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113th Infantry Patrols GTMO's Unforgiving Terrain

By Spc. Jody Metzger

By day and night, they move as one, like shadows scouring a foreign land filled with cacti and steep mountains of coral—past boa constrictors and iguanas and into the heat of the day. As the sweat rolls in a never-ending river down the masks of green and black camouflage—an infantry trademark—they walk in a wedge formation, communicating through hand signals—a communication that has transcended from the earliest times of war.

Consisting of four companies, the 113th Infantry Bn. has a multitude of tasks essential for performing security to the 45 square miles that make up Guantanamo Bay. Line units Bravo, Charlie and Delta are tasked to provide security for traffic control points, the towers and the patrols; Alpha Company is made up of headquarters support for the outlined missions.

Performing reconnaissance in the area, the infantry spends a vast majority of its training patrolling where the mounted



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

patrols cannot. The dismounted patrols go into the areas that have limited visibility, making sure every square foot is covered.

Dismounted patrols, or ranger patrols, are complimented by the mounted patrols. Mounted patrols are used for different

mission capabilities. They use able-bodied vehicles with machine guns for air defense; and other heavily-armed vehicles providing support for Troops in the area.

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Trooper To Trooper

Col. Hadjis Joins JTF as Chief of Staff

By Col. John Hadjis

Greetings fellow Troopers. I'm Col. John Hadjis, and I recently joined the Joint Task Force as Chief of Staff. I'm following Col. Tim Lynch who served you so ably for 14 months. Tim did a hero's job for our task force and the nation. It will be an awesome task to fill his shoes. I know you join me in thanking him for his efforts and wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as our Navy brethren say.

A little about me is probably in order. I am a career U.S. Army officer and May marked 22 years of service. As a career tanker, I have served in armor and mechanized infantry units in the Continental United

States and overseas in Germany and Korea. My assignment with the JTF marks the fourth time I have deployed in support of a national mission. I have previously deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and to Bosnia in support of both the Implementation and Stabilization Forces missions.

As the JTF Chief of Staff, my primary mission is to give Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, and his subordinate commanders and agency chiefs the staff analysis they require to make an informed decision.

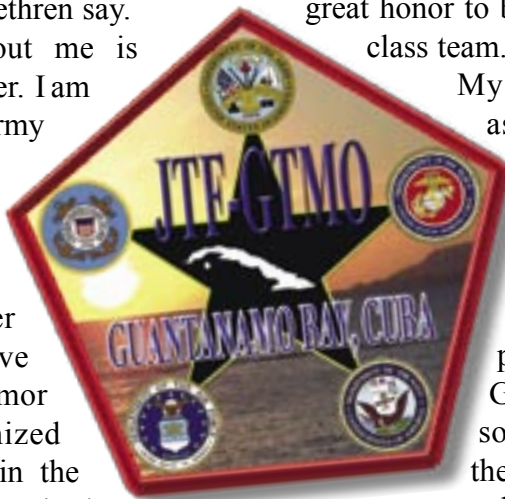
In order to help you understand how I approach things, I believe without perfect discipline and physical fitness, nothing else matters. Physically tough, self-disciplined Troopers led by non-commissioned officers who exercise their authority are my hallmarks for an outstanding unit. I can assure you that I have already seen those attributes in the Troopers I've met in my short time here, and it is a great honor to be joining a world-class team.

My most recent assignment was as a student at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island; so prior to coming to GTMO I've had some exposure to the Navy's customs and procedures. This

assignment is my first in a joint/inter-agency billet, and I am looking forward to learning about how other services and governmental agencies do business.

On a personal note, I recently celebrated my anniversary with my wife and children. For recreation, I enjoy Tae Kwon Do, reading and learning to play the piano.

After a year in school, it is great to be back doing the work of the nation. I look forward to working with each of you in doing our part to win the Global War On Terror. *Honor Bound!*



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'Virgin of Charity' Principle Patroness of Cuba

By Spc. Jody Metzger

Laden as a standard of religious belief, the statue, *La Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre*, also known as The Virgin of Copper Charity, exemplifies the strength that faith and heritage have on a culture.

This small, 16-inch statue is one of the most decorated sites in Guantanamo Bay. Its lineage dates back to the first conquistador. It is the very existence of a cherished, religious piece of history that still remains in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Alonso de Ojeda, the first Spanish conquistador, introduced the Virgen de la Caridad into the Cuban culture. Though the Spanish conquistador was driven out of the land by Indians, he left behind this art form of worship in gratitude for the Indians' compassion in letting him live.

Cradled in the fortress that rests on the side of Sherman Avenue, the structure draws curious onlookers to its pink walls. Encased behind a sheet of glass, a virgin with a golden cloak. She stands on a moon, three golden winged cherubs beneath her, cradling the Christ child in her left arm and holding a gold crucifix in her right. Three men huddled in a small boat are watching her from below.

The symbolic value of the statue represents two Indian brothers, Juan de Hoyos and Rodrigo de Hoyos, accompanied by a young black slave, Juan Moreno. They were the first people to bear witness to a sighting in

the year 1612. They tell a story of finding the Virgen de la Caridad amid the broken surf of her watery grave, bringing with her a magnificent origin.

Once they saw the image of the virgin with the baby Jesus in her arms and the words "I am the Virgin of Charity" carved in wood, they knew who she was, and they looked at her as an answered prayer. Ever since its discovery, the statue has entwined itself into Cuban cultural beliefs.

The Indians say "Ave Maria," meaning "Holy Mother Maria," a quick-spreading expression among the Indians, which later became known as "the Island of Ave Maria." The celebration of the Virgin Mary and her sacrifices is a religious epitome in the Catholic faith.

La Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre is celebrated each year, reminding the Cuban community of how they won their independence from Spain in 1898, making her their official patroness of the island.

The Cardinal Bishop of Hostia signed a document in 1916 declaring the virgin "principle patronage of Cuba." As years passed,

the sanctuary's construction inaugurated a movement of the statue Sept. 8, 1927.

Communism struck the country when Fidel Castro came into power, ending all religious actions. Two years later in 1961, the statue was smuggled out of the country, ferried by boat to the Miami Marine Stadium for safekeeping.

Still standing today are replicas of the statue in celebration of the strength she gives the people. Along with the religious beliefs that drive the Cuban culture, many within the exiled congregation offer their hopes and dreams to the Virgin in hopes of freedom from communism.

The strength of La Virgen unifies the Cuban people, bonding many exiled south Floridians, both culturally and spiritually. Perhaps the people find strength in the freedom of their hearts and minds.

Information from education.miami.edu and corazones.org contributed to this story.



Photos by Spc. Jody Metzger



Infantry Patrol Essential to GTMO Security

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Working several days straight of mostly ranger patrols, infantrymen need to uphold a strenuous level of dedication, given only a few days of down time—all in support of mission security.

During ranger patrols, patrol teams are designated to cover particular sections of the base. The Soldiers are rotated through different sections, allowing them a variety in their work.

With 17 years in infantry, Maj. Arthur Dibendetto, executive officer for the 113th Infantry Brigade, compassionately understands the fatigue of an ongoing mission:

“They do not have to spend eight hours at a time doing one particular task,” Dibendetto said. “Throughout the day they are switched every three to four hours, as it helps to add a little variety.”

“It is a real mission, particularly the dismounted patrols, which are strictly infantry,” Dibendetto said.

Training for the average infantry soldier requires a dynamic slew of tactical knowledge comprised of wedge formations, check points and Trooper care. “It is not just going for a walk,” said Sgt. Jose Malave of Delta Company, “It’s knowing where to go, where you are, how to get from check-point to check-point and knowing all the in-betweens, while keeping a constant watch on the perimeter.”

Dibendetto said he feels confidence in his Troopers, in both their experience and their training, dating back to the first seeds of infantry basic training.

“Through the experiences of leadership schooling,” Dibendetto said, “patrols are

Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger



really the foundation of an infantry Soldier. The biggest surprise is the terrain. The ground is made up of coral and really eats up your boots.

“You see how difficult it is to maneuver through the terrain, and you know this is where the reality comes back.”

The United States has one of the largest concentrations of some of the world’s most dangerous people here. That is why these Troopers train as they would fight, always remembering the fact that the enemy is “out there.”

“We go through all the patrols, and each time we do it, Soldiers take it very seriously so we don’t lose the concentration,” Dibendetto said.

With constant danger, one might ask why anyone would want to put himself through such an experience, day in and day out.



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

sions, said a group of infantrymen from Delta Company.

The devotion to duty amplifies their joy and love of the infantry mission, whether they are working days on end or taking a couple of hours off.

“Some people think that we are out there just running around, but they forget we are the front-line Soldiers,” said Spc. John Kosky with Delta Company. Kosky said he has nothing but love for what he does:

“It’s not just about shooting our weapons. It’s the decisions we have to make that mean the lives of our Troopers.

“Once you’re in the infantry, it’s hard to get out.”

“I don’t see too many units with the camaraderie that we have,” Kosky said. “When you build a bond with other Troopers,” he continued, “you know that he has your back and you have his, regardless of what happens.

“With other jobs you become friends, but in the infantry you become brothers.”

Some Troopers’ interests lie in infantry for several reasons. The excitement and thrill of the mission and the strong bonds that are formed throughout the ranks are among some of the rea-

Quiet Trooper Pursues Dream of Law Degree



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

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Marine Cpl. Joseph Daniels is a quiet Trooper, but don't mistake his reserved nature for a lack of dedication, intelligence and toughness. If you do, he will surprise you in every department.

Daniels was raised in the city of Thibodeaux, La., where he comes from a long line of doctors and lawyers. Both his mother and grandfather were district attorneys. It was Daniels' ambition to follow in their footsteps. "It runs in our blood," he explained, "I rarely lose an argument because I always do my research." When he graduated from high school at sixteen years old, he went to Nicholls State University, where he began studying government and history.

"I didn't want to be a doctor because I don't like blood," he said with a laugh.

Daniels was in the middle of his third year of college when one night a friend talked him into putting college on hold for a bit to join the Marines. "I think he was trying to sign me up for the bonus points," he said. Daniels didn't tell anyone he was leaving, not even his mother, until the day before he shipped off. It came as a complete surprise to everyone. "Everybody thought I had killed somebody or some-

thing, because I was just gone," he joked.

Despite the surprise, Daniels said his friends and family were all proud of his decision. "The Marine Corps is a proud thing; anybody who serves in the Marines should be proud," he said.

No one was worried about whether or not he would return to college, Daniels said. They knew he was mature enough to make good decisions. "They trust in me," he said. "After all, I have been living on my own since I was 16."

He had signed up to be a canine handler, but was assigned the job of corrections specialist. Though it is a far cry from what he wanted, Daniels said he could not be more satisfied with how he was assigned.

"Now I understand both sides of the law," Daniels said. "This is an experience that teaches me patience and will help me to better appreciate all that goes into the justice system. I know that this job has really helped me in my civilian career."

Daniels has earned rank and commendations very quickly, making corporal in just two years and three months. In the almost three years he has been in the Marines, he has earned three meritorious masts, a certificate of commendation, and two letters of appreciation.

When he volunteered for this mission, it was such short notice that he only had four days to get everything organized before the deployment. "I had volunteered to go to Iraq, but then they changed their minds and said they wanted staff noncommissioned officers only. I found out about this mission one day before everybody else shipped off. I volunteered right away.

"I just wanted to deploy somewhere. I hadn't been deployed yet," he said. "All Marines usually want to deploy; it's a thing we do."

When he's not working out, Daniels likes to keep up on his studies. "I'm going back to college one day-finishing what I started," he said. "I just put it on hold for a couple of years."

Daniels has a lot of pride in what he does and like all Marines, his branch of the military. "I chose the Marines because they are the best," he said without hesitation. "They train the hardest. I find it very rewarding; they always keep me on my toes."

It is a different kind of pressure than that of the courtroom, but Daniels said he feels that the strength he has gained in the Marines will be the biggest help to him when he is a lawyer.

Native Flora Brightens Bay

Look Closer to Witness the Spectacular Beauty of

Story and Photos by Pfc. Jessi Stone

When the sun beats down upon the bare, skeletal trees, reaching their ghastly fingers towards the brilliant sky—when the sweltering, moist wind carries clouds of dust and dirt across the horizon—Guantanamo Bay visitors get tricked into thinking that this is a harsh, cruel climate.

Upon first glance, the bay seems a place that perhaps once teemed with life but has long since burned up and died; now the ghost of something that once was teeming

with beauty.

A careful and observant eye can look past this illusion, finding all the color and splendor of a tropical paradise around the base.

Guantanamo Bay is home to a vast array of exotic, tropical plants that are both native and cultivated.

Perhaps the most vibrant of these is the Royal Poinciana. Its vivid crimson blooms blaze flamboyantly in May and June, reflecting its common name—Flamboyan.

Another common tree is the Cuban Mahogany, whose vast drooping branches grow right back into the ground, creating a twisted cage out of the tree's trunk.

The wood of this tree is cherished for furniture, and because of extreme overcutting, many species of mahogany are now in danger of depletion.

Along the beaches are willow-like, Sea Grape trees. Their berries resemble bunches of grapes and are often used to make jelly.

Other trees commonly found around base are the Royal Palm, Coconut

Palm and Nad Dinner Palm native to Guantanamo Bay here nonetheless. Also smaller, native palm trees.

Many fruit bearing trees here as well. Mango trees common, but avocado, papaya, grapefruit and lime trees

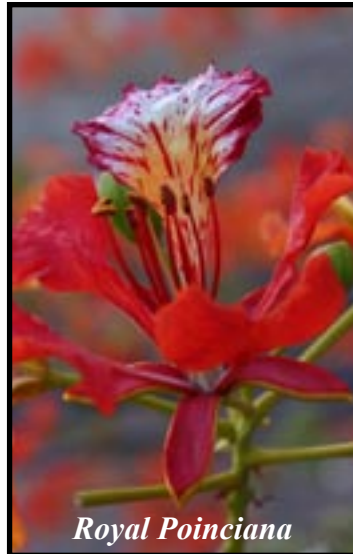
Because of the mild species of tropical here. Found often are bougainvillea, poinsettias, hibiscus, jasmine, gardenia. After the rain wildflowers dot the hills.

All the varieties of cacti can scarcely be forgotten, gloriously and produce edible. The root of the succulent, is also edible. Yucca is often confused found in here.

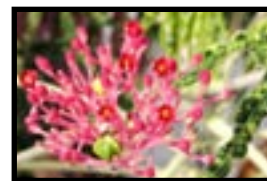
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Prickly Pear



Royal Poinciana



Coconut Palm



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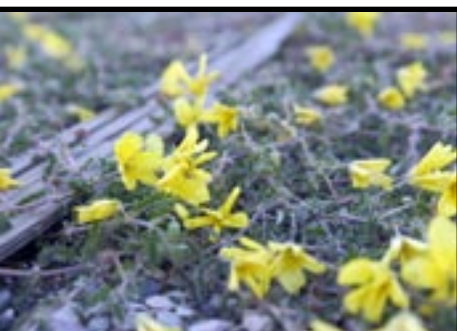
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10-Mile Challenge to Attract Troopers—Competitive or not

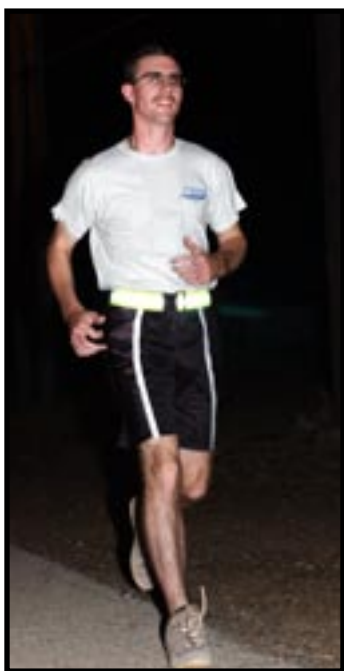


Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

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Beginning Aug. 22 at 7 a.m., the GTMO 10-Miler will stretch from the starting point at Cable Beach to a Windmill Beach finish line. With plenty of rolling hills and turns, the race will feature hydration stations every two miles and on-hand paramedics. Trophies and T-shirts will be some of the prizes for participants.

"I've never been much of a runner," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Dale Eads (see photo), religious program specialist with the chaplain's office. "I've been pushing myself harder every time I 'PT'," and the 10-Miler is "something I could challenge myself with.

"I'm hoping it pays off."

Some participants may feel finishing is a reward in itself.

Whether you're hoping to just finish or race competitively, distance training is a must. Novices preparing for a 10-miler need to run 30 to 35 miles per week, and competitors should double that, said Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde, winner of five marathons and the 2004 July 4 5K Freedom Fun Run here.

"Don't underestimate the difficulty of competing in a 10-miler—especially in heat and humidity," Hyde said. Being unprepared could potentially lead to a bad experience.

Lt. Cmdr. Linda D. Youberg, a physical therapist at the Naval

Hospital, said knee pain is the most familiar complaint of her patients with running injuries. Youberg said overuse and inadequate build up of often-unprepared muscles is what does the wearing and tearing.

Building up strength by gradually running longer distances will help prevent future injuries, she said.

Registration starts Aug. 2 at the base gym or Camp America MWR office (Bld. 2300). Buses will depart for Cable Beach from the Camp America MWR building at 6 a.m., from TK housing at 6:15 a.m. and from the main gym parking lot at 6:30 a.m.

The race will be followed by a Windmill Beach party.

Heat and Humidity Conspire to Dehydrate Troopers

By Pfc. Chris Gardner

Sweat drips down your face and heat-sweltered skin, drenching your shirt; your parched mouth and throat grow drier with each exhausting breath—and you still have nine miles to go!

"I lose four to six pounds of water in a 10-mile run in Guantanamo," said experienced marathon runner, Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde.

GTMO heat and humidity may spell possible 10-mile trouble for Joint Task Force non-serious hydrators.

Having once worked an entire day in the sun without water, Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Hill (see photo), general-purpose vehicle maintenance supervisor from Libby, Mont., said, "Sometimes you think you feel fine, but if you're not sweating, you're way past being dehydrated."

"A dry mouth is the last outward sign of extreme dehydration," said Dr. Thomas Stearns Lee, naturopathic physician certified with the American Board

of Naturopathic Medical Specialties. With time, thirst sensation fails, further increasing dehydration. Thirst sensations urge water intake, but all too often they trigger dehydrating fluid consumption instead, Lee said. Coffee, alcohol and soda fail to hydrate, and they even drain water from the body's reserves.

Headache, stomachache, chronic and low back pain, heartburn and depression are some dehydration warning signals, Lee said.

Water makes up about 75 percent of the body, and active individuals should drink 75 percent of their weight in ounces daily, Lee said. Certain climates (like that of Guantanamo) and strenuous activities call for another 32 ounces, nearly pushing the daily hydration requirement to 100 percent of one's body weight in ounces.

"You need to hydrate days before," said Navy Lt. Rebecca Gordon, speaking of the 10 miler. Nurse and division officer of the Primary Care Clinic at the base hospital, Gordon advised Troopers to



Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

hydrate at least three days before the run, drinking eight to 10 eight-ounce glasses of water.

Running washes out electrolytes such as salts, which aren't found in water, and adding a 32-ounce *Gatorade* is ideal when outside activity exceeds 45 minutes, she said.

Having run a marathon, Gordon recommends hitting each water station—It's a good move that'll cool you down, whether you drink it or pour it on yourself.

Information from naturodoc.com contributed to this story.

Spiritual Fitness as Important as Mental, Physical

By Spc. Simon Cropp

The days are hot already, but it seems there is a magnifying glass directly over Camp Delta, and the heat is scorching there. The days are long, and Troopers work hard to maintain professionalism and dedication while so far away from families. The word family takes on a new meaning to the Trooper deployed overseas. There are difficult times and even more difficult questions that pop up everywhere in the Joint Task Force, and sometimes a Trooper might need to look within for the answers.

Troopers are offered a variety of services to help them through difficult times, and some of those particular services are held every Sunday in the Camp America Chapel. There are numerous spiritual services offered in Camp America and all have been designed and located for the convenience of the strenuous lives of Joint Task Force Troopers.

There are physical and mental health issues for all Troopers, but there are spiritual issues too, according to Maj. Steven Herman, the JTF Deputy Command Chaplain here. Activities were designed to assist Troopers in finding their own spirituality. For example, every Tuesday is Alpha, a service dedicated to helping Troopers find their own spirituality through a video series. It is an intro to Christianity, Herman said.

“Spiritual fitness is as important to our mission as physical or mental fitness,” Herman said. “Church services are part of it, but also, it’s important to just develop faith in a personal way. If people can’t make the services, people can develop faith through personal devotions—bible reading—there are a lot of ways people get in touch with God, even if it’s to find beauty in nature.”

Wednesday there is “Soul Survivor” held at Club Survivor, which offers music, preaching and food. It has proven to be a good place for Troopers to come to a safe relaxed place away from the stresses of their everyday jobs while here in Guantanamo, Herman said. Every Thursday there is a service in which soldiers are invited to view a movie like *Star Wars* and then in a comfortable atmosphere discuss the spiritual themes behind the films.

All chaplains have an open-door policy and Troopers are always welcome to come

and discuss any moral or spiritual concerns they have. The services and programs offered are important too, Herman noted, because they help Troopers here at GTMO build relationships and make friends, providing courage and support during tough times. The environments are always non-threatening and non-stressful, giving Troopers something to look forward to.

“Every week I look forward to Alpha Course. It gives me that pattern and routine,” Herman said. “I look forward to seeing the faces and people every week.”

Herman said the chaplain services offer “a sacred time and space to help the Troopers cope with the demands of their mission here at GTMO. People need to get their batteries recharged; people need a break, and we offer that. When you come to church it’s like coming to a little piece of home.”

Also coming up on August 25th at the Seaside Galley at 7 a.m. is the Commander’s Prayer Breakfast. The first speaker will be the JDOG commander, Col. Brice Gyurisko, and the theme of the presentation will be the high standards of morals, values and ethics—all things that are important for spiritual fitness building.

People of all faiths, no faiths and uncertain faiths are welcome to attend the Commander’s Prayer Breakfast, and it will involve prayers for command, mission,



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

and fellow soldiers around the world. For questions, please contact Chaplain (Capt.) Kent Svendsen at extension 3242.

Troopers can take heart in the fact that there is always a place to go, stress free and away from the rigors of everyday life in GTMO.

Correspondence Courses Help Troopers Make Rank

By Spc. Simon Cropp

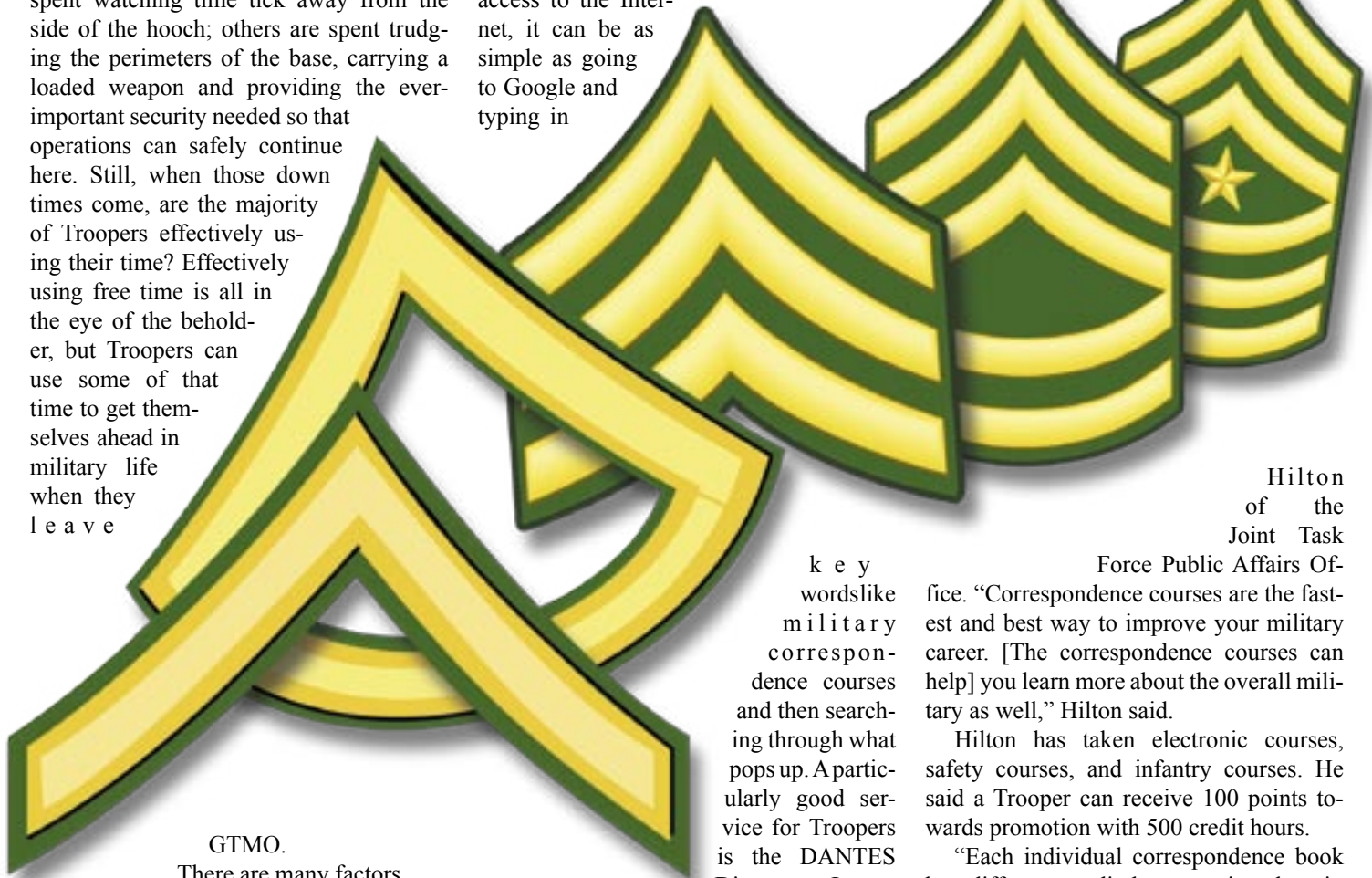
Troopers describe time spent in Guantanamo Bay in many different ways. Long days of hard work, lulls of no work—time is both fast and slow here. Some nights are spent watching time tick away from the side of the hooch; others are spent trudging the perimeters of the base, carrying a loaded weapon and providing the ever-important security needed so that operations can safely continue here. Still, when those down times come, are the majority of Troopers effectively using their time? Effectively using free time is all in the eye of the beholder, but Troopers can use some of that time to get themselves ahead in military life when they leave

Jimenez wanted to advance in his career and the correspondence courses were there to help.

The hardest question for Troopers is “where do they start?” If a Trooper has access to the Internet, it can be as simple as going to Google and typing in

Those who have benefited from the programs always encourage other Troopers to dive into the courses, including

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey



GTMO.

There are many factors considered when coming to promotions: Awards, college credits and time in service all play a factor in the tallying of promotion points. When all is said and done, Troopers often find themselves unprepared for the promotion they have worked hard to secure. The military offers a wide variety of means for a Trooper, not only to move him forward in the military world but can also help in the civilian world.

Many Troopers stationed at GTMO work long days and find little time for recreation throughout the week, and taking college classes is not always an easy task. Sgt. Julio Jimenez of J-6 said there is little time to complete work on correspondence courses while here and that without the support of his chain of command it would be even more difficult. It takes self motivation and Jimenez said, “I did it for the rank.”

is designed specifically for service members who have demanding schedules and need to get what they can when the opportunity presents itself, according to the DANTES website at dantes.doded.mil. The website offers a variety of courses. Not only can the courses help Troopers in their military careers but in the civilian side of things, as service members are eligible to work through a doctorate program with DANTES. There are plenty of Reserve and Guard Troopers stationed in Guantanamo and working towards a degree is a great way to spend spare time on the deployment to jump start military and civilian careers.

The DANTES Distance Learning Program is just one of many options available for Troopers. Many more can be found by searches on the web.

key words like military correspondence courses and then searching through what pops up. A particularly good service for Troopers is the DANTES Distance Learning Program. It is

Hilton of the Joint Task Force Public Affairs Office. “Correspondence courses are the fastest and best way to improve your military career. [The correspondence courses can help] you learn more about the overall military as well,” Hilton said.

Hilton has taken electronic courses, safety courses, and infantry courses. He said a Trooper can receive 100 points towards promotion with 500 credit hours.

“Each individual correspondence book has different credit hours assigned to it. Some of the electronic books I have taken are worth 40 credits hours. I suggest all Troopers start now regardless of rank,” Hilton said.

“I started when I was an E-2, and when it came time for the E-5 and E-6 boards, I was sitting on points that put me above all the others,” Hilton said. He went on to express how easy the courses were to sign up for online, and those who do not have access to the Internet can request the courses in hard copy. “You can do them in the bathroom, on duty, even while watching television.”

Hilton said, “Do not get behind on promotion points when it comes to correspondence courses; PT, marksmanship, and awards for points are great. Don’t forget that the military correspondence program is just as important.”

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... News ... Sports ... Entertainment ...

Aug. 6: The 9/11 Committee shakes up the presidential election by making its findings regarding homeland security key issues in the upcoming election.

Aug. 7: Will Smith expresses concern to a foreign newspaper about the current political climate in the United States and says he is considering making a jump from movies to politics ... An **aspiring politician** in San Francisco fakes his own beheading in an effort to gain attention for his political campaign and has expressed no remorse or concern about the incident.

Aug. 8: John Elway is inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in his first eligible year since retiring from the Denver Broncos after his second Super Bowl victory

... **Microsoft Network** rates the top 10 beaches around the world and strangely none of them are in GTMO ... A **trucker** is jailed after authorities found 17 illegal immigrants in the trailer of his 18-wheeler.

Aug. 9: England has reopened the position of an "official jester"; the job was given to **Nigel Roder** after he beat out the competition of six others—the job requires that he deliver consistently, embodying all aspects of a jester; however, the good news is he is in no danger of losing his head if he fails.

Aug. 10: **President Bush** rips Kerry for the democratic nominee's sudden change in regards to the war in Iraq—Kerry now says he would have voted for the removal of

Saddam even though he feels a clearer plan to vacate the country should have been in place ... The site of a **deadly explosion** during the 80s in Chernobyl, Ukraine is now being used as a movie set for an upcoming zombie film ... This weekend's top movie is the new **Tom Cruise** thriller, *Collateral*; however, its \$24.7 million take is a significant drop from other openers throughout the summer.

Aug. 11: British scientists receive permission to **clone human embryos** for medical research; this decision was made only a week after scientists in Japan were given the same approval.

Spc. Simon Cropp compiles the World-Wire weekly from a variety of print and

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Lord's Leadership Worthy of Following

Leadership is considered a very important commodity in the military. People will follow good leaders, even into battle. In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter four, we read a fascinating tale of leadership: *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me", Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.*

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

What was it about Jesus that enabled people to leave their old lives behind and follow him? It was not a fluke, for it happened not once, but twice in the above story, and many other times in the gospels, and it happens to this very day!

George McDonald wrote: "To be

trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved".

Often people who encounter Jesus deem him worthy of trust immediately, and follow him. He is worthy of our trust because He will lead us in paths for divine glory and human good. He is worthy of our trust because he offers to us a better way in life than we could find for ourselves.

The following words are carved on a tombstone in England: *Remember man as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I. Remember this and follow me.*

Someone replied in writing on the same tombstone: *To follow you I'll not consent, Until I know which way you went.*

From the gospel and from personal experience, we know Jesus is worthy to be followed. I have been trying to follow Him for 30 years now, and the times I have strayed were not due to his lack of trustworthiness but to my failure to follow. If you're looking for a truly worthy leader, look to Him.

-Chaplain (Maj.) Steve Herman

Padre's Corner

One of the most insidious human tendencies is procrastination. We tend to believe that we always have tomorrow to accomplish what we most likely could be doing today. The Gospel reminds us again and again that the Kingdom of Heaven is here. It is so easy to be lulled into a kind of sleep that keeps us focused on maintaining our comfort zones more than tending to the weightier matters in life. How is this for direct communication? "Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day the Son of man will come."

-Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.)
James Dowds

15 Minutes of Fame

... with Lance Cpl. Morris Vaughn ...

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

The Wire: Is this your first deployment?

Lance Cpl. Vaughn: No, I deployed to Kuwait from January 2003 to July 2003.

Where is your home station?

Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Why did you join the Marines?

I was sitting in the Air Force recruiter's office for an appointment, and the Air Force recruiter was late. Then a Marine recruiter comes by and asks me to talk to him in his office. I said "I really should wait," then he said, "Just hear what I have to say." After I talked to the Marine recruiter I thought no one in my family had ever been a Marine and maybe I should do it. I never met the Air Force recruiter.

Where did you graduate Marine recruit training?

At the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Did your parents attend your graduation?

Yes. My mom was crying and my dad was as happy as ever. He told me he was proud of me.

How demanding was recruit training? It was hard, but if you're athletic and in shape, it will boost your chances of making it. I was in shape. If you try to be a Marine and you're out of shape, chances are it's going to be a rough experience, and you might not make it.

Was there a significant physical change after completion of training?

I weighed 155 pounds when I started recruit training and I weighed 125 when I left.

What has the Marine Corps instilled in you that you didn't have before?

I would say personal discipline and self control.

Do you come from a military family? Yes, my dad was in the Air Force for eight years. He got out as a technical sergeant. I had

two grandfathers in the Army and an uncle in the Navy.

How do you feel about supporting the mission of the Joint Task Force?

I get to work with different services and see what they're all about. It's a new experience – and I'm all for new experiences. You only live once. And not many people get to go to Cuba.

How has your time in the military changed you?

It's made me more mature. I grew up a little faster. When I joined I was 17. I graduated high school a year early just to get away and move on.

Did you set any goals for yourself while

you're in the military?

I want to go on three deployments, be honorably discharged and start studying law enforcement.

Have you taken any classes?

I'm studying criminal justice at Carolina Coastal Community College.

What's the best part about being a Marine?

The respect. I see former Marines and they say "What you're doing is a great thing." I see (other JTF members) say "Wow. You're a Marine." You get respect from all the other services.

Are you planning to re-enlist?

I don't know. I've still got a year to think about it.

What would you say has been your best experience in the military?

I would say getting to meet new people.

What people have influenced you the most?

My drill instructors. They were top-notch Marines.

What inspires you to do your job?

I just want to succeed. I don't want to be a failure.

Are you a big sports fan?

Yes. I like New York teams: The Giants, the Yankees and the Knicks.

Did you play sports?

Yes, I played basketball and football in high school. I played tackle football and basketball in Camp Lejeune and here I played basketball.

When you were growing up, did you have any sports figures that you admired or idolized?

No. Everyone says Michael Jordan, but I try not to have any idols. I don't want to be like another person, I want to be better than those people.



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Friday, August 13, 2004

BAD TASTE BOWL-A-RAMA!

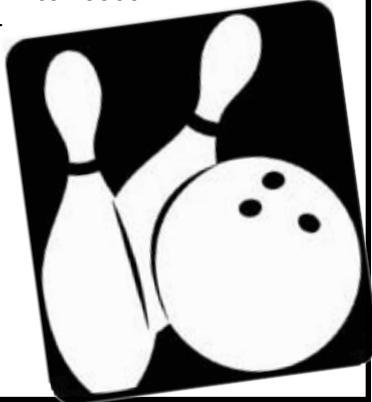
The Combat Stress Control Team is hosting a Bad Taste Bowl-A-Rama on Sunday, August 22nd, and wants YOU to participate! The event includes free food for all, free bowling for participants, free fun, and prizes. Prizes will be awarded for the tackiest outfit and highest and lowest team scores (no throwing of the game, please).

The competition is open to all Joint Task Force Troopers, and will

include a panel of VERY distinguished judges.

The fun starts at 3 p.m. at Marblehead Lanes.

For more information call 3566.



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Wednesdays and

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4A at Chapel Hill.

BUSES

Bus Stop Routes include the following stops. Not all stops are listed. Times listed are for every hour of the day (i.e. First Street - 12:00, 12:30, Ferry Landing - 12:17, 12:51, etc.).

Sherman Avenue

First Street - :00; :30
 East Caravella - :03; :33
 Marine Hill - :05; :35
 Post Office - :10; :40
 Windjammer - :11; :41
 NEX - :14; :44
 Bulkeley Landing - :17; :47
 Ferry landing - :21; :51
 Commissions Building - :23; :53
 Ordnance - :26; :56
 Bulkeley Landing - :28; :58
 NEX - :32; :02
 Windjammer - :36; :06
 Post Office - :37; :07
 Marine Hill - :41; :11
 Hospital - :48; :18
 Windward Loop 1 - :52; :22

Camp America/NEX

Camp Alpha - :00; :20; :40
 NEX trailer - :02; :22; :42
 Camp Delta 2 - :06; :26; :46
 TK 4 - :12; :32; :52
 TK 1 - :16; :36; :56
 Windjammer Gym - :23; :43; :03
 NEX - :30; :50; :10
 Windjammer Gym - :35; :55; :15
 TK 1 - :40; :00; :20
 TK 4 - :46; :06; :26
 Camp Delta 1 - :52; :12; :32
 Camp Alpha - :00; :20; :40

CINEMA

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

FRIDAY

8 p.m. *Two Brothers*

PG - 105 min

10 p.m. *The Village*

PG-13 - 108 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. *White Chicks*

PG-13 - 108 min

10 p.m. *The Manchurian Candidate*

R - 130 min

SUNDAY

8 p.m. *The Notebook*

PG-13 - 128 min

MONDAY

8 p.m. *Two Brothers*

PG - 105 min

TUESDAY

8 p.m. *The Village*

PG-13 - 108 min

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. *White Chicks*

PG-13 - 108 min

THURSDAY

8 p.m. *The Notebook*

PG-13 - 128 min

CAMP BULKELEY

FRIDAY

8 p.m. *Dodgeball*

PG-13 - 92 min

10 p.m. *The Bourne Supremacy*

PG-13 - 108 min

SATURDAY

8 p.m. *Two Brothers*

PG - 105 min

10 p.m. *The Village*

PG-13 - 108 min

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FOR THE RECORD

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. Please call Sgt. Scott Griffin at

3499 if you see an error in The Wire. In the August 6 issue, the 102nd Infantry Regiment was incorrectly identified as the 102nd Infantry Division.

MANDATORY DEPARTURE TRAINING!

Deployment Cycle Support (DCS) training is mandatory for all Joint Task Force personnel within 90 days of departure from Guantanamo Bay. The next three DCS classes are from Aug. 24 to Aug. 25, Sept. 8 to Sept. 9, and Sept. 21 to Sept. 22. The first day of class will be from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. and is required for active

duty. Both days are required for reservists; the second day will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The classes will be held at Trooper's Chapel in Camp America. Unit administrators should register their entire units and individual augmentees should register themselves by contacting Senior Airman Weems at 5040.

Joint Command Inspection

Over the course of the next two weeks, the Joint Task Force will undergo an Inspection of the Command. The Inspector General office is the point of contact for all information relating to this inspection. The inspection team is composed of Inspector Generals from Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and U.S. Army South (USARSO). It is further augmented by Subject Matter Experts. Inspectors will be on station from Aug. 16 to Aug. 27, 2004. Here are a few tips and guidelines for making this inspection as successful as possible.

1. **Be honest:** The team will be inspecting a number of areas within the command. If someone asks a question, give him or her an honest answer. If you are not sure of what they are looking for, ask. Honesty helps establish a good working relationship and further facilitates a successful inspection.

2. **Be flexible:** The

team may ask for information relating to your area of responsibility. It might take more to accomplish both the request and your mission. Both are important. Allow for extra time throughout the workday.

3. **Be upbeat:** A can-do attitude goes a long way. If you have conflicts with the inspector on areas he or she is looking at, do not argue. Inform your supervisor of conflicts. Most things are minor and can be corrected on the spot. Each inspector has an escort assigned from your section. That person is the point of contact for that area of the inspection.

This inspection is just another set of eyes and ears looking at improving our mission in Guantanamo. It further gives you and your counterparts at SOUTHCOM and USARSO a unique opportunity to build a solid working relationship. The results can only serve to enhance the ready posture of this outstanding command.

WORSHIP

CAMP AMERICA

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Bldg. 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Bldg. L001
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Thursday	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	Bldg. L001

NAVBASE CHAPEL

Sunday	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
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1 p.m.	New Life Fellowship	Main Chapel
Monday	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

For information on Jewish services call 2323

DINING

Today: Lunch - Fish Amantine; dinner - Shrimp Scampi

Saturday: Lunch - Creole Pork Chops;

dinner - Chicken Parmesan

Sunday: Lunch - Chicken Cordon

Bleu; dinner - Roast Turkey

Monday: Lunch - Roast Beef;

dinner - Chicken Adobo

Tuesday: Lunch - Pork Chops;

dinner - Stuffed Flounder

Wednesday: Lunch - Turkey a la

King; dinner - Sweet & Sour Pork

Thursday: Lunch - Sauerbraten; dinner - Scalloped Ham

Friday: Lunch - Beef Cubes; dinner - Seafood Platter

