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On patrol with the eyes and ears of the JTF:

1-181st Inf. Regt. foot soldiers protect troopers, intelligence

Story and photos by
Spc. Katherine L. Collins

They “ruck” hills and shorelines in silence and sweat, keenly observing and listening hour after hour each day. These dedicated troopers are JTF’s dismounted patrols, serving to protect and provide task force safety.

“Our job is to patrol, on foot, each zone of the AO (area of operation), looking and listening for any suspicious activity or items,” said Staff Sgt. Keith Johnson of C Co., 1-181st Inf. Regt. “As long as we do our job well, the other [troopers] can focus on their missions knowing we are watching their backs.”

To successfully fulfill their mission, the dismounted patrol force must first ensure it adequately surveys JTF’s operation areas each day. “Each morning orders are passed from the battalion level down to the platoon level stating which areas of operation need the most attention that day,” said Capt.



Spc. Alex Novak, of A Team, 1st Squad, 1st Plt., C Co., 1-181st Inf. Regt., scans the area of operation from the top of a hill in B sector, searching for any suspicious activity and items.

Robert Michaud, C Co. commander. “Then from that level down, sectors and the number of patrols and their lengths are assigned to each patrol team.” According to Michaud,

patrol lengths vary, lasting an hour or more. “It all depends on recent activity in those areas,” he said.

Once the infantry ensures it adequately assigned patrol teams to each sector, the success of the mission depends on the individual patrols. Each dismounted patrol must be a tight-knit team that is adequately cross-trained in each of the team’s tasks. Each team generally consists of infantry who regularly patrol together, each bearing a specific mission. With each new patrol, these teammates typically rotate positions, keeping all men trained to perform each team function.

During a typical patrol, a team patrols to a designated point in one of the JTF sectors. It then sends men out to an observation point (OP), while others remain in a rally area. Soldiers observing scan the AO beyond the OP through binoculars while others scan the immediate area, watching for any intruders entering the OP area. Once the survey is complete, these soldiers return to the rally point and others depart with binoculars to scan the AO from another OP. Before begin-

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Trooper to Trooper

By CSM George Nieves

At this point in time, every leader in the JTF should have read and understood the annual training guidance put out by MG Miller. It is important that leaders share this guidance with their subordinate troopers. This guidance is the foundation that the JTF uses to help prepare for and conduct training. For those who do not understand, go to your superiors and have them explain why and how the JTF trains.

This week I want to focus on the role NCOs play in the preparation and execution of training. NCOs train troopers to perform individual tasks to established standards. The best way to take care of your troopers is to train them well. Training is the NCO's principle duty and responsibility: No one has more to do with training troopers than the NCO. NCOs train the small units of the JTF-squads, sections, crews, and fire teams to fight together as teams using their equipment effectively. Here in Guantanamo Bay, MPs and MI personnel train to sharpen our detention and interrogation skills. The infantry trains to detect and defeat anyone who tries to attack our high value assets, like Camp Delta. In doing so, the troopers of the JTF stay well ahead of their enemies.

In the JTF, the MP companies train on a five-and-one cycle while the infantry trains to a three-and-one cycle. During their one week of training, we expect the unit to train on METL related tasks.

We also expect each unit to conduct Sergeants Time Training (STT). STT affords a prime opportunity for developing our first-line leaders while they gain the confidence of their troopers. STT is where you bring it all together. NCOs plan it, they execute it, they evaluate it and they decide whether or not retraining is warranted.

One day during a unit's training week, for four continuous hours, NCOs have all their troopers mandated to be present at training. This allows NCOs to train certain tasks they feel are necessary towards the accomplishment of the mission in a small group environment.

I ask all our leaders to consider the location of their training. The majority, if not all of your training should be conducted outdoors. When we train inside of



**CSM George Nieves
Joint Task Force CSM
JTF Guantanamo**

the classroom, training has a tendency to become boring and sometimes counterproductive. If you want to challenge your troops, give them realistic conditions to train in.

In addition to the NCOs within the JTF conducting training, we plan to bring in NCOs from training institutions in the United States to train our NCOs to become better leaders. Currently, we have an instructor from the Battle Staff Course out of Fort Bliss, Texas, training our NCOs to become better equipped to run operations within their Training Operation Centers.

Also, in January we plan on bringing down a Mobile Training Team from one of the NCO academies to conduct the Primary Leadership Development Course for our junior NCOs. This will have a tremendous impact on our junior leaders and the chain of command.

Sergeants and promotable specialists will have one less task to perform back at home station, while giving them the necessary tools and knowledge to lead their troopers. The NCOs of the JTF are strongly committed to our mission and our Nation. They take pride in what they do and are steadfast in accomplishing the mission. They also understand that tough, realistic training is the only way their troopers will get better.

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Senior NCOs get most sought after course in the Army

Instructor praises troopers for dedication, hard work

Story and photos
by Sgt. Jolene Staker

For 21 days, select senior NCOs, E-7 and above, are given the opportunity to take the Battle Staff NCO Course here. According to Master Sgt. Frank Calderon, a resident course instructor from B Co., U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas, it is the most sought after and hardest course in the Army.

Master Sgt. Terry Longsworth of the 384th MP Bn. said, "It's a very valuable course, I didn't expect to get this at all while we were here on deployment. I know most of us have put in for it at least once or twice."

The course description says it prepares selected non-commissioned officers to serve as integral members of a cohesive battle staff team in personnel, intelligence, operations and logistics positions.

As a special request from the JTF, Calderon came to Guantanamo Bay to serve as instructor for the course. "It's been excellent," he said. "A lot of good people have given me a lot of support and the



Master Sgt. Terry Longsworth (above left) of the 384th MP Bn. Sgt. 1st Class Carl Waltenburg of the 177th MP Bde., and Master Sgt. Joe Singley of the 217th MP Co. study course materials to be prepared for the next four hour exam they must pass to complete the Battle Staff NCO Course successfully. CSM George Nieves (above right, at left) congratulates two students of the Battle Staff NCO Course for getting a perfect score on their last exam. He presented Sgt. Major Rick Michael and Master Sgt. Terry Longsworth with a coin to reward their hard work.



NCOs are great to work with. It's been a really good experience."

The course, which includes four four-hour exams, a tactical operation center exercise and a military briefing is evaluated on a go/no go basis.

Calderon, who puts his 20 years of experience in the military to work in the classroom, has nothing but good to say about JTF troopers in the course. "These guys are super, super students," he said. "They all scored over 80 on their last exam and it was very difficult."

Sgt. Major Richard Michael of the 177th MP Bde. and student in the course said, "It's an outstanding opportunity for soldiers from the infantry and the JDOG as well as support personnel."

As an added benefit, soldiers earn skill identifier of 2S, which identifies them to the Army as Battle Staff NCOs, which affords promotion possibilities.

"The benefit to the JTF and the Army is that they are going to be able to go out immediately and give their superiors a better product," Calderon said.

When fire strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!

The NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay Fire Department is reaching out to residents this fall with a fire prevention campaign designed to save lives and prevent injuries by teaching important information about having smoke alarms and fire escape drills.

The 2003 Fire Prevention theme, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" is a lifesaving reminder to leave right away when the smoke alarm goes off, and to stay out until firefighters say it is safe to go back inside.

"This Fire Prevention Month, we are concentrating our efforts on making sure residents of Guantanamo Bay understand that they need working smoke alarms on every level of their home, and

they should plan ahead of time how they would get out if fire strikes, and practice that plan regularly," says Chief Inspector Fricker, of the NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay Fire Department. "Having early warning of a fire, and following a well-practiced escape plan to get out quickly – and stay out – can make the difference between surviving a fire and dying in one."

To reach residents with these lifesaving messages, NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay Fire Department is joining forces with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), the official sponsor of fire prevention activities for more than 80 years. According to NFPA, half of all fatal home fires occur in the small

number of homes that have no smoke alarms.

Judy Comoletti, NFPA assistant vice president for public education says, many people overestimate the amount of time they may have to get out of a fire. "A fire can become deadly in only moments, making every second count. That's why we're working with groups like the JTF to raise awareness of the importance of installing smoke alarms and planning and practicing fire drills."

The fire department's advice is simple:

Make sure you have working smoke alarms on each level of the home, and test them monthly to ensure they are working.

Develop a thorough fire

**Fire Prevention
Month
Oct. 1-31**

escape plan and practice it by holding fire drills twice a year; make sure you know two ways out of every room.

Teach everyone in your command that once they are out, they must stay out until firefighters say it is safe to go back inside; get out first, then call the fire department.

Hundreds of lives are lost each year, by people re-entering a burning building. Badly burned survivors rescued by firefighters have the same response when asked why they went back in. The reply: "I thought it was safe."

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ning the return hike, the radio transmitter operator communicates any discoveries to the command post. Also, the team later renders to the command post any important items it finds.

Teammates Spc. Robert Dale and Spc. Roberto Lopez, of A Team, 1st Squad, 1st Plt., C Co., explained other keys to successfully surveying the JTF AO. "Patrolling is a hard but necessary part of the mission here," said Dale. "The primary things we must keep up for a successful patrol are hand and arm signal skills, fitness and hydration."

"Maintaining clear and regular communication with higher up is also important," added Lopez. "We do find things with intelligence value [on patrols]. We must report all we see and find to our command over the radio."

The ability of each man to work as a teammate within a dismounted patrol is an important skill, but so is the ability of each dismounted patrol team to work with the mounted patrols. According to 2nd Lt. Joshua Romano, of C Co., the infantry performs various types of patrols, such as maverick, ranger and striker. Maverick missions consist of fully mounted patrols, ranger missions contain fully dismounted patrols



Spc. Robert Dale, of A Team, 1st Squad, 1st Plt., C Co., 1-181st Inf. Regt., helps secure the immediate area atop a hill in B sector while his fellow infantrymen scan the AO below with binoculars.

and striker missions combine mounted and dismounted patrols. In a striker mission a mounted patrol drives into an area of reconnaissance, and from there it sends out a dismounted patrol to survey the AO.

In addition to explaining the foot soldiers' JTF mission, Michaud commended

their efforts. "All our infantry soldiers have done an excellent job since we've set foot in [Guantanamo]," he said. "The dismounted patrol soldiers have worked hard and achieved each task we've set before them." According to Michaud, the unit's experience of serving together in Bosnia in 2001-2002 prepared the men well for their service here, and now the unit strives to build upon that experience by furthering every skill primary to its Guantanamo mission.

"We train regularly, as part of the mission and on skills always directly related to the mission. We work on our [mission essential task list] skills, tightening up what we need," said Michaud. "We try to schedule training here that we can't do back home, such as Combat Water Survival Task training." The dismounted patrol soldiers also engage in training including weapons qualification, land navigation, ruck marches and squad and platoon-level live fire exercises.

"The mission and the training has been rewarding," said Johnson. "The work is hard and the days can be long. Still, we are proud to serve here, fighting to defend our nation. No matter what the capacity, we joined the infantry to protect freedom, and in [Guantanamo] we're doing just that."

Trooper on the Street

Interview and photos by Spc. Katherine L. Collins

This week's question:

What's the best training you've received in the military?



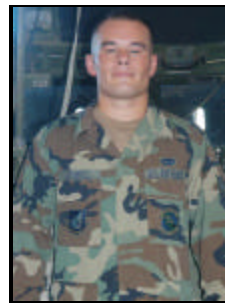
**Army Sgt.
Carl Tarver,
217th MP Co.,
Training NCO**

"Unarmed self-defense at Fort Dix was the best. The unit came together for the training, which was great. We all enjoyed it, and it really prepared us for this mission."



**Army Sgt.
Douglas Bernier,
C Co.,
1-181st Inf. Regt.**

"The Combat Water Survival Task training was outstanding. It simply was a lot of fun."



**Air Force Staff Sgt.
Charles Criswell,
3rd Logistics
Readiness Squadron**

"Airman Leadership School and other NCO schools are the best. They teach you how to be a better follower, which makes you a better leader."



**Army Staff Sgt.
Kurt Owanisian,
A Co.,
1-181st Inf. Regt.**

"I think live-fire will be the best. It will heighten our awareness and reinforce all our other training. It will also open our eyes to what our mission really is."



**Spc. Angel Morales,
463rd MP Co.,
Tierra Kay JAS
medic**

"The hands on experience I get everyday [serving with JTF] is the best training. My job contains a whole range of responsibilities medics must keep trained up to perform."

From Qatar to Cuba, 463rd gets job done

Story and photos
by Spc. Tommi Meyer

Every day, under the wire, on the block members of the 463rd Military Police Co. of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., have a job to do. Their job is to keep Camp Delta as quiet as possible.

"The less excitement, the better off the day is going to be," said Pfc. James Dalton. "We just go to work every day, making sure things are secure, the way it should be."

Dalton, like other MPs at Guantanamo Bay, spends his days, afternoons and just as often his nights working at Camp Delta.

"Our schedule rotates," said Dalton. According to Dalton, 463rd troopers keep up with physical fitness and other requirements at whatever time they can, even in the dark after much of the JTF has gone to sleep.

"Running at night is healthier anyway," he said, because there is less heat.

PT, like other jobs the 463rd have to do, just simply gets done.

"With the quality of junior NCOs that we have, I don't have to worry. I just have to

walk around and see it being done," said 463rd 1st Sgt. Stephen Hashing.

Hashing said he trusts his troops to do their job "I trust these people with my life, which is exactly what you should do in the Army."

Getting the job done and focusing on the mission is part of the daily routine for Sgt. Juanita Rico.

At first, she said, "I didn't know what to expect."

But now, "It's [Camp Delta] just like walking anywhere else."

However, Rico said this deployment is anything but routine.

"This is different than anything I have ever done," she said of the unique mission here at Guantanamo.

For Rico, along with most every other member of the 463rd, this is one more on a list of deployments.

She returned from her second deployment, six months in Qatar, in November 2002. Her first was to Kuwait and occurred in 2000.

All while married to another service member soldier.

"Our schedules conflict ...



Sgt. Juanita Rico (above) readies herself for work. Pfc. James Dalton (below) looks over a letter to his family.



Sometimes it is hard to spend time together," said Rico.

Dalton finds that communicating with family helps to relieve some of the pressure of finding time and keeps him on track with his mission here.

"I e-mail, write ... last week

I did the VTC thing," he said.

Keeping focused on the mission, learning to be a leader and getting back home safely is the goal, according to the first sergeant.

"We're just trying real hard to do it right," said Hashing.

How we deal with uncertainty can impact mental health

LTC Kathy Platoni, Psy.D.
Clinical Psychologist
OIC, 1972nd Medical
Detachment (CSC)

Expect the unexpected and you won't be surprised when life fails to fall in line according to plan.

It is incumbent upon each of us to decide how we must deal with the inevitable fact that it is more often impossible to dictate what the future holds. Tomorrow's events are in the process of being shaped at this very

moment and none of us truly possesses the power or the ability to exercise control over those events.

In the words of legendary psychologists Eimer and Torem (2002), certainty and predictability are not our birthright and luck has little to do with how life turns out. It is not our destiny to determine our fate or to demand that the outcomes of our actions will unquestionably turn out according to plan. Regardless, life happens, crystal

ball notwithstanding.

Uncertainty is an unavoidable and foreseeable reality. Our choice is simply this; that whatever life hands us provides an opportunity to chart a course and to decide what course of action might deliver the most favorable outcome. Uncertainty need not be perceived as an adverse set of circumstances, but a chance to learn what life has to teach us. Not so surprisingly, it is how we view situations that makes

them so difficult to manage, more so than events themselves.

Even in the face of adversity, there are lessons life is meant to teach us. Each day is the present. Treat it as a gift. Have the courage to know the difference between what you can and cannot alter. Accept the unvarnished truth (in the words of MG Miller), that uncertainty is part of the package deal of life. Be resilient with this knowledge.

70th Mobile Public Affairs: Telling the trooper story

Training JTF personnel to succeed in media interviews

Story and photo by
Spc. Katherine L. Collins

The JTF Guantanamo mission bears a significant global impact each and every day. As its importance escalates, the number of international media visiting Guantanamo also increases.

All troopers serving inside the JTF detention facility can expect to engage in an interview with civilian media at least once during their service here. With this in mind, it is crucial that the leadership properly trains and prepares all troopers to articulate the correct messages in the correct manner when interviewed. This task is part of the mission carried out by the JTF public affairs media relations office.

"It's our job to make sure everyone is conscientious and vigilant about what is going on right now and to ensure we can actually reply to media questions in an appropriate manner," said Capt. David Kolarik, media relations officer in charge. "In an environment like this the training is critical. It's very important that all JTF, from the leaders through the junior enlisted troopers, are speaking in one voice."

The training is also good for the troopers, not just in Guantanamo, but throughout their military career, added Kolarik. "It makes them feel confident and comfortable with the interviews and it gives them the...themes needed to successfully articulate the JTF mission," he said.

Speaking with the media is not an experience JTF troopers should fear but rather anticipate. "The media wants to hear your story, and you should feel proud to tell it to the world," urged

Kolarik. "We are here for you. We will train every potential interviewee until he or she is fully confident to share the JTF message."

"I felt real anxious when I first learned that I'd have to talk to the media, but in the end I found it a rewarding experience," said Spc. Omar Morales of the 216th MP Co. "Once media relations trained me how to talk in an interview, I was very confident. We want to do a good job, and we want to protect the mission. The training helps us do that," he said. "I'm glad JTF gives us the chance to talk to the media and gives us this great training to prepare us. This is an important mission and a great experience. I've learned and benefited a lot from this mission. It's great to be able to tell the media all that."

Although all JTF troopers can benefit from media training, the media relations office briefs approximately five to seven designated troopers from a rotating list prior to each media visit. "This list is a chart of units working inside the wire. Each week, the unit first sergeants submit to [Delta Camp Commandant] CSM [Stephen] Short the names of its troopers to be trained that week," explained Kolarik. "We urge all first sergeants to select an appropriate cross section of professional troopers within their units to represent the JTF on the interviews." Kolarik added that he will coach the troopers during the session until they feel completely prepared to successfully talk with the media.

The training first consists of a PowerPoint presentation containing command messages and themes to talk about in interviews and tips for talking with the media. These tips focus on presenting information while maintaining operational security (OPSEC) and staying in their lane of expertise. They also deal



Capt. David Kolarik, (right) of the 70th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, media relations officer in charge, trains JTF trooper Sgt. Brian Moore (left) of the 384th MP Bn., to speak comfortably and professionally with the media when interviewed, relating JTF command messages. Kolarik teaches troopers to talk about their mission while protecting OPSEC, remaining in their lane of expertise and maintaining proper composure.

with maintaining professional composure and speaking to the media person. Troopers and trainers then run through various scenarios of talking with the media. "I base the scenarios on the types of troopers I am training and what kinds of questions I think the media will ask them," said Kolarik. "I'll conduct a mock interview with each trooper. Then I'll evaluate them, presenting the pros and cons of how they did."

During the session, the team trains troopers to focus on Department of Defense principles, including relating "maximum information with minimum delay." It teaches the interviewees to be truthful while maintaining composure, protecting OPSEC and remaining in one's lane of expertise. "We instruct them, 'Be as free as you can. Tell the truth. You can talk about such things as home and family, but be in control of your emotions,'" said Kolarik.

Remaining in one's lane of expertise is highly important, said Kolarik. "The media will ask hard questions about security and so forth. We instruct troopers to

not speculate about issues the media wishes to discuss. We offer examples of responses the troopers can use to answer these queries," he said. "More importantly, we just remind them to stay in their lane. This means telling your story about what the mission means to you. Talk about the weapons you fire, the vehicles you drive and the tasks you perform. It does not mean speculating about rules of engagement or future operations."

Kolarik said he always gives the troopers one final tip. "At the close of each interview the media always asks troopers if there's anything they'd like to add. In our training we urge troopers to seize these opportunities to reiterate the command themes and messages," he said. "When they do, troopers say things like, 'I miss my family back home, but I am proud to be here supporting the President's war on global terrorism.'"

Also, Kolarik reminds all troopers who are requested by the media for any form of an interview to contact the media relations office for approval and training at Ext. 5017.

Straight Talk

A weekly question and answer session with the leaders of JTF Guantanamo

Q: Is there any plan in process to improve the phone system? We appreciate MWR calls, although it is difficult to get access through this system. LCN is expensive. We'd like to know: Did they get their contract renewed and what kinds of improvements can we look forward to?

This weeks answer comes "Straight" from CSM George Nieves, JTF Command Sergeant Major.

A: The contract has been renewed to LCN for another year. The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic (NCTAMSLANT) and LCN continuously work towards better service and pricing for everyone here at Guantanamo Bay and will continue to do so. In the future, when changes are made to the telephone service, LCN will provide information on these changes via news articles and on the roller on channel 4 television. As far as the MWR calls, NCTAMSLANT Base Communications Office continuously tries to monitor the system to insure there are no problems. If anyone is encountering problems with the Morale Minder system, please call J6 Help desk, ext. 3532, so they can contact us and let us know and we will rectify the problem as quickly as possible.

*E-mail your questions to **Straight Talk** at pao@jftgmo.southcom.mil or call 5251.*

*Make Straight Talk part of your regular read and watch for your questions to be answered in future issues of **The Wire**.*

Ramadan: Understanding other cultures

As most of the Joint Task Force here is taught to understand, our mission is one of national, if not worldwide importance.

For those who work in the wire, and those in supporting roles, understanding the cultures of others and their values can serve as a bridge that makes living together better for everyone.

The word "**Ramadan**" comes from the Arabic root word for "parched thirst" and "sun-baked ground." Ramadan is a period of fasting, reflection, devotion, generosity and sacrifice observed by Muslims around the world. It is observed during the ninth lunar month of the Islamic calendar. Because the lunar calendar is about 11 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar, the date of Islamic holidays change each year. The much-anticipated start of Ramadan is based on a combination of physical sightings of the moon and astronomical calculations.

Muslims believe that during the month of Ramadan, Allah revealed the first verses of the **Qur'an**, the holy book of Islam. Around 610 A.D., a caravan trader named **Muhammad** took to wandering the desert near **Mecca** in today's Saudi Arabia while thinking about his faith. One night a voice called to him from the night sky. It was the angel Gabriel, who told Muhammad he had been chosen to receive the word of Allah. In the days that followed, Muhammad found himself speaking the verses that would be transcribed as the Qur'an.

Muslims practice **sawm**, or fasting, for the entire month of Ramadan. Fasting means abstention from eating, drinking, and sexual contact from dawn to sunset. Fasting is one of the **Five Pillars** (duties) of Islam. As with other Islamic duties, all able Muslims take part in sawm. If one is unable to fast, one is obligated to feed a needy person for every day missed. Fasting



teaches patience, unselfishness, moderation, tolerance, steadfastness, willpower, discipline, spirit of social belonging, unity and brotherhood. Another primary role of the fast is self-purification.

During Ramadan in the Muslim world, most restaurants are closed during the daylight hours. Families get up early for **suhoor**, a meal eaten before the sun rises. After the sun sets, the fast is broken with a meal known as **iftar**. Iftar usually begins with dates and sweet drinks that provide a quick energy boost.

It is common for Muslims to go to the **Masjid** (Mosque) and spend several hours praying and studying the Qur'an during this holy season. In addition to the five daily prayers, during Ramadan Muslims recite a special prayer called the **Taraweeh prayer** (Night Prayer). The length of this prayer is usually two to three times as long as the daily prayers. Some Muslims spend the entire night in prayer.

Ramadan ends with the festival of **Eid al-Fitr**, literally the "Festival of Breaking the Fast." Eid al-Fitr is one of the two most important Islamic celebrations. This is a three-day celebration in the spirit of joyous achievement. It is a time for family reunions and is often the favorite holiday for children who receive new clothing and gifts from family and friends.

Understanding the colorful aspect of this upcoming religious event can help those at Guantanamo Bay expand their cultural horizons.

Information for this article was compiled from several internet sites on the Muslim faith.

Britton: A call to duty



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Shown above, Chaplain Michael Britton, JTF deputy command chaplain, gets all stretched out during morning physical training. Britton considers physical activity as an important part of an integrated lifestyle of well being.

By Spc. Tommi Meyer

According to Chaplain Michael Britton, JTF deputy command chaplain, a wholistic approach to life is important. He lives it every day.

“I believe that all of life is truly integrated, and sacred ... to often,” he said. “We emphasize these aspects separately rather than appreciating and valuing them wholistically.”

Britton comes to Guantanamo with 21 years of experience in the military chaplaincy and an extensive education in ministries. He graduated with honors from Johnson Bible College in 1978, earned a master’s degree in theology in 1982 and then a Doctorate of Divinity in 1991.

A close college friend encouraged Britton to consider the Army as a possibility for his ministry.

“In time, I felt the call to this ministry from God for this vital work and calling and so...responded to the call to duty,” said Britton.

Some of his experience in the military includes chaplain duties at Fort

Campbell with Task Force 160, Bolivia in support of a United Nations mission, Illesheim, Germany in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm and with the 126th Task Force in Panama.

Britton has also served as a chaplain with the U.S. Army Reserve, the Oklahoma National Guard and the Michigan National Guard for which he most recently serves as the 177th MP Bde. chaplain.

Britton’s past experiences will be a great asset to the goal he has set for his time here.

“I want to help our ministry team personnel to be effective vessels through which God can touch the lives of troopers and to provide a physical presence and reminder to troopers that God is with them,” he said. His own values reflect that as well.

He states his personal mission: “To live each day for the glory of God, to appreciate the gift of time, the gift of life more each day and to value my life and the life of every person as a child of God.”

Worship Services

Catholic

Main Chapel

Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. (Cobre Chapel)
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanct. B)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

Camp America

Sun.	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
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Protestant

Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study*
	7 p.m.	Spanish Group 390-Evan’s Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
	7:15 p.m.	Youth 7-12 Fellowship*
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*

* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Seaside Galley (Temporary location until further notice)
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 Chapel Complex
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Jewish

Fri.	8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
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Camp America Church Bus schedule:

Sun.	8 a.m.	Windward Loop
	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay

The bus will return following worship.

Alpha: An opportunity to explore the Christian faith

Alpha is an 11-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith. Meeting times will be on Tuesdays or Fridays at 7 p.m. at Chapel A building 3203. For more information call the JTF chaplain’s office at 3202 or 3646.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Camp America NEX opens



Photos by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Navy Capt. Leslie McCoy (above, from left), naval base commander; BG Mitchell LeClaire, deputy JTF commander for operations; Elliot Zucker, chief operating officer NEXCOM; MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander; and Don Mohlman, Guantanamo NEX general manager cut the ribbon of the recently opened Camp America Nex. Planning for this NEX began in March, and MG Miller said, "It's all about focusing on the troopers. This helps us improve our quality of life."



Staff Sgt. Deneen L. Murray (center) of the 258th MP Co., MG Miller (left) and CSM George Nieves, (right) JTF command sergeant major, pose with Murray's new BB King Limited Edition Lucille guitar, the grand prize of the giveaways at the NEX ribbon cutting ceremony.

Postal Reminder: Mail early

Postal officials are encouraging troopers to adhere to special holiday mailing dates to ensure timely delivery of cards, letters and packages.

Postal rule of thumb: Customers can never mail too early when it comes to Christmas mailing. The earlier you mail, the better.

All inbound and outbound mail (to

and from Guantanamo Bay) should be postmarked by the following dates:

- Standard mail – Nov. 6**
- First-class mail -- Nov. 25**
- Priority Mail – Dec. 1**

For any further questions or concerns, please contact the postal officer at 2156 or email:

n45@usnbgtno.navy.mil.



Movie Schedule

Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Oct. 24
8 p.m. *Barbershop*
PG13 - 102 min

10 p.m. *Ocean's Eleven*
PG13R - 116 min

Sat., Oct. 25
8 p.m. *The Musketeer*
PG13R - 105 min

10 p.m. *Rush Hour 2*
PG13 - 88 min

Sun., Oct. 26
8 p.m. *Ballistic:Ecks vs. Sever*
R - 91 min

Mon., Oct. 27
8 p.m. *Juwanna Man*
PG13 - 91 min

Tues., Oct. 28
8 p.m. *Bad Company*
PG13 - 117 min

Wed., Oct. 29
8 p.m. *Undercover Brother*
PG13 - 86 min

Thurs., Oct. 30
8 p.m. *Simone*
PG13 - 117 min

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Oct. 24
8 p.m. *Spy Kids 3D: Game Over*
PG - 97 min

10 p.m. *Medallion*
PG13 - 89 min

Sat., Oct. 25
8 p.m. *Uptown Girls*
PG13 - 93 min

10 p.m. *The Order*
R - 106 min

Sun., Oct. 26
8 p.m. *The Rundown*
R - 102 min

Mon., Oct. 27
8 p.m. *Out of Time*
PG13 - 105 min

Tues., Oct. 28
8 p.m. *Medallion*
PG13 - 89 min

Wed., Oct. 29
8 p.m. *The Order*
R - 106 min

Thurs., Oct. 30
8 p.m. *Open Range.*
PG13 - 139 min

JTF HALLOWEEN AT THE BEACH

Join the JTF for a spooky afternoon at Windmill beach, Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Dont forget to bring your meal card.



BBQ DANCING DJ GAMES PRIZES FOOD

JTF fun run draws crowd

Dozens of JTF troopers participated in Saturday's 5K fun run at Camp America. Although the run's purpose was to have fun, trophies were awarded to the top finishers. Spc. Tedd Collins was the top male finisher, and Sgt. Amy Ruggero was the top female finisher.

Photos by Spc. Tommi Meyer



FAHR GAME

Cookouts offer food, fun

By Spc. Rick Fahr

There are lots of things to do to pass time here in Guantanamo Bay. Some folks frequent the beaches. Others get into hash-running. Weird people take up scuba diving or as I call it, shark-baiting.

All of those things are enjoyable and give troopers a chance to spend some fun time away from work with their friends.

Given the choice, though, I'd choose another activity: cooking out.

Firing up the grill to cook steaks or ribs or chicken is a surefire way to attract a crowd of people who want to have a good time. Charcoal smoke wafting through a neighborhood is like a magnet, drawing folks to its source.

While a cookout quickly turns into a party, the central ingredient is the food. I firmly believe in freelancing marinades and basting concoctions, but a few tried-and-true cooking methods help ensure tasty meals.

For example, there isn't a better cookout entree than barbecued pork ribs, but the key to good ribs is to keep them ten-

der. Tender ribs don't start on the grill or in the smoker. They start in a 350-degree oven. Wrap racks of ribs in aluminum foil and cook them in the oven for a couple hours before putting them over charcoal or wood chips. The foil will hold in the juices, making the meat fall off the bones.

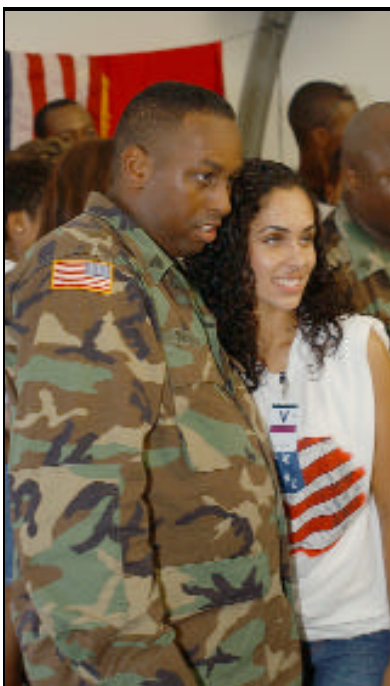
But, a tasty steak isn't an accident. Preparing it takes time, which is close to about 24 hours. The day before a steak cookout, begin marinating the cuts. Use whatever sounds good at the time, like soy sauce, Worcestershire or red wine. If you want a bold, kind-of sweet, kind-of tangy steak, add some bourbon, to the marinade, not the chef.

So, what's good for the cow is good for the chicken, right? Nope.

It's easy to overpower chicken with a marinade. There's no need to leave chicken in a marinade for more than an hour. But you can toss on some Cajun spices and business picks up.

Follow those rules, and your main course will be fine. Oh, there is another rule: next time you fire up the grill, be sure to call me.

Cheerleaders visit JTF



Photos by Spc. Rick Fahr

A dozen members of the Atlanta Falcons cheerleading squad visited Guantanamo Bay this week. At a picture-taking session at Seaside Galley on Wednesday, Sgt. Deron Jenkins (above) of the 273rd MP Co. and Sgt. Eric Palmer (left), also of the 273rd, enjoyed their time with the ladies.

Trooper picks

JTF personnel's predictions for this week's games

Games

Army at Cincinnati
 Tennessee at Alabama
 Auburn at LSU
 Purdue at Michigan
 Texas Tech at Missouri
 Cowboys at Buccaneers
 Broncos at Ravens
 Lions at Bears
 Rams at Steelers
 Titans at Jaguars
 Last week's record
 Overall record



1st Sgt.
Sandra Adams-Jones
273rd MP Co.

Cincinnati
 Tennessee
 LSU
 Michigan
 Texas Tech
 Cowboys
 Broncos
 Bears
 Rams
 Titans
 8-2
 23-13



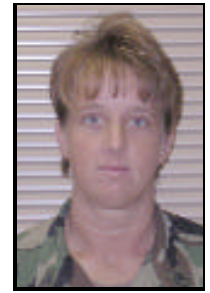
Craig Basel
MWR director

Cincinnati
 Tennessee
 Auburn
 Michigan
 Texas Tech
 Bucs
 Broncos
 Lions
 Rams
 Titans
 8-2
 25-11



Staff Sgt.
Deon Lee
216th MP Co.

Cincinnati
 Tennessee
 Auburn
 Michigan
 Texas Tech
 Bucs
 Broncos
 Bears
 Rams
 Titans
 6-4
 24-12



Staff Sgt.
Stephanie Nielsen
384th MP Bn.

Cincinnati
 Tennessee
 Auburn
 Michigan
 Missouri
 Cowboys
 Ravens
 Bears
 Rams
 Titans
 7-3
 21-15

Sports highlights

Individual efforts punctuate week's sports

Compiled by
Spc. Rick Fahr

Football is a team sport, but it's the individuals that comprise those teams. A number of individual performances Saturday and Sunday helped propel their teams to victory.

On the college gridiron, **Carnell "Cadillac" Williams** only carried the football 15 times, but he made the most of those tries. The rusher gained 161 yards and scored six touchdowns as the **Auburn Tigers** thrashed **Mississippi State**, 45-13.

B.J. Symons kept his Heisman Trophy hopes alive by throwing for 552 yards and five scores in **Texas Tech's** 51-49 shootout loss to **Oklahoma State**.

Xavier Beitia's four field goals lifted **Florida State** over **Virginia**, 19-14, making the win the 338th for FSU coach **Bobby Bowden**, who tied **Penn State's Joe Paterno** for the all-time college total.

Halfway through the season, **Oklahoma** sits on top of the polls, followed by **Miami**, **Virginia Tech**, **Georgia** and **Southern California**.

In the NFL, **LaDainian Tomlinson** tallied 200 yards and one touchdown as he led the **San Diego Chargers** over the **Cleveland Browns**,

26-20.

New Orleans' Aaron Brooks torched the **Atlanta Falcons** with 352 yards and three touchdowns. The Saints won, 45-17.

On the defensive side of the ball, **Jerome Woods** and **Greg Wesley** saved the day for the 7-0 **Kansas City Chiefs**, stopping a last-second drive of the **Oakland Raiders** on Monday night.

But maybe the weekend's most valuable player was **Quincy Carter** of the division-leading **Dallas Cowboys**. **Carter's 18-of-25 passing with three touchdowns** helped the Cowboys improve to 5-1 on the season as they beat the **Detroit Lions**, 38-7.

Other division leaders are the **New England Patriots**, **Kansas City Chiefs**, **Baltimore Ravens**, **Indianapolis Colts**, **Seattle Seahawks**, **Minnesota Vikings** and the **Carolina Panthers**.

Jeff Gordon completed a Martinsville sweep on Sunday. He won the Subway 500 from the pole position, the second time he had accomplished that feat at Martinsville this year.

Matt Kenseth maintained his Winston Cup points lead though, leading **Kevin Harvick** by 245 points. **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** is in third, followed by **Ryan Newman** and **Jimmie Johnson**.

Compiled from www.espn.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming sports events include:

Men's and women's soccer. The Captain's Cup leagues will begin Monday with round-robin league play, followed by a double-elimination post-season tournament. Men's teams will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Women's teams will play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Power lift competition. Lifting will be on Nov. 8 and will include the bench press, squat and dead lift. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 6.

Extreme Adventure Race III. The race will be Nov. 22 and will consist of mountain biking, kayaking and cross country running for four-person teams. Equipment will be provided.

For more information on these events, call the MWR office at 2193.

15 Minutes of Fame...

With Spc. Jack Mawson

Carrying on a family tradition

Interview and photo by
Sgt. Jolene Staker

Spc. Jack Mawson of the 463rd MP Co. from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., won Junior Service Member of the quarter. He has been in the active duty Army for about five years and has been at Fort Leonard Wood for four of those.

Q: Why did you join the military?

A: For future job opportunities and being patriotic. I was in ROTC for three years in high school. That and band were my favorite subjects.

Q: Did ROTC prepare you well for life in the military?

A: It was very beneficial. They taught drill and ceremony, basic land navigation and various other subjects.

Q: Why did you choose to be an MP?

A: Future job opportunities. I want to go into law enforcement because there are things I see happening that I don't agree with, and I just want to do my part to clean things up.

Q: Is any one in your family in the military?

A: My dad, mom and stepmom all served in the Army. My dad and mom were bio-med techs (31G) and my stepmom was a nurse. My mom got out when I was born, and my dad got out when I was 5 or 6 years old. My step mom was already out of the military when she joined our family.

Q: How do they feel about you being



Spc. Jack Mawson of the 463rd Military Police Co.

in the military?

A: They are supportive. I think they would have liked to see me go into the medical field.

Q: Where is your family from?

A: Colorado.

Q: How many siblings are in your family?

A: I have one older sister and five younger half-brothers, including triplets.

Q: How is it having triplets in the family?

A: It's neat.

Q: How old were you when they

were born?

A: 13

Q: How did you feel knowing you were getting three brothers at once?

A: I was excited about it.

Q: How do you keep in touch with loved ones at home?

A: E-mail.

Q: What are some of your interests?

A: I enjoy going to rodeos and both listening to and performing music.

Q: What type of music do you perform?

A: In high school I was in the concert band, marching band and jazz band.

Q: What instrument did you play?

A: Trombone and tuba.

Q: What kind of music do you like to listen to?

A: Mostly country.

Q: What do you do here to relieve stress?

A: Listen to my music. I also go snorkeling and try to get conch shells. I plan on starting the diving class in December.

Q: What else have you done in your spare time?

A: I've read the Lord of the Rings trilogy. I also plan to start taking classes toward a criminal justice degree next semester.

Q: If you could meet any famous person, who would it be and why?

A: President Bush. I would like to meet and talk to the president of our country and our commander-in-chief.