores, telephone operations manager.

If the Trooper's phone is not programmable, they will have to purchase one. Currently, only one style of phone is available, a Motorola V66 and it costs \$150, plus a \$50 activation fee.

The current calling plan is a one-year contract. Troopers can still sign up even though they may only have four or five months left here. Before they redeploy, they will go to SCSi and terminate their contract early. With most cell phone plans in the states, heavy fees are tacked onto your bill when you do this, but not here. The contract will be terminated and there will be no fees added to your bill.

The current calling plan costs \$49 a month, unlimited local and incoming calls. If you plan

to call home it will cost you nine cents a minute and a 50-cent connection fee. Voice mail is the only extra option available at this time. "Due to current NAVSTA and Joint Task Force policy, we can not activate cell phone cameras," said Flores.

Accessories for the SCSi phone can be purchased at building N609. Also, the Web is a source for purchasing cell phone accessories, so shop around.

Cell phone towers have been erected throughout the base to ensure connectivity. "If you make a call and the connection is made, the only place this call could fail is in various areas of Camp America. The problem is the towers signal radius and that the mountains can get in the way of the signal" said Flores.

Due to operational security Troopers are not authorized to wear personal cell phones inside any of the detention facilities or areas where classified material is processed.

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniform and Insignia, Chapter 1, section one through nine states a cell phone may be worn on the belt, belt loops or waistband of the uniform, at the discretion of the commander and when required in performance of your duties. According to the Navy policy, one communications device may be worn on the belt, as long as it is not visible while in uniform. Additionally, the use of these devices will not interfere with the proper rendering of military

courtesies and honors. The wearing of communication devices will be at the commanding officer's discretion.

The NAVSTA itself has instructions on cell phone usage while in a motor vehicle; consult base security on any questions regarding this instruction, as well as your appropriate service regulations.

If this deal is not within your budget, help is on the way. Plans are in the works to install telephones inside every room located in Camp America. Although no official date has been given, the contract has already been awarded.

SCSi has provided a way for JTF Troopers to enjoy one of the conveniences that many miss from home. ■



## Troopers rock the mountain

**By Spc. Seth Myers**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

After many delays, the restoration of graffiti hill finally took place Oct. 19 and 21. Originally it was not scheduled for the Oct. 19, but Troopers seized the rare opportunity of a dry day and headed to the hills.

The project was pioneered and pushed by JTF-GTMO Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles. However, it was the Troopers motivation that got the job done. They understood why the job was necessary and committed themselves to completing it.

"The idea is to come in and clean it so when we do leave, the landscape looks good and it doesn't have 'Adrian 88' (one of the pieces of graffiti that was there) written all over it," said Coast Guard Master Chief Thomas Cowan.

Troopers used brown rock colored spray paint to cover up the graffiti, making the graffiti less noticeable. Why cover paint with paint?

"Because it makes the land look more natural of course," said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Carlos Riley, one of the Troopers who helped restore graffiti hill. "What kind of land has paint all over it—peoples names, drawings, I love Lisa..."

Amidst GTMO's harsh heat and with nothing to shade them, the



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

**Troopers "remove" the graffiti from the mountain by covering it with brown paint.**

workers spent the afternoon painting over the various blemishes on the landscape. In the end, it was all worth it; they saw the fruits of their labors. Riley simply motioned toward the revitalized landscape with a smile on his face saying, "This is awesome. Look at the view," said Riley.

The next time you drive by, take note of what is no longer there, and how much better it looks due to the Trooper's diligent work. ■

# Coasties keeping our waters safe

By Spc. Timothy Book

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Patrolling the waters of Guantanamo Bay is currently the mission for Coast Guard Port Security Unit 311.

"We're out here on the water all of the time," said Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class David Burch, coxswain of one of the boat crews. "It's just like standing a post; only we're on the water."

Each boat crew consists of a coxswain and two to three crewmen. The coxswain is the driver of the boat and is in charge. The crewmen man the weapons and other duties to assist the coxswain. "They are my eyes, ears and nose," said Burch. "They enable me to concentrate solely on driving the boat."

"The challenge at night is identifying other craft," said Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class William Payne, coxswain, currently on the night shift. "It's quieter. We have less traffic than days, but it's harder to identify other boats."

Working the night shift does have advantages, Payne said. "It gives us more time to do training. Plus, the training is more challenging."

Training is a major part of the work that both shifts carry out. Payne initiated a man overboard drill. A rubber bumper was thrown into the water to represent someone falling from the boat. "Man overboard!" began the drill, and everyone goes into action. Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Erik Jepson, crewman, quickly moved to the rear of the boat to prepare a life ring and a heaving line. Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Quinn Bowyer, crewman, kneeled down in front of Payne



Photos by Spc. Timothy Book

**Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Brian Martin photographs a Cuban vessel while escorting it to the sea.**

to direct him to the "man" in the water. In addition to Bowyer giving bearing and range every few seconds, arm signals were used to point to the man. They approached the object. Jepson threw the line, and within seconds, the "man" was back on board.

Payne also demonstrated the capabilities of the boat by performing maneuvers that can be used to prevent a would-be enemy access to assets in a port. "It's important to practice this," he said. "Part of our job is to protect the HVA [high value assets]. These boats are great. They're fast and very maneuverable."

During the day shift, Burch also performed training drills, but most were

geared toward training his crewmen for the coxswain position.

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Greg O'Gorman and Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Brian Martin are crewmen and break-in coxswains. Each took turns as coxswain, which involved not just driving the boat, but directing the crew.

Burch told them which drills to perform, but did not give any direction until after they finished. "That's the best way to learn: by doing the job."

Outside of training, both crews had real-world duties to perform.

Payne and his crew identified every craft and ensured their safety. "The problem we see most of the time is someone forgetting to turn on the navigation lights. But, it is important at night," said Payne.

Burch, and his crew, escorted a Cuban barge moving through the bay. "We have to keep the channel open to them, but we make it obvious that we're watching."

Patrolling the waters here has kept PSU-311 busy, but it has been good for the unit. "This has been a good deployment for us," said Payne. "We have more qualified coxswains and almost all of our crewmen are qualified." ■



**▲Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Greg O'Gorman tosses a heaving line during a man overboard drill.**

**▼Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Brian Martin gives hand signals as well as verbal commands to direct the coxswain to a "man" overboard.**



# A Military Commissions Timeline of Key Events

**Compiled by 1st Lt. Bruce Roberts**  
Commissions Public Affairs Officer

**Nov. 13, 2001**, the President issues a Military Order regarding the Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism. In the order, the President explains why military commissions are necessary, and directs a “full and fair trial” for anyone tried by military commission. The President also orders the humane treatment of detainees and delegates to the Secretary of Defense authority to issue further rules for conducting military commissions.

**Mar. 21, 2002**, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld issues an order outlining the structure of military commissions. His order includes trial procedures, standards for admissibility of evidence, defendants’ legal safeguards, a review process, and requirements for conviction and sentencing. He delegates to the Department of Defense (DoD) General Counsel and the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions the authority to issue additional instructions and regulations.

**Apr. 30, 2003**, The DoD General Counsel begins issuing a series of military commission instructions to facilitate the conduct of future military commissions. The instructions issued to date include crimes and elements of offenses as well as other administrative guidance and procedures for commission participants with the goal of ensuring a full and fair trial.

**Jul. 3, 2003**, The President determines that six enemy combatants currently detained by the United States are subject to potential trial by military commission.

**Jun. 29, 2004**, Appointing Authority John D. Altenburg, Jr. approved and referred to trial charges on Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahlul of Yemen and Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud

al Qosi of Sudan and David Hicks of Australia.

**Jul. 7, 2004**, DoD announces that the President determined that nine more detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are subject to potential trial by military commission.

**Aug. 24, 2004**, The first U.S. military commission since World War II was convened. Salim Achmed Hamdan was arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit violations of the law of war.

**Aug. 26-27, 2004**, Hearings began in the other three cases referred to trial by military commission. Al Bahlul caused an abrupt interruption to his

**Nov. 18, 2005, scheduled hearing date for motions, but not trial on the merits, in U.S. v. Hicks.**

**Just as in other criminal trials in state and federal court, detainees are presumed innocent until and if proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a military commission trial. To read the full DOD news releases regarding Military Commissions go to: [www.defenselink.mil/news/Aug2004/commissions\\_releases.htm](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Aug2004/commissions_releases.htm).**

military commission hearing by asking to terminate his attorney-client relationship with his military attorneys and to represent himself. Al Qosi and Hicks were arraigned and the next hearing date was set for the month of November 2004.

**Nov. 3, 2004**, The hearing resumed in the case of U.S. v. David Hicks. The Presiding Officer Col. Peter Brownbeck announced at the termination of the hearing that a defense request to delay trial on the merits until March 15, 2005 was granted. Additional motions hearings were to be scheduled in the interim.

**Nov. 8, 2004**, a U.S. District Court

judge orders the hearing stayed in U.S. v. Hamdan. The Government appeals to the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia (DC Circuit).

**December 2004**, A different U.S. District Court judge orders a stay in U.S. v. al Qosi. The Appointing Authority orders a stay in the other two cases, U.S. v. Hicks and U.S. v. al Bahlul.

**Jun. 14, 2005**, The Appointing Authority denies al Bahlul’s request to represent himself.

**July 2005**, The DC Circuit Court unanimously overturns the stay of the District Court in Hamdan. The defense asks the Supreme Court to overturn the DC Circuit. The DC Circuit withholds issuing the mandate or order lifting the stay imposed by the District Court until the Supreme Court acts.

**Aug. 31, 2005**, The Secretary of Defense approves changes to improve military commission procedures. These changes follow a careful review of commission procedures and take into account a number of factors, including lessons learned from military commissions proceedings that began in late 2004. The principle effect of these changes is to make the presiding officer function more like a judge and the other panel members function more like a jury. One of the changes is that the presiding officer will be responsible for deciding most questions of law while the other panel members will have the authority to determine commission findings and decide any sentence.

**Sept. 16, 2005**, The DoD General Counsel issues an instruction to conform with the Secretary of Defense’s Order of 31 August 2005.

**Sept. 20, 2005**, The Appointing Authority lifts the stay he imposed in U.S. v. Hicks. Action on Hamdan and al Qosi continues in suspended status because of the November 2004 federal district court order. ■

# HONORING THOSE

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Nov. 11, a day of memorial in which we should take time to remember our military heroes and the sacrifices they made for our country and freedom. Veterans Day is almost upon us, but do you know who we are honoring that day? What created Veterans Day?

Originally, Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day, a day to pay respects to those who died during World War I. The war ended when an armistice was signed November 11, 1918. On that same day the following year, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 Armistice Day.

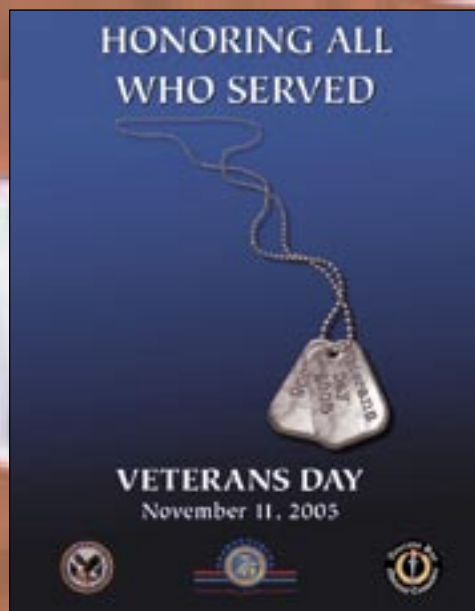
“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations,” said President Wilson.

As time went on and other wars occurred, there were more war veterans who were honored on Armistice Day. Because this day had been expanded to honor more than the original World War I veterans, President Eisenhower changed the holiday’s name to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954.

In 1968, Veterans Day was changed to the last Monday in October so people would have a full three-day weekend to pay their respects, but in 1978, it was changed back to Nov. 11 because people felt the Nov. 11 was too important to forget.

To this day we honor those who have served our country on Nov. 11. Their sacrifices will not be forgotten. It not only lives in the hearts of loved ones they left behind, it lives within the spirit of our country and this holiday.

Multiple events will occur to honor Veterans Day. Remember to check “The Wire” for locations and times. ■



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# WHO HAVE SERVED



ove) Even though the actual event depicted is from World War II, this famous Marine memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, is dedicated to any Marine's who have defended our country since 1775. (Top Left) World War Veteran gives his respects to those who have paid the ultimate price for our country. (Left) The dark reflective face of the Vietnam Memorial holds the names of 58,309 people who died during the conflict.



# NBA kicks off the season; expect some changes

**Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

With the NFL in midseason and the return of the NHL, the NBA might feel a bit pushed to the side this season. The NBA is about to start a remodeling season of sorts. Stricter rules, a dress code and some surprise teams ready to spring forward.

The NBA, like other professional sports organizations, has had to tinker with their rules and practices the past few years. The sports world is trying to mold its teams and players into a more socially acceptable representation.

Take the NBA dress code for example. Players are made to dress up before and after games, even though they are seldom ever seen before changing into their jerseys. This has upset many professional players like Steve Nash and Allen Iverson, while other players like LeBron James have agreed that the NBA is a professional job and it pays to look professional. It pays because if players are in constant violation of the rules, the NBA will fine them heavily.

Even though the NBA season starts amidst two other mainstream sports, this season looks to make a lot of noise. Watch out for the Los Angeles Clippers this year; they finished preseason at 6-2, their best start since the 1977-1978 season when they left Buffalo. Elton Brand led the offense 14 points, ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in NBA in rebounds per game and 9<sup>th</sup> in

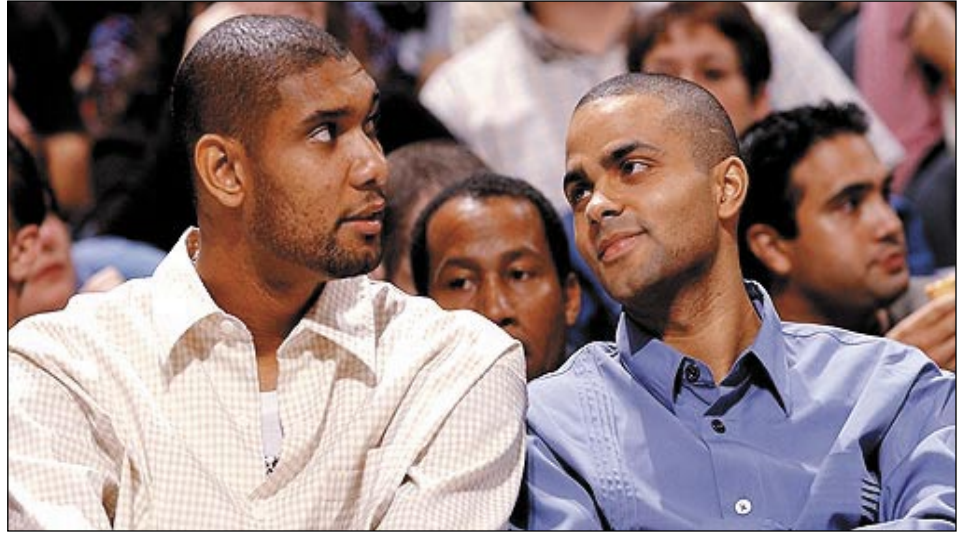


Photo found on espn.com

**Tim Duncan and Tony Parker dressed conservative, but not conservative enough for the new NBA dress code.**

blocks per game.

The Memphis Grizzlies also finished preseason at 6-2, even though they lack the superstar power. The Grizzlies can make the wins happen only if they can play mistake free ball. They will have to fight for wins in the southwest; it's a tough division with a lot of superstar rivals.

Carmelo Anthony and Marcus Camby have led the Denver Nuggets to a 7-1 start this preseason. In the past few years the Nuggets have collapsed near the end of each season. The Nuggets have a good team and look the

part of a real contender, especially since their division includes some of the worst teams in the NBA.

And even though the Golden State Warriors have started out pre-season at 2-5, the franchise has made some important moves. The acquisition of Baron Davis in February gives the Warriors a leader with experience as well as the talent to match. The Warriors also have young talent in Jason Richardson and Troy Murphy. If Davis can stay healthy this season, look for the Warriors to make a push for the playoffs. ■

## NFL PICKS WEEK 9

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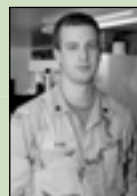
**WILSON:  
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COLTS 27-10**

**LAST WEEK  
(9-5) SHAY VS. (11-3) WILSON  
HUGHES ELIMINATED**

*Picks submitted by Spc. Ian Shay, Army Sgt.  
Kirk Wilson and Coast Guard Petty Officer  
1st Class Donald Fried.*

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Detroit at Minnesota  
Houston at Jacksonville  
Oakland at Kansas City  
San Diego at N.Y. Jets  
Tennessee at Cleveland  
Chicago at New Orleans  
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco  
Seattle at Arizona  
Pittsburgh at Green Bay  
Philadelphia at Washington



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## Cuban missile crisis 40th anniversary

By Army Sgt. Jessica Wilson

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis. This cold war confrontation began when the USSR increased its support for Fidel Castro's regime and Nikita Khrushchev installed ballistic missiles in Cuba. In 1962 President John F. Kennedy received photographic evidence proving Cuba housed installations for offensive missiles.

On October 22 Kennedy announced the discovery during a televised broadcast. He declared that any nuclear attack from Cuba would also be considered an attack by the Soviet Union. Immediately following the announcement, military forces prepared for action and the U.S. spent the following days organizing a counter attack. During that time, the U.S. military set up a naval blockade and intercepted Soviet ships destined



Photo found on dogpile.com

for Cuba - doing so without incident.

During the crisis, communication between Kennedy and Khrushchev resulted in the Soviet government dismantling missile installations in Cuba. Although it is noted in many publications as the most serious U.S.- Soviet confrontation, the Cuban missile crisis ended as abruptly as it began. Information can be found on encyclopedia.com ■

## Virtual Commissary opens for business

By Bonnie Powell

FORT LEE, Va. (Army News Service, Oct. 21, 2005) -- Commissary shoppers looking for a different kind of gift for friends or family at home or abroad can let their "fingers do the clicking" at the new Virtual Commissary. Located under the shopping link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, Virtual Commissary will open up a whole new world of Internet shopping for authorized users of the commissary benefit.

"We're excited about DeCA's first adventure into the world of Internet shopping," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director for the Defense Commissary Agency.

Initially, one of DeCA's business partners, Kraft Foods, Inc., is kicking off Internet shopping with a selection of gift baskets. "But the number of vendors and manufacturers participating will continue to increase - along with the variety of products," Nixon said.

All of the products in the gift baskets at Virtual Commissary can be found on the shelves of "brick and mortar" commissaries, but the unique packaging of products into gift and special occasion baskets adds a new twist. With titles like "Camouflage," "Drill Sergeant" and "Touch of Home," the baskets offer assortments of crackers, canned cheeses, cookies, candies and even beverages and coffee packs.

Secure portal for safe access to access the extended commissary, shoppers must pass through a secure portal found under the shopping link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Personal information entered by the customer is validated to ensure they are an authorized shopper. Access is dependent on whether the

customer is entered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Military exchanges use a similar method to check for authorization before permitting access to exchange Web sites or online shopping.

DoD civilians stationed overseas who are otherwise authorized to shop at commissaries may not be able to access Virtual Commissary until changes are made to the DEERS database by the Defense Manpower Data Center, said DeCA officials. DMDC is targeting completion of the changes for late November.

Virtual Commissary customers can make selections and fill in their payment and shipping information in one easy and secure step, before being transferred to the manufacturer's site where they can get total cost for the product (including the shipping) and finalize their purchase.

Shipping and handling charges are paid by the customer, just as at most other Internet shopping sites, and charges will vary depending on the method of shipping selected, location, and the speed of delivery requested. Customers can check for availability of delivery to APO and FPO addresses as well as get more information on what's in the gift baskets by clicking on the image of the gift basket at Virtual Commissary. Payment for orders can be made with any credit card accepted in "real" commissaries and customer information is not archived by DeCA.

Down the road, Virtual Commissary expansion could include making a wide variety of commissary products available, a feature that would allow deployed military service members, retirees, and other authorized shoppers to order items they want and need at commissary savings. ■

## Historic unit reactivated

By Army PFC David Ondik

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (Army News Service, Oct. 17, 2005) -- Over half a century ago, these hills echoed to the sounds of "Currahee!" as hundreds of men endured weeks of hard training. They were toughening themselves, getting ready to face a dangerous foe in a distant land. They were young, but they were determined.

In epic battles across Europe, they made history.

Last week, on the eve of another journey into battle, a new generation of Airborne Warriors assumed their place among the "Band of Brothers."

The 101st Airborne Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team was officially reactivated as the 506th Regimental Combat Team at the Division Parade Field here Oct. 13.

The 506th has distinguished itself in combat repeatedly since its original activation July 1, 1942, and recently achieved yet another level of fame in the wake of Stephen E. Ambrose's bestselling novel and the subsequent cable mini-series, "Band of Brothers".

"This call to duty went out on Dec. 7, 1941," said Col. Thomas D. Vail, 506th RCT commander, referring to the Pearl Harbor attack in his remarks following the uncasing of the colors. "Hundreds of Currahees made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live in a world free from tyranny and oppression. Our Currahees have trained hard and are ready to join our brothers and sisters in Iraq."

Vail outlined the role the 506th RCT Soldiers will play during their deployment.

"Our Soldiers will be defending this new government and this nascent democracy by training the Iraqi military and providing security for the Iraqi government," Vail said.

(Editor's Note: Michelle Gordon, Fort Campbell Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

# What we can learn from Rosa Parks

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Chris Molnar

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

This week an unusual American Heroine went to her final resting place and has been given the honors usually accorded to presidents. In 1955 Rosa Parks heroically disobeyed a Montgomery, Alabama city ordinance requiring black folks to give up their seats on city buses to white folks. I understand she was fined \$10 plus \$4 court costs. This apparently insignificant, solitary act, set off a chain of events that forever changed America,

bringing our Country back to its original commitment in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." What can we in the JTF learn from Rosa Parks' heroic act?

We can learn that there is a Law behind all human laws that takes precedence over those human laws. Rosa Parks violated a city ordinance but kept a higher law expressed in those sacred words of Declaration

of Independence. What can we in the JTF learn from this? I remind you of the oath you took, "...to defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies..." My allegiance, your allegiance, is ultimately to the Constitution, not to any particular individual. No American citizen may ever defend an immoral act with the words "I was ordered to do such and such..." Please remember Rosa Parks and all those in uniform who have given their lives in obedience to their oath. In a sense they are watching us. Keeping faith with them means obey-



ing the higher Law and our own conscience, regardless of the personal cost to us. It means doing the right thing at the right time, wherever we serve: in the office; on the cell blocks, in the clinic. No quibbling! ■

## Dancing through life

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Palmer

JTF-GTMO Chaplains office

Guidance. We all need it in our public and private lives. It provides us with direction in the choices we make and in the conduct we display. When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remembered that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other person lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two people become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from another. Looking at the letter "G" in Guidance I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i". "God", "u" and "i" "dance". God, you, and I dance.

Real guidance for our life happens when we trust God to lead. Dance together with God, trusting Him to lead and guide you through every aspect of your life. ■

### CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

|                  |           |                    |                                |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9 a.m.    | Protestant Service | Troopers' Chapel               |
|                  | 6:00 p.m. | Confessions        | Troopers' Chapel               |
|                  | 6:30 p.m. | Catholic Mass      | Troopers' Chapel               |
|                  | 7:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer     | Troopers' Chapel               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:30 p.m. | Soul Survivor      | Camp America<br>North Pavilion |

### NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

|                      |           |  |                 |
|----------------------|-----------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>        | 8 a.m.    | Pentecostal Gospel                             | Room 13         |
|                      | 9 a.m.    | Catholic Mass                                  | Main Chapel     |
|                      | 9 a.m.    | Church of Jesus Christ<br>of Latter-day Saints | Sanctuary A     |
|                      | 9:30 a.m. | Protestant Sunday School                       | Main Chapel     |
|                      | 10 a.m.   | Protestant Liturgical                          | Sanctuary B     |
|                      | 11 a.m.   | Protestant Service                             | Main Chapel     |
|                      | 1 p.m.    | Gospel Service                                 | Main Chapel     |
|                      | 5 p.m.    | Pentecostal Gospel                             | Room 13         |
| <b>Monday</b>        | 7 p.m.    | Prayer Group<br>Fellowship                     | Fellowship Hall |
|                      | 7 p.m.    | Family Home Evening                            | Room 8          |
| <b>Tues. to Fri.</b> | 12 p.m.   | Daily Mass                                     | Cobre Chapel    |
| <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>      | 4:30 p.m. | Confessions                                    | Main Chapel     |
|                      | 5:30 p.m. | Vigil Mass                                     | Main Chapel     |

*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 VTC technician Mark Rose

**By Spc. Jeshua Nace**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

**I understand you were in the military; what branch were you in and what did you do?**

I was in the Air Force for almost nine years. I started my career as a photo maintenance technician, but three months after I finished tech school, my career field was merged with base security systems and video maintenance. Soon afterwards, I just became the Audio/Visual guy, jack-of-all-trades, master of none.

**Why did you join?**

I initially joined to go to college and the technical training. I wanted to travel and serve my country while doing it; so I joined the Air Force because I felt that it could meet all my requirements. I wasn't disappointed.

**Where were you stationed?**

I began my career at Nellis AFB (Air Force Base), Las Vegas, Nevada. After two years, I was moved to Aviano, Italy. I spent three years there because I married one year after arriving. My next assignment was Andersen AFB, Guam. I only served 1 ½ years there when they moved me to Macdill AFB, where after 2 years, I separated from the Air Force.

**How has your military career affected your life as a contractor?**

I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the military. As a matter of fact, because of all my experience working with different contractors in various fields, it allowed me to make some contacts and gave me a chance to get my foot in the door. With all the training and experience in the Air Force on my resume, it was easier to land a contract job. Let me tell you, joining the Air Force was by far the best choice I ever made in my life.

**What do you do for the JTF?**

I run and schedule all the Video Teleconferencing (VTC's) on this base. We

have a total of five sites, with the possibility of adding a new one. I also perform any maintenance, if required, on all VTC equipment.

**Why did you choose to come to Guantanamo Bay to work with the JTF?**

I wanted to get my foot in the door with the contracting world and add on to my experience. Another more important reason was to become debt free and repair any damage to my credit. I figured a year of solitude would keep me from throwing away all my money and give me a chance to catch up.

**What is the best part of working with the military as a civilian?**

The best part would have to be the way I can now help the Soldiers. On occasion, I do MWR VTC's, which allows military members to talk with their families on TV.

It's the next best thing to actually being back home with your family. You get to see them and catch up on all the things a member might miss being deployed here. Also, when I separated from the Air Force, I realized there were a lot of things I miss about being in the service, but now working along side military members I get a chance to relive all those experiences.

**Are there any moments here or in the Air Force that stick out?**

As in lessons learned? How much time do you have oh young grasshopper? If you mean 'something I could take away from both my experience in the Air Force and here,' well it would have to be camaraderie. Everyone is here for whatever purpose, but most live by, 'it's what



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

you make of it.' I've met a lot of good people, each with their own quirks and mannerism, just like in the Air Force. And just like it was when I served, everyone here has something in common; so we have common ground to stand on. I enjoy the fact that because of the small island, everyone is forced to meet people they normally wouldn't go out of their way to meet, and in turn, might just find a life long friend. ■

### 15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Master Sgt. Stephen Miller at 3594.

# AROUND THE JTF

► Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Terance La Croix of J3, Army Sgt. Elizabeth Sanchez of HHC and Army Master Sgt. Efrén Cornejo of HHC display their certificates for achieving the 500 mile mark in the Run for Life program.



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▲As part of the Halloween celebrations, a party was held at the Windjammer for everyone at Guantanamo. There were many interesting costumes, and a very elaborate vampire outfit stood out from the rest.

► Army Sgt. Jabari Carter and Army Sgt. Dave Lankford are promoted from the rank of specialist. Capt. John Adams is shown pinning the new rank on Lankford.



Photo by Army Sgt. Jessica Wilson

▲JTF-GTMO Commander Maj. Gen. Jay Hood and Army Lt. Col. Michael Vance pin on Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Cooney's new rank.



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book