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Upholding Freedom

By Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

On Sept. 11, 2001, the lives of every American changed forever. The enemy was no longer someone far away in a distant land. Terrorism had breached our borders on a cataclysmic scale. Never before has there been such a tragic loss of innocent lives on American soil. Many citizens felt unsafe at work, children were insecure at school, and some travelers resolved to never fly again.

Within a matter of days the enemy had been identified, and on Oct. 7, 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) was launched. The objective of OEF was to eliminate the Taliban military, thereby gaining access to Al Qaeda leaders.

These enemy combatants would then be detained and interrogated in an effort to identify and halt further attacks on Americans. Joint Task Force Guantanamo and Camp Delta were created to support this operation.

“The mission of the JDOG is to provide the safe and humane care of detainees in the care of the Department of Defense,” said Army Lt. Col. Gregory Hager, Joint Detainee Operations Group Commander,

Safe care means protecting the detainees from harming themselves or other detainees, as well as protection from the elements, illness and mistreatment.

At the Human Rights Implementation Meeting in Warsaw on Oct. 5, 2004, Matthew Waxman, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense said, “America was... founded on values of democracy, the rule of law, and individual human rights. Everything we do rests on that commitment. We uphold the principles of individual liberty and freedom not just for ourselves, but for all nations.”

“One of the differences that sets America apart from our enemies in the Global War on Terrorism is how we respond to wrong doing,” Waxman said, “We do not hide it from the world; we do not sweep it under the carpet; we do not turn a blind eye. Why? Because we do not condone or tolerate it.”

Though the mission itself is focused on the care of the detainees, measures must be taken to protect those working inside “the wire” as well.

The detainees do not always cooperate and have made attempts



Archive photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

Navy Hospitalman “Red” Stewart sets up oxygen at the clinic at Camp Delta. The clinic provides detainees with the same standard of care received by Troopers.

to disrupt the operation according to Hager. For that reason, there are many layers of supervision in place to safeguard not only the detainees, but those working in the camp. This also serves to “dispel any undue allegations the detainees may make,” Hager said, “It takes a lot of restraint on the part of the guards, and they do it very well.”

The information obtained at Camp Delta is crucial to the Global War on Terrorism and Hager has no doubt that the mission here is -- and will continue to be -- a success.

“My kids are able to go to school, my dad is able to fly on a plane, and my wife can go to work as a teacher and not worry about looking out the window and seeing a car parked outside,” said Hager.

In most cases the success of the mission is the most important factor, but in the case of Camp Delta, the execution of the mission is equally important. The world is watching and because of the discipline and professionalism inherent in and displayed by the troopers at JTF-GTMO, the world will be impressed with what they see. ■

The 'hooah' or 'hoo-rah' of little known facts of JTF-GTMO

By Brig. Gen. John S. Gong

JTF-GTMO Deputy Commander

Since my arrival to GTMO in late February, I had the honor of greeting arriving companies, attending numerous victory dinners and participating in many well deserved awards ceremonies. Consequently, I began to appreciate the massive dependence Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) has on our sister services for providing the necessary forces to do the mission.

I have met service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. They come to us from different parts of the nation and in all categories including Active, Reserve, and National Guard. Additionally, we employ a sizable number of contracted civilians and federal civil servants.

A year ago, the JTF was 67 percent Army, of which over 70 percent were from the Army Reserve and Army National Guard. Today, the Army forces in the JTF have been reduced to 43 percent, and only 22 percent are from the Reserve and Guard. On the other hand, the Navy has dramatically increased their contribution to the total force. From about 13 percent a year ago, Naval forces are now up to 37 percent of the total force mix. Other service components such as the Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines have remained about the same at approximately 2 to 3 percent from each service. Additionally, the civilian contractors and federal civil servants also make up about 13 percent of employees working in JTF.

In view of such a diverse environment, it is inevitable that we will be working with, and learning from, members of different services and civilians here in the JTF. I encourage you to embrace this grand opportunity.

It is an environment rich with unique cultures and exchanges that you will not find readily elsewhere, so take advantage of this opportunity. Even if you are not fortunate enough to be working side by side with different services or civilians, you will still be able to meet them in the galley, at the NEX, or at the Lyceum. Make a point of extending a cheerful "hello," and "how



is your day?" Perhaps at the right moment you might ask, "And what do you do on the island?" That's all it takes. Once a dialog is established, a wealth of interesting exchanges will invariably take place, all for the asking.

Interesting questions might be: What is "NEC" in the Navy and "MOS" in the Army? Or what is the proper response when a Marine calls out, "officer on deck?" Is it "as you were" or "carry on?" And what exactly is a corpsman in the Navy? Then what is the equivalent of a corpsman in the Army? If the Army customarily sounds off with "Hooah" and the Marines with "Hoo-rah," does the Navy or the Air Force have something similar? Or do you know what the medical branch insignia is for medical services in the Navy, and why do some have little brown acorns in them? These are just for starters to get your curiosity going.

In short take advantage of your time and the joint environment we have here in Guantanamo. It's easy: ask questions of other people, keep an open mind, and genuinely want to share your experiences. Have a great, culturally enriching, tour at GTMO.

Honor Bound! ■

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BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Spc. David Lankford asked troopers around JTF to share some of GTMO's best kept secrets.

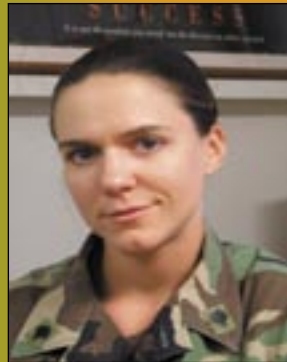


◀ “Correspondence courses are a great thing to do while you’re here. They’ll keep you out of trouble, and will help get you promoted quicker.”

— PV2 Belinda Pennington

▶ “Glass beach is nice because it’s small and secluded, and there is no electricity, so there are no big parties.”

— Spc. Kiam Parker



◀ “I like to go to salsa night at the Windjammer Club on Fridays to dance... well, try to dance...”

— PV1 Edward Sias

▶ “The pool at the Windjammer is really nice. It’s got a waterslide and basketball hoops, and the setting is beautiful.”

— Navy Petty Officer 1st class
Tammy Gattoni



Photos by Spc. Dave Lankford

Spear fishing: DOs and DON'Ts

By Spc. Ian Shay

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

There are many different ways to catch a fish, but one method is set apart from the rest. The method is called spear fishing and it requires no bait or rod, just the use of a spear gun. Spear fishing can also be done with various objects other than a spear gun, such as a sling, harpoon, gig or any instrument capable of being propelled through the water either manually or mechanically to impale a fish.

Here in Guantanamo Bay, scuba divers, free divers and snorkelers can enjoy spear fishing at a variety of beaches with a plethora of exotic fish to choose from. However, there are some beaches and fish divers are not allowed to utilize while spear fishing.

Spear fishing is not allowed in the waters of Cuzco and Blue beach, or any tidal pools at public beaches. As well, a diver should not have his or her spear gun cocked within 50 yards of Phillips Dive Pier, or while within 50 feet of swimmers, snorkelers, or divers not engaged in spear fishing.

Some fish in and around Guantanamo Bay are rare and vital to the success of the underwater ecosystem, so those species are off limits to fishermen. Other species are only retrievable during certain seasons of the year.

Here are some species that are off-limits to spear fishermen: Billfish- Apr. 1 to Oct. 31, Queen Conch- Mar. to May, and spear fishing of sharks is prohibited all year. Also, any egg-bearing female species such as crabs and lobsters are off-limits to spear fishermen. The taking of Nassau Grouper and Goliath Grouper by spear fishing or any other method is strictly prohibited in Guantanamo Bay. All species can be viewed in the “Marine Life Commonly Seen in GTMO” pamphlet.

Besides off-limit beaches and fish, there is the issue of safety to yourself and those around you to consider. It is the responsibility of all spear fishermen to positively identify their target as a legal take and to make sure not to endanger anyone around you. Spear fishing is an exciting sport with miles of unexplored ocean to enjoy, but safety must always come first. ■



▲Kvaerner workers start construction on a new motor pool for Camp America.▼



AROUND THE JTF



▲A Trooper goes spear fishing during his time off.

Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace



◀The New Jersey National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, celebrates the dedication of their JTF-GTMO monument.

▼Numerous soldiers from the 2-113th Infantry Regiment receive ARCOM's.

▼Members of the JTF enjoy all the exotic fishing they can handle.



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

▶Taking a dip in the water is just one way to stay cool here on GTMO.



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

GTMO WATER: FROM

IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO DRINK!

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Have you ever wondered how we get clean water here when there isn't a clean water source available? The bay or seawater certainly isn't suitable for drinking, and there is not some miraculous spring anywhere.

Our water is cleaned by the water desalination plant on base.

Although it's called a "desalination" plant, the water is actually purified by reverse osmosis.

"This method is much more cost effective than the previous method [of processing water]," said Allan Robichaux, the utilities manager and contract surveillance representative for Public Works.

The plant draws water through a pipe that goes into the bay at a great depth. The water goes through the pipe into "fish grates." The fish grates have ¼ inch mesh screens that catch objects as the water goes through them. They may catch anything from seaweed, to plastic, to shellfish.

As the screen fills up, the fish grates initiate a back flush, which removes many of the objects caught in the screen into a basket for disposal.

The water then moves from the tanks through a large pipe called the main header. It flows through the superstructure and splits off into six devices called "trains." Each train can produce 235,000 gallons of water. Some of them can produce more if necessary.

"[The] six trains are totally capable of [producing] 1.5 million gallons of raw water a day," said Robichaux.

There are four main parts to the reverse osmosis trains, the media tanks, 5 micron filters, and high pressure pump and the membranes.

First, the water goes through the media tanks. These tanks are filled with gravel, garnet, silica sand and anthracite. The water flows through the multi-media, 5 micron filters which catch various objects and filters the sea water.

The water then passes through the high-pressure pump and into the pressure vessels housing the membranes. The water

is forced through the membranes by 900 pounds per square inch of pressure, filtering out the salts. The water is now product water, but not yet potable.

Next, the water goes to the lime bed. The lime is used to balance the Potential of hydrogen (pH).

"Lime and chlorine are added to stabilize the water temporarily," said Robichaux.


It is then exported to temporary holding tanks, and later moved to a tank farm for

the final treatment. That final area is called "Water Plant 3."

By the time the water leaves Water Plant 3, it is potable, said Robichaux.

There are millions of gallons of water stored on site in case of an emergency.


So the next time you are drinking that crisp clean water, remember where it came from, and say a little thank you to the people working at the water desalination plant. ■



► Water is first extracted directly from the bay




▼ Close up of RO membrane.




► Salt and other impurities, are removed using reverse osmosis.


A SEA TO SHINING SEA



◀ A coarse screen removes any large particles.



▼ Water enters the reverse osmosis desalination plant.



Allan Robichaux, utilities manager, shows how water is cycled through the plant.

COMING SOON... WATER TREATMENT

There's more than 8,000 people enjoying those crisp, clean glasses of water on Guantanamo Bay, so water treatment is a high priority environmental concern.

Check the pages of the Wire in the coming weeks to find out how the base's water treatment plant keeps the sea and bay around Guantanamo shining.



Managing your emotions part 2- 'Fear Happens'

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Palmer

JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office

All of us experience fear at times in our lives. Some people are afraid of their spouse leaving, others are afraid of a medical test, and still others afraid of going on a roller coaster.

A few years ago the Gallup organization asked Americans what they were most afraid of (USA Today Snapshots, Feb.12-21, 2001). Number one on the list was snakes, with 51% of Americans reporting that they were afraid of snakes.

The second on the list was public speaking. Many people are terrified at the prospect of speaking in front of other people. Forty percent of Americans report that this is their biggest fear. In fact, a lot of people are more afraid of public speaking than they are of dying.

Thirty-seven percent reported a fear of heights, 34 percent fear being closed in small spaces, 27 percent fear spiders and insects, 21 percent are afraid of needles and getting shots, 20 percent are afraid of mice, and 18 percent are afraid of flying on airplanes.

What are you afraid of?

We all struggle with different kinds of fears. Some fears are intense and overwhelming, like the fear a paramedic feels going on his/her first emergency call. Or the kind of fear when a parent loses a child in a crowd.

Other fears simmer inside of us over long periods of time. We call these kinds of fears worry and anxiety. We worry about things like not having a job, not being able to pay our bills, about our kids turning out okay. These are long term fears that simmer inside of us.

Some of our fears are rational. Like being afraid if you accidentally step on a rattlesnake while you're hiking in the mountains. Or being afraid you might get laid off because the civilian company you are working for is downsizing.

But other fears are irrational. Like the fear of the number 13 or fear of elevators. Irrational fears are called phobias, and there are hundreds of different phobias that people struggle with.

More than any other emotion we experience, fear is linked to our brain and our

nervous system. When we walk into a potentially dangerous situation, our nervous system immediately kicks in with a fear response. This response consists of a number of involuntary reactions that occur within our body.

Managing the emotion of fear requires you to remember its powerful effect on your body. Despite fear's powerful physiological effect, you do have the freedom to choose how you will respond. You can choose to ask God for help, to surrender what you cannot control to God, and to move forward in faith. Or, you can choose to ask everyone else to help, hold on to the things you cannot control, and be paralyzed with fear. God has given us this wonderful ability to make the decision to surrender what we can't control, take decisive action over what we can, and move forward with faith.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."- Isaiah 41:10

Chaplain Section Proverbs 3:5-6

GTMO Passover celebration

Attention Jewish members of the GTMO community. The Season of Passover will soon be upon us. Rabbi David Lapp of the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council will be visiting GTMO during this season. The schedule of services are:

- Friday, April 22, 7 p.m. -- Sabbath Service
 - Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m. -- brief Sabbath Service followed at 1930 by Seder Meal and Ceremony
 - Sunday, April 24, 7 p.m. -- Seder Ceremony 2nd Night
- (All services are at the NAVBASE Chapel facilities. Seder meals will be in Classroom 15 in the NAVBASE Chapel Annex.)

In order to plan the necessary amount of food, please contact Chaplain Molnar at the JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office as soon as possible and let us know you are coming. The Rabbi is also interested in meeting with individual Jewish members of the community by appointment. You may make appointments by calling the JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office at 3202/2453/3646 or Chaplain Molnar at MolnarSC@JTFGTMO.southcom.mil.



CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

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

For information on Jewish services call 2323

Chit Chat: Computer Security

Story and photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

In the past we were worried about lions, tigers and bears. In the information age things have changed a bit. Now people worry about spies, hackers and worms.

America has left the industrial age, and manufacturing products have changed from iron and ore to ones and zeros. With all the information flying across cyberspace there is a constant need to protect this new national treasure. The people from Information Assurance (J6) came up with a few ways Troopers can help in the new front to stop information security leaks.

“Our mission is that we have computer information systems and we need to keep them safe, secure, reliable and insure something called non-repudiation. That is when you get a communication from your first sergeant telling you to be somewhere or do something, you know that it’s from your first sergeant,” said Dave Otto, Information Assurance Security Officer (IASO).

This is where Troopers come in. There are many ways to help.

“We are very reliant on user training, making sure users follow the right procedure, and do the right thing,” said Air Force Capt. Ryan Harris, Information Assurance Manager.

Before what actually should and shouldn’t be done is discussed, it’s important to realize J6 is here to help. As Troopers it’s important to be constantly thinking operation security and computer security even about the smallest of things.

“We refer to it as ‘spillage,’ and it’s treated very seriously here. It’s not just treated with a wink, and an ‘Oh, we will put that in your recycle bin and throw it away, and we’re done with it.’ A lot more leg work goes into dealing with it,” said Otto.

“No matter if it’s just a small word, such as ‘secret,’ with nothing classified on it. But if the word ‘secret’ is on a NIPR Net (non-secure internet protocol router network) message, that is considered spillage,” said Louis Roblejo, IASO.

And the next time you want to go on

your favorite site, remember, “There are certain sites that aren’t appropriate,” said Amanda Heady, IASO. Certain sites contain viruses and worms; they can destroy a lot of hard work.

If you find something or think something is classified, it’s every Trooper’s responsibility to notify someone. “If it’s on NIPR, and if you think it’s classified, call us, call someone! Don’t mark it ‘secret’ and send it to other people in your unit. If



JTF-GTMO J-6 Information Assurance Team

it’s marked classified it doesn’t belong on the NIPR Net,” said Otto.

There isn’t instant messaging and chat room access on the NIPR Net. “You can do social engineering attacks, via chat sessions; it’s like finding information about anything,” said Roblejo.

It’s important to know that not everyone has a need to know; and not everyone on GTMO is in the military. There are families, international workers and media representatives.

Remember, the best way to protect yourself is to follow the rules. “Do not share your user name and password! That is a big one, if your buddy uses your account and does something wrong, it’s your user name,” said Heady. “Do not introduce outside information onto the NIPR Net. Do not bring in a burned CD with a 100 MP3s, copy it to your hard drive, and expect it to be intact,” said Roblejo.

The general message is, don’t be lazy. People are out to get information and they will use anyone. “Lock your screen when you leave your room,” said Heady. These are things that are common sense, but aren’t always apparent to some people. Remember not everyone has the same clearance, and NIPR Net is for unclassified information only.

Everyone should know that these are government computers; administrators have full control of them. “If someone calls you and says they’re a system administrator and they need your password, that’s a lie. No one here needs your password to do anything. No one ever should be given your password,” said Heady.

Troopers have to get out of the mindset that these are personal computers. These computers are for military use. “You have to realize this isn’t the Internet, it’s the government NIPR Net, government computers, and a government weapon unit. They are going as far as calling these ‘government weapon units’ because this is now how we do business,” said Harris.

Having Internet access is a privilege, but total Internet restriction is always an option. “If we isolated ourselves from the world, we would be alright... well maybe alright. One of the biggest risks is users inside the organization, but when we plug in we have accepted a level of risk,” said Otto.

If you get blocked when trying to visit a site, and you think you should be able to get on, you can send J6 an email, and state why you need access to this site. If they deny access to that site remember, “It’s not just content, politics or morals--it’s bandwidth. That’s the reason we don’t have streaming media and games. Remember one of our missions is about reliability. We can’t have a reliable network if it’s saturated with media and games,” said Otto. ■

If you think something is classified on a non-classified network or you have any questions not answered by this article, J6 can be contacted at 3333.

Spring into sports

By Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

As spring gets into full swing, sporting events and leagues are blooming all around Guantanamo Bay. Here is a taste of just a few.

The Guantanamo Bay JTF vs. NAVBASE Softball Game will be held at Cooper's Field (behind G.J. Denich Gym), Apr. 30 at 7 p.m. All Guantanamo Bay Troopers and civilians are encouraged to come out to watch or play and keep the competitive spirit alive.

If lifting weights is your forte, be at the Apr. 29 power-lifting meet at G.J. Denich Gym. The competition starts at 6 p.m. Awards will be given for best lifting in bench press, dead lift and squat.



Co-gender softball starts May 9 and ends June 10, with

games played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. on Cooper's Field. Each team must have at least three females on the



Photos courtesy of 525th MP battalion

roster and two on the field during games.

The volleyball league starts the same day as softball and runs through June 10 as well. It is also co-gender, with the requirement that one female be on the court at all times. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Both the volleyball and softball leagues are for fun only. No awards will be provided after the league ends.

If you want awards, try the June 3 to 4 dodge ball tournament. The game is for adults only. The fun starts at 9 a.m.

If you're best with your feet, soccer starts June 20 and runs through July 25. There is a separate league for men and women.

For runners, there will be a track meet on Sat., May 14 at 5 p.m. Kids will compete first. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

The sporting events listed above are brought to Troopers, civilians and family members by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office. Most of the events require pre-registration, which can be done at the G.J. Denich Gym. For more information on any of the leagues or events contact MWR at 2193. ■

No-wake zones save boats, fish

By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Wake: The track left by a moving body (as a ship) in fluid (as water)

Manatees, beach erosion and damage to boats are just some of the reasons there are no-wake zones at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

"The zones are placed in the inlet near the marina to protect other boats that are docked at the pier and wildlife nearby," said Glenford Smith, manager of the marina.

Buoys for the no-wake zones in the marina are white. The white buoys denote the be-

ginning and ending to the zone. The orange buoys are to warn the boaters of shallow areas.

All windward channels and the entire leeward shoreline to Caracoles Point out 150 yards, and all of Guantanamo River, are considered no-wake zones. Port control enforces boats in the no-wake zones. Their job is to ensure all boats stay within the 5 mph speed limit when in these zones.

Paul Shoenfeld from the base environmental office is very concerned about the manatees, which tend to swim in these designated areas. They are very lethargic mammals and may have a hard time moving



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

out of the way of a boat should one cross its path.

All those who are sailing these waters should take these

warnings seriously in order to maintain the marine ecosystem here at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. ■

15 Minutes of Fame with Petty Officer First Class David Rodriguez

By Spc. Timothy Book

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Petty Officer 1st Class David Rodriguez, an experienced Legalman currently stationed here, was recognized on April 6 as Naval Region Northwest Sailor of the Year and received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. ►

Is this the first time you received this award?

Yes, but this is the fourth time I've received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

How do you think this will further your career in the Navy?

Any award helps, but this one surprised me. In January, I was at an All Hands Call with all the legal people in the Northwest. There were about 200 people there. They called my name and I had to go to the front of the room. That's when they announced that I was named Sailor of the Year. I was up there with Rear Adm. Bruce MacDonald, who is the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy, and I didn't even know I was being considered.

How long have you



been in the Navy?

I've been in for 10 years now.

Is this your first deployment?

No, I was on a ship in the Western Pacific. I spent a year in Bahrain and now here in Guantanamo for six months.

That's a lot of places. Do you like to travel?

I'm used to it. My dad was in the Air Force. I was born in Spain, and I've lived most of my life in Europe. I've lived in a total of five overseas and four stateside locations. And, I'm sure I'll see some more.

Why did you choose to be a legalman?

I like what I do. I was a law clerk for Pizza Hut before I joined the Navy.

What do you do as a legalman?

My responsibilities are mostly training other Troopers. As a group, we do all military justice concerns. We also do ethics consultations. For example, if some business, like Home Depot, wants to donate merchandise or money, they can contact us and we'll advise them on the legal aspects of doing that.

What do you like about this deployment?

I like the joint command. It's different for me. Every service has different ways of doing things, and this gives me a chance to see how other people do what I do.

What is your next goal?

I want to finish college. I only have 30 hours to go to get my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. ■

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.

GITMO Specials

By Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

“One person’s trash may be another person’s treasure.” said Fred Sanford (“Sanford and Son Show”). Now maybe Fred had a good point.

Judging from the condition of some of the “special” vehicles on Guantanamo Bay, the best thing for them may have been the scrap yard.

If it were not for a few creative personnel here, these vehicles may have met their fate somewhere in a car crusher or at the bottom of the ocean. The Troopers who drive “GITMO specials” should be given



credit where credit is due.

Some were built in the ‘70s, and most of them are in such poor condition I have to wonder: How the heck is that thing still running? That is what I was about to find out.

My search for one of these unique vehicles started at the Tierra Kay (TK) housing parking lots. On any given day while driving past you will notice quite a few of these beauties basking in the sun.

Gas Turbine System Technician-Mechanical (Surface Warfare) Chief Randy Hancock is the proud owner of this 1979 Dodge Ram



pickup.

He paid \$700 for it, the mileage is currently at 85,000 miles, and she is still running strong.

As my search progressed, I came upon what I believe to be the “Holy Grail” of the GITMO special. It is a 1985 Grand Fury sedan convertible, black with a flame job and satellite radio.

Its proud owner, Marine Capt A.J. Barnes is assigned to the Joint Information Group.

He said he paid \$1400 for his car and it “runs good.”

The only things he has added to the package to make it complete are two Eagle, Globe and Anchor stickers to either bumper.

Moving right along, I ran into Army Staff Sgt. William James over

at the base post office where he pulled up in what appeared to be a tribute to Old Glory herself. It was a 1975 Datsun B210 emblazoned with the stars and stripes paint scheme.

Through further inspection of the vehicle I noticed there were no windows in the driver or passenger doors, and

the driver door was hanging on by just one bolt. James informed me the vehicle was passed on to him from a friend.

“When I stopped putting oil in the car it started running better,” he said.

This vehicle is a former winner of one of the GITMO special car shows held here on base.

I returned to Camp America in hopes of finding another one of these special vehicles. Three soldiers loading up a 1970 Chevelle in the NEX parking lot answered



my wish. This was definitely a real beauty. Gray, rust and white in color, it was just purchased two days ago for \$600 from a third country national.

All three of the Soldiers went in on the deal together. The driver that day, Staff Sgt. Michael Vallery of A Troop, 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry Regiment mentioned that the vehicle had 169,000 miles on it and it still was running strong.

How could you go wrong for \$200 dollars?

Photos by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF Spring Clean-up Apr. 21-23

All JTF troopers are expected to take part in the three-day clean up. All areas will be inspected by the JTF leadership April 23.

April 21 - Duty/work area clean up (exterior and interior, to include office areas, files and computer hard drives).
April 22 - Police call of all JTF assigned routes (see your 1SG/NCOIC for details).
April 23 - Housing area clean up and individual quarters spring cleaning.

For more information please contact Sgt. Maj. Jones at 5102

Guantanamo

The Subway inside the Navy Exchange is now serving Mexican food under the title GuantanamoMex.

Sold there are meat burritos, chicken burritos, chips and beans, meat hard tacos, nachos and cheese, combination chips, and chicken hard tacos. You can also get a salad with your burrito.



AFN Mother's Day Greetings

The broadcast section located at Camp America is looking for Soldiers wishing to send Mother's Day greetings to Armed Forces Network and their families. We will have cameras set up April 18-19, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Survivor Club and on April 20-21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. outside of the Bayview Club.

We would also like to know why you serve in the military--no matter which branch. This is a great opportunity for anyone wishing to be on television (no guarantees). If you're interested, stop by the clubs on the dates listed, call Staff Sgt. Jeremy Patterson at extension 3597, or stop by the broadcast office, located in Building 4107.

Groups of five or more are strongly encouraged!

TV Channels

Channel	Description	Channel	Description
2	TV 8 Navy Broadcasting	25	TNN
3	TV Guide Channel	26	Comedy
4	Community Billboard	27	WGN
5	CNN	28	Family
6	NOCD Weather Channel	29	Cinemax
7	WABC NY	30	HBO
8	TNT	31	ACTV
9	WSEE - CBS - Erie, Pa.	32	AFN
10	WNBC - NBC - NY	33	CMT
11	A & E	34	C - Span
12	TLC	35	BET
13	Fox Net	36	CNN
14	Telemundo	37	PBS
15	Cartoon Network	38	ESPN2
16	ESPN	39	SciFi
17	MTV	40	History
18	VH-1	41	TCM
19	Lifetime Television	43	AFN- News
20	Nickelodeon	96	Pentagon
21	Showtime	97	AFN-Sports
22	The Discovery Channel	98	TV Land
23	WTBS	99	WPIX WB



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.

Family at the gate

The Transportation Security Administration has issued a directive pertaining to military passengers at U.S. airports. According to Security Directive 1544-01-10w, families of military members may be granted access to sterile concourse areas to escort the military passenger to the gate or to meet a military passenger's inbound arrival at the gate.

The family member can go to the airline that the military member is flying on and receive a pass to go to the gate. They will be required to have a pass and a photo ID to get through the security checkpoint. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to stay with the departing military member longer before they depart, or to be able to greet them at the gate upon their arrival.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Accuracy

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. If you see an error in The Wire, call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.

QUICHE LORRAINE

(Recipe makes 2 pies)

Crust

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup chilled margarine cut into 1/2" bits
- 3 Tablespoons chilled vegetable shortening
- 5 Tablespoons cold water

Mix as for pie crust. Roll out and fit into two 9" pie pans. Prick pastry with fork. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. (or use prepared pie crust from store)

Quiche filling

Beat until blended:

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups light cream or evaporated milk
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- dash pepper
- dash nutmeg
- Add:
- 2 cups grated Swiss cheese (or use other variety such as cheddar combination of cheeses)

Pour into pastry shells. Bake at 375 degrees for 45-50 minutes. Cool five minutes before serving.

Tasty Options:

Place in pie shells before pouring in egg mixture.
1 chopped onion, sautéed
several slices of bacon, fried crisp and crumbled
1-2 c. cooked ham, finely chopped

These additions often give a little extra zest to the Quiche. Adding the ham is particularly good; or try putting some spinach in if you like the greens. Hope you enjoy this absolutely decadent recipe.

-By Spc. Seth Myers

Kitchen

