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# Working relationship at Camp four

**By Spc. Timothy Book**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Detainees who are willing to comply with the rules and show good behavior, have the opportunity to become a level one detainee and live in Camp Four.

Camp Four is the most populated at Camp Delta. Detainees are housed in a communal setting. They are permitted seven to nine hours of time outside of their living quarters every day for recreation.

The detainees are mostly self-sufficient. Each block is assigned a leader. This is normally someone who speaks English well and is able to communicate easily with his peers. It is this person who acts as a liaison between the guards and the detainees.

“This is best for the detainees because they have someone to express any need or request they may have,” said Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Drew Koehler, master at arms Camp Four.

The working conditions for the guards that man the blocks at Camp Four are different, but not any easier. Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Brandi Yoder, who originally worked in Camps Two and Three and now works in Camp Four, said, “We start the day the same. We talk to the outgoing shift to learn anything we need to know, such as the census and who’s at the hospital.”

“The typical day is mostly comprised of observing everything [the detainees] do. Because it is a self-run camp, we assist them with whatever they need,” said Koehler. “They serve their own meals. We deliver the food, they do the rest,” he said.

“One thing that is really different with this camp is that we have a working relationship with these people,” said Chief Warrant Officer Tom Peal, officer in charge, Camp Four. “We’re here to make them feel as comfortable as possible.”

“A lot of the work here involves being available for them. Sometimes you can get stretched pretty thin if you get a lot of requests all at one time,” said Koehler. “It’s definitely a less hostile



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

**Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandi Yoder unlocks a gate to Camp Four.**

environment. They want to stay here, so they won’t do anything that would cause them to lose their privileges,” he said.

Level one detainees are also allowed more comfort items. “They are able to wear white clothing, as opposed to the orange jumpsuits,” said Yoder. “It’s an honor for them to wear white.”

“I don’t think it’s so much that other detainees are not allowed certain items, but it’s a matter of earned or lost,” said Koehler. “With the exception of our periodic special evening desserts and maybe the ping pong tables, there’s nothing here that any other detainee couldn’t have if they earned that right.”

“One thing I find interesting here that I don’t see back home is, five times a day everything stops and they kneel down and pray together. There’s a lot of fellowship among them,” said Yoder.

Working in any of the camps is demanding. Peal is obviously proud of the men and women who work in the camps. “I have never been associated with the caliber of Sailors that work in the camps here,” he said. ■



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

## Guidance to JTF Troopers: Be Disciplined. Know your Job.

By Brig. Gen. Jay Hood

JTF-GTMO Commander

Be Disciplined. Discipline is defined as: “orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior; self control.” Discipline is the foundation of any good military unit. Each and every member of this JTF is expected to demonstrate individual discipline in the daily execution of his or her duties. This means do what is right, the way you were taught, every time—both on and off duty. Don’t take short cuts or find the easy way out.

Know your Job. There is no substitute for technical competence. Each of you performs a special set of duties, which contribute to the success of the JTF. Master your duties—be the expert in your field—and be proud of what you do.

Everyday I see Troopers working hard throughout the Joint Task Force, and I am proud to be associated with such a great group of Americans. Many different groups from the U.S. and foreign governments, as well as worldwide media, have also had the opportunity to visit and observe our efforts. Most leave here enlightened to the way we operate and generally report accurately on how we perform our duties. Each of you need to know that the most common report I get from visitors to GTMO is how impressed they are with the discipline and professionalism of the men and women who serve in the JTF.

By serving here at JTF GTMO, each

of us represents our nation. We should understand this and strive to do so in a professional manner. Be Disciplined. Know your Job. ■

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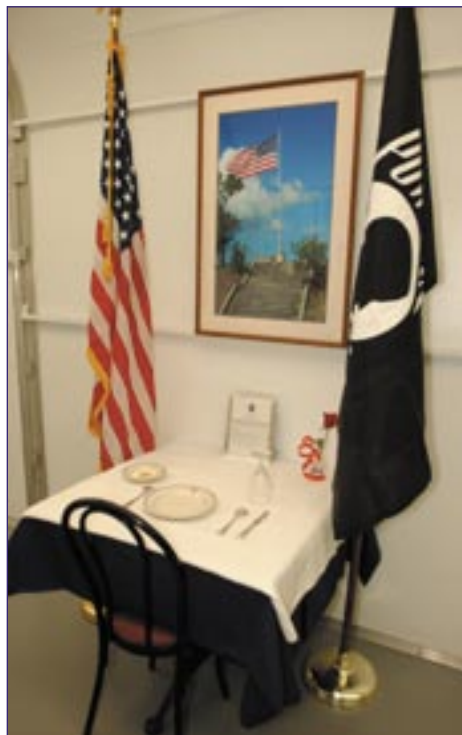


Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

This POW/MIA table was set up at the Seaside Galley by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Garrido, 1/18th Cavalry Regiment, to honor our fellow Troopers who have been captured or are missing.

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# It's an accountability thing

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Every unit that has come to Guantanamo (GMTO) has been through the Joint Personnel Reception Center (JPRC), but most people wouldn't know who they are. The small five-man team runs the in-processing for everyone who comes to GMTO.

The JPRC coordinates the reception of incoming units and individuals. When units arrive, they are given a lift to the ferry and taken to McCalla Hanger.

"When units come in it's pretty streamlined. They show up here, we get them some water, get them situated, make sure there is a sponsor here, and make sure the unit is comfortable. Then we get them in-processed, get them their lodging and meal cards. The badges are done here. We don't do all those processes, but we make sure there is someone here who will," said Capt. Carl Cook, officer in charge of the JPRC.

The JPRC handles coordinating the reception, but their main mission is knowing where people are.

"Our job is accountability for who's here and who's not here on the island. We [have] people on the rotator every other Tuesday and every Saturday... Everyone has to in-process in case anything would ever happen, so the American Red Cross could get in contact with them," said Cook.

"If a commander wants to know who was here years ago, we get tasked for that stuff as well. We also coordinate with sponsors so they know when people are coming in. We want it so when people



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

## Troopers in-processing at McCalla hangar.

get to Guantanamo and they are done with us, they can go unpack and crawl into bed," said Cook.

"We have a few goals. Our big goal for the future is 100 percent accountability. If someone calls in tonight, I will say with confidence, 'yes, they're here, or no, they're not here.' We're getting there, but to get there we need people to understand how important our mission is. Let our people catch you at the rotator, let us in-process you. Our other goal is to improve our processes to make it less painful for the person in-processing. We just want to make everyone happy," said Cook. ■

## Focus on safety

By Chief Warrant Officer Mike Roulier

JTF-GTMO Safety Officer

Ah, summer! Trips to Windmill Beach, snorkeling, picnics, hikes, golf in the dirt, and barbecues. And, possible trips to the burn ward because you violated good safety practices when you barbecued – and now it is you who is "well done."

By their nature, outdoor barbecues have several built-in hazards. Every year, thousands of people are caught unawares and wind up injured. Even worse, they injure their friends or other members of their families – even their children. So, in the interest of ensuring that it is just the hot dogs that are "cooked to perfection," here are some easy tips to

avoid those embarrassing third-degree burns.

- Never use gasoline to start a fire.



- Use charcoal lighter fluid safety. Use only on coals before the fire is lit. If you try to make a fire bigger by adding more fluid, the heat from the coals may ignite the stream of fuel and burn back into the can, causing it to explode in your hands.

- Try using a U.L. approved electrical starter in place of lighter fluid.

- Place grills away from structures a minimum of 15 feet (and preferably downwind), so they will not tip over or ignite

objects above them. One of the biggest dangers with grills is trying to use them on balconies. This practice is extremely unsafe.

- Never bring a grill into the home. The carbon monoxide produced by burning charcoal is dangerous, even deadly, in an enclosed space.

- Keep a garden hose or a portable fire extinguisher handy in case the fire gets out of control. Call 911 immediately if a fire starts.

- Keep children and pets away from fires and grills. It only takes a second for curiosity to cause a serious burn.

- Though coals may appear to be cool, always soak them with water. Coals retain enough heat to re-ignite for days after a fire.

- If your bag of charcoal gets wet, leave it in a well-ventilated area away from the house. During the drying process, spon-

taneous ignition can occur in confined areas.

The key thing is to remember the volatility of gasoline. The liquid is extremely flammable. Because of this, it's great for running vehicles and lawnmowers, but misuse can cause accidents quickly. Many accidents occur when a picnicker or backyard chef uses gasoline to light a charcoal fire instead of using an approved charcoal lighter. When they pour the liquid out, it begins to vaporize quickly. Then, the hapless weekend gourmand touches a match to it and ... it blows up with a boom and shock wave that ignites everything in sight.

Simply stated, charcoal lighter fluid is made for your grill - gasoline is made for your car. Follow these simple rules, and any "baking" you do of your skin can be of the slow and easy kind – called tanning! ■

# Boots ON THE GROUND

*Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica asked Troopers around JTF-GTMO...  
Where do you get your news?*



◀“CNN and Fox News are good sources; sometimes I will read the newspaper when it is available.”

— Air Force Capt. Chris Brown, Staff  
Judge Advocate Office

▶“I watch Fox News in the morning at my house. My family also will pass along anything they have heard or seen.”

— Spc. Erika Fleury, 525 Military  
Police Battalion



◀“Armed Forces Network, which is broadcasted in the rooms, provides a good amount of news, and Internet sites like Yahoo.”

— Army Sgt. Glenn Christy,  
1/18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

▶“I get the ‘good news’ out of the Bible.”

— Army Staff Sgt. Mario Canedo, JTF  
Chaplin’s Office



## Destructive weather plan

**By Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

If your predecessor told you, “It never rains at GTMO,” then you’re probably well aware they’re full of something not so sweet smelling as the truth.

This month alone, we’ve had 7.74 inches of rain as of the 16th, according to Navy Petty Officer 1st Class William Davis, aerographer’s mate, assigned to the Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment here. The average rainfall for June, he said, is 2.1 inches.

Last week, as Tropical Storm Arlene plowed through it seemed as though rivers flowed everywhere, flooding barracks in Camp America. And Arlene was just the first named storm of the season...

In the event we are hit by a hurricane or a tropical cyclone, a plan is in place to move JTF Troopers and detainees to safer ground. Troopers should have the following items packed and ready:

- 1 ruck sack
- 1 wet weather bag
- 1 uniform
- 2 brown T-shirts
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 sets of underwear
- 1 pair of boots
- 1 set of wet weather gear
- 1 pair of wet weather overshoes
- 1 flashlight
- 1 towel
- medication
- personal hygiene items

More information on what to expect of GTMO weather is included in the “2005 Hurricane and Disaster Guide” published by the *Gazette*. Download it at [www.nsgtmo.navy.mil](http://www.nsgtmo.navy.mil), click on Gazette Online, Special Editions, then Storm Watch 2005.



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# Night 2nd Squad... another long day at GTMO



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

Day and night, the Troopers of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment patrol Camp America.

**By Spc. Dave Lankford**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The sun has been up for hours, but the Troopers of Army Sgt. Troy Ensminger's Alpha Team are still sound asleep. Given the amount of hours they work it would seem only reasonable that they should enjoy some time off.

But, this isn't a day off. Alpha Team went to bed only a few hours ago, and when they awake they'll begin a guard shift that will take them into the early hours of the morning.

Welcome to the night shift.

The internal clock is the name most commonly used to describe what scientists call circadian rhythms. These rhythms are what cause the body to become tired during the hours of darkness, and active during daytime. Therefore, working the night shift goes directly against the body's natural rhythm.

People who work second or third shift have a much higher instance of health problems as well as stress, depression and

relationship difficulties when compared to those who work first shift. However, those working rotating shifts, and especially those on the dreaded "swing shift," are often the most affected, according to researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Unfortunately for members of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment at GTMO, this is a system that must be adapted to because the perimeter security is in their hands 24 hours a day, seven days a week until it's time to train the next security force for GTMO-7, and that day's a long way off...

At this point, Ensminger said, he has not seen any dissension in the ranks or other symptoms of sleep deprivation in any of his men or in the rest of the squad. He said the hardest thing for him is trying to sleep during the day when everyone else is working. But, as Ensminger points out, if you have any appointments that can only be made for daylight hours, it's to your benefit to work the night shift.

"It's actually easier to work at night because the weather doesn't beat you to death," added Ensminger.

Cpl. Anthony Calhoun, said he feels the reason the swing shift hasn't had any adverse effect on the squad's performance is because of mental conditioning.

"It's a mental thing. Working nights is better for me. It's cooler at night, and I don't have any trouble sleeping during the

day," Calhoun said.

Another thing Calhoun feels helps him adapt to the odd hours is physical conditioning, and in his off hours he spends a lot of time in the gym and doing PT.

Sgt. Todd Hunt also feels working at night is more comfortable because it's cooler, but admits there are some unavoidable problems that arise.

"There's always work to be done. You hate to have to disturb someone trying to sleep, or be disturbed yourself, but it does happen. I don't like it, nobody does, but sometimes it can't be helped," Hunt said.

To make up for this and give the men a chance to recuperate undisturbed, the Troopers are given "admin days" whenever possible. On these days, the Troopers truly are off and are called to work only in the most extreme cases, said Hunt.

Among all of the advantages and disadvantages of working the swing shift, Calhoun said having leadership you can look up to is the greatest help of all. With men like squad leader Staff Sgt. Larry Everly, and Ensminger leading the way, Alpha Team, and all of 2nd Squad, will be ready whenever they're called, day or night. ■

*Editor's note: This is the second article in Spc. Lankford's series following the lives of the Soldiers of 2nd Squad, Bravo Troop, 1/18 Cavalry Regiment. The first article ran in the April 22 edition of The Wire.*





# Underwater adventure

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The ocean floor is filled with vibrant plants and animals. It's an utterly different world under the sea. Snorkeling can be fun for beginners, but for a person to completely engulf him or herself in an underwater magical experience, getting scuba-certified is a must.

"Diving with giant sea turtles, that are about four to five feet long, and having a school of 400 snooks swim five feet in front of me are some of the amazing things I've seen under the ocean," said Preston Porter, an exchange systems administrator for SAIC Inc. "I also played with an octopus on a night dive and watched it try to change its shape to disguise itself to look like something else," said Porter.

At Guantanamo (GTMO), Troopers have a unique opportunity. Here, the Open Water Diver (OWD) course costs \$185. Outside of GTMO it can cost \$200 to \$500 to complete. OWD is the initial certification class offered by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI).

Even though diving requires a lot of equipment, it is easy to receive your open water certification.

"The PADI open water tests are designed for children to pass; there is no need to worry about failing the test," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Tolleson, a PADI instructor here.

PADI instructors provide everything a student needs for the course except for the test book, boots, fins, snorkel and mask. These can be purchased either at the Navy Exchange or the dive shop, said Tolleson.

The duration of the class depends upon how quickly a person absorbs the information in the books. Students must complete the quizzes at the end of each chapter, take a test on the book, and then there is a video that must be watched.

After instructors finish teaching the classroom section of diver certification, they will take students to the pool at Marine Hill to learn some basic diving techniques, such as taking off all your gear, breathing without a mask and clearing water from the mask. After the pool session, students complete four dives in the ocean and per-

form all the tasks learned in the pool, said Tolleson.

Once trained, scuba divers can enjoy underwater life either by passive observation or they can spear fish. Many Troopers here enjoy spear fishing around GTMO. Spear guns can be purchased at the dive shop.

Some people might be worried about diving because it could be dangerous, but no person at GTMO has ever been seriously attacked or killed while scuba diving. As long as divers monitor their gauges, they should be fine on air.

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Pictures taken in Guantanamo Bay off the coast of Phillips Park Pier.



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but sea life will not injure a diver unprovoked, said Tolleson. While sharks have been sighted, they aren't interested in humans, according to Paul Shoenfeld environmental director. Humans aren't on their menu, he said, and the only time there was a shark related incident here was when a shark ate the fish right from a spear fisherman's line.

Scuba diving is a rewarding hobby and it can be an exciting career. Taking the Open Water Diver course is a beginning which can lead to a career as a diver. ■



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Houtland

At Marine Hill pool Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Tolleson demonstrates taking out his regulator to his students learning the Open Water Diver course.



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Nate Houtland

▲ During the pool instruction at Marine Hill, Mari Tolleson, a PADI instructor swims towards her students.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

#### PADI Instructors extensions:

- Joshua and Mari Tolleson – 9528
- Bill Keenan – 7101
- Ray Marsh – 5699
- Dave Hummel – 5572
- Mica Cochran – 7623
- Bill and Leonard – 5666
- Nanda and Vern Richard – 9464
- Ken Arlinghaus – 7017
- Irving Diaz – 5270



# NFL off-season: A game of chance

**Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It's hard enough that players, coaches, sportswriters and fans must endure more than six months of an off-season with no football, but when you add in all the contract disputes, injured players, legal battles and drooling eagerness for the season to start, it's nearly unbearable.

Thirty years ago players played to play and cared less about money. Back then the players even held off-season jobs. Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw, who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, had an off-season job selling cars because the NFL didn't bring in the money it does now. Do retired players wish they had made the money of today when they played? Heck yeah! The fact is, times have changed, profits have increased and *some* players are fueled by greed, not by heart.

Take the most controversial player since "Prime Time," Terrell Owens (T.O.), of the Philadelphia Eagles, who led all NFL re-



Photo found at journals.aol.com

**Terrell Owens pushes off defensive back, Randall Gay, after a prolific return to Super Bowl XXXIX.**



Photo found at fanmonster.com

**Kellen Winslow was drafted sixth overall by the Cleveland Browns in the first round of the 2004 NFL Draft.**

ceivers in receiving yards and touchdowns until his injury late last season. Terrell Owens signed a seven-year \$49 million contract in March, 2004 with the Eagles, after a great season and one of the greatest injury recoveries in sports history. T.O. fired his agent and asked Philadelphia for more money. Players like T.O. can be blamed for the shape football is in today, maybe, but they are the reason why football is fun to watch and doing better than ever. T.O. said he wants more money so he can feed his family. Well T.O., I'm sure you can feed your family with \$49 million.

Besides contract disputes, you have players like Kellen Winslow, who was drafted in the first round by the Cleveland Browns last year, and was a very promising young tight end. Now, due to his recklessness on a motorcycle on May 1, he has lost most of his

contract money and may never physically evolve into the player he was expected to be. Most teams have their players sign a hazardous activities clause to ensure they don't do anything to endanger themselves. The Cleveland Browns just happen to be one of those teams. Like all of us, Winslow is human, and enjoys driving fast, but when you sign the contract you have to make a decision to follow the rules or risk everything.

Off-season troubles are not limited to just players. Organizations like the San Francisco 49ers are on the hot seat for accidentally leaking a video made by Kirk Reynolds, former public relations director for the 49ers. The video depicted topless women, a mock lesbian wedding, racist jokes and lesbian soft-core porn. Reynolds claimed the video was made to coach players on how to deal with media questions in diverse San Francisco. The 49ers should have known better, because they leaked a similar video in 2003.

No matter what happens in the NFL off-season, only one thing truly matters: come Sept. 12 the season will kick-off and your favorite players will go helmet-to-helmet to achieve Super Bowl glory. ■





Photo by Spc. Timothy Book



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

To celebrate the Army's 230th birthday, the senior and junior JTF Troopers were invited to cut cakes at the Seaside Galley and Café Caribbe. **Left:** At the Seaside Galley with JTF Commander Brig. Gen. Jay Hood (center), are Spc. Raul Mendoza (left) and Staff Sgt. Robert King, both of the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment. **Right:** Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mendez (far left) and Col. Michael Bumgarner (far right) of the JDOG, assist Pvt. Nathaniel Peterson (center, left) and Sgt. 1st Class Clara Taylor, both of the 525th Military Police Battalion, inside the Café Caribbe.

## 2005 Army Birthday Message

On June 14, 2005, we proudly celebrate the United States Army's 230th Birthday. For 230 years, the Nation has entrusted the Army with preserving its peace and freedom, and defending its democracy. Since 1775, American Soldiers have answered the call to duty. They are imbued with the ideals of the Warrior Ethos and motivated by an unwavering belief that they will be victorious. Our Soldiers have understood that our Constitution and the freedom it guarantees are worth fighting for. They sacrifice their personal comfort and safety to answer a higher calling: service in the cause of freedom, both at home and abroad.

America is at war, and the call to duty pierces the air once again. Our adversaries have declared war on our way of life, attacked our homeland, and vowed to attack us again. America is threatened, and it is our duty to serve. America's sons and daughters who are answering the call to duty are engaged in the noblest work of life, protecting our Nation and enabling others to live free.

Today, our Soldiers protect our national interests around the globe, serving in more than 120 countries. Recently, in joint, combined environments, Soldiers helped to rescue two nations from oppression, and liberated over 50 million people. Since then, more than 1 million Americans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many are returning for a second or third time. Our Soldiers understand that this is a struggle we must win. We are humbled by their sacrifices in the service of our Nation. Despite the hardships, and the danger to life and limb, duty calls, and our Soldiers continue to answer.

Our Nation appreciates your courage, your sacrifice, and your self-

less-service. This week the United States Postal Service is demonstrating support for our Soldiers with a special cancellation stamp that commemorates our Army's 230 years of service to the Nation.

They are also assisting in the Freedom Team Salute, a program to send an Army Birthday card to every Soldier. We thank the US Postal Service for their role in recognizing the service of our troops. They are joined by a host of organizations around the country celebrating the Army Birthday.

To our Soldiers around the world, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families on this 230th Army Birthday. You are volunteers, doing your difficult duty against an enemy who does not value life, is afraid of liberty, and desires to crush the individual pursuit of a democratic way of life. You are playing a crucial role in the War on Terrorism, and your dedication to this noble effort underscores your determined professionalism and tenacity. We are proud to serve with you, as you place the mission first and live the Warrior Ethos. You have made our Army the most respected institution in the United States and the pre-eminent land power on Earth. Thank you for answering the call to duty.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, and God bless America. ■



*Kenneth O. Preston*

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Secretary of the Army



# Wise up about Alcohol

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Palmer

JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office

Alcohol and drug abuse are a major problem in our culture. Every twenty minutes in our country, one person is killed in an alcohol-related automobile crash. I'm sure that number goes up during holiday weekends like we just had. According to National Geographic, alcohol abuse costs American society \$136 billion and 65,000 lives each year.

In the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, Chapter 23, verses 29-35, we discover three actions we need to take to wise up about alcohol. First, we wise up about alcohol when we understand the consequences of intoxication. There are six different consequences listed in Verse 29, each consequence in the form of a rhetorical question: despair, sorrow, strife, bodily injury, dulled senses and problems. Second, we wise up about alcohol when we distrust the promises associated with it. Some things never change. Our culture tries to sell us alcohol by creating a fantasy around drinking. Think about the slogans for beer commercials: Budweiser's slogan: "True," Miller Genuine Draft's slogan: "Pure," and Coors' slogan: "The official sponsor of guy's night out." Third, we wise up about alcohol when we acknowledge its addictive power. Al-

cohol is addictive both physically and psychologically.

The author of Proverbs doesn't tell us to never drink. Instead Proverbs tells us to wise up about alcohol.

What if you're already experiencing the consequences of alcohol abuse in your life? What if you've bought the promises of alcohol abuse hook, line and sinker? What if you're captive to an addictive habit you can't seem to shake free from?

The rest of the Bible assures us that the power of God is sufficient to deliver us from our addictions. You see, Alcoholics Anonymous had it right; recovery from addiction doesn't come from trying harder or will power. Genuine recovery comes from a spiritual transformation. ■



## † Padre's Corner † Fidelity

By Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cdr.) S. J. Vanden Boogard

NAVBASE Chaplain's Office

Fidelity is a word that has been around since the beginning of time. Be honest, don't cheat, or steal, would be sufficient evidence that you can wear well the cloak of fidelity.

Being ever faithful to the duties of the present--your home, spouse, kids, friends, and job purpose will pay future dividends that will amaze you. The time to practice fidelity is *today*--so that all tomorrows will capitalize on the good you are doing now.

Ancient Cicero has this to say of fidelity: "Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable than fidelity. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind."

One way to make this work

is to take an inventory of some of the people you know who are, in your opinion, enjoying the brand of success you most desire. Then analyze their character and personality traits thoroughly and rigidly--you will find that the one outstanding quality each possesses in marked degree is fidelity.

You will find you have made splendid progress when you have attained the understanding that duty is above all consequences, and often at a crisis or difficulty, duty commands you to throw consequences overboard.

The one positive step you can take toward attracting success and happiness to your door is that of setting an example of fidelity for others to follow. ■

### CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Building 3203
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 p.m.	Alpha	Building 3202
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
<b>Saturday</b>	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

### NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	Main Chapel
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
<b>Tuesday to Friday</b>	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	12 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Services held every third Friday at 1930 in the NAVSTATION Chapel complex.



# 15 Minutes of Fame with Staff Sgt. Watson

**By Spc. Ian Shay**

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Franklin Watson has served in the Air Force since 1996, and he works at J-4 here on Guantanamo Bay.

## **What is your MOS?**

I am an Air Force logistics planner.

## **Where are you from?**

I was born in Panama City. My mother is Panamanian and my father was in the Army. I was in Panama for two years and later graduated high school in Georgia. I'm a military brat, my father retired a sergeant first class.

## **Are you a family man?**

Yes, I have two daughters and a wife who is active duty Air Force.

## **Why did you join the service?**

My father told me to. I wanted to join the Army, but my father recommended the Air Force.

## **What were you thinking when you first learned you were coming to GTMO?**

I thought it was going to be safe. I was deployed twice before to a combat zone, and with this I was going to be out of harm's way.



Photo by Spc. Ian Shay

## **How does GTMO differ from your other deployments?**

It's not the desert, and I'm not staying in a tent.

## **What is it you do here at GTMO?**

I track operations plans (OPLANS) for the JTF, and I validate deployments and re-deployments via OPLANS for the JTF.

## **Why did you choose logistics?**

I was in supply and wanted to do something different. I chose logistics because it was different--but similar--to supply.

## **Have you earned any awards in the military?**

I earned Logistics Planner of the Year for Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), five Air Force Achievement Medals, one Joint Service Achievement Medal, and one Air Force Commendation medal.

## **What places have you been deployed too?**

I served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, Asyria, Oman, Qatar, and the Azores in 1999.

## **How do you spend your free time here?**

I go to church and spend

some time reading the Bible.

## **What are your goals?**

My goals for the military are to achieve the rank of master sergeant and to get closer to Christ for it is a lifetime process. ■

## 15 Minutes of Fame

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





Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲Army Sgt. Gus Ortiz of the 1/18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment is digging a trench in the “bone yard” to alleviate some of the erosion from rain.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney

▲The Dog of the Bay was created by the Army’s Capt. Ponciano Salazar and Staff Sgt. Keith Panaro (shown) of the Navy Hospital’s Veterinary Clinic. The Dog tied for third place at the fifth annual Cardboard Regatta.



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Hamlin of the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion receives his certificate of appointment to command sergeant major by Joint Task Force Commander Brig. Gen. Jay Hood.



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▲Chief Warrant Officer Elizabeth Millken presents Bob Watson, Commander of Criminal Investigative Task Force, with a shadow box during his going away party.

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