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## Air Force Unit Called to Support Detainee Ops

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

As Troopers of the 1186<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company lined up for an open-ranks inspection, 13 members in their ranks stood out.

These members wear similar battle-dress uniforms, but they don't call themselves Soldiers. They don't bear the U.S. flag on the shoulders, but stripes in the shape of wings.

They are the Airmen of the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

The 439<sup>th</sup>, based out of Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., are the first Air Force reserve unit to support detainee operations in Camp Delta. Their arrival here also marks another first: These Airmen will be working as corrections officers for the first time.

During 2001 and 2003, the unit deployed members to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During those deployments, the 439<sup>th</sup> provided



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

**Troopers from the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron receive their briefing prior to assuming their duties inside Camp Delta.**

air-base ground defense and security. The 13 airmen, assigned as augmentees to the 1186<sup>th</sup>, will be working as block guards during their 90-day tours here.

“It's a different aspect of law enforcement,” said 439<sup>th</sup> Noncommissioned Officer In-Charge (NCOIC) Air Force Master Sgt. Marc Bourgeois. “We're used to being the guys that put handcuffs on somebody and taking them to a correctional facility, and now we're seeing the other side of it. We're getting insight on how another branch of service works.”

To prepare for operations here, the 439<sup>th</sup> members trained with Hampden County (Mass.) correctional police officers.

“Hampden police were very helpful to give us a great insight on how a correctional facility operates,” Bourgeois said.

The Airmen also trained with sailors and Marines at Fort Dix, N.J. The 439<sup>th</sup> also participates in an annual three to four

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# Trooper To Trooper

## Col. Lynch Bids JTF Farewell

I never thought I would write these words: Time to say farewell.

I came here 14 months ago, chosen by Maj. Gen. Geoff Miller from nine candidates to be your Chief of Staff. Next to commanding a mechanized infantry battalion from the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, I will remember my assignment here as the best experience of my career. I have grown personally and professionally, and am a better Soldier, leader and person as a result of your support.

What I will remember most are the folks I met and worked with. The Joint Task Force (JTF) turned over twice during my tenure, so I met and worked with about 6,000 teammates. It has been my pleasure to support you all, to learn from you and to work together to produce results we can be proud of.

Some folks deserve special mention. First, I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Geoff Miller for hiring me on and having the patience to endure my mistakes. Next, Brig. Gen. Mitch LeClaire deserves thanks for his support and leadership and for putting up with my 5 mile run briefings each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Command Sgt. Maj. George Nieves, then Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles deserve thanks for mentoring me, as all fine command sergeants major should. Next, the G-7, including Mr. John Antonitis, Mr. Steve Rodriguez, Col. (P) Jerry Cannon, Mr. Grant Mendenhall, Mr. Bob Watson, Mr. Tim Wall all deserve thanks for their support. They are the real leaders, and I was proud to support them. In the command group front office, Maj. Trey Rutherford, Sgt. Heather Best and Capt. John Piotrowski deserve kudos for their examples, leadership and contributions to the JTF's success. In the medical arena, Capt. Al Shimkis, then Capt. Steve Edmondson and Capt. Barney Barendse became superb team members in their support from the NAVBASE Hospital. Capt. Les McCoy and his deputy NAVBASE commanders all supported the JTF in fine fashion. Our lawyers, including Lt. Col. Mike Boehman and Lt. Col. Randy Keys kept us on the straight and narrow too many times to count. Capt. Jason Orlich and Capt. Sean Wilson performed superbly, both in the Wire and at Rick's. Our unsung interrogator will always be thought of as one of the best contributors to the Global War on Terrorism. Lt. Col. Steve Westphal performed admirably as one of the best operations officers I have worked with. Cmdr. Jim Andrews led a superb port security unit. And Cmdr. Ed Conti, Cmdr. Eric Denfeld, and the JTF engineer and NAVBASE public works staffs built quality products to support the

JTF for a long time to come. Capt. Paul McNeil and Col. Vaughn Caudill turned in superb efforts as our J4 and J8. Ms. Rudy Sammons solved our housing problems. Finally, the JTF J6 folks, led by Lt. Col. Dan Nickerson and other quality USAF leaders, brought us into the information age. I could go on and on, for there are heroes everywhere in the Joint Intelligence Group, the Joint Detention Operations Group and the Joint Medical Group that deserve my thanks, and that of the JTF.

Folks outside the JTF deserve mention also. Mr. Tom O'Connell, Mr. Paul Butler, Mr. Al Liotta, Ms. Caitlin Delaney, Ms. Alissa Stack-O'Connor, Counselor Eliana Davidson and Col. Tony Fortune provided us quality support from their lofty perch in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Low Intensity Conflict. Col. Barry Coble from the Joint Staff and Capt. (S) Kirk Lippold did yeoman service. Brig Gen Mike Lehnert, Mr. Bill Peterson, Col. Dave McWilliams, Col. Kat Stone, Col. Mace Crow, Mr. Steve Justus, Mr. Steve Swanson, Lt. Col. Gary McClendon and Lt. Col. Tracey Sanders all contributed immeasurably from their USSOUTHCOM foxholes. Again, there are others, too numerous to mention.

The JTF has come a long way. It is time for the GTMO 5 Team to take the JTF to a higher level. You face daunting challenges – tribunals, administrative review boards, habeas corpus hearings and commissions. You will be asked to do more with less, all the while conducting quality, humane detention operations and continuing to gain strategic intelligence in order to win the Global War on Terrorism. I am confident Brig. Gen. Hood, the new G-7, and the rest of the GTMO 5 Team are more than ready to meet these challenges. Please give Col. John Hadjis, the new Chief of Staff, your best efforts. He is a great Soldier/leader, and I am sure he will do well.

Again, I am humbled by the support everyone gave me in the past 14 months. All the successes were yours. All the mistakes on my watch were mine alone. I am better for having served with you. It has been such a great honor to be a part of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo team. I will miss you all. Best of luck as you forge ahead. I am confident you will do well. Mahalo Nui Loa for everything. A Hui Hou Aku.

And may you all always remain - Honor Bound To Defend Freedom.

**Col. Tim Lynch, former JTF-GTMO Chief of Staff, HONOR 07 Ancient**

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# Standing Out at JTF-GTMO: Spit On 'Em and Iron It!

By Pfc. Chris Gardner

Whether you use shaving cream or rubbing alcohol to strip them, panty hose, brown underwear or cotton balls and Kiwi to polish them or water or fire to shine them, glimmering boots coupled with a tight proudly-worn uniform may be the missing ingredient in your current "soup sandwich" situation of non-promotion.

Senior enlisted leaders offer advice on standing out for advancement.

"Impressions last—bad ones longer than good ones," said

... Here is someone who takes pride in his service and his personal appearance ... someone who is looking to advance in our organization.

"Those who don't maintain their uniforms are folks who have other 'more important' things to do."

On panels and boards, in station or

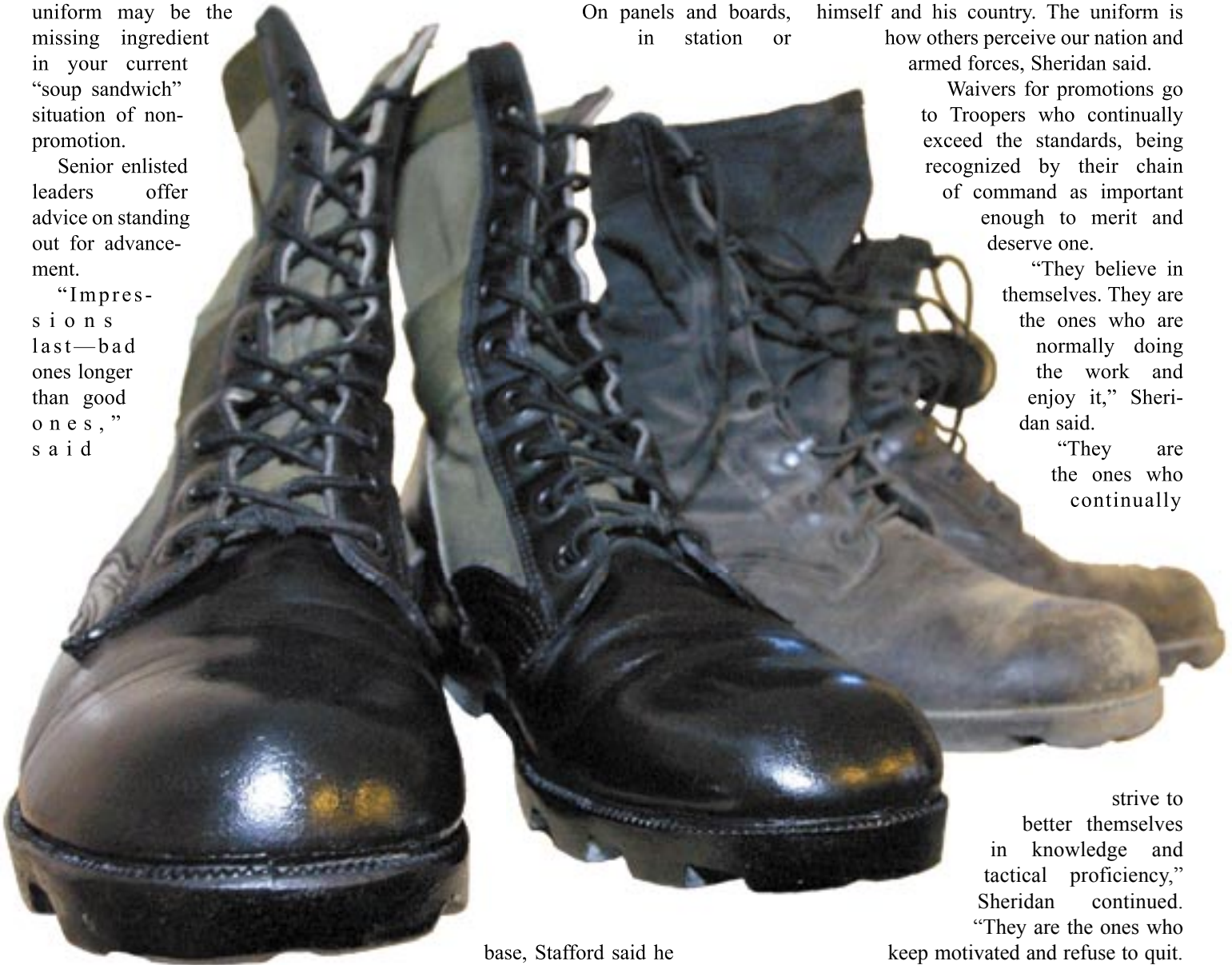
Said Sheridan, the first sergeant, "Leaders lead from the front and set the example." Junior leaders want to succeed, he said.

A Trooper whose boots are gleaming and whose uniform is free of wrinkles and dangling strings is one who takes pride in himself and his country. The uniform is how others perceive our nation and armed forces, Sheridan said.

Waivers for promotions go to Troopers who continually exceed the standards, being recognized by their chain of command as important enough to merit and deserve one.

"They believe in themselves. They are the ones who are normally doing the work and enjoy it," Sheridan said.

"They are the ones who continually



Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Christopher P. Sheridan. "First impressions count and are remembered."

Making an extra effort on your appearance will jump you to the front half of the line in promotions, he said.

Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer John R. Stafford with the Pacific Area Port Security Unit Detachment called it, "taking the time to square away their appearance.

base, Stafford said he notices who takes pride in his uniform by the way he wears his cover, by the dust on his boots—today's or yesterday's—and by the buttoned or unbuttoned pockets.

Strings and lanyards tell me a person can't dress himself properly, Stafford said. "I'm going to be reluctant to look at them as achievers. ... You never know when the captain ... may come around the corner. You've got to look sharp any time you are in uniform."

strive to better themselves in knowledge and tactical proficiency," Sheridan continued. "They are the ones who

keep motivated and refuse to quit. They are the ones who PT to standard. They are the ones who ask for another mission. They are the ones who train to standard. They are the ones who take care of their Soldiers.

"They are the ones who stand out for promotion."

Universal truth: you can tell a lot about a Trooper by the boots he wears and the way he shines them. You can take that to the grave, period.

## Security Forces: "It's a Whole New Experience"

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week combat defense training, which takes its lessons from the Army Infantry manual. The training involves combat patrols, heavy weapons, ambushes, defensive maneuvers and land navigation.

Each of the unit's members volunteered for this assignment and say they relish the chance to work with members of other services and participate in the Joint Task Force's unique mission.

"I think it's awesome to get the chance to come in and be part of something in the making," said Bourgeois.

"It's a whole a new experience," said Tech. Sgt. Dan Ernst. "We welcome it here. We're up for the job, and I'm just glad for the opportunity. You don't see the Air Force coming into situations like this too many times. We can show we're just as good as everyone else."

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class James Frank, 1186<sup>th</sup> platoon sergeant, said the Airmen have seamlessly taken on their duties.

"It seems like they catch on real

quick," Frank said. "They're very professional. They're doing a good job. They integrate with us real well. It was a smooth transition."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

439th Security Forces Troopers prepare for duties inside the wire.

## Cannon Departs; Gyurisko Assumes Command

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

There comes a time when everyone must say goodbye to the things they have known and been working for and go back to their homes.

For Col. Nelson Cannon, commander of the Joint Detentions Operation Group, that moment was the change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. Friday at Bulkeley Field, where Col. Brice A. Gyurisko assumed command of JDOG from Cannon.

"Being a commander is an opportunity one should never pass up," Cannon said in his farewell speech. "It is a special time, and it's a special relationship. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as JDOG commander this past year."

As he spoke to the Troopers, he expressed his great pride in all of them, how honored he was to have served with them, and even sadness at having to leave.

But, Cannon explained, change

is precisely the thing that keeps the JDOG and JTF strong.

"I want to thank the JTF for making this the best year in my military career," Cannon said. Turning, to Gyurisko, Cannon assured him "You are going to have the ride of your life!"

Gyurisko took the podium with enthusiasm, smiling at Troopers. "You guys look good out there." He complimented them first thing.

Gyurisko, who worked in The Pentagon prior to coming to Guantanamo Bay, began his speech with a joke. "They have a saying in The Pentagon ... Any day out of The Pentagon is a good day. And today is a terrific day, and folks; it just doesn't get any better than this."

Gyurisko was excited and optimistic as he introduced himself to the JTF and made sure everyone knew how thrilled he is to be part of this mission.

"I have learned in just a few

short days that we are truly in the fight, make no mistake about that," Gyurisko said.

"Command of our Nation's most precious assets—her sons and daughters—is a distinct honor and privilege. ... I am deeply humbled and thankful for his opportunity and promise to do my very best."

Throughout the ceremony, much of the focus was on pride in the Troopers and all the work they have done and will continue to do.

"I want to let you know," Gen. Jay Hood said, "just how much I appreciate every sally port opened, detainee moved, tower occupied, patrol run, meal fed, weapon cleaned and Honor Bound spoken."

Gyurisko made a vow: "I pledge to you my unwavering support to help you do your mission. ... I am truly excited about this mission."

The ceremony was steeped with pride, honor and hope for the future as another day dawned at Guantanamo Bay.

# JTF Troopers Handle Media, Document JTF Life

By Spc. Simon Cropp

Just outside of the formation, or beyond the edges of a unit training and preparing to deploy, stands a Trooper with a camera, always present and often not quite far enough out of sight to completely forget.

The Trooper is a member of Public Affairs, a word known Army-wide, but often not fully understood. Recently the 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) arrived in Guantanamo Bay in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 128<sup>th</sup> MPAD has covered missions from Operation Joint Endeavor in Germany all the way to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, according to Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gordon Hyde, the broadcast Non Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the 128<sup>th</sup>, and now GTMO.

The 128<sup>th</sup> is made up of two detachments, one side from Utah and one side from Colorado, and on a deployment the two sides come together and form a team of about 20 Troopers, Hyde said.

"Typically the unit will then break into three sections—a command and administration section, a broadcast section, and a print section," Hyde said.

These sections cover everything from supply to video news stories being sub-

mitted to the Pentagon News Channel to publishing *The Wire*, the Joint Task Force newsletter. However, in this specific deployment, Hyde said, it was necessary for two more additional sections to be added into the mix—media relations and public information.

The NCOIC of the public information section from the 128<sup>th</sup> MPAD, Sgt. Scott Faddis, said he is responsible for ensures that the JTF website stays up and running and that news stories about and photographs of individual Troopers are sent to civilian media so those stories can be run by local news outlets.

"I feel my job here is extremely important because it helps to get the story of the MPs and the infantry back home," Faddis said. "These Troopers are working hard every day guarding detainees and keeping us safe while we're here, and it is so important to be able to send their positive stories home."

Sgt. Salvador Bonilla works in the media relations section (see related story on Page 9).

"Given the overwhelming interest the media shares worldwide in the detainees being held here, it was required for us to set up a section which deals specifically



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

with getting the media on the base, escorting them throughout their stay, working out transportation and lodging for them and then getting them safely back home," Bonilla said.

"We are basically the middleman," Bonilla says. "We have all the contacts the civilian media needs while on the island. If they need to go in the *Wire* then we know who to contact to facilitate their requests."

Bonilla also acknowledged the wide variety of skills the unit brought with them when they deployed. "We have Troopers in this unit who are award-winning journalists, firemen and college students," Bonilla said. "We are all very diverse for such a small group of people."

Despite being such a small unit with so much to do, Bonilla feels the unit has really come together to perform the mission.

"Between putting out *The Wire* every week, putting together video news stories, escorting media, maintaining the JTF website, and sending home news releases about Troopers here, we are very busy," Bonilla said. "I've been extremely impressed with how well our unit stepped into the role."



Photo by Spc. Jody Metzger

**Sgt. Salvador Bonilla, Media Relations NCO, and Spc. Simon Cropp, Broadcast Journalist, prepare to shoot video of a recent change of command ceremony at Bulkeley Field (above). Sgt. Scott Griffin, The Wire Newsletter NCOIC, takes photos of a family's visit to a memorial near the pottery and ceramics center (top).**

# Port Security Unit Provides Waters

Story by Spc. Jody Metzger

Standing at the ready, boat rolling hard beneath his feet as waves crash against it, wind tearing at the crew as they race across the water at terrifying speeds, the Trooper looks through the 50-caliber machine gun, watching, waiting, prepared.

The Pacific Area Port Security Unit (PSU) Detachment arrived at Guantanamo Bay about two months ago, replacing the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety and Security Team 91110.

Pulling from a variety of experience and geographic origins this PSU is made up mostly of reservists drawn

from the Coast Guard's Pacific Area as far away as Guam, Hawaii, Washington and Oregon and almost half of the contingent is from California.

From firefighters, law enforcement officers, carpenters, high school teachers and computer technicians to the mechanics and engineers this specialized group has set the standards for



Photo by Sgt. Scott Griffin



Photo by Sgt. Scott Griffin



An essential mission, the PSU provides protection to key U.S. warship vessels in foreign

They protect as assaults by refugees who capture the Cuban four enlisted personnel includes a boat technician or pilot

The boat of visible element to the PSU protection to vessels in several areas, internal unit needs security center, communication center, entry control points (ECP), (VPC) and traffic control/vessels to the security division, a PSU that is not readily

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# Waterside Protection for Guantanamo Bay



visible but equally important.

The PSU's have an arsenal of weaponry at their fingertips to provide security for the harbor. The Boston Whalers — known as the “unsinkable boat”—are the mission platform for defense operations such as search and rescue, protection and law enforcement.

Each PSU has several fast, maneuverable Transportation Security boats (TPSB) armed with mounted machine guns in addition to the crew's personal weapons.

The Coast Guard originated in 1716 with state-run lighthouses in the original 13 colonies.

Known at the time as “guardians of the light and surf rescuers,” the branch of service flourished with the federal government's need for coastal security.

The Coast Guard's missions are to promote safe use of the sea and navigable waters by regulating ship movements, maintaining aids to navigation, documenting sea-service workers and cargo and maintaining security in ports and harbors both in and out of the continental United States.

Multi-service training is something the Coast Guard is accustomed to. For example, Army engineers erected many of the lighthouses on our coasts and keep navigational waterways open.

From Army to Air Force, Navy to Marines, the Coast Guard has participated in many Joint Task

Force missions.

The Coast Guard has actively supported major operations worldwide through Operation Iraqi Freedom with law enforcement detachments, port security units, harbor defense commands and six 110-foot Island Class Patrol Boats in the Persian Gulf.

Currently, the Pacific Port Security Unit is serving in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and view this as an opportunity to “contribute to national security to hone their military skills and to work with a great team of professionals from other services,” Pacific Area Port Security Unit Detachment Command Master Chief J.R. Stafford explains. “We too, are Honor Bound not only to Defend Freedom, but also to our Coast Guard motto, to remain ‘Semper Paratus’ –Always Ready!”

Senior Reserve Officer for the Pacific Area, Rear Adm. Duncan Smith arrived July 24 in support of his pacific command elements and also to welcome the next Chief of Staff, Capt. Douglas Ash, to Guantanamo Bay.

“This is a classic mission for waterside security, one of the missions we are suited to do and what we train for,” Smith said. “Since 9/11 we have had a lot of increased security.”

Coming to another crossroads in military history, the Coast Guard celebrates its 214<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Aug. 4.

Command Master Chief Stafford looks forward to the next year for the Coast Guard. “I'm hopeful that our message to the American public that the Coast Guard is the ‘Shield of Freedom’ resonates in the hearts of our young men and women throughout the country and they join us as we fulfill our various missions.”

Photo by Sgt. Scott Griffin



# SPORTS WIRE

## Supplements: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By Pfc. Chris Gardner

Nutritional supplements can help Troopers make weight and strength gains—but some supplements could be dangerous and some are banned by the Joint Task Force (JTF).

Since April 12, 2004, the herbal supplement ephedra has been banned in the United States. The Food and Drug Administration received reports of more than 155 deaths and 16,500 complaints in connection with the supplement.

Known as ephedra herb powder, ma huang, psuedoephedrine, epitonin, Chinese ephedra and ma huang extract, ephedra is a fat-burning energy booster for workouts but can cause strokes, seizures and heart attacks, researchers say.

Another supplement to avoid is androstenedione, also called androstene or andro. Andro fans use the supplement to get gains in muscle mass, strength and athletic performance through increased testosterone levels. But alleged side effects include hair loss, facial hair growth in women, impairment of the reproductive system, prostate enlargement, testicle shrinkage, breast growth and infertility in males, acne, mood swings, irritability, aggressiveness, tight throat and chest, chest pain and hives.

Some examples of popular weight training supplements that are not off-limits to Troopers are creatine, nitric oxide, amino acids and protein powder.

Creatine pulls water into muscle cells, instigating water retention and adding size to muscles.

Consumed as a weight-gaining supplement, creatine is naturally produced in the kidneys, liver and pancreas and is

mostly stored in the muscles in the form of phosphocreatine.

Meat and fish are a great natural source of creatine, and supplemental creatine can help to complement or fully replace it.

Through a chemical breakdown of adenosine tri-phosphate (ATP), the average body is capable of creating only 10 to 15 seconds of immediate energy, as opposed to carbohydrate and fat energy. By stimulating further production of ATP, creatine heightens energy-level surges for weightlifting and sprinting, for example, consequently lengthening endurance.

Loading phases are often unnecessary, but cycling on and off of creatine remains important. Liquid creatine assimilates faster than powder and should be taken 20 to 30 minutes before working out, as opposed to one hour prior with powder.

Another supplement is nitric oxide, also called NO<sub>2</sub>. Discovered in the 1980s, this gas is instantaneously present at the moment when muscles contract and blood vessels dilate. This hemodilation widens blood channels (vessels and capillaries), allowing delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the muscles.

Natural levels of NO<sub>2</sub> create a “pumped” sensation that ends shortly after the workout. Forcing blood channels open, NO<sub>2</sub>-supplement proponents claim a “perpetual pump,” lasting several hours after weightlifting.

Hemodilation causes delivery of more oxygen and nutrients, leading claims to new muscle growth, greater strength and decreased recovery time.

The FDA does not regulate nor monitor the production of dietary supplements.



Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

**Oneil Adams, a sales clerk at the Camp America NEX shoppette, inventories the store's supply of nutritional supplements.**

Supplemental purity should always remain questionable. Overuse of any nutritional supplement or food can lead to kidney, liver and other damage.

High levels of safe exercise coupled with liberal hydration and moderation in all supplement use will likely result in healthy gains toward Troopers' goals and 'A' game improvement.

Consult with health professionals before getting seriously involved with supplements.

*Bodybuildingforyou.com, drugs.com, absolute-creatine.com, encyclopedia.com, pricespower.com, mamashealth.com, building-muscle101.com, and healthtouch.com contributed to this report.*

**Ephedra, also called ephedrine, has been banned for safety reasons specifically to all Troopers assigned to the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay.**

**Versions of the following products containing ephedra are pro-**

**hibited at Guantanamo Bay:**

**Adipo-Kinetix, Animal Cuts, Beta-Lean, Beta-Trim, Biotest MD6, Burn Stack, Clenbutrx, Diet Fuel, Diurlean, Dyma-Burn Xtreme, Ephedrine HC1, Herbalife, Herbal Phen-Fen, Hydroxycut, Lip-Slim, Metabolife**

**356, Metabolift, Metab-O-Lite, Power Cuts, Ripped Force, Ripped Fuel, Shred Stack, Thermadrol X, Thermo-Cuts, Thermo-Speed, Thin Tab, Thyro-Slim, Trim Fast, Ultimate Orange, Xenadrine, Yellow Jackets and Zenotrope.**



# Telling the Joint Task Force Story



Photo by Spc. Jim Greenhill

**Col. Cannon, former JDOG commander, conducts an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Cannon told the BBC (and potentially 68 million viewers) that he “considers it a privilege and honor to work with these people ... .”**

**By Spc. Jim Greenhill**

Col. Cannon stands inside a room where detainees live inside the Wire.

“The guard force here is trained, disciplined, very professional,” Cannon is saying. “We think we are the gold standard. ... We have a culture of excellence here. ... Troopers know what right looks like. ... We are a values-based organization here.”

Cannon is speaking to a man named Clive Myrie. But Cannon is also potentially speaking to 68 million people. That’s because Myrie is a reporter for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and with him is a cameraman who films Cannon’s every movement, records his every word.

The world is watching Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, and Cannon knows it. He tells the world the JTF story, the Troopers’ story. In his eye contact, the tone of his voice and his choice of words, his sincerity and belief in the JTF mission is obvious.

Cannon, who completed his stint in command of the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG) last week, takes a lot of time boasting about his Troopers dur-

ing Myrie’s visit. He frequently reminds the reporter that the detention facilities are run by noncommissioned officers and that enlisted Troopers do the brunt of the work.

“It all goes right down to the lowest level,” he says. He gestures toward a sergeant standing nearby. “This is where the real work is done,” he says. “I consider it a privilege and an honor to work with these people, and I call them heroes. ... The heavy lifting is done by the MP on the block.”

A steady stream of reporters from around the world come to the Joint Task Force. They get as much access as the JTF can reasonably give and a lot more than many Troopers might guess.

The media is chaperoned by members of the 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. In addition to this responsibility, the 128<sup>th</sup> also makes sure Troopers’ hometowns hear about their service, handles media questions, produces videos and DVDs and publishes *The Wire*.

Most of the time, reporters talk with

people like Cannon. But any Trooper could be approached for an interview.

In those situations, operational security (OPSEC) is the overriding priority. Beyond that, Department of Defense guidance includes:

- If you fly it, shoot it or drive it, it is yours to talk about as long as it’s unclassified and doesn’t violate OPSEC.
- Be 100 percent truthful.
- Nothing said to a reporter is ever “off the record,” no matter what the circumstances. A Trooper who runs into a reporter at the Windjammer after hours still is talking with a reporter. If you don’t want it reported, don’t say it.
- Be professional, polite and composed. Use the chain of command or contact a Public Affairs Officer if the media badgers or harasses you.
- You do not ever have to talk with the media. Interviews are all voluntary.
- Avoid military jargon or acronyms.

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- Do not speculate.
  - Stay in your lane. Stick to what you know from personal experience or training.
  - If you cannot answer because you do not know, because something is classified or because a question touches on future operations or OPSEC then say so. Do not say “No comment.”
  - Take your time. Don’t rush the answers to questions. Think it through.
- Troopers who have questions about the media can contact the Public Affairs Office.

During his recent visit, Myrie met with top commanders, saw interrogations in progress, visited all the detention facilities and learned other parts of the Guantanamo Bay story during opportunities such as a visit to the Northeast Gate.

“This is one of those where when I sit on my front porch in my golden years, then I can look back on it and say ‘We made a difference,’” a senior interrogator told Myrie during his tour, with obvious pride in the mission.

The point behind it all is to show the world the JTF’s ‘A’ game.

It’s a lot to digest in a short time. “It’s a little bit snatched, a little bit rushed—but we’re inside, and that’s good,” Myrie said while touring the facilities.

Myrie got to see the state-of-the-art medical facilities, where detainees get the same care Troopers get. He saw facilities that Cannon described as better than those he has as a civilian sheriff at home. “I don’t even have this in my sheriff’s office at home,” Cannon said of technology here.

When it was all done, Myrie was able to relay part of the JTF story to people a continent away. Among things he told viewers was that detainees are treated humanely and that “Guantanamo Bay is helping the U.S. win the war on terror.”



Photos by Spc. Jim Greenhill



Capt. Janet Schoenberg discusses policy with civilian media visiting Camp Delta (top). JDOG Troopers brief the BBC’s Clive Myrie about life with the JTF (middle). The media team shoots “B-roll” for their story on the Guantanamo Bay (bottom and left).

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**July 21:** Greece asks for NATO troops to help secure the **Olympics**. ... **Dr. Stephen Hawking** tells scientists he has proved information can escape a black hole. ... **Samuel R. Berger**, President Clinton's national security adviser, is under investigation for removing classified documents from the National Archives. ... The "Final Report of the National **Commission on Terrorist Attacks** Upon the United States" is on sale for \$10 at bookstores.

**July 22:** Verizon joins an increasing list of companies offering **Internet-based phone service**. ... After 100 years, **AT&T** says it will no longer market long-distance phone service to consumers. ... An NBC-Wall Street Journal poll has Bush and

Kerry in a **dead heat**.

**July 24:** Britain's **Prince Charles** gave Princess Diana more than 17.5 million pounds after their 1996 divorce, reports say; that's about \$35 million at today's exchange rates. ... "Catwoman" and "The Bourne Supremacy" are among the week's **movie releases**.

**July 25:** Faced with online video-rental, cheap DVD sales and the specter of video-on-demand cable programming, **Blockbuster** announces its own online service. ... **Lance Armstrong** takes his record-breaking sixth Tour de France win. ... "**The Bourne Supremacy**" is the weekend's top movie.

**July 26:** Bill Clinton gets top bill on

opening night of the **Democratic National Convention** in Boston. ... **Google** says it's worth \$30 billion for an initial public offering of stock, and the company sets its value higher than that of General Motors Corp.; the same day, its site is clogged for three hours by a virus.

**July 27:** Prosecutors get more specific about charges against **Michael Jackson**, accusing the singer of enticing a young boy, imprisoning him and his family at his Neverland Ranch and on exotic vacations and forcing them to make a video proclaiming his innocence.

*Spc. Jim Greenhill compiles WorldWire from reports from a variety of news services and agencies.*

... Faith ... Belief ... Counseling ...

# WORSHIP WIRE

## Motivations: Fear, Guilt, Anger and Love

An old man was sitting on the operating table awaiting surgery, and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to receive the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me ... Your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife for the rest of her life."

What makes us want to do a good job? What is the most effective form of motivation? Is it fear, guilt, anger—or is it love? In the above story, the surgeon's love for his father should be sufficient motivation, yet to be on the safe side the father adds a little fear!

Most of us have mixtures of motivation in life. Most of our service in the armed forces is motivated by love of country. But we also have some fears of the future if the terrorist ruled the world,

or we might also be motivated by the educational opportunities or paycheck the military provides.

In our spiritual life we can be sure God's interest in us is motivated by love. The children's song says, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so." The Bible contains a mountain of evidence that God loves us. The most-quoted verse, John 3:16, tells us "God so *loved* the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Likewise the best motivation for serving God is that of love. Undoubtedly we all have a little fear, guilt or self-interest mixed in, but hopefully our prime motivation in serving God is to love the One who first loved us! I hope you will worship the Lord this week at one of the religious services offered here at Guantanamo Bay.

*Chaplain (Maj.) Steve Herman*



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

**Petty Officer 1st Class Hychicious Turner is baptized Sunday in the waters at Cable Beach. A total of five Troopers were baptized by Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Lovejoy and Chaplain (Maj.) Kent Svendson (right).**

# 15 Minutes of Fame

... with Senior Airman Arjel Falcon ...



Photo by Pfc. Jessi Stone

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

*Originally from Puerto Rico, Senior Airman Arjel Falcon, 439th Security Forces Squadron, now lives in Springfield, Mass.*

**The Wire: When did you come to the States?**

*Senior Airman Falcon:* Dec. 3, 1993. I came for a vacation, to see the snow and some change.

**What made you stay?**

I was going to college in Puerto Rico for mechanical engineering, but I didn't want to be a mechanical engineer. I wanted to be a police officer. So I quit, came here to relax my mind, and the academy was going to start the next year.

**How did you adapt to the move?**

Three months after I came here, I started working in a supermarket. Everybody was making fun of me because I didn't know the language; it was easier to make fun of a person who didn't know the language. But I proved that I could do more than they were offering as a job. ...

My cousin was pushing me to learn English, so I went to Springfield Technical Community College in Mass. for English as a Second Language. I did that for a year

and a half and meanwhile I was taking classes in Criminal Justice. So I graduated from ESL, and then a year after I graduated from Criminal Justice with an associate's degree.

**How did you start working for the Department of Corrections?**

I went to the jail to see a friend of mine who was incarcerated, and on the way out I thought "Let me kill two birds with one stone and put an application in Hampden County Sheriff's Department." So on the way out I left an application with a good resume, and eight months later they called me for an interview. I did four interviews, and the last interview was with the sheriff of the department, and he offered me a position as a corrections officer. I did the academy in October of 2000, it was a six-week academy. And I've been working ever since.

**And what led to your decision to enlist in the military?**

I was taking English Composition II and an Army recruiter was taking the class with me. He brought me in, and I went to Fort Jackson, S.C., for Basic Combat Training. Then I went to Aberdeen Proving Ground for Advanced Individual Training for 52D courses (Power Generation Equipment Repairer). I graduated in 1997 and went to the Delta Company 126 Aviation in Chicopee, Mass. I was there six years.

**When did you change to Air Force?**

One day before my ETS I transferred to the Air Force. I asked for a conditional release from the Army to go to the Air Force. I joined the Security Forces of the Air Force in 2002. I went to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for 12 weeks of training. I came back to the 439th Security Forces Squadron also in Chicopee, and I've been there for the past two years.

**I notice that your unit is the only Air Force unit that wears berets. Can you explain why?**

We feel proud about our berets in the Air Force, but here we have to use our field cap. The beret is worn only by people who belong to Security Forces, and you earn it;

they don't give it to you. I am proud to represent the Air Force Security Force.

**What's been the most rewarding part of being in the military?**

The travel. With the Army, I saw all the East Coast. With the Air Force, the traveling overseas. Also it's a part-time career that's going to give me extra retirement.

**What's the most rewarding part of your civilian career?**

Rehabilitating people. There are people who come to jail in a rough shape, physically and mentally, and they start their way from the bottom and they work their way up until they get to go back, and then they are our neighbors. Care and custody, supervision of them, good interpersonal skills, talking to them, counseling, because not only do I see them inside the facility, but I see them outside. They're going to be our neighbors, so I've got to treat them with respect, and they always treat me with respect. I've never had a problem with a former inmate.

**How has this deployment affected you personally?**

It helps me in my career being here. Every little thing that I learn here that I can bring back to my facility and make changes is going to help us be a safer and more secure institution. ... I come from a tropical island also, two islands down to the east. It's not affecting me physically or mentally.

**What do you miss most about home?**

My son. I miss my son a lot. I miss my son, my job and my friends. And just driving a regular car, I miss that too.

**Do you have any hobbies at home?**

My hobby's my baby, my son. I take my son to kickboxing and wrestling classes, which I take also. I also take him to the YMCA for swim classes. The more time I can spend with him, the better for me.

**What advice can you give to the next security forces unit to come here?**

Stay awake, stay alive, stay focused on what you're doing. Do everything safe. Follow procedure and do it as safely as possible. Just work as a team and do it safely, so we can go home in one piece.

# GUIDE WIRE

... Movies ... Buses ... Worship ... Galleys ... Safety ... Updates ...

Friday, July 30, 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. *Garfield*  
 PG - 85 min  
 10 p.m. *I, Robot*  
 PG-13 - 114 min

### SATURDAY

8 p.m. *Anchorman*  
 PG-13 - 91 min  
 10 p.m. *The Chronicles Of Riddick*  
 R - 119 min

### SUNDAY

8 p.m. *Stepford Wives*  
 PG-13 - 93 min

### MONDAY

8 p.m. *Garfield*  
 PG - 85 min

### TUESDAY

8 p.m. *I, Robot*  
 PG-13 - 114 min

### WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. *The Chronicles Of Riddick*  
 R - 119 min

### THURSDAY

8 p.m. *Spider Man 2*  
 PG-13 - 120 min

### CAMP BULKELEY FRIDAY

10 p.m. *Troy*  
 R - 165 min

### SATURDAY

8 p.m. *Garfield*  
 PG - 85 min  
 10 p.m. *I, Robot*  
 PG-13 - 114 min

### SUNDAY

8 p.m. *The Chronicles Of Riddick*  
 R - 119 min

### MONDAY

8 p.m. *Stepford Wives*  
 PG-13 - 93 min

### TUESDAY

8 p.m. *Spider Man 2*  
 PG-13 - 120 min

### WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. *Raising Helen*  
 PG-13 - 119 min

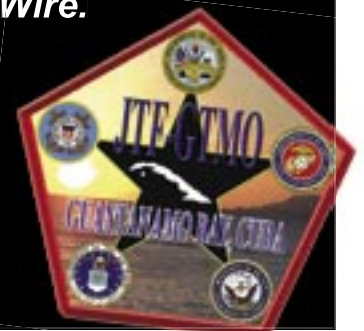
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 R - 119 min

## FOR THE RECORD

*The Wire* strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. Please call Spc. Jim Greenhill at

5241 if you see an error in *The Wire*.



## Inspector General's Office Moved to Camp America

The Inspector General's Office is now permanently located at Sea Hut A7200 in Camp America between the Chapel and Camp America West.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Other times are available by scheduled appointment.

The IG office move also means new phone numbers, as follows:

Lt. Col. Royce Lawler: 2303  
 Lt. Cmdr. James Neuman: 3489  
 Sgt. 1st Class Danny John: 3501 (answering machine)  
 Sgt. 1st Class Paul Schuchert: 3502.

## KC CHEERLEADERS VISIT

The Kansas City Chiefs' Cheerleaders are visiting JTF-GTMO! They will be performing tonight at 8 p.m. at the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum.

All Troopers are

welcome to come and enjoy the show!

The movie for tonight will be *Troy* at 10 pm. *The Day After Tomorrow*, originally scheduled for 8 p.m., has now been cancelled.

# VOTE 2004!

## WORSHIP

### Catholic Main Chapel

<b>Wednesday</b>	5 p.m.	Holy Hour and Rosary
	6 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	RCIA (Chaplain's office)
<b>Saturday</b>	4:15 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanctuary B)
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

### Camp America

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Mass
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### Protestant Main Chapel

<b>Monday</b>	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School

\* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

### Camp America

<b>Tuesday</b>	7 p.m.	Alpha
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor (Club Survivor)
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Protestant (Bldg. 3203)

### New Life Fellowship

<b>Sunday</b>	1 p.m.	Service (Main Chapel)
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### Pentecostal Gospel

<b>Sunday</b>	8 a.m.	Service (Sanctuary C)
	5 p.m.	Service (Sanctuary C)

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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### Islamic

<b>Friday</b>	1 p.m.	Room 12, Chapel Complex
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### Jewish

Call 2323 for more information

### Camp America Church Bus schedule:

<b>Sunday</b>	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay
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The bus will return following worship.

## DINING

**Today:** Lunch - Fried Shrimp; dinner - Seafood Platter

**Saturday:** Lunch - NE Boiled Dinner;

dinner - Italian Sausage

**Sunday:** Lunch - Glazed Chicken;

dinner - Dijon Pork Chops

**Monday:** Lunch - Teriyaki Beef;

dinner - Country Style Steak

**Tuesday:** Lunch - Pot Roast;

dinner - Barbecued Beef Cubes

**Wednesday:** Lunch - Catfish; dinner

- Chinese Five Spice Chicken

**Thursday:** Lunch - Pork Chops; dinner - Chicken Florentine

**Friday:** Lunch - Baked Fish; dinner - Crab Legs

