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This is the time of the year when most of us will make New Year's resolutions to seek improvements or changes in our lives. Resolutions can be minor and others can be major and totally life changing. Some can even be very personal. Everyone should strive to make some sort of change to improve his life. There is a saying that "we are in life because of the choices we have made."

The list of resolutions can be endless, taking into consideration all of the many Troopers we have on this mission.

Some of the resolutions made before the New Year arrived have already been broken but it is never too late to start over again. Just because you slip back, doesn't mean you've failed to keep your resolution, just move forward and start again toward success.

Values make up most of our daily lives and should be included in every decision we make. Each branch of the military has listed different core values, but they are all basically the same. Resolve to live by the core values of your branch of military service.

Physical fitness should be one of the most important resolutions on our minds. Some Troopers have always maintained good physical fitness regimens, but they should resolve to continue on the same

path. Those Troopers who don't have a physical training routine should start a good PT program to improve both their physical and mental well being.

Safety does not seem like a typical New Year's resolution but we should resolve to be conscious of safety in everything we do. As we go through our daily routine we should consider our own actions, but we should point out safety violations to others as well. It is too late to say "you shouldn't have done that" after someone has been injured or killed.

Training and education is one resolution that should already be a part of our daily routine. Some Troopers have started some form of educational progression whether it's college courses, correspondence courses, Military Occupational Specialty or promotion courses. These programs may have been put off or put on the back burner, but they should become one of the top resolutions on the list.

If you have postponed your education, start it up again. If you have not, then start some form of learning program.

Bad habits are probably on the top of the New Year's resolution list. The list of bad habits can be long, but some common ones are tobacco use and alcohol abuse. While both of these habits are a form of addiction, they can be stopped. The Joint Aid Station, the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team and the Chaplain's office have programs and handouts to help with all of these areas. There are resources to help us curb the bad habits we've managed to acquire in our lives like eating poorly, gambling, use of profane language, tobacco usage and alcohol abuse just to name a few.

This is a new year and a new start to improve your life, the lives of your family, friends, Troopers as well as the JTF mission. Don't get discouraged by minor set-backs, but move forward and continue to work toward your resolutions. Seek help with any resolution you might have trouble with and when someone comes to you for help, resolve to help them in anyway you can. Good luck, strive forward and **HAPPY NEW YEAR.** ■

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Hail to the King

"I have a dream..."



By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

"I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation."

Time has proven that truer words could not have been spoken. It was during his peaceful march on Washington, in front of over 200,000 people that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963. It was to become the most famous civil rights speech America, and perhaps the world, has known.

Things were very different in America then. It was a time where segregation was the rule, and minorities did not have the same social opportunities as whites.

Today, serving in an environment as diverse as Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, it's hard to imagine that there was a time when the United States, and even the armed forces, was segregated by race.

Diversity is something that helps make an organization great. Our nation, and our military, is stronger today thanks to people like Dr. King, who led the call for civil rights and liberty, and for a nation that truly believes that all people, no matter their skin color, are created equal.

One can take a look at the JTF and see how diversity and joint-thinking is making our organization stronger as we call on the unique talents and specialties of each individual person and military service.

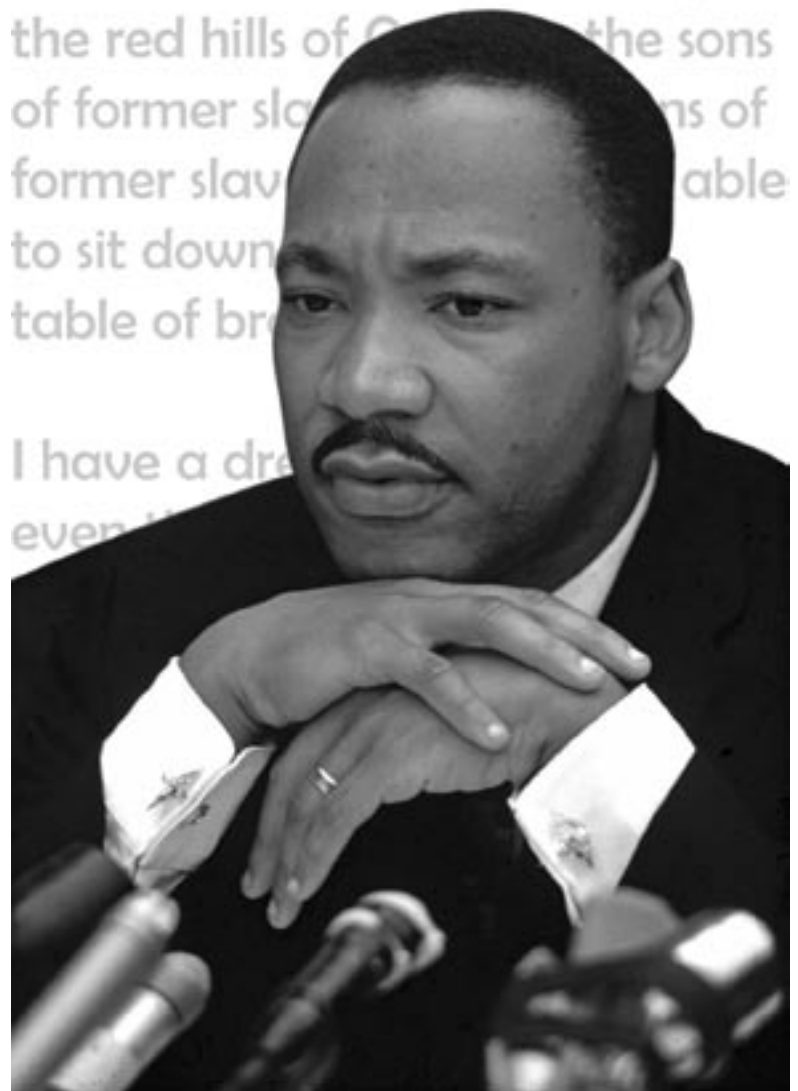
Embracing diversity is really about appreciating the differences between different organizations and people. Understanding these differences and being able to turn them into strengths helps frame a team model that creates a highly productive and capable community or organization.

Martin Luther King had a dream, a dream that has become an ever improving reality. Little did he know the realizations of his dreams would empower his nation, its military and much of the world to new heights. ■

...that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaveholders will be able to sit down with the sons of former slaves at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, the sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.



Navy creates new warfare designator

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Chad Halford

Fleet Public Affairs Center Atlantic

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) – Deputy Commander, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), Rear Adm. James Barnett pinned Navy Master-at-Arms Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew A. Tronboll with the first state-side enlisted expeditionary warfare (EXW) specialist insignia aboard Naval Station Norfolk, Jan. 9.

“[The warfare designator] is basically for someone in the NECC community. It’s a huge community [that was] without a warfare designator,” said Tronboll.

EXW qualification signifies that a Sailor is operationally competent and has acquired the additional knowledge that enhances the understanding of war fighting, mission effectiveness, and unit survivabil-

ity.

Tronboll, from Mobile Security Squadron (MSRON) 6 Detachment 25 completed his personal qualification standards ahead of many of his peers.

“It’s a fairly lengthy qualification process. That’s why I’m so impressed [Tronboll] finished so quickly,” said Barnett.

Tronboll was influential in the development of his command’s unit specific qualification, writing many of the questions and by becoming force protection training team member qualified.

In January 2006, the Navy created the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, bringing Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Naval Coastal Warfare, Riverine forces, Combat Camera Atlantic, the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support functions and the Seabees under

one umbrella. NECC integrates all warfighting requirements for expeditionary combat and combat support elements. This transformation allows for standardized training, manning and equipping of Sailors who will participate in maritime security operations and the global war on terrorism as part of the joint force.

“For more than 200 years we have had to project that seapower ashore. Many of these capabilities we’ve had for a long time. NECC gathers them together, makes them coherent and consistent,” said Barnett.

“I am a 26-year old first class petty officer who will probably never see a ship. I have no way to get a warfare pin, [because] surface and air warfare are not options for my current command,” said Tronboll. “The pin is definitely something we needed to do to become competitive.” ■

Security bulletin: Emergency destruction

By Frank Perkins

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

All commands must address the destruction of classified information in their command emergency plan, and must conduct emergency destruction drills periodically to ensure personnel are familiar with the plan and associated equipment. Commands should take into account the following factors to develop practical, reasonable emergency destruction plans: volume, level, and sensitivity of the classified material held by the activity; the proximity to hostile or potentially hostile countries with unstable governments and the degree of defense the command and readily available supporting forces can provide; flight schedules or ship deployments in the proximity of hostile or potentially hostile environments and the size and armament of land-based commands and ships; the sensitivity of operational assignment and the potential for aggressive action by hostile forces.

The procedures and methods of destruction are emphasized in the emergency destruction plan. It clearly

identifies the exact location of all classified materials. It includes priorities for destruction, billet designations of personnel responsible for the destruction, and the prescribed place and method of the destruction.

If more than one activity will use a particular destruction site or piece of equipment, the plan sets priorities for its use. The equipment used for routine destruction of classified material is a major factor in the development of the emergency destruction plan. The plan names the person who will make the decision to begin emergency destruction. It also specifies how this decision will be communicated to all other elements or units maintaining classified information. The plan also assigns priorities for emergency evacuation and destruction of classified holdings. Priorities are based on the potential effect on the national security should holdings fall into hostile hands. The priorities for emergency destruction are: Priority One—Top Secret materials, Priority Two—Secret materials, Priority Three—Confidential materials.

The point of contact for this information is Frank Perkins at ext. 9824. Mission first, security always. ■

AKO offers video messaging for deployed Soldiers

By Margaret McBride

Story courtesy Army Knowledge Online

WASHINGTON – Deployed Soldiers can now communicate with loved ones via video e-mail through Army Knowledge Online, the Army's intranet portal.

More than 3,500 video e-mails were created when the new option debuted Dec. 5.

"Thank you for allowing me to see my family. Your technology helps boost not only my morale, but thousands of Soldiers' morale," wrote one user.

AKO video messaging allows deployed active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers to create video messages on a computer with a webcam. The message is then stored on a server, and only the URL link is sent to the recipient.

Upon opening an e-mail, the user

clicks on the link to get streaming video and sound. The video-streaming software allows users to hear and view video e-mail even in limited bandwidth environments. The link can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

Instructions can be found at the AKO home page at <https://www.us.army.mil>. Users must follow DoD security measures used for standard e-mail, and webcams may not be used in secure areas.

Families with an AKO account can send video e-mails from home with a personal computer and a webcam. Many family support centers on military bases also offer webcams for families' use. In theater, military bases typically have webcams available at cyber cafes.

"Families no longer need to coordinate times to ensure everyone is available to see each other," said Gary L.

Winkler, director for Governance, Acquisition and Knowledge in the Army Chief Information Office/G-6, who initiated the project.

"This will help geographically separated families stay closer during deployment, and we also expect other benefits from this capability as users become more familiar and comfortable with it." ■



Network News

What is Phishing?

By Air Force 1st Lt. Jim Northamer

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Officer

Phishing. It's one of the most difficult threats to recognize and perhaps the biggest threat to our computer networks. Phishing is defined in *Webster's New Millenium Dictionary* as: "the practice of luring unsuspecting Internet users to a fake Web site by using authentic-looking email with the real organization's logo, in an attempt to steal passwords, financial or personal information, or introduce a virus attack; the creation of a Web site replica for fooling unsuspecting Internet users into submitting personal or financial information or passwords."

Typically, a phishing attempt will be an official-looking e-mail from an official-looking e-mail address that asks the recipient to click on a link, open an attachment, or reply to the e-mail with sensitive information (userid, password, SSN, etc.). If any one-person executes this request, the entire network and all the information residing on it can be compromised. Obviously, this compromise could

have dire consequences.

Many people assume that a phishing scam would be easily identifiable, but that's usually not the case. Successful phishing attempts are very difficult to recognize and sometimes even originate from a source within the network. The only effective defense against these scams are knowledgeable, skeptical network users. Any time you receive an e-mail that requests information, asks you to click on a link or file, or seems remotely suspicious, question the source and the intent of the e-mail. While there are obvious mission requirements to gather information, a skeptical user can oftentimes spot a phishing attempt, report it, and prevent a significant compromise from occurring. If you are ever in doubt about the authenticity of an e-mail, please contact the JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office and we will assist you in properly handling the e-mail.

The bottom line: phishing is a very real threat to our network. All users must be constantly vigilant when reading their e-mails. Be aware. Be skeptical. Be proactive. If in doubt, report your suspicions. If you have any questions or concerns about a computer security issue, please feel free to contact the JTF-GTMO IA Office at j6-ia@jftgmo.southcom.mil or ext. 3333. ■

National champions again

By Army Sgt. Maj. Oscar Diaz

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Sgt. Maj.

It was July 26, 1986 and it was the fastest knockout of heavy-weight champion Mike Tyson's professional career; 30 seconds against challenger Marvis Frazier. I remember it clearly, because I missed the knockout-punch and wound up having to watch the instant-replay. I was too busy making a sandwich, thinking the fight would at least go a few rounds. What a knockout-blow. You should have seen it. I remember thinking what a waste of \$39.95 (pay per-view.)

On Monday night the heavily favored Ohio State Buckeyes football team also delivered both an early and a heavy blow to the University of Florida Gators, 16 seconds into the game, by returning the initial kick-off of the game for a touchdown. The Florida Gators, unlike Marvis Frazier, got up, shook it off and withstood the early blow. The Gators also responded with bombs of their own by scoring on the next three possessions. Four seconds into the second quarter the Gators were leading 21-7.

The "Blackeyes" had taken ferocious hits and got the wind knocked out of them. It was evident they would not comeback. Jim Tressel was seen waving the white towel contemplating stopping the beating. At halftime, the Gators had rolled up the score and led 34-14. This bout was, in all reality, over. The PAC Ten officials could have, and should have, shown mercy, stepped in and called the bout over. Previously undefeated Ohio State never scored again and got a good old-fashioned whipping from the Gators 41-14 in the end.

Ohio State was clearly the number one team in the country going into the game, starting the season rated

#1 and going undefeated in the regular season 12-0. The first time in college football history that had ever happened. Also a first, the Florida Gators' Division one men's basketball team became the national champions, making it the first time a school has held the two titles simultaneously.


There was doubt, including from this writer, as to whether the Gators were deserving the number two ranking and playing in the BCS Championship. Many thought Michigan deserved the #2 ranking and should have been playing Ohio State again, as they played in the regular season.

The USC Trojans were on tap to play the Buckeyes, but got derailed by the UCLA Bruins on their last game of the season.

All the doubters who did not give the underdog Gators a chance today have no choice but to acknowledge the Gators are by far the better team.

The SEC versus the Big Ten Monday night was no match. The Gators were much too fast on the offense and held the Buckeyes to a BCS game record low of 82 yards on offense. The Buckeyes had not played for 51 days, since they beat the Michigan Wolverines 42-39, November 18, 2006. The Gators also had a long layoff, their last game being a defeat over the Arkansas Razorbacks in the SEC Championship game 38-28 on December 2, 2006. I have always felt there is too much time between the regular season and the BCS Bowl Games.

If there was one thing the Tyson-Frazier fight taught me, besides making sure the sandwiches are made prior to the fight, it was to never to spend \$39.95 on a fight that pits a huge favorite against a huge underdog. Lesson learned? Anything can happen between the lines on any given Monday. ■

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Last Week	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-2	2-2
Season	148-109	149-108	157-100	155-102	155-102
Divisional Playoffs January 13, 2007					
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Indianapolis at Baltimore	Baltimore Ravens	Indianapolis Colts		Baltimore Ravens	
Saturday 8 p.m. Philadelphia at New Orleans	New Orleans Saints	Philadelphia Eagles		Philadelphia Eagles	
Divisional Playoffs January 14, 2007					
Sunday 1 p.m. Seattle at Chicago	Chicago Bears	Chicago Bears		Seattle Seahawks	
Sunday 4:30 p.m. New England at San Diego	San Diego Chargers	New England Patriots		New England Patriots	

Pigskin picks winner announced

In a previous issue of *The Wire*, Joint Task Force Troopers were given the opportunity to make their own picks for the upcoming college football bowl games. Out of the submissions received, Navy Petty

Officer 2nd Class Charles Lovelace had the greatest accuracy in predicting the eventual winners and can claim the title of being a pro at pigskin picks. His predictions can be seen in the chart below. ■

Poinsettia Bowl TCU 37, Northern Illinois 7	TCU
Las Vegas Bowl Oregon 8, BYU 38	Oregon
New Orleans Bowl Troy 41, Rice 17	Rice
New Mexico Bowl New Mexico 12, San Jose State 20	New Mexico
Papajohns Bowl East Carolina 7, South Florida 24	East Carolina
Armed Forces Bowl Utah 25, Tulsa 13	Utah
Hawaii Bowl Arizona State 24, Hawaii 41	Hawaii
Motor City Bowl Central Michigan 31, Middle Tennessee 14	Middle Tenn.
Emerald Bowl Florida State 44, UCLA 27	Florida State
Independence Bowl Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31	Alabama
Holiday Bowl California 45, Texas A&M 10	California
Texas Bowl Kansas State 10, Rutgers 37	Rutgers
Champs Sports Bowl Purdue 7, Maryland 24	Maryland
Music City Bowl Kentucky 28, Clemson 20	Clemson
Sun Bowl Missouri 38, Oregon State 39	Missouri
Insight Bowl Minnesota 41, Texas Tech 44	Texas Tech
Liberty Bowl Houston 36, South Carolina 44	South Carolina
Alamo Bowl Texas 26, Iowa 24	Texas
MPC Computers Bowl Nevada 20, Miami 21	Miami
Meineke Car Care Bowl Boston College 25, Navy 24	Boston College
Chick-fil-A Bowl Virginia Tech 24, Georgia 31	Georgia
Gator Bowl Georgia Tech 35, West Virginia 38	West Virginia
Cotton Bowl Nebraska 14, Auburn 17	Auburn
Outback Bowl Penn State 20, Tennessee 10	Tennessee
Capital One Bowl Arkansas 14, Wisconsin 17	Arkansas
International Bowl Western Michigan 24, Cincinnati 27	Cincinnati
GMAC Bowl Southern Mississippi 28, Ohio 7	Southern Miss.
Rose Bowl Michigan 18, USC 32	USC
Fiesta Bowl Oklahoma 42, Boise State 43	Oklahoma
Orange Bowl Wake Forest 13, Louisville 24	Louisville
Sugar Bowl Notre Dame 13, LSU 41	LSU
BCS Championship Game Ohio State 14, Florida 41	Florida



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles Lovelace strikes the Heisman Trophy pose for the camera. Among all of the Troopers submitting picks for the college bowl games, his entry was the most accurate of predictions for the eventual outcome of the games. Although he doesn't win anything for participating, he has more than earned the respect of fellow JTF Troopers and football fans everywhere (that read *The Wire*).

**Cable Beach**

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**Windmill Beach****Glass Beach**

Joint Task Force Troopers are charged with a challenging mission here at Guantanamo Bay, but when there is some precious free time available, some may want to find a place to get away from it all. The beaches of GTMO offer an opportunity to unwind and relax in the sun near the tropical waters of the Caribbean Sea. Pictured here is a glimpse of what Troopers may expect when heading out for a day at the water's edge.

es of GTMO... scape from normalcy

Army Spc. Phil Regina



Chapman Beach



Hidden Beach Leeward Side



Philips Park Pier

The most wonderful time of the year...

By Army Spc. Phil Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

As winter's cold nights fade and the springtime sun hangs longer in the sky, there's one thing on the mind of every Trooper...taxes.

Filing your state and federal income taxes can be a painstaking process, but for the Troopers of the Joint Task Force, nothing could be easier.

The Camp America Legal Assistance Office offers Federal Income Tax filing services. You need only bring them your W-2s and they'll take care of the rest.

"Half of our staff is currently attending a tax filing school in Jacksonville. When they come back next week they'll be completely prepared for any tax issues you may have," explained Army Maj.

Tax \$ e a s o n

Kevin F. Phillips, the Legal Assistance Office officer-in-charge.

"Our aim is to make filing your federal income tax as easy as possible for the Troopers here. It's a hassle free process and it's free," added Phillips.

For Troopers who prefer a more hands-on process for filing taxes, Phillips recommends checking out www.militaryonesource.com. Starting January 15, the site will offer a free version of H&R Block TaxCut Basic online for Troopers.

Although Phillips' intent is for the tax preparation process to be as easy possible, for some Troopers it may be difficult.

"If you're a business owner,

or if you buy and sell stocks, or if you have any alternative means of income, then filing your taxes may be a bit more complicated. Just remember, we can help you through this process. As long as you bring all the proper documentation, receipts, business agreements, etc. Just remember to bring in anything that can be deducted or what may need to be accounted for," said Phillips.

"The deadline to file your taxes is April 15, but for Troopers deployed here there is an additional 90 days allowed. Even though you may have some additional time to file your taxes, it's still better to file sooner than later," added Phillips. ■

Successfully battling the summer cold

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steve Watterworth

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Treating a cold with medication, sweaters, hot meals and large boxes of tissue seems more than out of place in Guantanamo Bay. Even in January, GTMO enjoys summer weather as it does throughout the year.

The environment in which Troopers live and work is a combination of temperatures in the 90's and air-conditioned rooms. There are some whose job requires them to move constantly between the two, and everyone's body reacts differently.

"Many Troopers have been coming into Kittery Beach Joint Aid Station (KB JAS) complaining of symptoms related to the cold," said Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Holli Moak from KB JAS. "The most likely explanation for these reports is regular

hand-to-hand contact coupled with the travel of germs. The heat from a few weeks ago is gone, so the particles can't be dried and broken down further," said Moak.

A cold is defined as any disorder that persistently obstructs bronchial airflow. Doctors and pharmacists receive more questions about the common cold than any other minor medical condition.

The hot, dry and breezy GTMO days are ideal breeding grounds for the summer cold. When the rain comes, it literally washes away sickness in the air.

So the next time everyone around you has a cold, pray for rain to wash it away before you get it too.

For more information on colds and other medical issues, contact KB JAS at ext. 3395. ■

The history of JTF improvements

Troopers and detainees experience better living standards throughout the history of JTF-GTMO

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

From a rudimentary Camp X-Ray and “tent city,” to detention facilities modeled after stateside prisons and a recently renovated East Caravella housing development; few of us here today realize how far along Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay has come. However, there are still a couple folks here that have seen the positive progressions take place and are happy to say the quality of life is certainly improving.

“We are definitely moving in the right direction,” said Army Staff Sgt. Howard M. Funk, a Soldier who first arrived here three days before the first detainees did and who now works here for External Security.

Funk explained how many Soldiers used to live in a “tent city” near Camp X-Ray the first detention facility, and that there was a line of porta-johns set up instead of actual bathrooms. Now, we all know how hot GTMO can get and can thankfully only imagine how uncomfortable living conditions must have been inside of tents with no air-conditioners.

However, quality of life for JTF Troopers is certainly not the only thing that’s been improved here. The living conditions for the detainees have been moving in a positive direction as well. Initially, the first major step was to move the occupants of Camp X-Ray into, what was at the time, the newest built detention facility, Camp Delta. We are embarking on another major step, explained Funk; the moving of detainees from Camp Delta into Camps Five and Six.

With all that’s been accomplished here since the beginning in January 2002, it’s obvious that JTF-GTMO is dedicated to constant self-improvement. ■



Photo by JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

An example of the first living quarters available to Troopers assigned to the newly formed Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay. While lacking in most modern comforts, these tents served well enough during the early days of the JTF.



Photo by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

Cuzco Barracks, the latest example of improvements made to the quality of life for JTF Troopers, features single person rooms, air conditioning, newly added laundry facilities and many other accommodations that earlier rotations of Troopers could only hope for.



Photos by JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The above photos show the improvements in dining facilities from then to now.

Reunion Issue #4

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

Deployments are filled with good and bad experiences. The bad ones we would rather not remember or discuss. The truth is we need to talk about the bad experiences too. Often, we can't talk about them because of security concerns and because it is so hard to explain situations to people who are not in the military.

Chaplains, the Joint Stress Mitigation and Response Team, veteran centers and MilitaryOneSource can all provide a listening ear and referrals to agencies of support to "talk about feelings."

It is our fear of embarrassment, rejection, ridicule and legal actions that cause us to do the opposite of what is necessary and just to move on with our lives.

Our family, friends and loved ones don't understand why we don't want to talk about the negatives. They feel that we are shutting them out or don't love them anymore. The truth is that we want to protect them.

Seek professional and sympathetic support if you are having a difficult time adjusting to your stateside life. ■

Surviving Separation

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

My last articles action items were:

Action Item #1 – Communicate, Communicate, Communicate.

Action Item #2 – Don't Forget Special Occasions.

Action Item #3 – If you have children, visit the following websites for dealing with separation and reunion: www.guardyouth.org and www.militaryonesource.com

This week's is:

Action Item #4 – Accept and Share Your Feelings. Talk about both the good and the bad about your time away from your loved ones. Really listen to each other carefully. ■

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Jan. 13

Windy with scattered showers. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Windy/Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Sunday, Jan. 14

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Monday, Jan. 15

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80's, and lows in the upper 60's.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

with Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen's review of: "Eragon"

Eragon, the first book of Christopher Paolini's *Inheritance Trilogy* hit Guantanamo screens last weekend. It's the story of a boy, Eragon, and his dragon Saphira. They are discovered by an evil emperor who wants to either recruit or destroy them.

Fortunately, Eragon meets a sage-like old man, played by Jeremy Irons, who somehow knows everything about dragons and the evil emperor and leads him to the leaders of a rebellion against the evil emperor.

Besides being almost completely ripped off from *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*, the dialogue from the "wise" characters sounds suspiciously like it was written by a 15-year-old boy.

Surprise!!! It was written by a 15-year-old boy.

Paolini was 15 when he wrote this book and his parents published it from their own private printing company. It eventually caught the eye of Knopf publishing company and was republished in 2002 with much success.

For a book written by a kid, the story wasn't that bad, but it wasn't very good either. I admit I enjoyed the movie. It was a decent fantasy adventure, but it wasn't great.

I give this movie three stars. It's good, but because of the juvenile plot, it could hardly have been better. ■

- Eragon -
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Rated: PG

Duration: 104 minutes

Boots on the Ground:

"What would you like 24-hour access to here at GTMO?"



"Sour watermelon slurpees and a piano."
-Army Spc. Miranda Gonzalez-Fernandez



"Old Navy!" -Army Sgt. 1st Class Denise Jones



"Authentic Mexican food."
-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Elizabeth Avalos



"Twenty-four hour access to Havana."
-Army Sgt. Nestor Sequeira

TOO EFFICIENT SOMETIMES

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF Command Chaplain

I receive regular emails from a fellow chaplain, Charles Bailey, that he calls “Bailey Breads.” This is one of my favorites:

“With the gas prices rising and not much falling, vehicle efficiency is the hot topic among car buyers and current owners. Everyone is looking for more ways to cut the cost of fuel and to balance their budget to lessen the impact.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the

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carriage was a printed sign:

‘Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.’

I’m pretty good at being efficient in my fuel. I try to consolidate my store runs. I try to stay local. I

try to get discount prices when purchasing items from the store traveling on discount gas. I plan for future car buying to keep fuel economy as a high priority. I am quite proud of my efficiency.

Am I efficient in other parts of my life? I try to optimize, prioritize, and consolidate things I need to get further with what I have. Do I do the same things with my family? When my son is in the mood to talk, do I prioritize, optimize, and consolidate my time

and attention to this precious commodity? When a neighbor is in need, do I optimize that opportunity to help a fellow human being? When my wife needs to hear of my love, respect, and confidence, do I prioritize that moment above all else to deepen our relationship? How efficient am I in all of my life?

Maximizing my precious fuel is important but so are other things I sometimes allow to get low in the fuel tank. I need to fill up with quality fuel in my relationships with God and those around me. I need to fill up with the best distance fuel to keep life’s priorities at full throttle. I have stepped in the exhaust too many times and need to learn my lessons on what really counts.”

The environment and personnel at Guantanamo Bay changes frequently, like most military bases and posts. We need to give people a chance to adjust and “get up to speed” with us. As we prepare to leave, it is dangerous to become “relieved in place” – here physically, but not mentally. We can forget to share information and become irritable and unfair in our dealings with other troopers. The “Golden Rule” is still a good way to live your life: “Do to others as you want them to do to you.” ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	5:45 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
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Mon. to Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	4:15 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	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.

15:00 Minutes of Fame

NAVY LT. MARCELLE L. MOLETT

By Army Spc. Jonathan Mullis

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Does the thought of a live maggot wriggling its way down your throat completely disgust you? Are you gripped with fear when you hear about someone stepping out onto a thin wooden plank that's suspended hundreds of feet in the air just to retrieve a red flag in less than 9.5 seconds.

If these sorts of things scare or frighten you then there's no way you're material for NBC's television show *Fear Factor*. Many of us have heard of and even watched the show's repulsive and often dare-devilish antics. Some of us have even told ourselves that we could do it. That we could handle the physical and mental tortures devised by the show's producers. However, very few of us have had the chance to know someone who played on the show. And even fewer have met someone who won the contest and took home the \$25,000 cash prize.

However, once again *The Wire* is delighted to feature someone who has accomplished something truly extraordinary.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay's very own Navy Lt. Marcelle L. Molett was a contestant and ultimately a winner on the show.

"I competed in the Military Fear Factor where all the different services are represented," said Molett.

Initially, her partner auditioned for the show with his wife who was turned down.

"They told my partner that he could be on the show if he found a different person to accompany him. So he asked around and found out that I'd be more than willing," said

Molett.

Molett's biggest fear was one most of us could agree with . . . eating something that's still alive.

"I told my partner that I didn't think I could swallow

something that's still moving," said Molett. "Luckily, I got a pig's uterus," explained Molett in a matter of fact tone. "The trick to it was to just not look at what was in front of me."

As the show progressed and the contestants got eliminated Molett and her partner, Gervy Alota, proved to their friends, family and viewers nationwide, that fear was not a factor. However, Molett would tell you a different story. She feels that fear is always a factor, but what matters is your ability to overcome those fears and obstacles.

"I believe you should try everything once," said Molett. "Don't be afraid to take major steps; if you let fear hold you back then you will likely miss out on challenges and opportunities that will better you as a person in the long run."

Along with leading a life that could be described as

anything but typical or mundane, Molett loves the fact that she's serving her country. And while she hasn't completely made up her mind on whether or not she wants to make the Navy her career, she's certain that she will continue to work for the government.

"I just don't feel right leaving the service of our country in this time of turmoil," said Molett.

Words like daring and adventurous certainly come to mind when describing Molett. However, even more predominantly than those, is the concept of loyalty that she embodies. Taking on the challenges that life will always throw at you, Molett does so with a smile and a courageous spirit. ■



AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

State of Man the band, performs for Troopers at Club Survivor Wednesday.

*** PHOTO OF THE WEEK ***



Photo by Mickey Leonard

Mickey Leonard, a civilian Naval Station PWD employee, photographed Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Radtke, of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, as he swims next to a sea turtle in the thriving waters of Guantanamo Bay.



Photo by Army Spc. Charles Willingham

Sailboats float unoccupied in the waters of Guantanamo Bay as divers explore the reefs below.



Photo by Army Spc. Phil Regina

Navy Cmdr. Patrick McCann presents Air Force Senior Airman Ashley Sharp the Joint Service Achievement Medal.