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DoD identifies Guantanamo detainee suicides

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 12, 2006 - The Defense Department released the names of the three detainees yesterday who committed suicide June 10 at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The detainees, who were found unresponsive in their cells just after midnight June 10, included a Yemeni with ties to al Qaeda, a Saudi who had been recommended for transfer to another country, and another Saudi who participated in a prison uprising in Afghanistan, military officials reported.

The three appear to have hanged themselves with nooses made of bed sheets and clothing, Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, said at a June 10 news conference.

Ali Abdullah Ahmed, the Yemeni, was a mid- to high-level al Qaeda operative with links to principal al Qaeda facilitators and senior membership, according to information released by



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Brien Aho

A U.S. Naval Expeditionary Guard Trooper stands watch in Camp 4 as detainees congregate to socialize during evening recreation hour.

DoD. Throughout his time at Guantanamo Bay, Ahmed was noncompliant and hostile to the guard force, and he was a long-term hunger striker from late 2005 to May 2006.

Mani Shaman Turki al-Habardi al-Utaybi, a Saudi, was a member of Jama'at Tabligh, a militant recruitment group for al Qaeda and other

jihadist terrorist groups, according to the DoD release. Jama'at Tabligh has been used by al Qaeda to cover travel throughout the world and has been banned in Saudi Arabia since the 1980s.

Yassar Talal al-Zahrani, a Saudi, was an actual front line fighter for the Taliban who had traveled to Afghanistan to take up arms

against anti-Taliban forces, according to the release. Zahrani facilitated weapons purchases for Taliban offensives against U.S. and coalition forces. He was captured by Afghan forces and participated in an Afghan prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, that resulted in the November 2001 death of a CIA officer. ■

Army Gen. Craddock visits JTF-GTMO

By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
Lacy Hicks

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Army Gen. John Craddock, commander of U.S. Southern Command, arrived here Sunday morning to visit JTF-GTMO. He toured various facilities to get a firsthand look at how the Troopers here are setting the standard for Joint Task Forces around the world.

“What Troopers do here has major influence on world events,” said Craddock.

After greeting guards, Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents and medical personnel, Craddock toured the various detainee camps.

Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., JTF commander, briefed Craddock on the current readiness of JTF-GTMO. Harris spoke about the conditions of the detainee camps and how JTF-GTMO is planning to prevent further suicides.

Troopers were impressed with Craddock’s visit and his attention to and appreciation of Troopers.

During his visit, Craddock took time to talk with Troopers from all around JTF.

Army Gen. John Craddock gives a coin to a Trooper here at GTMO during a recent visit. Craddock’s visit came as a response to the recent events that took place in Camp Delta that resulted in the deaths of three detainees being held there.



Photo by Army 1st Lt. Anthony John

“He seemed genuinely interested in what we do and how we do it,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Cameron Miele, 312 Port Security Unit.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Denham, 312 Port Security Unit, was also on the Coast Guard fast boat, which took Craddock across the bay.

“When people like Gen. Craddock show an interest in what we do, it makes me realize that our job here is truly important,” said Denham. “It makes us feel like a true part of the JTF mission.”

While Craddock impressed Troopers at JTF, they were not the only ones this visit made a strong impact on.

“I am amazed by the excellent, professional work done here by our Troopers all the time,” said Craddock.

“When things like this (detainee suicides) happen, we pause to examine what happened, how it happened and how to prevent it from happening again, which we are doing,” Craddock explained. “This is a bump in the road, but I want Troopers to know things will be fine. I remain proud of the professional and competent Troopers here at JTF-GTMO.” ■

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Happy Birthday U.S. Army

**By Sgt. Maj. of the Army
Kenneth Preston**

Sergeant Major of the Army

For 231 years, America has called upon our Army to defend democracy, both at home and abroad. Citizens of our great nation have always answered the call to duty, ensuring our force remains among the most respected institutions in the world.

Our Army began its storied history in a modest way, with 10 companies of riflemen when Congress adopted “the American Continental Army” on June 14, 1775 for “the defense of American liberty.” Throughout the centuries, America’s Army has continued to serve this once fledgling democracy, helping to secure our borders and assist others in establishing and defending a democratic way of life.

During the past 100 years, our Soldiers have defended freedom in two

world wars, on the Korean peninsula, and in the rice paddies of Vietnam. Our Army has seen the collapse of the iron curtain, delivering freedom to millions of people in Eastern Europe. Today, we are answering the call to duty once again with boots on the ground in places such as Afghanistan, Iraq, and 120 countries around the world.

As we celebrate our 231st birthday, I ask you to reflect on the magnificent history of our Army. You are part of an important American tradition, a tradition of selfless sacrifice for a greater good, a tradition of service to the Nation, a tradition of service to other nations who struggle against oppression, who fervently desire the gift of freedom for themselves and their children. You will forever be a part of our nation’s history and I am proud to serve with you as we face the challenges of the future together.

I thank each and everyone of you for your service to the Nation and America’s Army. Be proud, you’ve earned it! Happy Birthday Army. Hooah! ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

GTMO’s youngest and oldest Soldier’s, Army Spc. Cierra Caldwell (left) and Army Col. James Vandegriff, cut the Army’s 231st birthday cake at a celebration held at Seaside Galley here Wednesday.

Father’s Day, an American tradition

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Father’s Day is a chance to celebrate and honor the father figures in each person’s family, a day to show the affection and gratitude toward he who has sacrificed much of himself to care for each of his own.

Some Troopers here are fathers, some are mothers, but regardless, all of us are sons and daughters who serve their country to protect America and the families within it. Let us take this time to appreciate all the fathers who have served or are serving to continue this tradition of a special American breed that fights to protect their family’s way of life.

Our national Father’s Day originated from a daughter who wanted to express her deep appreciation for her father. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was one of six children raised by her father, William Smart. The first Father’s Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.

Support for the holiday was very strong. Woodrow Wilson was given a Father’s Day celebration in 1916, and Calvin Coolidge recommended it as a national holiday in 1924. However, the all-male congress at the time was mindful that

passing such a measure so favorable to males could be seen as a conflict of interest. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson made Father’s Day a holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June, but it wasn’t until Richard Nixon’s presidency when Father’s Day was officially recognized as a national holiday in 1972.

Today, people celebrate their fathers in many different ways. “We always have a big family dinner,” said Army Staff Sgt. Denise James, the Joint Detention Group chaplain assistant. “We always sit around and bring up old times and always get a big laugh about the past.”

Army Pfc. Kenneth Jackson enjoys the gifts and recognition he receives from his 9-year-old son for Father’s Day.

“He always brings home these art projects from school,” said Jackson. “They really make me feel special because I know he worked hard on them and the pride he has when he gives them to me really shows in his eyes.”

This Father’s Day, take time to remember all the veterans who served to protect their families and all those who continue to serve today. Remember the ones who cannot be with their families on this day, and honor the ones who were unable to see their family again as they paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep them free. ■

“The O’Reilly Factor” comes to GTMO

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Bill O’Reilly toured Guantanamo Bay Friday to gather information for Fox news’ “The O’Reilly Factor,” which aired Monday night.

O’Reilly’s main focus was on “interrogating the interrogators,” but he also wanted to meet with the service men and women serving here.

O’Reilly’s visit began with eating lunch at Seaside Galley with Joint Task Force Troopers.

“I was very happy to see him here, mainly for one reason, because he is one of the few mainstream media personalities that support and understand our mission here,” said Army Sgt. Alan Epley, a Trooper who had lunch with O’Reilly.

After lunch, O’Reilly toured various camps and met with Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, the commander of JTF-GTMO, Army Col. Michael Bumgarner, the commander of the Joint Detention Group, Paul Rester, the director of

the Joint Intelligence Group, and two interrogators.

“There’s a lot of controversy going on about Guantanamo and it’s about time the truth comes out,” said O’Reilly.

So what was the outcome? As promised, O’Reilly “interrogated the interrogators” and discussed the recent suicides, which had occurred shortly after his departure, during his Monday

night show. He claimed that everyone was treated well, gaining an average of 18 pounds on the wonderful GTMO food, and that there was no proof of torture.

To see what Bill O’Reilly is up to next, tune in to AFN news Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. For more information about “The O’Reilly Factor,” check out www.billoreilly.com. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Bill O’Reilly has lunch with Troopers of JTF-GTMO at the Seaside Galley during a recent visit here.

Chatting on the Internet...

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

...or posting messages to news groups or bulletin boards might seem like a private pastime, but it is in fact a very public activity. Any information you post on the Internet that calls attention to yourself as a person with access to sensitive or classified information could cause you to become a target.

Foreign intelligence collectors and investigators collecting intelligence regularly troll bulletin boards, chat rooms and news group postings using powerful search tools to identify postings or individuals of potential interest. It is possible through the Internet to search e-mail transmissions to news or chat groups to identify messages that mention your company or organization, or that contain words or phrases that someone wants to search for. If someone on the Internet finds that, because of where you work or what you know, you could be a good “source,” he or she will have no problem finding out more about you.

For example, it is possible to search for and identify all messages you post to news or chat groups.

Another risk is that your words may carry a weight that you did not intend. If you are recognized as a government employee or contractor, the common assumption is that you know more than you do, and that you have access to classified or other sensitive information relating to the subject of discussion, which may or may not be the case. Do not try to impress others with how much you know or imply you have insider information or state outright that you have access to classified information. Statements such as “I can’t say more, because I have a clearance” are an example of security consciousness gone awry. It targets you as a holder of classified information.

The point of contact for this information is Frank Perkins at ext. 9834. Remember, mission first, security always! ■



“Where angels and Marines fear to tread...”

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Jim Brown

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

On June 17, 1898, the Navy corpsman rate was born. What has become a yearly celebration of the birth of this order of dedicated lifesavers was celebrated Saturday at the Windjammer Club at GTMO.

The event was enjoyed by both NAVSTA and JTF-GTMO healthcare professionals. The celebration commemorated 108 years of the Navy enlisted medical community. It honored the “docs,” as Navy corpsmen are known to both Sailors and Marines.

The history of corpsmen is the stuff of legend. A Navy corpsman was one of the three survivors who helped raise the flag on Mt. Suribachi in Iwo Jima during World War II. The amount of danger “docs” faced is attested to in the unconfirmed report of a particularly bloody firefight. After saving several Marines, a wounded corpsman ran to one more of the injured, was mortally wounded and died on top of him. The injured Marine, using his own blood, wrote on the corpsman’s uniform, “Where angels and Marines fear to tread, you’ll find a corpsman dead.” Though this can’t be confirmed, the story demonstrates the respect Sailors and Marines have for their caretakers.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Maureen Smith, Chief of Administration, JTF-GTMO Joint Medical Group Surgeon’s Office, said this about the role of Navy corpsmen, “Wherever and whenever medical services are required, the hospital corpsman is there, not only willing but prepared to serve his country and his fellow man above and beyond the call of duty. I’m proud to be among the ranks of Navy corpsmen.”

Whenever you visit the base hospital or Kittery Beach Joint Aid Station, remember the ones that you trust your care to are worthy corpsmen, a few of a long line of professionals who do their job anywhere the need calls. Happy birthday, docs! ■

A well of history

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Marines from the Marine Corps Security Force Company, Guantanamo Bay, held a tour of Cuzco Well here Sunday. The tour commemorates the Marines landing at GTMO June 11, 1898.

Marine Capt. Robert Messick led the tour. After guiding the tour to the location of Cuzco Well, Messick described the exploits of the Marines.

On the morning of June 11, Commander Bowman McCalla, Lt. Col. Robert W. Huntington and his force of 623 enlisted Marines landed at Guantanamo Bay. The enemy force was estimated to outnumber the Marines 10 to one. The force established Camp McCalla, and for the first 24 hours, the Marines went unmolested, but it was not to last.

The following three days and nights consisted of almost constant combat by Spanish hit and run tactics. Harrington, well aware of the necessity of a good water supply, made plans to go on the offensive against the Spaniards and take their water supply, Cuzco Well.

Cuzco Well was three miles east of Camp McCalla. The Marines had to endure the unforgiving sun on a forced march through dense jungles.

The hellacious heat and lack of sleep took its toll on the Marines, and by the time the Marines got to the fortifications at Cuzco Well, their labored march alerted the enemy and they sat prepared in the fort to take the Marines on.

Our Marines engaged the enemy with dauntless courage and ferocity. Amidst the booming of shells from the USS Dolphin, the Marines charged the enemy, taking a key position on a hill adjacent to the enemy fortification. The Spaniards’ rifles lack

of accuracy and range proved to be their greatest downfall. The Marines charged headlong with heavy gun support. Once the Marines took the key position from the Spaniards, Naval gunfire continued to rain on the Spanish. As the enemy fled, the Marines took aim and picked off the enemy force one by one. Within an hour, the battle was over.

The Spanish survivors reported to General Felix Pareja, commander of the Spanish forces, that a Marine Corps force of 10,000 men had assaulted them. The battle not only established Guantanamo Bay as a key U.S. military location, it solidified the Marine Corps’ permanence.

“It is said that the raising of the flag at Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima ensured the existence of the Marine Corps for the following 500 years, but the raising of the flag on the Cuzco Well hill ensured the existence of the Marine Corps itself,” explained Messick. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

Marine Capt. Robert Messick leads the tour to Cuzco Well on June 11.

THE ARMY'S NEW MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles (right) looks over paperwork with Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Marlo S. White. Febles was honored by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as an honorary Master Chief.

By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lacy Hicks

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

During a “hail and farewell” gathering for Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer Joe Campa at the Goat Locker many senior leaders were offering coins, plaques and other mementos to the outgoing CMC. Campa, however, had one more official duty to complete before leaving JTF-GTMO. He presented Army Command Sgt. Major Angel Febles with a dual-starred-fouled anchor (the insignia of a Navy Master Chief) and read the letter by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott naming Febles an honorary master chief petty officer.

This honor has been given to less than 50 people during Scott’s four years in office according to MCPON Public Affairs. Members of other services who are given the honorary distinction of being awarded the Master Chief device traditionally keep it in their left breast pocket of their blouse. Fittingly, Febles keeps his insignia close to his heart.



It was an honor Febles was surprised to receive.

“This is one of the last things I expected,” said Febles. “I am flattered and honored. I am also very humbled. I am very impressed with the camaraderie between the Navy chiefs and really honored that they would ask me to be a part of that.

“To me, it brings me a little closer to the Navy and the Sailors here,” said Febles.

The MCPON only gives such a distinguished honor to those already doing the job of a master chief and living up to the core values and Angel Febles does that and more said Campa.

“Already doing the duties of a master chief, Febles leads and inspires Sailors. He develops Sailors personally and professionally. He communicates our Navy core values, standards

and information to empower Sailors to be successful in all they attempt. He supports loyalty to his chain of command and all the chiefs here at JTF-GTMO,” said Campa.

With apparent pride and gratitude at the unexpected designation, the Army’s newest master chief gave a heartfelt goodbye to Campa. ■

THE NAVY'S NEW MCPON

CMC JOE CAMPA

Joint Task Force-GTMO Command Master Chief Joe Campa discusses living conditions with the Camp America Commandant's Office Army Sgt. Durville Singh and Army Staff Sgt. James Murray, Friday, June 9.



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer (Select) Timm Duckworth



By Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lacy Hicks

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Joint Task Force - Guantanamo Command Master Chief, Master Chief Petty Officer Joe Campa was named earlier today by the Chief of Naval Operations as the 11th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

Though Campa was here less than two months, he said he is taking a piece of JTF-GTMO with him to Washington, D.C.

"My experience here makes me better able to serve in my next assignment," said Campa.

Campa said being a member of a Joint Task Force is something Troopers should be proud of.

"Only by the sincerity of efforts across the service will we be able to succeed in defeating those that want to harm America and our allies," said Campa. "The strength of our military lies not only with diversity of servicemembers but also with missions and capabilities. I am a believer in the joint environment because I've seen it work and I've seen it work well."

"I feel I have gotten more from the Troopers here than I have been able to give in return," said Campa.

However, many Troopers disagree.

"Master Chief Campa is a true leader," said Army Staff Sgt. Steven Merrill a JTF engineer. Merrill, who leaves JTF - GTMO this week said he is taking more than his luggage with

him when he leaves.

"You end up taking a little bit of every leader with you," said Merrill. "I really appreciate the way Campa takes care of his Troopers. I can only hope my Troopers look at me as someone who will take care of them."

Others here also feel that putting Campa in this position will not only benefit the Navy but will be beneficial to all services.

"I think the Navy got the right guy for the job," said Army Command Sgt. Major Angel Febles. "Not only is he a great Sailor but he's also a great joint leader."

"I think the selection of Master Chief Joe Campa to become the next MCPON is representative of a career's worth of hard work done well," said Navy Capt. Peter Husta, JTF-GTMO chief of staff.

"Due to his leadership, experience and dedication the CNO has determined he is the right guy at the right time for the Navy and I agree."

The position of MCPON, is the highest rank an enlisted Sailor can achieve. By working closely with the chief of naval operations, the MCPON helps shape the Navy for present and future Sailors.

"I think it's great for the Navy and I think it's great for JTF-GTMO," said Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, JTF-GTMO commander. "It validates the great quality of Troopers from all the services that we get here at Guantanamo. I think it sends the right signal for Guantanamo. It's a win-win for the Navy and for Master Chief Campa." ■



MWR summer leagues heat up GTMO

By Army Sgt. Christina Douglas

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Play ball! Summertime is here, and along with the NBA, NHL, MLB and MLS, Guantanamo Bay has its very own summertime sports leagues for Troopers to participate in or watch.

This year's Morale Welfare and Recreation-sponsored summer leagues include volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer and softball.

The co-ed Summer Volleyball League begins July 17. Games will be held at G. J. Denich Gym. Rosters, due by July 7 at Denich, must include a minimum of six players per team, with at least two females to a team. The season will last about five weeks.

For all of the baseball fanatics, the Summer Baseball League begins June 17 and will last until the middle of August. The deadline for sign up has already passed. Games will be held Sundays beginning at 7 p.m. at Zaiser Field, which is located next to Villamar Housing. Females may participate too.

Six teams have signed up for the Summer Basketball League. The deadline for sign up was at the end of May, so new teams will have to wait until the next season, but you can still come out and support the teams every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6 p.m. at the Denich Gym basketball court.

There are eight men's soccer teams and four women's teams competing in the Summer Soccer League. New teams are no longer eligible to sign up as the deadline has passed, but you can check out the games at Cooper Field almost every night of the week except for Tuesdays and Sundays. Because the times vary, check out the schedule at Denich.

There will also be a Summer co-ed Softball League, which will begin the July 17 and last about five weeks. The games will be held at Cooper Field and the nights will depend on the number of teams participating in the league. There is a minimum of two females per team; one female must play in the infield and the other female must play in the outfield. Rosters are due no later than July 7.

"I'm really looking forward to the season," said Jon Espig, of the Joint Task Force. "I'm planning to play soccer, volleyball and basically anything I can get my hands into; I want to do it all."

If you don't have a full team to play with, that's okay too. Jessica Hulgan, the MWR sports

coordinator has individual pools of players for each event regardless of whether the season has started.

"They (anyone interested in any of the sports) can sign up with me to be added to the player's pool. What we do then is assign those individuals to a team so that they may play," said Hulgan.

Whether you're interested in playing, or just interested in watching, come out and support this year's summer sports leagues. All sports schedules can be picked up at the front desk of Denich Gym.

For more information in reference to sports at GTMO, call Hulgan at ext. 3112. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

A GTMO naval station resident practices his shots at the basketball court. The MWR Summer Basketball League begins June 17 and will last until mid-August. Although the deadline for the registration of teams participating in the leagues has passed for certain sports, individual Troopers may still be a part of the action. For more information on these MWR leagues, call Jessica Hulgan at ext. 3112.

Got crabs...?

the low-down on where all those crabs crawling around GTMO came from

By Army Capt. Bill Harper

JTF-GTMO Joint Detention Group

Troopers share Guantanamo Bay with a variety of reptiles, birds and land animals. Rock iguanas and banana rats are also part of daily life at the Joint Task Force.

Recently, Troopers have become familiar with the land crabs that have made their annual arrival at Cuba and other islands throughout the Caribbean.

"The last thing that I ever thought I'd see is a crab crawling on a mountain trail," said Army Sgt. Elton Rush, 29th Infantry Division.

Mating season for the Cuban Land Crab begins during the spring rain season. These crabs breathe through gills and have evolved to survive in forests close to the Cuban coastline.

After mating, the female crab is swollen with eggs and will make up to a six-mile trek to the sea. This journey is made difficult by road obstacles, natural predators and hot weather. To avoid dehydration and keep their gills moist, the crab will seek shade or burrow into the ground on hot days.

Once at the sea, the female lays her eggs, which hatch on contact with water. The newly hatched

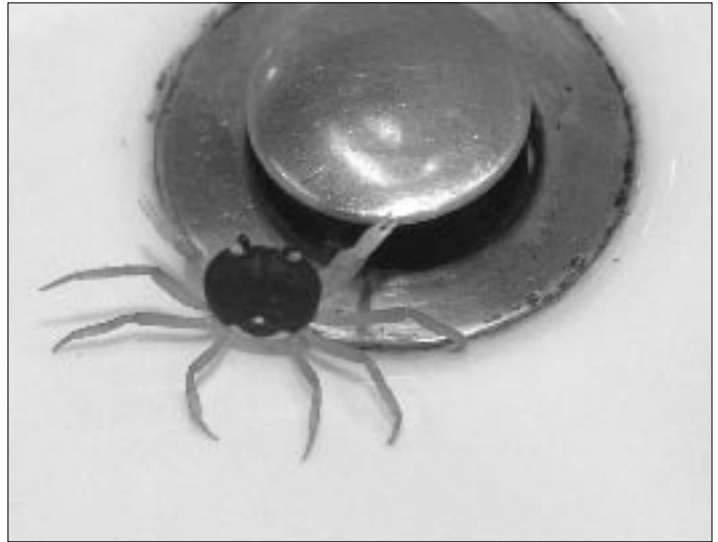


Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Watterworth

Crawling over rocks, stranded in sinks, wading in pools and smashed on the roads, Cuban Land Crabs have shown up around the JTF and the rest of GTMO as they make their seasonal appearance during the rainy season here.

crabs move back onto land and return to the forest within a few short weeks as the life cycle edges forward. ■

"Army Pfc. Philip Regina asked Troopers, "What is the best memory you have of your father?"



"When we'd go crabbing in Chesapeake Bay together when I was little."

-Army Maj. Eric C. Brown, J-3 Operations Chief



"I remember that he always worked hard and provided for the family."

-Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Alex Rodriguez, 312 Port Security Unit



"He taught me to treat everybody the way you want to be treated, treat everybody equally."

-Air Force Staff Sgt. Tray Bell, Joint Intelligence Group



"The fact that he served in the military as an officer."

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Casey Lowrey, Joint Intelligence Group

A HIGHER PURPOSE

By Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Nick Hamilton

JTF-GTMO Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion

Have you wondered lately, “What am I doing here right now? Why do I have to be here now, and why did the events of the past week have to happen on my watch?”

If any of these questions sound familiar, take heart. Millions of Americans have likely thought and felt the same things throughout our 231-year history. From the days of George Washington encouraging troops whose boots were worn through by the winters of the Revolutionary War, to Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg address which urged “...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” These questions have demanded an answer, and our nation’s leaders have always inspired us through these most difficult times.

Yet, it is in times like these that our lives are transformed. Rick Warren, author of the best-selling book, “The Purpose Driven Life,” says this, “God has a purpose behind every problem. He uses circumstances to develop our character. ...Every problem is a character-building opportunity, and the more difficult it is, the greater the potential for building spiritual muscle and moral fiber.”

So for us, now is the time, and JTF-Guantanamo is the place for us to join the annals of U.S. History in defending freedom. But it is also the time and place that God is providing an opportunity for each of us to realize that He has a higher purpose for each of our lives.

I am convinced that none of us are here right now by accident. I am also convinced that God has a plan and purpose for each of our lives, and that He is using JTF-GTMO to shape us for those unique purposes. The question now is, will you begin to look beyond your current circumstances to the way in which God wants to shape you in the Crucible? ■

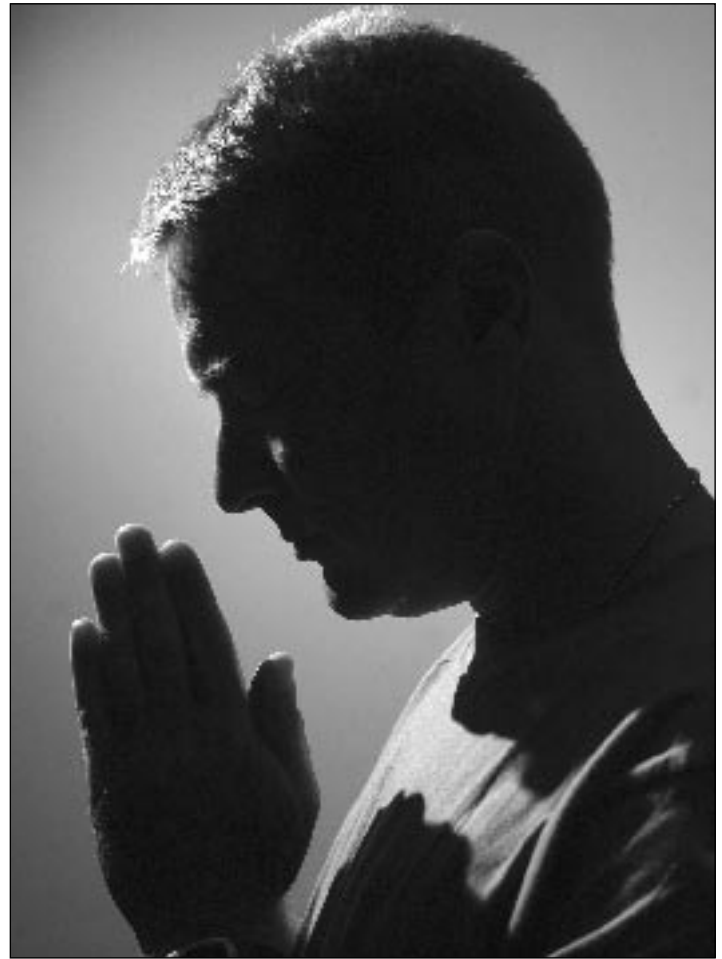


Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 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.	Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
Tues. to Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.

15 Minutes of Fame

with Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Deanna Kleine

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Stray bullets shatter the silent desert air as distant mortars split the earth and shake the ground our Troopers stand on. On distant battlefields Troopers face the dangers and stress of war firsthand. By their steely resolve, they ensure our liberty and freedom. Although there may be no danger of small arms fire or improvised explosive devices here, every Trooper here experiences stress. Be it the stress of being far from home, or the undeniable stress and danger the Troopers who serve in the detention center experience.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Deanna Kleine of the Combat Stress Control Unit knows all about the stress Troopers can experience here and offers both a

listening ear and advice to help.

“The most rewarding part of my job is providing a listening ear to the Troopers here. I want every Trooper who isn’t aware of the Combat Stress Control Unit, to know that we are here, and we are here to listen,” explained Kleine.

Although Kleine has only been in the Navy for less than two years, she has quite an impressive list of pre-military accomplishments.

“I double majored in both psychology and history. I also have a masters in teaching. After I finished grad. school, I worked as a teacher in New York,” added Kleine.

With such an impressive list of accomplishments, it seems Kleine would have opted to serve as an officer rather than enlisted. For Kleine, the reasoning behind

her decision may be complicated, but the result was ultimately satisfying for her.

“I started talking to a Navy recruiter and even though I had all the academic accomplishments, he basically told me that I didn’t qualify. So I investigated it myself by talking to an officer recruiter. I was 34 years old at the time and he told me that if my officer packet wasn’t accepted rather quickly that I wouldn’t be able to even enlist. So, he told me it would be best for me to first enlist and become

an officer later. I wasn’t happy at first, but the more I do my job, the more I find just how necessary it is to experience both sides of the military, both enlisted and officer,” explained Kleine.

Kleine uses her life experience and academic accomplishments for the betterment of the Troopers here.

“Although I know that I may or may not be able to relate to some of the things the Troopers share with me here, I’ll try my very best to help each and every individual who needs it,” said Kleine.

As Troopers here sit in Seaside Galley watching their fellow Troopers on that distant battlefield take on the daunting task of defending our freedom, it’s undeniable that although thousands of miles may separate them, they all share something in common. Whether it’s on the battlefields of Iraq or in the towers that guard Camp Delta, Troopers experience stress.

“It’s imperative for Troopers here to remember that though they may not share the same experience as Troopers in Iraq, that it doesn’t make the stress they feel any less valid. The job they do here is extremely important and if they feel as if they need to vent, if they just need a listening ear, feel free to stop by and I’ll do my best to help,” explained Kleine. ■



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Stress on the job for servicemembers is not restricted to those serving in a combat zone. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Deanna Kleine is ready to assist any Trooper at the Combat Stress Control Unit.

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Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lacy Hicks at ext. 3593.



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◀ Army Gen. John Craddock, the U.S. Southern Command commander, speaks to reporters inside Camp Delta about the three apparent detainee suicides committed early June 10. The incident is currently under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

AROUND THE JTF



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▲ Bill O'Reilly, commentator, journalist and host of "The O'Reilly Factor" on the Fox News Channel, signs a shirt for Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua M. Leathem, a Trooper with the 312 Port Security Unit.



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▲ Army Pfc. Alan Ball, Jr. of the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 525th Military Police Battalion, and Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Williams of the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion, conduct area beautification around Camp America, June 8.



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▲ Rafael David, from Del-Jen Corporation, uses a grader to level the thoroughfare in Camp America housing area, June 8.