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“Whatever it takes”

Sailors eager to join GTMO 6



◀ Sgt. 1st Class John Ibarra with HQ and HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 358th Armor Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash., teaches Sailors unarmed self-defense within detainee operations, Feb. 17.

Photo by Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill

By Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill and Spc. Ryan Sutherland

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

FORT LEWIS, WASH.—Troopers in Guantanamo Bay’s Joint Detention Operations Group are one step closer to meeting their replacements.

The Navy Provisional Guard Battalion began the second phase of training here at Fort Lewis, Wash., this week.

The Navy’s equivalent of the Army’s military police will learn the skills for safe and humane custody of enemy detainees. The training is the same as that received by Troopers currently deployed to Guantanamo Bay.

But nothing here is run of the mill: An almost tangible air of excitement unites Troopers walking the corridors of the World War II-era barracks a continent away from the Joint Task Force (JTF).

Lt. Col. Warren Perry, a senior training officer at Fort Lewis, has an 18-year Army career that includes combat operations against which to measure his current mission—and he’s excited.

“It’s unbelievable,” Perry said in a brief break from meeting with other senior trainers late Wednesday evening. “The Sailors are a joy to train. They are engaged. They’re really looking forward to going on the mission.”

Navy Commander Kenneth Deal, commander of the Navy Provisional Guard Battalion, recently spent several hours with a Trooper during treatment of a minor training injury.

“Sir, I’ll do whatever it takes not to get dropped from the mission,” the slightly injured Sailor told Deal. “I want to go.”

So does Deal. “On 9/11 I watched the second plane hit the tower—I want to do my part,” he said. He has 32 years with the Navy, including 13 years enlisted that saw him achieve the rank of master chief (E-9) before he was commissioned. He has served worldwide. And he too is excited.

“It’s exhilarating,” Deal said.

Part of what’s charging up Troopers and leaders here is how many “firsts” they are a part of.

“It’s the first Navy Provisional Guard Battalion ever assembled in Navy history,” said Deal, who was selected because he is the Navy’s senior corrections officer.

It’s the first time Fort Lewis Army trainers have undertaken such an ambitious program with Sailors, a joint mission that both noncommissioned officers and officers are calling a tremendous growth opportunity.

“It’s the largest law enforcement operation ever brought together by one activity in the Navy,” Deal said.

And it’s an operation that’s drawing on proven professional law enforcement experience of its members that adds up to hundreds of years as masters-at-arms or correctional specialists.

“I look at it as an extension of what we already do,” Deal said.

The Navy Provisional Guard Battalion is expected in GTMO in the spring. The Sailors, who are sounding off with “One team! One mission!” as they march here, will be joining colleagues from every other branch in the JTF. ■

Reach Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill at 3592 and Spc. Ryan Sutherland at 3383.



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Time's not up

"The friendships you made here could last a lifetime."

By Army Capt. L. Eduardo Caraveo

JTF-GTMO Combat Stress Officer

As we approach the end of another GTMO cycle, it is not uncommon to hear sweet statements of countdown such as "I got 70 days to go."

The atmosphere here has changed. Troopers are physically and mentally getting ready to return home. But, be sure you do not mentally leave before physically leaving. Don't lose track of the current mission, which is not over.

I see this mission as a marathon race. Like the first phase of your deployment, the first leg of a marathon can be difficult and challenging. Runners experience fatigue, dehydration or cramps, but as they get into the groove of the race, they start gliding, cheered on by the crowd.

Some of us have gotten used to the environment and made new friends, but now we are at the end of the race.

We are in the last stretch of our GTMO marathon, and it's time to hold our head up, stride out and sprint to the end.

If we do not, it will not matter how well

we performed the initial and middle phases here because we will always remember our tour by how well we finished.

We should look forward to the GTMO finale just as we look forward to the end of a race.

In preparation for the grand finale, solidify the friendships you created here. The friendships you made here could last a lifetime. Celebrate and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Troopers now, so that when you are home you can look back on your experiences here with a sense of fulfillment.

Stay away from things that might cloud your contributions to a great mission.

Excitement may come as you near the end. Despite such excitement, you should avoid heavy consumption of alcohol. Should you overindulge, your actions could leave you full of regret.

Stay alert, enthusiastic, energetic and proud of your contributions to this mission.

You have contributed much, but we still need you. You will always remember the way you finished the race. ■

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What's up, doc?

► Troopers waited in long lines at 5 a.m., Feb 9, to be screened for various health issues at the Joint Task Force Health Fair at the Camp America Joint Aid Station. The Health Fair gave Troopers the opportunity to have problems diagnosed before they return home, where they may not have the same kind of health care coverage. Also, the Health Fair provided Troopers with information on any health questions they might have.



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

New Soldier 'tags' reflect Army's warrior focus

By Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Rogers

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Soldiers around the world will soon have new items to add to their current military neckwear, affectionately known as “dogtags,” and to keep in their pocket. As part of the Army’s evolution to a force of warriors, the service will begin issuing a Warrior Ethos dogtag and an all-new Army Values card that includes the Soldier’s Creed on the back.

“The idea behind the dogtags is that the Chief of Staff (Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker) said one thing about the way we train Soldiers: that the Army Values were non-negotiable,” explained Col. Kevin Shwedo, G-3 of the U.S. Army Accessions Command, headquartered here. “That said, we’ve decided, as an Army, to take the lesson from the contemporary operating environment and make the initial-entry training experience reflect the lessons learned in the combat theaters of operations.”

The new dogtag features the Army Values on one side and Warrior Ethos on the other. According to Shwedo, the inclusion of Warrior Ethos was a necessity.

“It takes a warrior mindset to excel on the battlefield,” he explained. Shwedo said the card and dogtags are being distributed at all Army training centers, and initial-entry Soldiers must undergo a “right of passage” to receive both items.

“When you come in and you’ve gone through your initial values class, we will go ahead and present you your Army Values card that has the Soldiers Creed on the back,” he explained. “You don’t earn your dogtag until you have completed your final field-training exercise. When you come

back (from the FTX), you come back to a Victory Forge ceremony, and the tags are presented by a member of your chain of command as recognition for your accomplishment.

“This is really the chain of command’s opportunity to recognize (Soldiers’) hard work and effort by presenting them these dogtags at graduation time,” Shwedo added.

The importance of the warrior dogtags and Army Values cards can be summed up in an earlier statement made by Schoomaker.

“No longer is a Soldier’s value measured by how close he or she is to the front line - there are no front lines on today’s battlefield,” the Army’s top officer said in a speech at the Association of the United States Army convention in October 2003. “Every Soldier is a warrior. Every Soldier has to embody not only the Army Values every day but take to heart the Soldier’s Creed and, most specifically right now, the Warrior Ethos that will be around that Soldier’s neck and lived by Soldiers every day.

“The idea that every Soldier is a warrior is a significant leap for the Army,” Shwedo said. “Every Soldier has to be able to be an expert with his weapon. Every Soldier has to be physically fit. Every Soldier needs to know the warrior tasks and drills that are now being taught throughout basic training.”

Shwedo added that each commandant at each Army school is actively pursuing training that will allow each site to reinforce the warrior tasks and drills Soldiers learned in basic combat training.

He said all Army units can now purchase the dogtags and ID cards by going through their individual Training and Audiovisual

Support Center offices.

“This is not something you have to wait on,” Shwedo pointed out. “It’s something we can go ahead and get to units and organizations because it is a great card, and it is something every Soldier should know.

“That Soldier’s Creed is something we have to live day in and day out,” he added. “It really defines a change or transition from how we trained Soldiers during the Cold War period to how we are sustaining operations as an Army at war.”

He said it is important to remember that the warrior tasks and drills, which were defined by the Soldier Task Force, are now being trained in basic training, and the Army will train more and more of them as equipment becomes available to go into full implementation.

“We are going to have a significantly improved advanced individual training over the next year or so,” he said. “As commandants start to reinforce the warrior tasks and drills, when Soldiers report to their initial units, not only have they acquired these skills, but they’ve had a chance to reinforce them.

“Because we’re going from basic to AIT, in many cases, these tasks will be taught sequentially and progressively become more difficult,” Shwedo continued. “They’ll have a much better Soldier by the time they arrive at their initial unit.”

For units that want to order the new cards and ethos dogtags, the following numbers should be given to their respective TASC offices: the Graphical Training Aid number for the new wallet-sized Army Values cards is GTA 22-06-002.

The GTA number for the new dogtag-sized Army Values card is GTA 22-06-003. The GTA number for the Warrior Ethos dogtag is GTA 22-06-005. ■

AROUND THE JTF

No fear of commitment

► JDOG Commander Army Col. Brice Gyurisko swears in Army Staff Sgt. Jason Pichette during a reelistment ceremony for Troopers at Camp Delta recently. Pichette said reenlisting where he works (Camp Delta) during deployment is a once in a lifetime experience.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Wendy Butts



Photo by Army Sgt. Junior Anglon

500 miles to freedom

◀ Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles presented more than 15 Troopers with a certificate and four-day pass for completing 500 miles of running or 1,500 biking miles during their tenure at Guantanamo Bay. The Joint Task Force commanding general offered the reward last year to continue to motivate Troopers to keep top physical performance.

B-ball tourney

► Spc. Kristine Purcell with the JDOG Sol team pulls down a rebound and starts to dribble to the basket. Purcell is playing in the Female Captains Cup Basketball tournament. The Sol and other teams play at the Denich gym Monday and Wednesday nights.



Photo by Army Sgt. Scott Faddis

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres asks ... "During this tax season, what do you plan on doing with your tax return?"



◀ "I just bought a new car, so I would like to put that money to hook up my car."

—Navy Seaman
Richard Smith

▶ "Use the money as a down payment for a new house."

—Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class
Robert Foucha



◀ "I want to use it to fix and remodel my house."

—Navy
Petty Officer 3rd Class
Tonica Thomas

▶ "I want to buy a plane ticket out of here."

—Air Force
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Parks



Photos by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Tax center eases Trooper's burdens

Tax season is here again.

Tax services for Troopers in Camp America are free.

The Legal Assistance Office/Tax Center opened Jan. 31 and is accepting walk-ins and appointments.

Army Sgt. Jason Lawson, one of four tax center assistants here in Camp America, said you should bring a few important things to your appointment: W-2 forms, banking and routing numbers and last year's tax return if you have it.

Proficient in tax services, the tax center is fully equipped with experienced Troopers. Each member of the tax center went through a four-day training course provided by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

For appointments or more information, please contact 3545.

—Army Spc. Jody Metzger



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

A Trooper receives help filling out his tax forms at the Camp America Tax Assistance center.

Tax and legal assistance

The Tax Assistance Center and Legal Assistance Office is open at Bldg. 6208, Camp America (behind Troopers' Chapel). For information, call 3545 or 3561.

Hours:

Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (appointments) Monday-Friday; 3-5 p.m. (walk-ins); Saturdays; 9

a.m.-noon (walk-ins)

* Be sure to bring all dependent information to include social security cards and W-2s

* You will also need to have in hand your ID card, all W-2s, all 1099s and your checking account information to include routing and account numbers.



Cuban Boa researchers visit

Story by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

The Cuban Boa has attracted the professionals to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Dr. Peter Tolson, the director of conservation, and Dr. Wynona Shellabarger, a veterinarian from the Toledo Zoo, Ohio, have been on the island researching the Cuban Boa.

“We’re looking primarily at home range and habitat use,” Tolson said. Basically, the study focuses on how far the boas travel over the course of several years. Cuban Boas have a very long range and they travel over a long period of time.

“They may, over the course of a year, hunt in an area that is two or three square miles,” Tolson said.

In order to track the boas, Tolson and Shellabarger have been tracking, capturing and surgically implanting radio transmitters into the snakes.

“It’s the only way to study them because they are so secretive. Even these big guys, 10 and 11 feet long, can curl themselves up and conceal themselves in a little patch of grass. You can walk right by them and not even know they’re there,” Tolson said.

Tracking the snakes is no easy task. “They are very hard to find, especially in dry weather,” Tolson said.

Research done so far suggests Cuban Boas tend to stick around certain valleys and stay in

their territories, Tolson said. They are generally found in grasslands and forests.

One surprise to Tolson is the boas’ tendency to prefer grasslands. Many of the snakes they have found have been in runways and grass mats. “I would have never predicted that; I would have figured they would be more in woodlands,” he said.

So far radio transmitters have been implanted in 13 boas. Many more have been captured but could not have transmitters implanted for one reason or another. Tolson said he hopes to be following 20 boas of different sizes and sexes eventually.

Tolson has done research with other species of boas as well. He has worked with the Mona Boa on Mona Island and the Virgin Islands Boa on the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The Cuban Boa is endemic to Cuba, which means that it can’t be found anywhere else in the world, Tolson said. Guantanamo Bay has a large population of the boa because the snake is persecuted and used as food in Cuba.

“The 45 square miles of this base provide a critical protected area for it, along with a lot of other different animals that are rare outside of the base perimeter,” Tolson said.

Guantanamo Bay is also the best location to study the boas because it is difficult for Ameri-

cans to go to Cuba, Tolson said.

Also there is a veterinarian performing surgeries to implant the radio transmitters. “We get great cooperation from the veterinarians here,” Shellabarger said. She serves as a rehabilitation facility for the snakes recovering from the surgery, and Shellabarger said she teaches the veterinarians how to perform the surgery in return.

“We’ve had some good success here,” Tolson said of the research done in this trip. One snake caught and implanted with a transmitter was a 10-foot 8-inch female, he said.

Tolson and Shellabarger visit the island several times a year to work with the Guantanamo Bay Environmental Office and to give demonstrations to the residents of the base. Their next visit will be in late April or early May.

Reach Army Pfc. Jessi Stone at 3589

What’s for dinner?

Boas feed primarily on hutias (banana rats), small birds, bats and lizards. The big ones have been known to eat iguanas, and there are even reports of some eating other snakes.



Hutias



Iguanas



Bats



Small birds



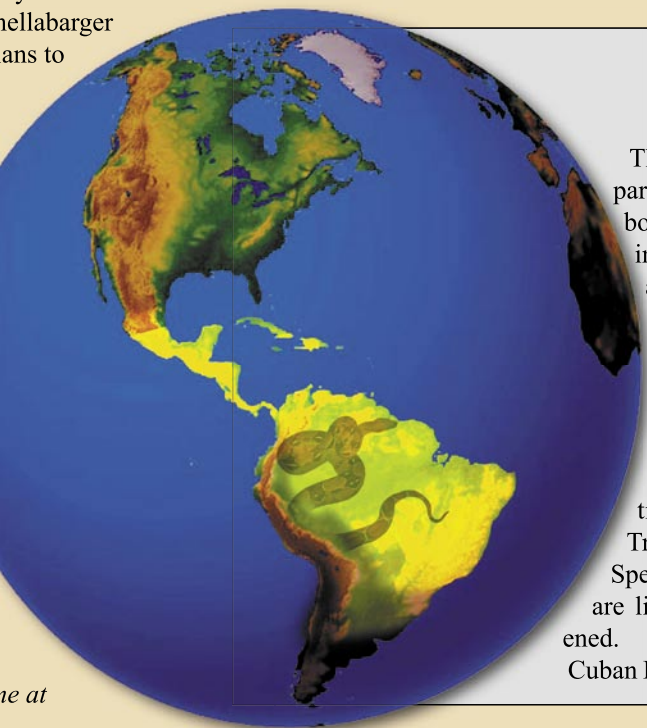
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Photo by Sgt 1st Class Gordon Hyde



Did you know...

The Cuban boa is part of a family of boas that are found in much of Central and South America, from Mexico to Argentina, and to the Lesser Antilles and other islands.

They are protected under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and are listed as near threatened.

Cuban Boas mate in May or

June. Young are born in September or October, and while many reptiles hatch from an egg at birth, Cuban Boas are born much like mammals. One boa will have 15 to 20 babies. Baby boas are about two-feet long and are completely independent at birth.

Cuban Boas are sexually mature in about five years.

Male boas mate every year, and females mate every other year.

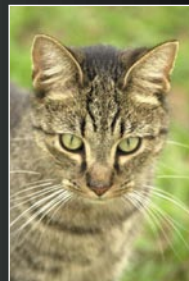
The main threat to Cuban Boas in Guantanamo Bay is vehicles, so it is important to obey speed limits.

Cuban Boas, along with the other snakes in Guantanamo bay, are relatively harmless, and will only bite if they feel threatened or in danger. If you are confronted by a snake or find a snake in a dangerous place, call Paul Schoenfeld at the Environmental Office at 4493 or the base game warden at 4103.

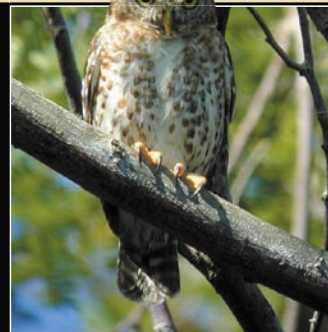
There are no poisonous snakes at Guantanamo Bay.

Boa's adversary

Predators of the Cuban Boa include owls and feral house cats that can prey on the young boas.



Feral cats



Owls

Bummed: Steroid abuse, football's done, Pro Bowl's gone, and no hockey this year

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

Jose Canseco knows how to write a book.

Well, apparently. His new autobiography was a hit on its first day of release, listed third on the best seller list by *Amazon.com* and the name didn't hurt much either: "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big."

The book reportedly serves as a whistle blower about steroid abuse in Major League Baseball, and Canseco even points his finger at fellow players, claiming he knows who abuses and who doesn't. Though it seems negative, he claims steroids aren't a bad thing on the pro level and this excerpt from the book shows why he feels that way:

"I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everyone will be doing it."

Of course others don't view his book as the positive eye opener, and many around the baseball league feel this couldn't have come at a worse time. Baseball right now, for many reasons, has a negative spin on it—maybe for good reasons. There are a few guys in the record books who probably shouldn't be there if the accusations of steroid use are true. The records that were

set by the greats were probably not done as a result of steroid use but athletic ability. This much is common sense. But the questions arise: Could Canseco really believe this stuff he's writing?

How could an athlete believe steroid use is okay?



As a role model, as a contender in the record books, as a sportsman, how could he ever believe on any level that steroids keep the game fair? As with many books, the substance here is full of shine and glitz, but once the surface is scraped away the chances of finding anything remotely useful, profound, or insightful about human

development, are slim. The book is packaged to be outrageous, similar to a shock rocker, and once the effect wears off, hopefully the baseball world will get back to figuring out their problem—controlling drug abuse in the MLB.

That's it. It's all over. The Pro Bowl is done. Football is gone. We have nothing until August. Sure there is rumor and speculation, but by the time the preseason starts football fans will be close to a breakdown.

The Pro Bowl was fun to watch at least. Getting to see Peyton Manning throw more touchdowns, backed up by Tom Brady and Drew Brees, backed up by the best offense that could be put together. They were reminiscent of the 1998 Broncos out there. The AFC beat the NFC this year, only narrowly, after a second-half rally by NFC Quarterback Michael Vick. Finally the defenses slowed him down and he couldn't convert that last touchdown his team needed in the fourth quarter.

It's the Pro Bowl. Who cares? Football is over.

So is hockey apparently. Looks pretty much to be the case that this year the NHL is going to forfeit the entire season. After strikes, players are angry about salary-cap issues and the inability for the organization to come to an agreement. Don't look for your favorite players to suit up this year. Hopefully next year will be different, but by that time, the NHL could be ruined. ■

Reach Army Cpl. Simon Cropp at 3589

WorldWire: \$82 Billion needed for war effort

Feb. 12: A New York snow sculpture turned a few heads this weekend when people realized it revealed a little more than was considered proper. ...

Feb. 13: A prize-winning Zimbabwe track athlete who competed in women's events actually turns out to be a man, courts report. ... Colleges move to offer classes on relationships for students which are more personal and helpful immediately than past 'close relationship' courses.

Feb. 14: New study based on three decades of U.S. data suggests flu shots for the elderly does not save lives. ... Bush asks for \$82 billion to spend on war effort in Afghanistan and Iraq among many other international expenses. ... A possible link found between hallucinations suffered by Troopers returning from combat zones and malaria pills ... Man accused of recent shooting in New York mall had fascination with Columbine shootings in Colorado, authorities seek link. ... Pregnant mother fights off and kills her armed attacker and claims 'maternal instinct' saved her and her child's life. ... Bush pushes Congress to reauthorize the largely criticized 'Patriot Act' in hopes of better protecting the United

States.

Feb. 15: Defendant in 'Zolof Trial' gets thirty years in prison for the murder of his grandparents—the defense claimed the antidepressant made him lose his mind. ... Colorado family plunges 400 feet off mountain pass, yet family was safe and at home by the end of the day with minor injuries—seatbelts played a key factor in their safety, officials report. ... Public universities will require students to come to school with health insurance, in a move to lessen huge medical costs that universities tend to get stuck with. ...

Feb. 16: In light of recent studies, painkillers such as Vioxx may be completely pulled from the U.S. market because of the possibility it raises the potential for heart attacks and stroke. ... The Kyoto global warming pact is finally in effect, making it mandatory for over a hundred nations to reduce carbon dioxide and other potentially harmful gases from coal and oil burning, though the success is expected to be limited as the U.S. did not sign on. ... New study suggests daily coffee consumption reduces likelihood of most common type of liver cancer. ... ■

Army Cpl. Simon Cropp compiles the WorldWire.

Banana Rat Safety Campaign



By Spc. Richard McMullen

"If you're going to run at night, you're gonna need 10 more of these..."



Photo by Marine Cpl. Rich Mattingly

▲ Lance Cpl. Paul White, rifleman with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, monitors satellite communications during Operation Spurs in the Korangal Valley, Afghanistan, recently.

► Iraqi children wait in line to receive school supplies from Marines of 4th Civil Affairs Group on their first day back to school in Al Fallujah, Iraq, after Operation Al Fajr (New Dawn), Feb. 5, 2005. The 1st Marine Division is currently engaged in security and stabilization operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas D. Hudzinski

Sexual harrasment: It's a Trooper's duty to prevent it.

By Army Maj. Dawn Zoldi

JTF-GTMO Staff Judge Advocate Office

One in four women. One in six men. These numbers represent those among us who, statistically speaking, will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

Contrary to the stereotype, sexual assault is more likely perpetrated by people we know, not by strangers. According to a recent study, friends or acquaintances committed more than half (52 percent) of the rapes and sexual assaults against males. In the case of female victims, friends or acquaintances perpetrated 57 percent of the

rapes or sexual assaults. Women are significantly more likely than men to be a victim of attempted rape or rape by an intimate partner, such as current and former spouses, cohabiting partners, boyfriends and dates.

Research has also found that approximately half of sexual assaults are associated with alcohol use by either the perpetrator, victim or both. This is consistent with sexual assaults in the military, where use of alcohol was associated, on average, with 50 percent of cases involving service member victims during 2002 and 2003.

Preventing sexual assault in the military is not just the responsibility of leaders. Ev-

ery Trooper has a duty to prevent sexual assaults.

To help you understand what you can do, every member of the Joint Task Force will receive training on how to prevent sexual assaults and how to respond appropriately when sexual assault occurs.

Two gender-specific Multi-Disciplinary Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAP&R) Training Teams will conduct this training. Commanders can schedule training by contacting Janice Hickman, Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, at 4141 or 4050. Don't let your Troopers become another sexual-assault statistic.

Help in High Places

A devotion based on Psalm 121

*I lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

In the 121st Psalm, we find the song of people on a pilgrimage. They were traveling to Jerusalem, and it was a dangerous journey. There were scorpions and wild animals as well as robbers along the path. These people were not ashamed to admit they needed protection and help on the trip. They knew where to turn for help—to the Lord. With the help of the Lord they were able to travel to Jerusalem, and return safely home.

We too are on a pilgrimage in life, and it can be a dangerous journey. Deployment, with separation from home and family, can be a perilous time. Only the Lord, who created the heavens and the earth, as well as you and me, has the ultimate power to protect. Don't be ashamed to ask the Lord for help. He is your "keeper." He can protect not only against physical harm but against emotional and relational harm as well. It's good to have help in high places.

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Herman

Worship Schedule

*Prayer Breakfast at Seaside Galley, Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m. Capt. Les McCoy, Naval Base commander, is the guest speaker.

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service Catholic Mass Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel Troopers' Chapel Building 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Resumes soon
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	Resumes soon
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 9 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel Catholic Mass Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Protestant Sunday School Protestant Service New Life Fellowship Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C Main Chapel Sanctuary A Main Chapel Main Chapel Sanctuary C
Monday	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship Family Home Evening	Fellowship Hall 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



Photo by Spc. Chirs Gardner

15 MINUTES OF FAME WITH SPC. CAREY JACKSON

“... it’s in my heart to help people, and I find it fulfilling.”

By Spc. Chris Gardner

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Spc. Carey Jackson is a chaplain’s assistant in the 783rd Military Police Battalion.

“I have the mentality where whatever the situation—good or bad—I can draw a valuable lesson from it.”

The Wire: What is your favorite Army value? Why?

Spc. Jackson: Personal courage because I feel it builds character for leaders. It helps you have individual character for yourself.

What would you say is the most interesting thing about you?

I’m unique. I believe in being who I am. I don’t have to conform to being what other people are.

Why did you want to be a chaplain’s assistant?

Well, because it’s in my heart to help people, and I find it fulfilling.

How do you help people?

I provide phone cards and a listening ear—more importantly, a friend.

What was your civilian job?

I had two jobs on campus, and I was a

full-time student. One job was resident assistant. The other, student assistant for the information office. I studied finance. I have a year left on my bachelor’s.

What did you do in your free time as a student?

I was very involved in the campus, and I’m a member of several organizations: NAACP, Student Council, Student Senate, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity (Greek). I hold the position of exchequer in my fraternity; it’s like a treasurer. Basically, I keep the financial records of the fraternity.

Why is your fraternity so important to you?

Because of the lessons I learned after pledging: The desire to achieve and never accept mediocrity.

How has the principle of achievement helped you in your life?

The latest example would be Primary Leadership Development Course. I achieved commandant’s list while at PLDC.

What do you like most about GTMO?

I like the beaches, especially Windmill Beach, because the weather is great here, and the beaches are close. I just like to look

at the water. It looks so clean. I’m from Detroit where we don’t see clean water.

Also, I like GTMO because it provides an excellent opportunity to network with people. For example, I got to train with a Gracie family member in jujitsu on a regular basis, every week—namely, Spc. Romulo Bittencourt, cousin of Renzo Gracie.

I’ve also been able to get advice for entrepreneurship from business persons in the service here.

What are your hobbies?

Poetry. Art. I can draw with pencil and charcoal.

How do you pass your time at GTMO?

I’m in a jiu-jitsu class. Bingo. Movies. There is a great selection of movies at the Lyceum—and the Windjammer on the weekends of course.

What was your reaction when you found out you were coming to GTMO?

I had mixed feelings. I was still in school, and at the same time, I knew this would be an opportunity to save some more money.

But, overall, I’ve learned a lot. I make GTMO a learning experience for me. ■

Reach Spc. Gardner at 3594.

Groundpounders step up tempo for Expert Infantryman's Badge

By Army 1st Lt. Bruce Roberts

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs

The 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment added one more task to its list of duties: Training for the coveted Expert Infantryman's Badge.

To prepare for the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) testing, C Company sponsored Common Task Training (CTT) for infantrymen at Club Survivor on Feb. 4, 7 and 8.

But the infantry won't be taking time off for this training.

"Because of the operational requirements going 24 hours a day, the companies aren't getting the standard training time," said C Company Army 1st Sgt. George Floyd, EIB board member who has held the award since 1987. "Some of these guys are training today and will be working tonight."

It won't be easy for the infantrymen stationed here.

"Unfortunately the mission is overbearing in terms of time constraints. The average guy here is working 14-hour days," said Army Staff Sgt. Lance Nash of D Company, 2nd Platoon, also a member on the board. The infantrymen spent eight hours every available day employing and recovering M18A1 claymore mines, setting headspace and timing on M-2, .50-caliber machine guns and calling for indirect fire, for example.

In some cases the Troopers cover one another's shifts so their buddies can get the same valuable training.

"Some guys are standing [longer shifts] instead of six, so I can be here to train for this," said Army Sgt. Emanuel Bonilla of B Company. "Every day when I see the guys that cover my shift I thank them. It's very appreciated." Many of these Troopers are swapping shifts to train while others are using their much-valued Red Cycle off time.

But for these Troopers, the sacrifice is well worth it. The EIB represents the pinnacle of infantry competence. It is not an easy badge to acquire. The testing requires 11-series Soldiers to complete more than 30 tasks to standard over a three-day period. "This whole award is about heart," Nash said. "The desire to exceed the standard. It's a very personal award."

The prerequisites for testing eliminated many hopeful candidates. Troopers passed an Army physical fitness test, completed a 12-mile tactical foot march with a combat load in less than three hours, negotiated day-and-night land navigation courses and qualified expert with the M-16 rifle.

It is common for infantrymen to test for the EIB several times before earning it. However, some Troopers who already passed are not authorized the badge. As a cavalry scout on active duty, Army Sgt. Daniel Torres tested for the EIB five times, passing on three of those attempts. But not being an 11-series infantryman, he could not receive the award.

"This is number six, and this time I get to wear it," Torres said. "To me, I already passed everything that was hard."



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Bruce Roberts

Spc. Andrew Masin of 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment finishes practicing immediate action procedures on the M-2, .50-caliber machine gun.

Not everyone who is training for the badge is from the 2nd Battalion. Training and testing is open to any Soldier who holds an infantry Military Occupational Specialty. In fact, infantrymen have come from Joint Task Force headquarters, the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor Regiment, and even the Public Affairs Office.

"I think it's a great opportunity and a prestigious award," said first-timer and mortarman, Spc. Andrew Masin of the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor Regiment. "I am glad that my chain of command gave me the time off work and the chance to do this."

For Masin, the training was valuable. "It's always good to stay on it, especially in our current world situation."

Even Soldiers who have received the Combat Infantryman's Badge (awarded for seeing combat as an infantryman) have come out to test for the EIB. "I don't want these guys teasing me anymore for saying I earned mine the easy way—by having people shoot at me," one Trooper said.

The EIB represents something different to everyone, but all who are familiar with the rigorous testing value it. "It represents striving towards excellence. The infantry is for those [who] want to be here, and that's what the EIB shows," one board member said.

"The infantry doesn't get the recognition it deserves and that's what the EIB does. You can distinguish yourself," Nash said.

The EIB board is scheduled to hold testing twice more—February 17-19 and 24-26. ■

Reach Army 1st Lt. Bruce Roberts at 3734.

Free packing materials from U.S. Postal Service

The United States Postal Service is offering spouses and families of deployed military members free packing materials for sending care packages to service members.

To take advantage of this service, call 1-800-610-8734 or 1-800-527-1950 (press 1 for English and 3 for the operator). They will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels.

Make sure you ask for "Care Kit 4." You will receive five large and five small boxes, five mili-pac envelopes and 15 customs forms. You will be given a reorder number to use when you run out of supplies.

Supplies details:

- Five 7"x7"x6" boxes
- Five 12"x12"x8" boxes
- One roll of tape
- 15 custom forms
- 10 address labels
- Five tybek bags (water proof and non tear)

CSM Notes: command sergeant major

1. No brown T-shirts are to be worn with civilian clothes. This applies to all Services in the Joint Task Force.
2. Leadership Course is at Bulkeley Field, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.
3. TRI-CARE has updated the Smart Site: www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresmart

No scuba diving



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Ortiz-Torres

Seven scuba divers were treated and released over the weekend after potentially being exposed to bad air. Until an investigation is complete, the Naval base has halted all scuba diving per base regulation.

Volunteer opportunities

The Fleet and Family Support Center is recruiting volunteers for the Loaner Kit Program. Hours are flexible, and child care can be arranged through the American Red Cross. Positions require organizational and customer service skills. Data entry experience is great. For more information, please call Olivia O'Neal at 4675.

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@jftgmo.southcom.mil.

Club Survivor

Camp America's newly refurbished Club Survivor activity center is open. Along with the wine and beer bar, there are activity rooms with televisions, ping-pong, billiards and games. Activity rooms hours are, Monday-Sunday 9 p.m.-midnight and bar is open from 6 p.m.-midnight; closed Wednesdays

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

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

CHOCOLATE PUDDLE CAKES

For those of us who went without Valentine's this year, there is no better replacement for love than chocolate. This recipe is a surefire way to get your love-sick fix in the aftermath of another Valentine's Day.

INGREDIENTS:

One cup unsalted butter; eight ounces semisweet chocolate chips, or bars, cut into bite-size chunks; five large eggs; half a cup sugar; pinch of salt; four teaspoons flour; eight extra-large paper muffin cups (or use regular paper muffin cups, which will make 12 cakes). Garnish: One (six-ounce) container raspberries; half cup sugar.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt butter and chocolate in a medium heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water; remove from heat. Beat eggs, sugar and salt with a hand mixer in a medium bowl until sugar dissolves. Beat egg mixture into chocolate until smooth. Beat in flour or matzo meal until just combined. Batter can be made a day ahead; return to room temperature an hour or so before baking.
2. Before serving dinner, adjust oven rack to middle position; heat oven to 450 degrees. Line a standard-size muffin tin (1/2 cup capacity) with 8 extra-large muffin papers (papers should extend above cups to facilitate removal). Spray muffin papers with vegetable cooking spray. Divide batter among muffin cups.
3. Bake until batter puffs but center is not set, 8 to 10 minutes. Carefully lift cakes from tin and set on a work surface. Pull papers away from cakes and transfer cakes to dessert plates.
4. Barely moisten raspberries and roll in sugar.
5. Top each with sugared raspberries and serve immediately.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Kitchen

Movies

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY

7 p.m. *Ocean's Twelve*
PG13 125 min

9 p.m. *Meet the Fockers*
PG13 115 min

SATURDAY

7 p.m. *Fat Albert*
PG 93 min

9 p.m. *The Life Aquatic*
R 118 min

SUNDAY

7 p.m. *Spanglish*
PG13 131 min

MONDAY

7 p.m. *Lemony Snicket*
PG13 113 min

TUESDAY

7 p.m. *The Life Aquatic*
R 118 min

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. *Fat Albert*
PG 93 min

THURSDAY

7 p.m. *Meet the Fockers*
PG13 115 min

CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. *Fat Albert*
PG 93 min

10 p.m. *Lemony Snicket*
PG13 113 min

SATURDAY

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MWR

- Feb. 18: Mini Golf Tournament, Gym, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Talent Show, Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 25: "The Not-so-Newlywed" Game, Windjammer, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25: 9 Pin No-Tap, Bowling Center, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 26: Extreme Biathlon, Sailing Center, 7 a.m.
- Feb. 26: "Spring" Craft Fair, Windjammer, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 26: Black History Dinner & Dance, Windjammer, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 26: Bridge of Sighs Tour, Bulkeley Lyceum, 8 p.m.

Seaside Galley

Today	Lunch	Parmesan Fish
	Dinner	Steamship Round of Beef
Saturday	Lunch	Baked Ham
	Dinner	Veal Parmesan
Sunday	Lunch	Chicken Cordon Bleu
	Dinner	Sweet & Sour Pork
Monday	Lunch	Swiss Steak
	Dinner	Swedish Meatballs
Tuesday	Lunch	Pork Adobo
	Dinner	Roast Porkloin
Wednesday	Lunch	Yankee Pot Roast
	Dinner	Teriyaki Steak
Thursday	Lunch	Barbecued Spareribs
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
Friday	Lunch	Mambo Pork Roast
	Dinner	French Fried Shrimp

Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday		Saturday		Sundays & Holidays	
Windward	6:30	Windward	7:30	Windward	7:30
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Windward	10:30	Windward	10:30	indicate the departures	
Leeward	11:00	Leeward	11:00	following breaks longer	
Windward	*12:30			than 30 minutes.	
Leeward	*12:45			*Fridays only	

Buses

Sherman Avenue			Camp America/NEX		
First Street	00	30	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
East Caravella	03	33	NEX trailer	02	22 42
Marine Hill	05	35	Camp Delta 2	06	26 46
Post Office	10	40	TK 4	12	32 52
Windjammer	11	41	TK 1	16	36 56
NEX	14	44	Windjammer	23	43 03
Bulkeley Landing	17	47	NEX	30	50 10
Ferry landing	21	51	Windjammer	35	55 15
Commissions Bldg.	23	53	TK 1	40	00 20
Ordnance	26	56	TK 4	46	06 26
Bulkeley Landing	28	58	Camp Delta 1	52	12 32
NEX	32	02	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
Windjammer	36	06			
Post Office	37	07	<i>Chart shows bus stops and minutes after the hour when buses are scheduled, e.g. the Sherman Avenue bus stops at East Caravella 03 and 33 minutes after the hour.</i>		
Marine Hill	41	11			
Hospital	48	18			
Windward Loop 1	52	22			
Camp America Bus 1			Camp America Bus 2		
Camp V	00	30	Camp V	15	45
Sallie Port 1	03	33	Sallie Port 1	18	48
Bulkeley Bench	05	35	Bulkeley Bench	20	50
Mini Mart	06	36	Mini Mart	21	51
MWR	08	38	MWR	23	53
Chapel	09	39	Chapel	24	54
MWR	20	50	MWR	05	35
Mini Mart	22	52	Mini Mart	07	35
Bulkeley Bench	23	53	Bulkeley Bench	08	38
Sallie Port 1	26	56	Sallie Port 1	11	41