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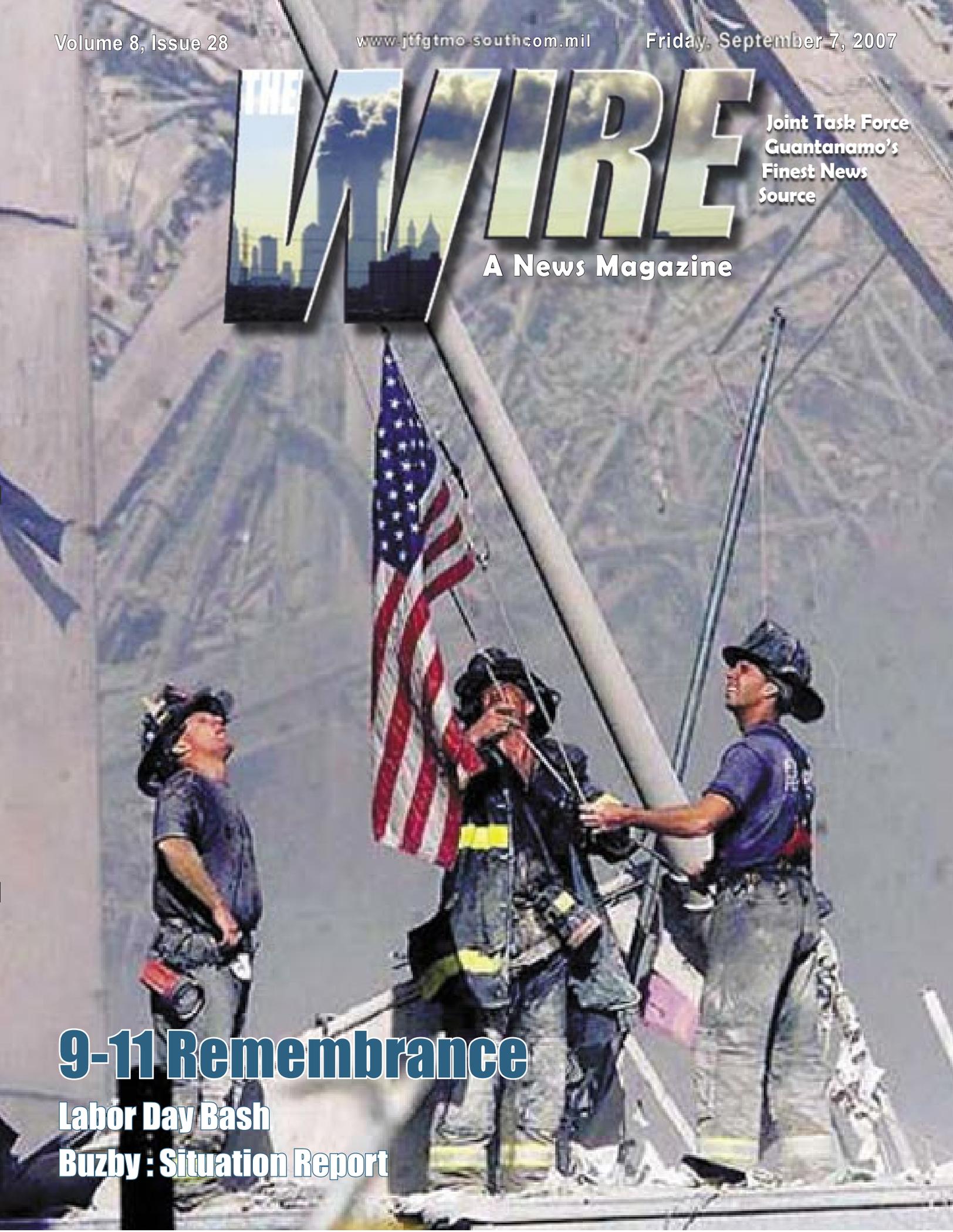
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Keep what you have earned



By Army Command Sgt. Maj. Avery T. Jones

JTF-GTMO Joint Detention Group

I would like for each Trooper to take a minute and think about how you felt the day of your last promotion. Maybe you took all of your buddies out for drinks and partying. If you were married, you gathered your family and took them out for a long awaited evening out. Hopefully, you were the Trooper who took your pay raise and invested it in stocks or mutual funds.

One thing I do know is that most of you would say it wasn't easy earning that last promotion. Just one Trooper, placing his or her career in someone else's hands for Uniform Code of Military Justice action is one Trooper too many. Maybe these Troopers have forgotten how hard it was to earn those stripes on their chests and shoulders? Just maybe each of you should take a step backward and think about why you serve in our Armed Forces and about your goals in life.

Have you ever asked yourself why is it so hard to get promoted and so easy to be reduced? The average time it takes for an Army soldier to make E-5/SGT is approximately 30 months of service and 380 promotion points, if active duty. On the other hand, the average time it takes to be reducing rank is about one week

following a serious lapse in judgment. Your lack of discipline or bad judgment is normally followed by a trip to the police station, counseling by your supervisor, a first reading of an Article 15, and 48 hours to consult with a trial defense lawyer. Then with the stroke of a pen, you are reduced in rank and the stripes you worked so hard to earn are gone. So the next time someone tells you it's okay to drink when you're underage or you willfully disregard an order, think about the consequences of your actions.

One thing that will make a difference is an improvement in the way non-commissioned officers (NCOs) communicate with their Troopers. NCOs need to take the time to ensure their Troopers know how important they are to the mission. We need to talk with Troopers before each weekend. We need to discuss their plans and assure them that help is available if they get into a tight spot. NCOs need to help their Troopers by keeping them from trouble, because once they're in trouble, it's usually too late.

Way too often as a battalion sergeant major, I hear unit leaders tell the battalion commander during an Article 15 hearing how outstanding their Trooper really is and how he or she should not be punished too severely, if at all. When you ask leaders what their Troopers could have done to avoid the trouble to begin with, they respond with a long list of half-baked answers. That list wouldn't be so long if leaders took the time to show their Troopers how to do the right thing in the first place.

Troopers, you have earned each and every stripe you wear and it's up to you to keep them. You are responsible for your actions and you will be held accountable. So take some time and think about your actions and their consequences. I'm sure each of you came to Guantanamo with a goal and a purpose; don't let alcohol or peer pressure steer you off course. It's only a year for most, so do the right thing and keep what you've earned.

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COMMANDER'S SITUATION REPORT

Joint Task Force - Guantanamo



Last week I reported to you on the results of the Command Climate survey we recently completed, and my thoughts on what it all meant. Hopefully you have also received some feedback from your chain of command on issues specific to your unit. I will be periodically updating you on progress we are making - or not - in those areas.

Along those same lines, I wanted to get back to you with an update on the four issues I raised to you about a month ago based on my initial impressions after taking command. To refresh your memory those were: (1) Watch rotation and working hours, (2) Housing conditions, (3) Leadership and (4) Quality/value of support services.

Watch rotation and working hours. I asked Col. Vargo and his commanders to take a fresh look at achieving a better watch rotation than the current 4-2. After considering all reasonable possibilities (and some out of the box), and crunching a lot of numbers, we believe that we can get to

a 3-2 rotation of 12 hr shifts in the very near future - like in the next few months - assuming the Detainee Movement Operations stay moving and we shuffle a few folks around and assume a little prudent risk. There is still a factor or two to be solidified, but I believe that we are going to get there - very soon. It is my goal, and Col. Vargo is helping to lead the charge. Stay tuned.

Housing conditions. We have made some serious strides in Tierra Kay (TK) since my last report. If you haven't driven past TK 1-2 or 3-4 lately and seen the construction going on, you ought to have a look - or ask Chief Allard how nice his newly refinished unit is. We are working from the low number TKs up, installing new padded wood-grain flooring, new carpeting on first and second floors, wallboard repairs, and mold-resistant paint on all interior surfaces. We are also finalizing a bathroom rip-out and rebuild work item which will be dove-tailed into the other renovation package as soon as the work order is approved, with a project start likely in early November. The plan would be to then go back and catch up the low number of TK units that were completed without the bathroom modifications. The approximate timeline for Troopers to be displaced from their quarters is approximately 14 days, though as Bremcor starts getting to know the job better, we anticipate quicker turnarounds.

For you high-number TK residents, you will be getting a team of HVAC [heating and air conditioning] service ninjas first, tasked with checking your A/C units and cleaning all interior vents/ducts and replacing filters.

Many of you in TK have already received your new furniture (living room suite, 20" flat screen TV/DVD, dining room suite, bedroom suite); there are still 20 units that need a complete set and about 40 units that need partial sets. We expect to have all furniture in all units by mid-October. It's on the barge. ...

That big empty lot between Cuzco housing and the Navy Exchange (NEX) is where the 170 unit Cuzco III is going very soon. You'll see site preparation beginning next month, followed quickly by the arrival and setup of the modular housing units. By December, we expect many of these units to be occupied, further reducing the number of roommates some of you currently have in TK and Camp America. For senior non-commissioned officers, Bay hill (behind the NEX on the mesa) will open with 40 revamped rooms in a March time frame. Just remember: the other half of the housing equation is that you need to take ownership of your "home" while you are here and keep it up like you would your own house. After all, you as a taxpayer do own it!

Leadership. I talked about this some last week, and I'm talking more about it this week too. The Command climate survey helped pinpoint some of the specific areas where we (including me) as leaders need to be more effective in supporting those of you more junior in your day-to-day efforts as well as long term goals. A big part of that is communications - cutting you in on what's going on, listening more, not wasting your precious time with unfocused training, and providing you with the clearest possible guidance as you go about your daily assigned duties.

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PATRIOT DAY 2007

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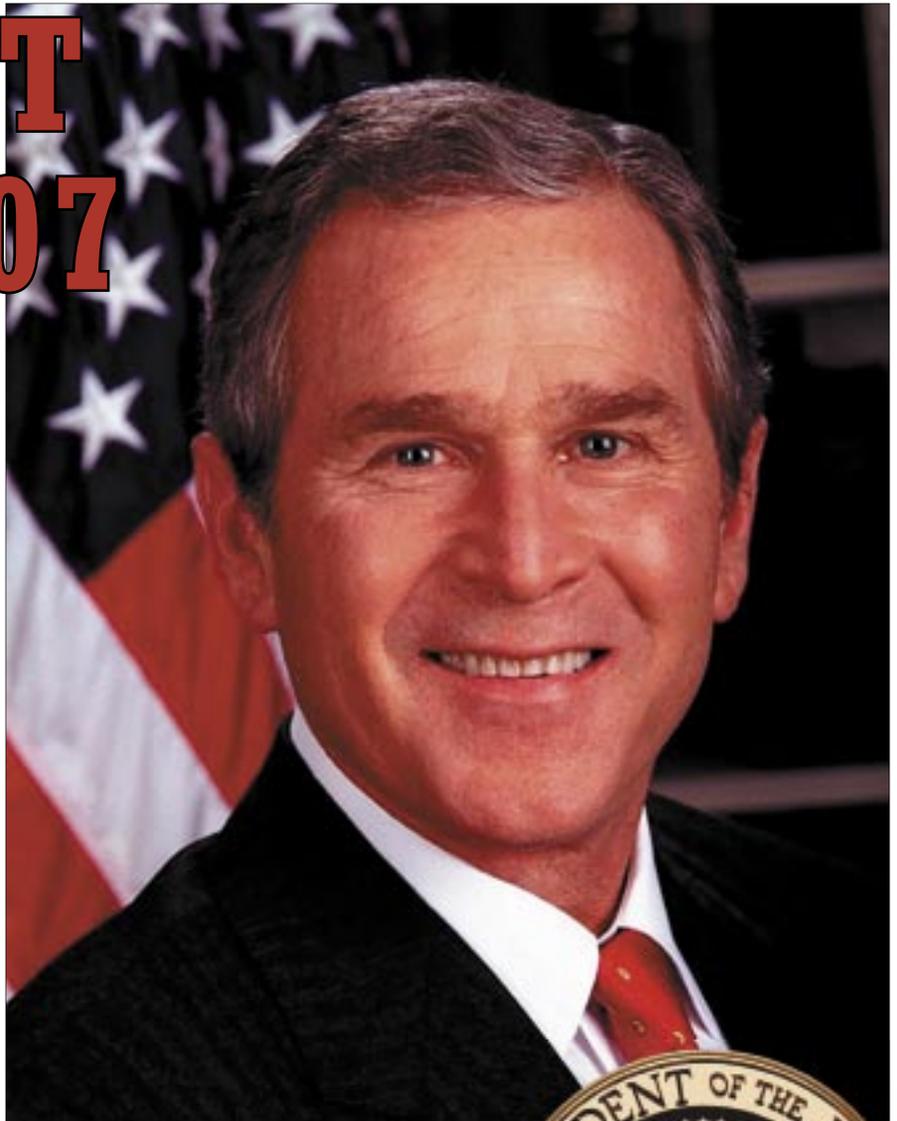
September 11, 2001, was a defining moment in American history. On that terrible day, our Nation saw the face of evil as 19 men barbarously attacked us and wantonly murdered people of many races, nationalities and creeds. On Patriot Day, we remember the innocent victims, and we pay tribute to the valiant firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and ordinary citizens who risked their lives so others might live.

After the attacks on 9/11, America resolved that we would go on the offense against our enemies, and we would not distinguish between the terrorists and those who harbor and support them. All Americans honor the selfless men and women of our Armed Forces, the dedicated members of our public safety, law enforcement, and intelligence communities and the thousands of others who work hard each day to protect our country, secure our liberty and prevent future attacks.

The spirit of our people is the source of America's strength, and 6 years ago, Americans came to the aid of neighbors in need. On Patriot Day, we pray for those who died and for their families. We volunteer to help others and demonstrate the continuing compassion of our citizens. On this solemn occasion, we rededicate ourselves to laying the foundation of peace with confidence in our mission and our free way of life.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2007, as Patriot Day. I call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day. I also call upon the people of the United States to observe Patriot



Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and remembrance services, to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent Americans and people from around the world who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

9/11 – Preserving a memory and a way of living

By Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The scratched and stained image of the Manhattan skyline accompanying this story remains one of my most valued photographs. It documents the one time I saw the twin towers of the World Trade Center in person. It was July 1975 and the towers had been dedicated only two years before. I was sixteen and I was standing on the deck of a cruise ship that was bringing my family home from six years of living in Europe. In my hands was an old fifties-era Argus C-3 35mm camera that I used to capture that experience.

Sometime later in the mid-nineties, I discovered an old film roll in a box of possessions. I had the film developed and was surprised to discover the images of entering New York harbor that I had photographed so many years before. Even though the skyline print I obtained from the roll was rough, I was drawn again to the majesty of those towers, just as I had been some 20 years before. Of course, I never imagined that those towers would be obliterated from vision just a few years later.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was standing in the aisle of an Episcopal chapel in Covington, Louisiana, keeping an eye on what was usually, and naturally, a rowdy group of middle school children that were attending the school's first Eucharist service of the new year. On this morning, the kids were still, yet there was disturbance in the air. A few parents, mothers mostly, were whispering intently to each other. Cell phones began to vibrate and buzz. News that 'something' terrible had happened ... was still happening in New York City, had reached our community.

Our service terminated early and I helped herd about 150 middle school students back to the buses for the return trip back to our campus some four miles from the chapel. The bus that I boarded for the return ride 'home' was unusually quiet. There were no cell phones ringing, as the phenomenon of young students with personal communication was still a year or two away. Within minutes of our arrival to campus, however, I learned more of the basic facts – Manhattan's twin towers were piles of burning rubble, a lot of people were dead and more tragedy, elsewhere, was being reported. I remember being



amazed by how much the children already knew without having heard a radio or seen a television. Captured snatches of phone conversations between adults told them enough to be terrified and to be very, very quiet.

The teachers and I gathered all the students under the gym roof and I told them what I knew, what everybody seemed already to know. I answered a few brave questions to the best of my knowledge. I told them that they were safe with us and then I prayed. By this time many parents had arrived to check out their kids – to hold them and cry with them I imagine. The younger kids that remained returned to their classrooms with their teachers, while the older kids – 7th and 8th graders – clustered around the computers in the media lab. It was foolish to try and keep them from something this immense, this omnipresent. For the rest of the day, the students and teachers let go of their respective roles – we were all equally flattened by the tragedy. One student's father's best friend was killed. Another student's father's New York brokerage company staff was wiped away.

In less than two years' time I was called to serve my country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. That call to service, like the call to service here in Guantanamo Bay, had everything to do with the destruction of those towers. It had everything to do with the 150 or so children I had gathered under the gym roof six years ago. It had everything to do with preserving a memory of the Manhattan skyline and with preserving a way of living that I value deeply and desire for my children and for their children as well.

NFL PREVIEW



By Army 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen and
Spc. Daniel V. Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The long national nightmare that is the National Football League off-season for fans is finally over. The start of the 2007 campaign begins this weekend and the sportswriters here at The Wire are salivating.

With few clear-cut favorites, questions abound for almost every team. Will the Indianapolis Colts be able to return to the big show with the loss of so many players on defense? Will the Atlanta Falcons be able to compete without Michael Vick taking the snap? Have the Arizona Cardinals assembled enough pieces to finally be able to compete with the NFL's big boys? Will the arrival of Norv Turner help the San Diego Chargers ascend farther than the first round of the playoffs?

With these questions and many more, this is sure to be an interesting and entertaining NFL season. The Joint Task Force Public Affairs Office will be there every step of the way. This week, 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen and Spc. Daniel V. Welch make their own predictions on how each team will fare this season. Also, tune in every Monday night at 7 p.m. to 103.1 and catch Sellen, Welch and Staff Sgt. Jerry "The Redneck" Rushing as they host "Monday Night Blitz," and give you all the information you need for each week's Monday night football match up.

WEEK 1 PREDICTIONS

Chicago Bears vs. San Diego Chargers
New York Jets vs. New England Patriots
New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys
Miami Dolphins vs. Washington Redskins
Baltimore Ravens vs. Cincinnati Bengals

1st Sgt. Sellen's Top's Locks:

San Diego
New England
Dallas
Washington
Baltimore

Spc. Welch's Special Picks:

Chicago
New England
Dallas
Washington
Cincinnati

SELLEN'S PREDICTIONS

WELCH'S PREDICTIONS



West

1. San Diego Chargers (13-3)
2. Denver Broncos (10-6)
3. Oakland Raiders (7-9)
4. Kansas City Chiefs (4-12)

North

1. Pittsburgh Steelers (11-5)
2. Baltimore Ravens (10-6)
3. Cincinnati Bengals (7-9)
4. Cleveland Browns (4-12)

South

1. Indianapolis Colts (12-4)
2. Tennessee Titans (9-7)
3. Jacksonville Jaguars (8-8)
4. Houston Texans (7-9)

East

1. New England Patriots (14-2)
2. New York Jets (8-8)
3. Buffalo Bills (7-9)
4. Miami Dolphins (5-11)

AFC Wild Card

Baltimore Ravens
Denver Broncos

West

1. St. Louis Rams (10-6)
2. San Francisco 49ers (9-7)
3. Seattle Seahawks (8-8)
4. Arizona Cardinals (6-10)

North

1. Chicago Bears (11-5)
2. Detroit Lions (10-6)
3. Green Bay Packers (6-10)
4. Minnesota Vikings (5-11)

South

1. New Orleans Saints (12-4)
2. Carolina Panthers (8-8)
3. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (6-10)
4. Atlanta Falcons

East

1. Philadelphia Eagles (12-4)
2. Dallas Cowboys (10-6)
3. Washington Redskins (8-8)
4. New York Giants (7-9)

NFC Wild Card

Dallas Cowboys
Detroit Lions

AFC Champion: New England Patriots

NFC Champion: New Orleans Saints

Super Bowl Champion: New England Patriots

West

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3. Kansas City Chiefs (7-9)
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AFC Wild Card

Cincinnati Bengals
San Diego Chargers



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NFC Wild Card

Washington Redskins
San Francisco 49ers

NFC Champion: New Orleans Saints

AFC Champion: San Diego Chargers

Super Bowl Champion: New Orleans

Labor Day 10 x 1 Mile Relay Race

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Juan Irizarry and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

On Saturday Sept. 1, Co. C, 1st Bn., 65th Infantry Regiment, 525 Military Police Battalion and Morale Welfare and Recreation conducted a Labor Day 10 x 1 Mile Relay Run at Denich Gym. The race consisted of eight teams featuring 10 members per team. Each member of the team ran one mile in order to complete the 10 miles required to finish the race.

In addition to the 10 member rule, at least one female and one runner over age 40 had to be part of the team. Along with Naval Station Guantanamo and Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers, a Youth Cadets Group and a Boy Scout group with children ages 6-8 (Team Eagles) participated in the event. Congratulations to each team that participated and special congratulations to the Eagles. They completed the 10 mile race and were recognized by everyone at the winner's presentation for this noteworthy accomplishment. The following are the top three finishing teams.

1st Place: The Borinqueneers

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Wilfredo Turell (Team CPT)
Luis D. Gonzalez
Julio Montalvo
Cynthia Rabell
Carlos Martinez
Angel Martinez Toro
Roberto Serrano
Rafael Candelario
Angel Martinez
Efrain Mangual

2nd Place: Warriors

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William S. Wosniak (Team CPT)
David Bergman
Eric Montgomery
Kathryn Z. Hostetler
Donald W. Troxler
Theodore A. Trahan
Michael R. Kropushek
Kalvin C. Duvall
Kenneth E. Hagstrom
Gerald K. Green

3rd Place: Looking for the Pony

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Eric Barker (Team Capt.)
Trevor Jones
Michael Lynch
Julia Casper
Richard Lundeen
Angel Molina
Angel Montes
Rammes Alpiza
Dennis Hill
Jeffrey Brown

Urban Street Bike Warriors visit Guantanamo

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone

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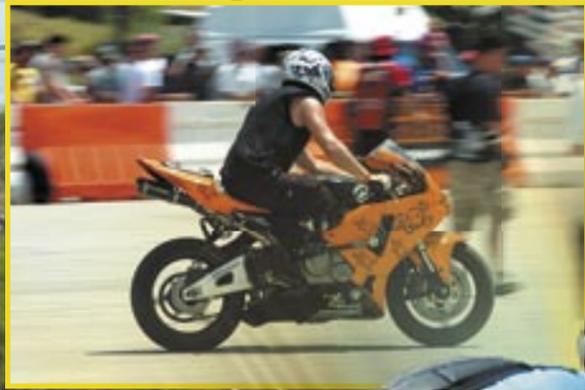
Guantanamo Bay residents witnessed a dazzling spectacle Sunday, Aug. 2 as the world-famous Urban Street Bike Warriors returned to Gitmo as part of the Labor Day festivities on base. The Warriors last entertained Gitmo during the summer of 2005, adding to an exciting day of Memorial Day festivities. The audience was prepared to see some breathtaking



stunts, and these professionals didn't disappoint. Answering to names like "Vertical" Joe Dryden, Tony D Freestyle, "Big" Stevie "Dipps" Bouchard and Ray Ray Z, these riders turned the Downtown Lyceum parking lot into their own personal street bike stunt show.

The Warriors wowed the crowd, standing upright and performing headstands and other dangerous stunts on modified motorcycles. Of course, they cautioned the crowd numerous times to "not try these stunts at home!"

The Warriors made history in 2005, making the first professional street bikers world tour. It was the first time many of these professional riders had performed overseas. Along with the distinction of being the only street bikers to have performed in Gitmo (three times now), the team is also famous in street biking circles for being the first Americans to perform in the infamous Bielawa Street Fighter Festival in Poland when they toured Europe.



Joint Task Force - Guantanamo and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay celebrated Labor Day festivities the first weekend of September. Events kicked off Saturday, Sept. 1, with an afternoon 10 mile - 10 team relay race sponsored by Charlie Co. 1/65 Infantry, the 525 Military Police Battalion and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The event featured 100 runners covering a large area of the island. Events rolled on into Sunday, Sept. 2, beginning with an exciting performance by the Urban Street Bike Warriors, a professional street bike team known the world over for their high-risk stunts. Events concluded at the Windward Ferry Landing with a crafts fair and a chili cook-off. Music fans took in the sounds of jazz acts Esteban, Michael Lington, Dot Wilder and Marc Stevenson. (Photos by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker, Army Sgt. Jody Metzger, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Clowney and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone)



Looking back at Labor Day



By Army Spc. Daniel Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

For many Joint Task Force Troopers, Labor Day weekend in September marked the unofficial end of summer, the beginning of school for children back home, and the launch of football mania. What many forget, however, is that this holiday weekend commemorates a long struggle in the United States for improvements in workers' salaries, benefits and working conditions.

The holiday began as a way to honor the sacrifices and struggles of American working men and women who helped shape this nation their efforts created much of the prosperity that we enjoy in the United States today.

Beginning in the late 1800s, American workers, usually represented by labor unions, challenged large companies on a myriad of issues including length of working hours, hazardous working conditions, and paltry

salaries and benefits. Often these issues resulted in labor strikes and violence between workers and strike breakers hired by the employers.

Many of these unions felt that the bitter struggles their workers faced needed to be recognized. The first idea of a holiday to honor these

the event a huge success. The Union decided to make Labor Day an annual celebration. They also decided to change Labor Day to the first Monday of September.

At the Central Labor Union's urging, many other trade organizations began to celebrate Labor Day. In 1887, Oregon became the first state to ratify Labor Day as an official holiday. In 1894, Labor Day became a federal holiday following an act of congress.

From the 1890s onward, Labor Day across the country was marked with speeches by prominent members of the labor movement, as well as demonstrations and protests against perceived injustices in the work place. Over time, as labor practices in this country became fairer, and more regulated, the holiday took on a less confrontational tone.

Today, Labor Day is marked with picnics and barbeques instead of fiery protests. The Jerry Lewis tel-a-thon rules evening television and families squeeze in one more get-away weekend before school begins in earnest.

Troopers got into the act as well, enjoying a block party at Windward Loop, a stunt motorcycle exhibition at the Lyceum parking lot, and some excellent jazz music and crafts displays at the Ferry Landing.

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struggles was suggested by Matthew Maguire, a machinist who was working as a secretary with the Central Labor Union of New York City.

Maguire suggested that a day be set aside not only as a day of rest and relaxation for all workers, but also as a day for public demonstrations. The purpose of the demonstrations, according to Maguire, was to proclaim "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations."

Upon hearing of Maguire's proposal, the Central Labor Union went about making arrangements for a celebration. On Tuesday Sept. 5, 1882, the first Labor Day was held in New York City.

Masses of workers turned out and the Central Labor Union considered



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Avoiding an Identity Crisis

Submitted by Tony Camera

JTF-Security Manager

Identity theft has replaced illegal drug sales as the fastest growing criminal activity.

How BIG is this problem?

Banks, credit card companies and businesses that house servers storing passwords or other sensitive information all report “break-ins” through Trojan viruses or other online hacking methods - resulting in the loss of millions of pieces of information. Instances of lost information often involve employees selling it and other lax security measures that result in thieves having access to your identity.

What do thieves want?

- Your Name
- Date of Birth
- Home Address
- Phone Numbers
- Social Security Number
- Driver's License Number
- Credit Card Numbers
- CW2 Security Code (the number on the back of your credit card)
- Your Credit Report
- ATM Cards
- Telephone Calling Cards
- Mortgage Details

Where Are they getting your information?

- Banks
- Credit-Reference Agencies
- Retailers
- Credit Card Networks
- Data-Brokerage Companies
- Payment Processing Companies
- Phone Companies
- Schools
- Your Employer
- Doctors, Clinics and Health Departments
- Government Agencies

There are other effective methods:

- Dumpster Diving
- Mail Theft
- Retail Theft

- e-mail “Phishing”

- Purse/Wallet Theft

What are thieves using your information for?

- Making charges to your existing credit cards
- Opening new credit cards in your name
- Having phone or utilities turned on
- Withdrawing money from your existing bank accounts
- Employment purposes
- Driver's Licenses
- Tax Fraud
- Social Service benefits
- Student loans
- Business or Personal loans
- Health care
- Mortgage loans/leases
- Auto loans
- Using your ID when caught committing a crime

How can you protect yourself?

- Keep a photocopy of your credit cards, bank account numbers and investment account numbers in a safe place
- Keep your credit card receipts
- Put a “fraud alert” on all your credit reports
- If you apply for credit and the card doesn't arrive on time, call the card issuer
- Choose difficult PIN numbers or passwords. (Don't use birth dates, your mother's maiden name, etc.)
- Never give personal information to anyone who sends you an email, a letter or calls you asking for it
- Shred personal information
- Don't use the ATM machine if someone is watching you
- Pay attention to what's going on around you
- Cell phones often have cameras in them. If someone is standing by you with a cell phone while you're entering a PIN number, block their view
- Review your bills each month. If

there's something you don't remember, call the creditor.

- Check your credit report at least once a year
 - Store your cancelled checks safely.
 - Don't leave your purse in plain sight when driving
 - Keep your valuables locked in the trunk or glove box when driving
 - Make all personal information on your computer password protected
 - Don't carry information about your PIN numbers, passwords and account numbers in your purse or wallet
- Warning signs that your identity has been stolen:
- A loan application is denied, or you're refused extended credit requests
 - You are contacted by a debt-collection agency
 - Your purse or wallet has been stolen, or your house broken into
 - Unfamiliar activity on your credit report

What to do if it happens to you:

- If your purse or wallet is stolen, call the police
- Contact your bank, credit card and other credit extending companies and report the theft
- Close accounts
- Contact the credit-reporting companies
- Have fraudulent activity removed immediately and monitor your credit report every 90 days for the next year
- Put everything in writing
- File a report with the Federal Trade Commission
- Change passwords on your existing accounts and create new ones for new accounts

Identity theft is real. There are no guarantees you can keep your information safe. However, by taking proactive steps to protect yourself, you can minimize your chances of having an “identity crisis.”

16 Guantanamo Detainees Transferred

Released by U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced Thursday, Sept. 6, the transfer of sixteen detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Saudi Arabia. These detainees were determined to be eligible for transfer following a comprehensive series of review processes conducted at Guantanamo.

The transfer is a demonstration of the United States' desire not to hold detainees any longer than necessary. It also underscores the processes put in place to assess each individual and make a determination about their detention while hostilities are ongoing – an unprecedented step in the history of warfare.

The Department of Defense has determined – through its comprehensive review processes – that approximately 80 detainees at Guantanamo are eligible for transfer or release. Departure of these detainees is subject to ongoing discussions between the United States and other nations.

Since 2002, approximately 435 detainees have departed Guantanamo for other countries including Albania, Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Maldives, Morocco, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom and Yemen.

There are approximately 340 detainees currently at Guantanamo.



WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Sept. 8

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Isolated T-Storms
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:10 p.m.
Chance of rain: 30%

Sunday, Sept. 9

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Isolated T-Storms
Sunrise: 6:47a.m.
Sunset: 7:09 p.m.
Chance of rain: 30%

Monday, Sept. 10

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Scattered T-storms
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:08 p.m.
Chance of rain: 60%

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:07 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 60%

Scattered T-storms

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:07 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Scattered T-storms

Thursday, Sept. 13

Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Sunset: 7:06 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Scattered T-storms

Friday, Sept. 14

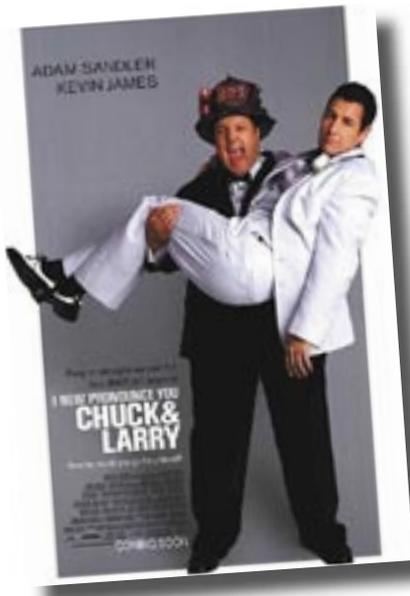
Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the mid-70's.



Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Sunset: 7:06 p.m.
Chance of Rain: 30%

Scattered T-storms

I Now Pronounce you Chuck and Larry



By Army Spc. Daniel Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

For the better part of five years, Adam Sandler has been attempting to re-create his career, moving away from the frat house fart joke movies that propelled him to superstardom to appearances in darker dramatic roles, such as 2007's "Rein Over Me."

Fear not Sandler fans, he is back to his old antics in "I Now Pronounce you Chuck and Larry," this time playing Chuck, a New York City fireman and incorrigible ladies man. Chuck's 'better half' Larry (Kevin James), is a fellow firefighter and widower left to raise two children who is mired in depression following the death of his wife.

In the months after her death, Larry realizes that he forgot to change the beneficiaries on his death benefit insurance. Because of the time that has passed, the City of New York is unwilling to help Larry change his beneficiaries, so if something were to happen to him, even in the line of duty, his children would be left with nothing. With no other apparent options, he turns to Chuck, whose life he had saved from a harrowing building collapse some time before.

Larry's plan is to enter into a civil union with Chuck upon learning that the state has passed a new civil union law, thus ensuring protection for his children.

After a civil union unites Chuck and Larry, the city becomes suspicious of them and begins to investigate their so called "gay status."

While there are plenty of laughs, the problem with this film is that it feels like every other Sandler comedy. Worse still, the film's main point is that we should all be nice to each other, yet the film features the worst type of stereotyping focusing not just on gays, but on women, other races, and the obese.

This is certainly not a horrible film and it will certainly please Sandler fans. However, the jokes and gags feel like they have been recycled one too many times to be funny anymore.

Rated: PG 13

Duration: 110

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Boots on the Ground

*By Navy Petty Officer
3rd Class William Weinert*

"What effect did the tragedies of 9/11 have on your life?"

-Navy Seaman
Gabriela Cano



Pride, as far as I felt towards the country and protecting it.

-Army Sgt. Shayanna
Patterson



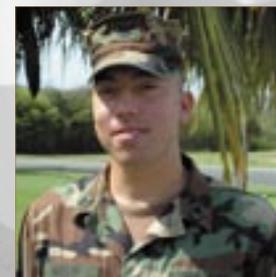
It made me more concerned when I travel.

-Air Force 1st Sgt.
Bruce Bauer



I've been activated twice and it has definitely changed the direction of the military as well as me personally.

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd
Class Shane Hawari



It hasn't made me harbor any ill will toward the Arab people because I know not all of them are like that.

Where is God at Gitmo?

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel G. Jones

JTF-GTMO Command Chaplain

Since arriving here, a number of people have expressed concerns to me about why they have to endure some of the things they've been through at Gitmo. I've listened to those who have expressed frustration about deployment, separation from family, career, and numerous other things. Some wonder aloud about the meaning of life and how being here fits into 'the big picture.' In fact, some feel as if they have been ripped away from home and thrown onto center stage to do the impossible.

Yet, for the world that watches – the impossible never seems to be good enough and our hard work is often not understood and not appreciated.

Maybe you are one who feels as though you are caught between the proverbial 'rock and hard place.' I'm reminded of Psalm 139, which majestically

reminds readers of God's ever-present comfort:

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar...

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Personally, it is very comforting to know that there is no location in the universe and no emotion I experience that goes unnoticed by God; that what I do and feel here at Gitmo has the highest level of attention – that of the very throne of God Himself. How would or could your experience at Gitmo change if you trusted your life and issues to a God who knows you.

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COMMANDER'S SITUATION REPORT

Joint Task Force - Guantanamo

For instance, the change in daily Guard mount training was a result of leadership listening to you and trying to make better use of your time. We are also going to focus more on leadership development, both to improve command climate, and to improve the chances for advancement for those who are deserving. The Chaplains are getting involved in this area as well. This will be a long term project, but an important one for us all.

Quality of support. Some very positive developments here – primarily travel related. By now I am sure all of you are aware of the recent Department of Defense decision to permit Space-A travel between the 50 states/Puerto Rico and Guantanamo by dependents of personnel here on one-year orders. This was a huge win and there

were several families who used it to travel here over the Labor Day weekend. Our plans to revise the routing of the Saturday AMC rotator to originate and terminate at Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport with an intermediate stop in Jacksonville is down to the final coordination. I fully expect that we will kick off that new service in early October – stand by for the announcement. With the large number of connecting flights out of BWI, Troopers should be able to make it home in a day versus spending an extra night waiting for connections. The Tuesday rotator will remain an every-other-week Guantanamo-Jacksonville-Norfolk route, unless rider-ship picks up enough to justify weekly service.

Camp America Liberty Center now has three satellite receivers up and run-

ning with 120 channel capability each. Additionally, the long awaited (too long) Internet capability wiring is about to be completed so that all of those bagged desk-tops can actually be used. I observed the wiring in progress this week, and was told there is about another 10 days to two weeks to go. Wireless Internet will come with this capability as well so you can use your own laptops.

So that's the word for now; there is progress being made, and it is mostly thanks to the hard work of some dedicated people who have your very best interests at heart. There is much more to do and your constructive comments and ideas, and willingness to be a part of the solution will make good things come to pass. It continues to be a real honor to serve alongside of you.

HONOR BOUND!

15 Minutes of Fame

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Loretta Akemon

Story by Navy Petty Officer
2nd Class Gary Keen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Troopers walking around Guantanamo Bay don't see many other people here than their fellow Troopers, Navy personnel around the exchange, and the third country nationals that keep the base operating. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Loretta Akemon, on the other hand, sees all of the above and then remembers how the base looked when it was swamped with thousands of Cuban and Haitian refugees.

In 1994, Akemon deployed here as one of many Troopers giving humanitarian relief to approximately 30,000 refugees.

"There were thousands of refugees; we had to spread them out. The Haitians were set up in tents around McCalla Hangar and the Cubans were where Camp Bulkeley is now," said Akemon.

When the refugees began to arrive, the command was forced to send home all civilians and dependents because the base could not maintain that many people. Akemon played a part in that mission, as well as in the mission to help the refugees.

"There were many mixed emotions, and all of our [mili-

tary] families had to be evacuated and it made us feel like we were neglecting them [the military families]. However, when you saw all of the refugees coming in on boats struggling to gain freedom, then I for one felt the need to help them. They really needed our help," said Akemon.

Besides providing aid to the Haitians and Cuban, Troopers had to stand extra watches as members of the auxiliary security force.

"I was also on the auxiliary security force and we would get activated during disturbances among the refugees," Akemon said.

One night the Cuban refugees left Camp Bulkeley, broke into the chapel at Chapel Hill and occupied the area. By morning a Marine squad had strung barbed wire around the entire base of the hill, including McDonalds, thus securing the refugees in place.

"We [the auxiliary security force] manned the bottom of Chapel hill for three days keeping the refugees encompassed. We ate MREs [Meals Ready to Eat] and slept on the ground," said Akemon.

Today Akemon sleeps in Cuzco Barracks like many Joint Task Force Troopers and she works in the Camp America Post Office.

"I have one of the best jobs. I love being a postal clerk because it builds morale and I get to see people when they get their packages and letters," Akemon said.

After hearing Akemon's account of Guantanamo Bay in 1994, one can see why she likes her job in the post office, never the less after going through the Haitian/Cuban ref-



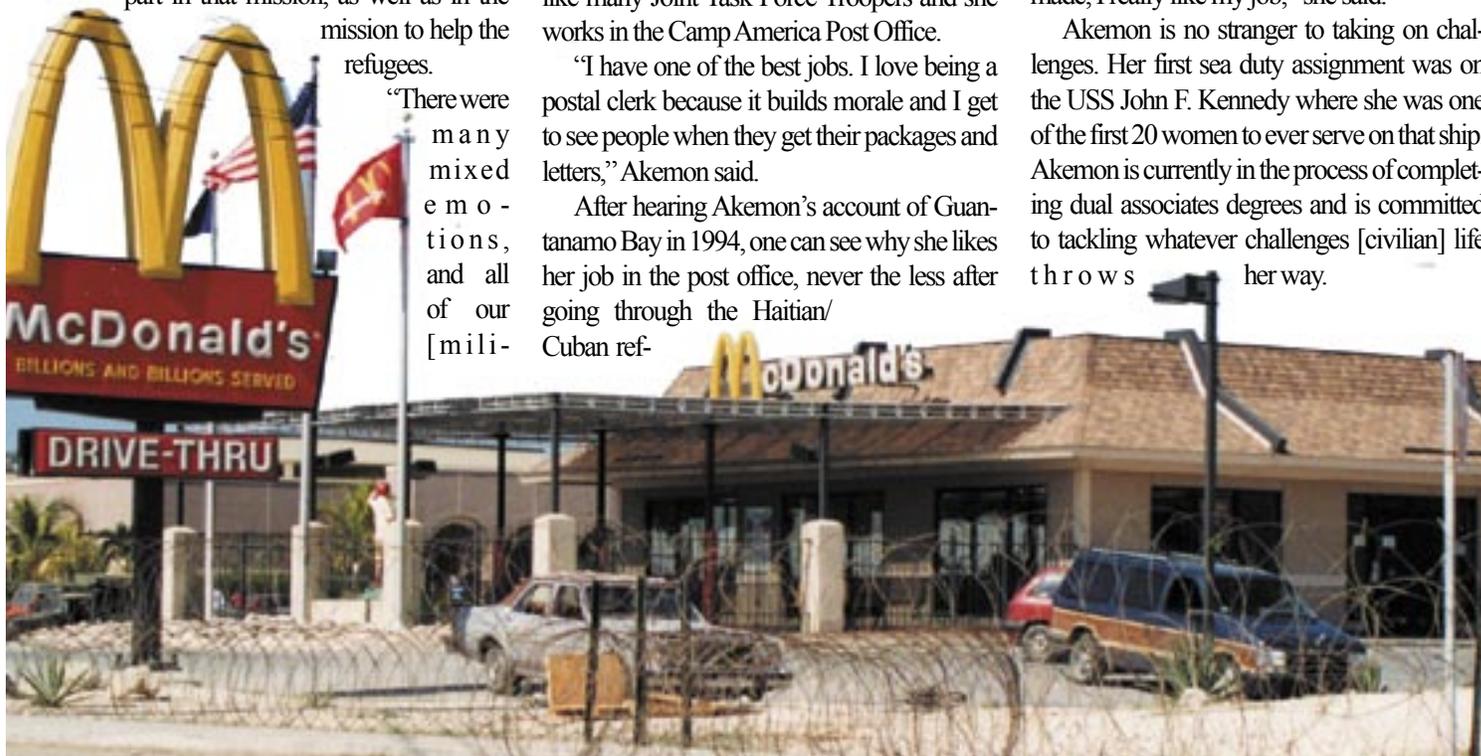
ugee crisis, one might question her decision to return here.

One reason Akemon gave for returning was her desire to make a positive difference in Troopers' lives. She said that helping Troopers from all over, including many that she had worked with before, was her main reason for returning. But the beauty of Guantanamo Bay was a powerful draw as well.

Akemon has been in the Navy for 19 years and will retire when she returns to her home command, a transition she has mixed feelings about

"It felt really strange hearing the words 'high year tenure' and my name. I really like the military and I don't want to leave. Even with all the sacrifices my family and I have made, I really like my job," she said.

Akemon is no stranger to taking on challenges. Her first sea duty assignment was on the USS John F. Kennedy where she was one of the first 20 women to ever serve on that ship. Akemon is currently in the process of completing dual associates degrees and is committed to tackling whatever challenges [civilian] life throws her way.



AROUND THE JTF



A lunar eclipse and lightning bolt fire up the early morning sky, Aug. 28, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This stunning image was captured around 5 a.m. behind the Naval Station Hospital. (Photo by Christopher Hileman)



Navy Lieutenant Corey Doolittle assumes the responsibilities of his new rank at his promotion ceremony at the Camp Delta hospital quarterdeck on Sept. 6. (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William Weinert)



Ensign Holly Taylor congratulates Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Floyd upon his reenlistment Sept. 1, at the Camp Delta flagpole. (Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Paul Meeker)