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Right-seat/left-seat ride proves invaluable

By Spc. Katherine L. Collins

The Right-Seat/Left-Seat Ride Training Program is a standing tradition of redeploying and deploying U.S. military forces, according to CSM George Nieves, JTF command sergeant major.

Fortifying this tradition, it is every JTF trooper's task in Guantanamo Bay to help "develop and monitor" this program, certifying the success of the U.S. mission here, wrote MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander, in a memorandum dated Sept. 22.

All JTF personnel must "ensure that incoming units are deployed and prepared for operation in a timely and expedient manner and are fully prepared to conduct operations," Miller said.

"This includes all units supporting the [Joint Detention Operations Group] as well," added Nieves.

The program is essential to integrating new troops into the daily functions and



Courtesy of JTF archives

Part of the training process for JTF troopers involves soon-to-be-leaving troopers training their incoming counterparts in various aspects of their missions.

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Trooper to Trooper

During the past week I have been asking troopers if they have seen and read the FY 04 Command Training Guidance. By now this document has gained a lot of attention. Articles in last week's *Wire* highlighted the main points, and leaders at all levels have been giving it emphasis. So, I am confident that the word is getting out. The time is now to put this publication into practice and to examine some critical aspects of training.

Last week at the Commander's Breakfast we met and talked with a number of young, dedicated NCOs who are squad and section leaders. Trust me when I say that they are eager and willing to do their jobs. Amongst other things we talked about Training and Training Management particularly at their level because it is at that level that we will concentrate our efforts.

The process begins by establishing the Mission Essential Task List at the company level. This list is a compilation of the essential elements the unit must be able to perform in order to accomplish its wartime mission. This task list also supports the higher headquarters mission and mirrors their METL. In fact, it must be approved by higher headquarters. From this list leaders develop subordinate collective tasks that support the METL tasks. Finally, leaders at the platoon and squad level evaluate their capability to perform these tasks and identify individual tasks that are necessary to perform the collective tasks.

This brings me back to those NCOs at the squad level because they have a most important job. They must train and evaluate the performance of their team members. Their analysis is extremely important to unit leaders because it establishes the pace of training. It also establishes deficiencies and identifies those tasks that need additional work.

There is a right way and a wrong way to conduct training. In order for a training event to be successful it requires two things. First, the training must be performed to standard and secondly it must be evaluated.

There's an old proverb that says "practice makes perfect" and by all sense of the word it rings true except for one missing



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word. That word is "correct." "Correct practice makes perfect." If a training event is to be correct then it must meet the standard. A great tool to ensure compliance with the standard is the Training and Evaluation Outline that the evaluator uses to assess training. But this TE&O has an additional benefit. It allows those who are conducting the training to understand the correct sequence of events that will lead to the successful completion of the task. It also lists the applicable references. These outlines can be found in the Mission Training Plan (MTP). Each discipline has their own distinct MTP.

Leaders must be critical in evaluating training. Good after action reviews are essential in order to identify weaknesses that allow them to take corrective action.

Planning to do good training is just as important as the conduct of training. The Eight Step Training Model highlighted in the Command Training Guidance is another excellent guide for the trainer. Training that is not well planned and well executed is meaningless and wastes time. Plan wisely.

As leaders we must all take ownership in this process. This includes everyone! It is our responsibility to our troopers. Leaders must be disciplined and must provide the resources, plan training and conduct honest assessments. Without this commitment we fail.

Honor Bound!

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JTF conducts mission-focused training in 2004

By Spc. Katherine L. Collins

Mission readiness is JTF Guantanamo's top priority, and training is the core of that goal, wrote MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander. In fiscal year 2004, the task force is aiming to incorporate an extensive and varied training program into the mission of all JTF units.

Units will continue focusing on leader training and certification, individual qualifications and small unit training. Sergeants' time, communications and operational security will also be part of the focus.

Some training exercises JTF troopers can expect to grow from are dependent upon JTF's coordination with highly skilled and experienced trainers, provided by U.S. Southern Command and other military institutions. These trainers will conduct exercises specific to the mission, such as the Ruck March Program, the Combat Lifesaver Program and the Gold Streamer Physical Fitness Excellence Program. Other training will include Support-By-Fire Elements and the Expert Field Medical



Photo by Spc. Tommi Meyer

Staff Sgt. Darren Whitaker, 216th MP Co., finishes a six-mile night road march. Such marches are part of ongoing training for JTF troopers.



Photo courtesy of JTF archives

Sgt. 1st Class John A. Waters (center) demonstrates the wrist lock hold to Spc. Susan Yapp (right) and Spc. Lucus Willcutt (left), of the 303rd MP Co. Waters is an instructor for the 95C conversion course, which JTF military police engage in as an essential part of their mission-focused training. Defensive tactics is one skill MPs acquire and master to succeed in detention operations.

Badge and Expert Infantryman's Badge (EIB) tests. In addition, the major subordinate JTF units will place increased focus on elements of their mission essential task list. These units include those serving directly inside the wire and supporting units from each military branch of service.

Coordinating its training with the Transportation Command and the U.S. Army Military Police School, the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG) will create a training program to integrate the efforts of the JTF military police and the Joint Interrogation Group (JIG) Tiger teams, enhancing the collection of intelligence. Other training includes conducting air bridge operations, detention operations sustainment training and integration operations.

Focusing its training on tasks to help execute its integrated defense plan, the JDOG will include infantry operations.

This could entail patrolling, cordon search techniques and a Quick Reaction Force response.

The JDOG will place special emphasis on individual tactical preparation by training its troopers in skills that are critical for success and will tactically pre-

pare soldiers for the EIB and Combat Lifesaver Program.

This includes land navigation, marksmanship, foot marches and first aid techniques.

The JIG will practice employment of its Tiger teams, coordinating with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Center and School at Fort Huachuca to train and develop the teams.

JTF Marines, who also serve a significant role, will continue defense training as well.

As JTF Guantanamo continues serving its major role in Operation Enduring Freedom, it must persevere in its mission-focused training to further the United States' success in protecting and spreading freedom, justice and democracy throughout the world. JTF troopers must strive with their chains-of-command and unit teammates to make 2004's training prosperous, implementing each training key JTF provides as they conduct each exercise.

Information adapted from FY04 Command Training Guidance memorandum, dated Sept. 22, by MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander.

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procedures of the JTF mission. Nieves explained that the outgoing units relate JTF standards to the incoming units. They also equip the new units with the tools and knowledge to meet those expectations.

During the right-seat ride, incoming troopers generally shadow their counterparts to learn the tasks and procedures of their JTF mission. Then, during the left-seat ride they perform their duties while their counterparts observe and advise. Each team of one redeploying and one deploying unit bears some freedom to shape its training as it sees fit.

"JTF training content and length differs according to the specific mission each unit must complete and how unfamiliar that mission is to each unit. Training approaches vary by each incoming unit's learning style," said Nieves.

"Every mission is unique and [JTF Guantanamo's] is especially different from any that most [troopers] here have experienced before," said Staff Sgt. Sil-

vio Roman of the 258th MP Co. "The right seat/left seat ride was very beneficial to us because the unit we replaced, the 438th MP Co., taught us how to adjust our operation to fit this mission."

Roman explained that his unit normally performs military police work, which, in part, involves enemy prisoners of war in a tactical environment, but the mission here requires corrections specialist skills, which are used more for correctional facility operations.

"We trained for this mission before coming to Guantanamo," he said, "but the unit we replaced here taught us more about detention facility operating procedures by explaining the SOP here. We observed them for two days, then they watched us for two days."

Capt. Gregg Langevin, of the HHC 1-181st Inf. Regt., also applauded his experience of the program. "We trained for this mission prior to coming, but we really theorized about what to expect here," he said. "When we arrived in Guantanamo we discovered the reality of the mission."

The unit the 1-181st

replaced had "tweaked the glitches in the operations of the infantry's job" by discovering and using what functioned best in this particular mission, Langevin explained.

"They made our job easier, and they also shared with us the tactics and procedures they found most useful," Langevin said his unit could then adopt those ways and in turn, make any adjustments it found necessary.

Nieves explained how the program's efforts reflect itself in the success of every unit serving inside and outside the detention facilities. Inside the wire, troopers performing military police and infantry tasks comprise the greater part of the wire force, but troopers such as cooks and postal workers also benefit from the right-seat/left-seat training.

Sgt. First Class Mike Andersen of the 747th Postal Det. also found the program effective. "Our training was quite helpful. Our mission here is very different than what we are trained for," he said. Typically the 747th functions as a full-service post office. Here it operates more as a distribution

center, according to Andersen.

"The 806th taught us which responsibilities we would and would not have as a support post office," he said.

According to Andersen, the 747th worked for 11 days alongside the 806th Postal Det., the unit it replaced. The 747th assigned each of its members an individual position and paired each with one 806th member to accomplish the position's tasks together. During the final two days of training, the 747th independently performed the postal mission, while the departing unit observed and answered any final questions.

The units also exchanged contact information prior to separation in the case that either unit might have future questions for the other.

Observing the program's effectiveness year after year through troopers' praises and in the task force's mission success, JTF Guantanamo seeks to implement the right-seat/left-seat ride training program as an integral part of its 2004 training plan.



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Camp America NEX now open

Hungry, happy trooper

Staff Sgt. Doug Newsom, of the 216th MP Co., was the first trooper in the door Tuesday at the soft opening of the Camp America NEX. "I came in hungry and was able to find just what I wanted," he said.

Navy marks 228 birthday; U.S./Cuba treaty hits 100th anniversary



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

The 228th Navy Birthday Gala and the 100th Anniversary of the United States/Cuba treaty was held at the Windjammer on Saturday. Special entertainment was by Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob, and the event included a tribute to Prisoners of War and Missing in Action and a benediction by Naval Base Deputy Chaplain Lt. Sharon Shaw. Attending the event was MG Geoffrey Miller, JTF commander (shown right of Shaw), BG Mitch LeClaire, deputy JTF commander for operations (left of Shaw) and Col. Timothy Lynch, JTF chief of staff (shown right of Miller)

Navy College offers various college courses

Have you often wondered how to participate in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) at the Navy College Office? For those who may not be familiar with the CLEP, the program is open to anyone, not just military personnel. However, all active duty personnel are covered by the DANTES program, which funds these exams for all services. Civilians must pay for the exams they take. The fee is \$56. The civilian CLEP program has been working toward implementing a computer-based testing program. However, the DOD is not able to access the system because of security concerns. CLEP is in the process of withdrawing many exams that are currently paper-based. That process will continue until April. The following is the schedule for withdrawals:

Natural Sciences
College Mathematics

Nov. 30
Nov. 30

English Comp (no essay)
Principles of Accounting
College Level Spanish
Hist of the U.S. I and II

Nov. 30
Nov. 30
Nov. 30
Nov. 30

Study materials available

The exams that will be withdrawn in November are currently in stock and for those contemplating taking these exams, now is the time to act. Study material is available at the Navy College Learning Center, which has computer-based tutorials to assist in preparation as well as the base library.

The CLEP study guides can be checked out from there – just enter CLEP into the search engine and it will direct you to the books. Other related material is available there also, so try looking for old textbooks or related books on the subject that you want to test on. Small PDF based study guides are available from the test control officer for

certain CLEP exams, but they should not be used as the sole study material.

SAT/ACT

For those interested in the SAT or ACT, both should be available no later than November.

Currently the new version of the SAT has not arrived, but it is expected soon. The ACT will change to its new version as of Nov. 1

Books such as “SAT Study Guide” may be ordered from your favorite online bookstore and usually cost about \$25 each.

If you have any questions about testing services, try the following web site first www.dantes.doded.mil. The site covers the full range of testing under DANTES. For more information, e-mail the Navy College Office: ulfersjc@usnbgtno.navy.mil or call extension 3996.

On the road again...



Photo by Spc. Tommi Meyer

Are we **walking** home?—Troopers from the 463rd Military Police Co. head out for a 6-mile night road march, part of the battle-focused training they participate in.



Home for the Holidays

By Spc. Katherine L. Collins
Adapted from an AMC travel brief



In fiscal year 2004 JTF Guantanamo continues its tradition of conducting "sleigh rides" to deliver troopers home to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

A "sleigh ride" is a free flight to a select U.S. military base. This year, JTF will conduct two flight periods. The first is Dec. 18-28. The second is Dec. 28-Jan. 6. Flight locations are NES Pensacola, Fla.; JRB Fort Worth, Texas; NAS Atlanta, Ga.; NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; and NAS Norfolk, Va. Starting Nov. 8 troopers may sign up for a flight by adding their name to a roster posted in the NEX atrium. Reservations will occur on a first come first serve basis.

For more information call the Air Terminal Office at Ext. 6305/6204/6408 or Base Operations at Ext. 4704/4901.

Guantanamo air travel update

By Spc. Katherine L. Collins
Adapted from an AMC travel brief

JTF Guantanamo continues striving to improve air travel for its troopers between Guantanamo Bay, Jacksonville, Fla.; Norfolk, Va.; and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

Guantanamo provides two types of travel: space required and space available. The five space required categories are Government Mission Essential, PCS and Unit Deployments, Official funded TAD/TDY or TCS, Funded Emergency Leave and paid tickets with reservation from the Port Services Department. The six space available categories are Unfunded Emergency Leave (UEL), Environmental Morale Leave (EML), Ordinary Leave, Dependent EML, Dependent Leave and Military Retired.

Space available travel affecting most JTF troopers are:

Category 1 –UEL. At the discretion of the Air Terminal Office (ATO) manager, personnel on unfunded emergency leave can be upgraded from category 3 to category 1. They must have supporting documentation, such as a memo from their commander, requesting upgrade consideration. They must also notify the Red Cross.

Category 2 – EML. Under this category troopers can travel in a higher category of space A. They can travel to the continental United States and Puerto Rico and back to Guantanamo. Troopers are allotted one round trip per year, which they may use after the first three months and prior to the last three months of their stay in Guantanamo. Troopers' signup times begin when the ATO receives the troopers' activated leave orders and EML forms.

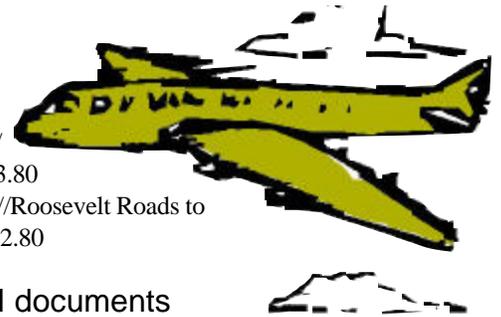
Category 3 – Ordinary Leave. All military personnel are allotted unlimited ordinary leave trips. Troopers must be in a leave or pass status. Sign up time begins when the ATO receives troopers' activated leave or pass papers.

DoD airfare rates (each way)

Guantanamo Bay – Roosevelt Roads \$139
Guantanamo Bay – Jacksonville, Fl. \$179
Guantanamo Bay – Norfolk, Va. \$256

Space A fees

Guantanamo Bay to
Jacksonville/Norfolk/
Roosevelt Roads \$23.80
Jacksonville/Norfolk/Roosevelt Roads to
Guantanamo Bay \$12.80



Required travel documents

Each active duty member must present one of the following for entry into the United States or Puerto Rico: 1. active duty military ID card. 2. signed leave papers. 3. official orders (PCS/TDY/TAD).

Space A "points to remember"

- * Travelers cannot fly Space A if they have a valid reservation for the intended flight.
- * Travelers must cancel reservations 72 hours in advance at the PSD travel office to be eligible for Space A.
- * Space A is not guaranteed.
- * Travelers must be in a leave status to sign up for Space A.
- * EML paper work must accompany the signed leave papers.
- * Excess baggage is not authorized for Space A travel.

New flight schedule

Tuesday – Norfolk, Jacksonville, Guantanamo Bay, Jacksonville, Norfolk / Showtime in Guantanamo Bay: 10 a.m.
Friday – Norfolk, Jacksonville, Guantanamo Bay, Roosevelt Roads / Showtime in Guantanamo Bay: Noon
Saturday – Roosevelt Roads, Guantanamo Bay, Jacksonville, Norfolk / Showtime in Guantanamo Bay: 8 a.m.

Flight information

Flight schedule on Channel 6
Air terminal office - Ext. 6204/6408
Base Operations - Ext. 4704/4901
Air terminal fax - Ext. 6170

Straight Talk



A weekly question and answer session with the leaders of JTF Guantanamo

Q: Our infantry company arrived in GTMO a few weeks ago. Where are some good places to conduct training in squad, platoon, and company-level tactics?

This weeks answer comes "Straight" from BG Mitch LeClaire, JTF deputy commande for operations.

A: There are three ranges at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station that are well suited for maneuver training, especially squad and platoon sized elements.

■ On the Windward side, **Grenadillo Range** offers maneuver training capabilities and can accommodate live fire up through .50 Cal. Grenadillo also features hand grenade and 40mm grenade engagement areas.

■ On the Leeward side, two ranges offer a variety of superior maneuver opportunities. **Hicacal Range**, has a wide maneuver field which allows 81mm mortar fire as well the entire inventory of small arms. **Palma Range** while slightly smaller, can handle small arms up to 7.62 mm as well as 81mm mortar exercises.

Improvements to Leeward Ranges are forecast to begin shortly which will make the maneuver training experience at Guantanamo even more rewarding. In addition, the Army will be providing the JTF with a dedicated collection of MILES equipment to further enhance maneuver training. Look for these additions to the JTF training program starting this January.

*E-mail your questions to **Straight Talk** at pao@jftgmo.southcom.mil or call 5251.*

*Make Straight Talk part of your regular read and watch for your questions to be answered in future issues of **The Wire**.*

Hurricane Basket: Be prepared

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach speeds of 74- mph or more and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center—the eye of the hurricane. Every year, these violent storms bring destruction to coastlines and islands in their erratic path.

And, hurricane season is not over.

In Guantanamo Bay, hurricane season begins June 1 and continues to be a threat until Nov. 30.

You need to be prepared.

Use this list as a guideline as you put together items for your personal use in the event of a hurricane. Alter the list as necessary to meet your needs. This basket of items is important.

If you live in hurricane-resistant housing (Windward Loop, West Iguana, East Caravella) you'll want to have these items in your home. If you live in non-resistant housing, (Tierra Kay) you'll need to take this basket of items with you to your assigned shelter or pick it up at the designated drop-off point for your assigned shelter.

- Three-day supply of ready-to-eat food (non-perishables — there may be no power to refrigerators and stoves)
- Three-day supply of drinking water
- Disposable plates, cups, napkins, knives forks, spoons
- Manual can opener
- Cooler
- Change of clothing
- Toiletries
- Moist towelettes or baby wipes
- Razor
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towel and wash cloth
- Blanket (shelter will provide cots)
- Portable radio (battery operated)
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Wind-up alarm clock
- Fist aid kit
- Prescription medication

Do NOT take the following items to a community hurricane shelter:

- Pets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Valuables
- Electronic devices

Classes available at FFSC

The Fleet and Family Support Center has the following classes available.
Resume Writing, 9 to 11:30 a.m. - Oct. 28
Using Credit Wisely, 2 to 3:30 p.m. - Oct. 30
 The classes will be held at the Fleet and Family Support Center in building 2135. Please call extension 4141 to sign up.

Postal Reminder: Mail early



Postal officials are encouraging troopers to adhere to special holiday mailing dates to ensure timely delivery of cards, letters and packages.

All inbound and outbound mail (to and from Guantanamo Bay) should be postmarked by the following dates:

- Standard mail – Nov. 6**
- First-class mail -- Nov. 25**
- Priority Mail – Dec. 1**

Postal rule of thumb: Customers can never mail too early when it comes to Christmas mailing. The earlier you mail, the better.

For any further questions or concerns, please contact the postal officer at 2156 or email n45@usnbgmto.navy.mil.

Feehan: A life of service

By Spc. Tommi Meyer

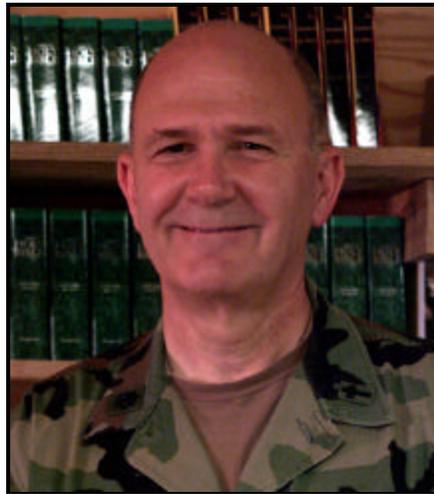
Webster's dictionary defines service as the performance of official or professional duties and to serve or to render obedience and worship to God.

For Chaplain Steven Feehan, service is a way of life.

Feehan entered military service in 1964 as a missile technician in the U S Navy, serving until 1970 when he left the navy and became a police officer in Chesapeake Va. until 1982, rising to the rank of Detective Lieutenant.

Following God's call to full time ministry he attended seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. after which he entered the Army chaplaincy in 1985.

Some of his assignments have included time in Europe with the 2nd Bn.-68th Armor Regt., battalion chaplain of 2nd Bn., 13th Armor Regt. and regional correctional facility chaplain, hospital chaplain for Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, Kan., and in Korea as brigade chaplain for 2nd Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.



Lt. Col. Steve Feehan
Joint Task Force Chaplain
JTF Guantanamo

Of the experience these assignments have given him, Feehan said, "Experience gives context and perspective to events and helps to clarify what is happening. I find that when I share some of my own ... with people who are experiencing difficulties or problems it helps them face the situation."

Adopt a soldier brightens the holidays for JTF GTMO

Many of those who might not be enjoying the company of those they love may still get a touch of family life.

The Adopt a Sailor or Soldier program offers military service members a chance to join families who offer their homes to share some relaxation and Thanksgiving dinner. A joint program, of the JTF and Naval Station chaplain sections for unaccompanied service members at Guantanamo Bay, the purpose is to allow them to experience a

touch of home while away from their own homes. Families who are interested in hosting one or more unaccompanied service members at their residence for Thanksgiving will be solicited until Nov. 12. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving an invitation for Thanksgiving dinner with a host family, names will be obtained from 12-Nov. 20. Please contact the NAVSTA project officer, Lt. Sharon Shaw or the JTF GTMO Project Officer, Chaplain Maj. Paul Minor.

Worship Services

Catholic

Main Chapel

Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. (Cobre Chapel)
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanct. B)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

Camp America

Sun.	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
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Protestant

Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	7 p.m.	Spanish Group 390-Evan's Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
	7:15 p.m.	Youth 7-12 Fellowship*
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*

* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Seaside Galley (Temporary location until further notice)
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 Chapel Complex
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Jewish

Fri.	8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
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Camp America Church Bus schedule:

Sun.	8 a.m.	Windward Loop
	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay

The bus will return following worship.

Alpha: An opportunity to explore the Christian faith

Alpha is an 11-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith. Meeting times will be on Tuesdays or Fridays at 7 p.m. at Chapel A building 3203. For more information call the JTF chaplain's office at 3202 or 3203.

Beginning Oct. 22: Soul Survivor

Join the JTF Unit Ministry Team at Survivor Club on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This weekly program will feature contemporary Christian praise music, preaching, and fellowship beginning October 22.



RECREATION & LEISURE

'We thank you for our freedom'



Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob

Variety band plays for JTF troopers

Story and photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob entertained troopers at Club Survivor on Oct. 7 for three hours.

They performed a fast-paced variety show with four vocalists rotating throughout, complete with costume changes.

Allen described the selections as "from Shania Twain to Santana."

The group sang "America the Beautiful" as a special tribute to the troopers. Allen told troopers that he had a message from home "We see you working hard and we thank you for our freedom."

Allen has been performing for the military overseas for 18 years. His father, uncles and other family members have served in the military.

"This is me doing my part," he said.

Sarah Maree, vocalist with the group and in her second military tour, said, "I enjoy performing for the military." Alyssa Banks, another vocalist, said, "It's interesting to get a



Sgt. John O'Connor (above) gets his CD signed by Sarah Maree. He said, "It was an awesome concert, and they have awesome voices." Band members (below from left) include Alyssa Banks, Tom Clark, Doug Allen, Timotha Lanee and Sarah Maree.



perspective of those serving our country."

Troopers voiced their appreciation and approval of the group.

"I try to come over when they bring a band in," said Sgt. Rick Beckwith of the 216th MP Co., "They definitely need to bring this group back."



Movie Schedule

Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Oct. 17
8 p.m. *National Lampoons Van Wilder*
R - 97 min

10 p.m. *Biker Boyz*
R - 111 min

Sat., Oct. 18
8 p.m. *The Mask*
R - 102 min

10 p.m. *Rules of Engagement*
R - 127 min

Sun., Oct. 19
8 p.m. *Mission Impossible 2*
PG13 - 126 min

Mon., Oct. 20
8 p.m. *Instinct*
R - 126 min

Tues., Oct. 21
8 p.m. *Komodo*
PG13 - 97 min

Wed., Oct. 22
8 p.m. *Jaws*
PG - 124 min

Thurs., Oct. 23
8 p.m. *Major Payne*
PG13 - 97 min

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Oct. 17
8 p.m. *Freaky Friday*
PG - 97 min

10 p.m. *Uptown Girls*
PG13 - 93 min

Sat., Oct. 18
8 p.m. *Out of Time*
PG13 - 105 min

10 p.m. *Freddy vs Jason*
R - 92 min

Sun., Oct. 19
8 p.m. *Open Range*
R - 139 min

Mon., Oct. 20
8 p.m. *Uptown Girls*
PG13 - 93 min

Tues., Oct. 21
8 p.m. *Out of Time*
PG13 - 105 min

Wed., Oct. 22
8 p.m. *Open Range*
R - 139 min

Thurs., Oct. 23
8 p.m. *S.W.A.T.*
PG13 - 116 min

JTF 5k on Saturday

Join your fellow JTF troopers for a 5k competitive run on Saturday at 5 p.m. The run begins at Camp America.



JTF's Brown sparks NEX tourney win

Crucial INT leads team to crown

By Spc. Rick Fahr

Momentum had swung against NEX.

After losing the first game in the championship round of the Captain's Cup flag football postseason tournament, NEX found itself down by a point and facing the potent offensive attack of the MCSF in the second half of the final game on Saturday night.

NEX needed a break, and the team got one from JTF trooper Amos Brown of the 384th MP Bn.

With 14:32 left in the game and MCSF leading 14-13, the Marines took over on their own 20-yard line. As their quarterback dropped back and passed in the right flat, Brown stepped in front of the receiver, intercepting the pass and racing for the end zone. Untouched, Brown scored, giving NEX a 19-14 lead, going on to give the team the championship 25-21.

JTF JIG also finished third in the double-elimination event held last week.

Saturday's action began with an elimination game in the loser's bracket as the Marines won a defensive battle with JIG, 7-6, vaulting the Marines into the championship round. How-



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

The NEX team (above) used a second-half interception and a late score to outlast MCSF in the Captain's Cup postseason tournament on Saturday night. JTF JIG (below) finished third in the tournament.



ever, their earlier loss to NEX put them in the position of having to beat NEX twice to win the tournament.

In the first game of the championship round, the Marines converted a fourth down-and-goal and point-after-touchdown with two minutes remaining to take a 21-20 lead.

An interception with less than a minute remaining sealed

the victory, as the Marines ran out the clock.

The championship game began with NEX driving the length of the field, only to have a pass intercepted in the end zone. Storming down the field, the Marines scored a touchdown with 12:25 left in the first half.

NEX quickly answered with a touchdown of its own, but the

point-after-touchdown try was no good, leaving the score 7-6 in favor of the Marines. Another MCSF score pushed the tally to 14-6 with 5:39 left in the half.

NEX moved to within a point on a scoring pass to the back of the end zone but the point-after try was no good, leaving the score at halftime 14-13.

With about 15 minutes left in the game, the Marines took over on their 20, and Brown's INT came on the second play of the drive.

Another NEX score pushed the score to 25-14 with a little more than six minutes remaining in the game. MCSF sputtered somewhat on offense but had just enough complete passes to move downfield. With 1:54 remaining, a touchdown and the extra point brought the Marines to within four points, 25-21.

A last MCSF drive ended when time ran out.

Opening round games had JIG defeating the 661 MP Co. and MCSF beating NAVSTA. NEX then defeated JIG, and MCSF beat Hospital.

In the loser's bracket, 661st eliminated Hospital, the regular season champion, and JIG eliminated NAVSTA. JIG beat 661st to advance.

In the winner's bracket, NEX beat MCSF, which then went on to beat JIG in the final loser's bracket game, setting up the championship match up.

NEX, Hospital leading early volleyball standings

The men's NEX team and the women's Hospital team have jumped out in front of early Captain's Cup volleyball standings.

NEX stands at 2-0 on the young season, followed by Hospital Dos, 1-0, 661st MP Co., 1-1, and Burns and Roe, 0-

1. Six additional teams comprise the league.

On the women's side, Hospital stands at 2-0. W.T. Sampson is in second place with a mark of 1-0, and 661st MP Co. is in third, 1-1. P.W.D. and Security both have records of 0-2.



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Running with a purpose

Command Sgt. Maj. George Nieves and Daniel Thomas, 9, son of Cmdr. Colleen Gallagher and Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Thomas, run in Monday's breast cancer awareness 5k.

Trooper picks

JTF personnel's predictions for this week's games

Games

Air Force at Colorado State
Iowa at Ohio State
Navy at Rice
East Carolina at Army
Texas A&M at Nebraska
Packers at Rams
Bucs at 49ers
Chiefs at Raiders
Cowboys at Lions
Broncos at Vikings
Last week's record
Overall record



1st Sgt.
Sandra Adams-Jones
273rd MP Co.

Colorado State
Ohio State
Navy
East Carolina
Nebraska
Packers
Bucs
Chiefs
Cowboys
Vikings
8-2
15-11



Craig Basel
MWR director

Colorado State
Ohio State
Navy
East Carolina
Nebraska
Packers
Bucs
Chiefs
Cowboys
Vikings
7-3
17-9



Staff Sgt.
Deon Lee
216th MP Co.

Colorado State
Ohio State
Rice
Army
Nebraska
Packers
Bucs
Chiefs
Cowboys
Vikings
9-1
18-8



Staff Sgt.
Stephanie Nielsen
384th MP Bn.

Air Force
Ohio State
Navy
Army
Nebraska
Rams
Bucs
Chiefs
Cowboys
Vikings
6-4
14-12

Sports highlights

'Separation Saturday' serves purpose

Compiled by
Spc. Rick Fahr

"Separation Saturday" served its purpose, as two teams emerged from the college football pack as clear favorites to meet in the Sugar Bowl.

The **Oklahoma Sooners** dismantled **Texas**, 65-13, at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, and the **Miami Hurricanes** outlasted **Florida State** in Tallahassee, 22-14.

Virginia Tech is still hanging around, though, after whipping **Syracuse**, 51-7.

USC is also somewhat still in the national title mix. The Trojans beat **Stanford**, 44-21, on Saturday and will take on **Notre Dame** this weekend.

Ohio State's national title hopes took a hit after the Buckeyes lost to **Wisconsin**, 17-10, at home.

This year's Bowl Champi-

onship Series will have the top two teams playing for the national title in the Sugar Bowl. ***

The **Kansas City Chiefs** remained unbeaten this week, defeating the **Green Bay Packers** in overtime, 40-34.

They'll renew an old rivalry on Monday night as they travel to play the **Oakland Raiders**.

The only other unbeaten teams in the National Football League are the **Minnesota Vikings** and the **Carolina Panthers**. The Panthers beat the **Indianapolis Colts** on Sunday, 23-20. ***

The most violent sports altercation of last weekend didn't take place on a football field.

It occurred at Fenway Park in Boston.

In Game 3 of the American League Championship Series, the simmering feud between the **New York Yankees** and the

Boston Red Sox boiled over.

Boston hurler **Pedro Martinez** threw a fourth inning pitch behind Yankee **Karim Garcia**, igniting a bench-clearing melee.

In the ensuing battle, Yankee coach **Don Zimmer** rushed Martinez, who grabbed the elderly coach in a headlock and pushed him away. Zimmer fell to the ground. He would later check into a hospital for observation.

Separately, a fight in the Yankee bullpen could result in criminal charges.

What exactly happened is unclear, but a Red Sox groundskeeper and Yankee players were involved in a physical brouhaha of some sort. The Red Sox claim that the Yankees attacked the groundskeeper. The Yankees say the Red Sox employee started the fracas.

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Jim Hahn

Hahn takes fishing title

A 17-pound yellowjack was large enough to win first place for Jim Hahn in the MWR Columbus Day Fishing Tournament held this weekend.

The tournament began on Oct. 10 and included four days of fishing, ending on Monday afternoon. Two anglers – E. Foreman and Z. Pernia – tied for second place.

Foreman caught a 10-pound yellowjack, and Pernia caught a 10-pound barracuda.

15 Minutes of Fame...

With Sgt. Monica St. Hill "DOC"

Goal: "I want to be a torch, ...leaving my mark behind"

Interview by
Spc. Katherine L. Collins

Sgt. Monica St. Hill, of the 273rd Military Police Co., has served as a soldier for 14 years. At home she is employed full-time with the National Guard. She is also a single mother of six children.

Q: What inspired you to join the military?

A: I sought a new way of life. I was a single parent searching for a stable means to provide for my children. I felt the military was the best way. I had dreamed for 10 years of serving. Finally, I really felt God's lead to join. Looking back, I can say pleading my oath was the best thing I could have done.

Q: What personal goals are you aspiring toward here?

A: I hope to finish writing my religious book about healing and restoration. I am drawing much of my material from my own life. I also hope to put together a choir here and produce a CD. Basically, I want to be a torch in GTMO, leaving my mark behind.

Q: What is the greatest challenge you anticipate experiencing here?

A: Being apart from my children is the hardest. They grew up as military children, and they experienced living apart from me when I served in support of Bosnia. Still, this is the first time they have ever been with their grandmother,



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker
Sgt. Monica St. Hill began her JTF service in early September as the radio transmission operator in the Detainee Operations Center. She also performs escort control.

and they are living with her full-time. They are adjusting better than expected though. My other greatest challenge is just staying focused on my mission here. I must see everything as a test and always believe I am making an impact.

Q: How have your personal experiences equipped you to succeed here?

A: Basically, I look at all the awful pits

and struggles I've overcome in life and I say, "I can persevere anything I face here too." I know God brought me here for a predetermined, specific purpose. I've learned in life that if I focus on his mission for me wherever I am, I will succeed.

Q: What qualities within yourself and what other sources assist you most in overcoming life's challenges?

A: I laugh. Laughter is medicine. God also made me like "tempered steel." I am resilient to adversities as God easily uses them to bend and mold me.

Q: In what ways do you think this deployment will strengthen you as a person and single mother?

A: My work in the wire makes me realize how fortunate I am. I see the detainees, and I watch my fellow workers. Many are bound by the choices they've made and the hardships they face. I know I am free physically, but also internally. I thank God and my faith for that.

Q: What interests do you possess?

A: I was a model before I joined the military. I also enjoy writing, singing and motivational speaking. I am writing a book, and I write, manage and produce my own music and music for others to perform. I produced a gospel CD of my music and singing, which will be in stores soon. Here I am doing some motivational speaking. I also do fashion design and tailoring.