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Twice the MP: JTF MPs excel in the School of the Guard

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“Twice the citizen” is a phrase often used to describe military service members because they go above and beyond the call of duty in service to their country. The soldiers of JTF Guantanamo’s Military Police units are currently going above and beyond even that service, enduring exhaustive training in the “School of the Guard” and taking on an additional military occupational specialty. And once they complete the training, qualifying as correctional specialists, they could easily classify themselves as being “twice the MP.”

“These MPs are the pride of the MP corps because they’re doing things that are above and beyond what they are normally used to doing,” asserts Sgt. 1st Class Edward Baldwin, an instructor from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri’s United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS).



Sgt. 1st Class John A. Waters (right), instructor for the 95C Conversion Course at JTF Guantanamo, shows Staff Sgt. David A. Reniere (left), 344th MP Co., and Sgt. Josh E. Johnson (center), 438th MP Co., the proper way to handle and apply wrist and ankle restraints.

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CSM George L. Nieves
Joint Task Force CSM
JTF Guantanamo

JTF-Guantanamo's military police companies are currently going above and beyond by taking on an additional military occupational specialty (MOS). With the assistance of highly trained instructors from the U.S. Army Military Police School (USAMPS), each company is receiving valuable training that will better prepare them to face the challenges of working inside the wire. These instructors from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri are doing an exceptional job training JTF MPs to become qualified as correctional specialists. At the completion of training, our MPs will be awarded a secondary MOS of 95C.

Early on in the rotation, we realized that the mission conducted in Camp Delta deals mainly with detaining enemy combatants, so it only made sense to figure out a way to get our MPs awarded the correctional specialist MOS. On-the-job training has played a vital role in learning how to be a corrections specialist and adapting to the JTF mission. Bringing instructors from USAMPS was the final piece to ensure training success and mission readiness for our MPs.

USAMPS accelerated the 95C course, typically five weeks long, by condensing it down to four days because of all the on-the-job training our MPs have received working inside Camp Delta. The instructors have been nothing less than professional since their arrival. They have kept the students motivated under some tough conditions, high temperatures with increased humidity just to name a couple. They are working diligently with our soldiers ensuring they have the right tools for success.

Bringing the 95C training here saves a tremendous amount of time and money and fits into the MP company's training cycle. At the end of six weeks, over 650 MPs will be 'dual-hatted' as a 95B and 95C, making these MPs a valuable asset to the Army. After completing the course, MPs have a greater appreciation for how tough their job as a corrections specialist here at JTF-GTMO really is and they should be proud of what they have accomplished. MPs will continue to be called upon to support missions around the world. The MPs that leave GTMO will possess the necessary skills so our nation can continue to win the GWOT.

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Question from the Field

Why are there restrictions on the use of tactical vehicles?

There are a few reasons why the JTF put restrictions on the use of tactical vehicles:

1. The cost to maintain a tactical vehicle is about four times greater than maintaining a non-tactical vehicle (NTV).

2. Tactical vehicles should ONLY be used when conducting military missions and other operations ONLY when approved by the unit commander. They should not be used for personal con-

venience.

3. A tactical vehicle causes more damage during a vehicle accident than a NTVs, which is why they should only be put on the road when needed.

4. The cost to ship a tactical vehicle to GTMO is \$12,000. It is more cost effective to lease NTVs.

Answer provided by CSM George L. Nieves, JTF Guantanamo Command Sergeant Major.

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Baldwin is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the School of the Guard's Mobile Training Team (MTT), currently training JTF MPs to become qualified as correctional specialists.

Adapting to the mission using on-the-job training

Generally speaking, MPs usually handle battlefield support and frontline operations. Typically, their duties include conducting area security and dealing with enemy prisoners of war (EPWs). As part of the JTF's Joint Detention Operations Group, however, the MPs have taken on additional responsibilities, such as overseeing detention operations and maintaining control amongst the detainees.

While the mission here relates to their jobs as MPs, many of their actual duties fall into another category altogether - that of a correctional specialist. Until recently, the MPs have used on-the-job training to adapt to their mission of overseeing and running the detention facilities at Camp Delta. Now, thanks to specialized training, the MPs stand better prepared to face the challenges of working inside the wire. The correctional specialist course - also known as 95 Charlie training - will augment the MPs' existing skills while teaching them new and useful ones, as well. And they'll even get a new MOS out of it.

"They have earned it," says Camp America Commandant Command Sgt. Major Gregg Hisson. Involved with coordinating the training here, Hisson believes that this course will better help prepare these MPs for the future, making them well-rounded soldiers. "It gives more experience and more knowledge to these MPs for future operations ... getting them out to deal with different people ... it's just another plus for the Army."

Bringing the school to the soldiers

Since the MPs have continued to incorporate their additional duties into their daily operations, the JTF leadership felt that the actual training course could only benefit the MPs themselves, while enhancing their ability to carry out the mission.

"The folks here at JTF wanted to provide the new MPs with additional training to possibly see if they could be certified as cor-

rections specialists," says Baldwin.

Normally, soldiers need to attend the course at USAMPS, but sending over 600 MPS from the JTF to Fort Leonard Wood wouldn't be practical. So, they did the next best thing. They brought the instructors here.

"It just saves a lot of time and money - mostly money - to bring four people down instead of flying 650 to a school to get the



Sgt. 1st Class John A. Waters (center), instructor for the 95C Conversion Course at JTF Guantanamo, shows Spc. Susan Yapp (right) and Spc. Lucas Willcutt (left), both assigned to the 303rd MP Co., different defensive tactics, such as the wrist lock hold shown here. Defensive Tactics is one phase of instruction in the 95C Training Course.

same benefit," explains Sgt. 1st Class William Demaere of the 785th MP Battalion. Demaere acts as a liaison between the company first sergeants and the USAMPS instructors. "The school said, 'We feel you're qualified enough that we could cover the areas that you're missing to get you qualified for the 95 Charlie MOS.'"

Pointing to statistical data, Command Sgt. Major John VaNatta, Camp Delta Superintendent, has stated that training the MPs here at Guantanamo saves the U.S. Government at least \$5 million - certainly a bargain, by any estimation.

Chosen to head the MTT by the USAMPS Commandant, Baldwin then hand-picked three other instructors - Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Borrero, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Fowler, and Sgt. 1st Class John Waters - who he describes as "the best-of-the-best." Together, this four-man team is running the five-week training program, which has been incorporated into the troopers' normal training week. So far, they have met with great success.

"These are young MPs," explains Baldwin. "They've been doing this job for months ... however, they're still open-minded enough to come to the training and

are willing to learn something new. What we try to do is, we try to hone the skills they already have by providing them specific training."

There are four particular areas that Baldwin and his team focus on: tower operations, in-processing operations, visitation operations, and dining room facilitation operations. This training strengthens MPs' skills in observation and enhances their ability to react quickly and efficiently to any situation. "Observation," says Spc. Ryan Bowsby, a member of the 785th MP Battalion, "was the biggest thing I learned ... I've learned to deal with people better."

"Our tasks have evolved over the years," adds Spc. Andrew Bau of the 438th MP Company. "Learning what you do when we got them [the detainees] is different than what you do after you got them. And that's what we've learned here. How we're going to deal with them after the fact."

Dealing with the detainees and observing them, as well as dealing with the stress of working in a restricted area, are critical components of an MP's job, and the instructors understand the importance of their own mission here.

"We felt that it was an honor and a privilege to share our knowledge and our expertise with these young MPs, so that the future of the MP corps can benefit," says Baldwin. "These kids came down here with an open mind and now they're able to ... take those observation skills that we're providing them so that they can be more observant and stop potentially deviant behavior before it happens and be able to better interact with the detainee before a situation can escalate."

Waters agrees. "There're always indicators to potentially harmful behavior or harmful acts and it's just learning how to pick up on those little cues to make you safer."

Rocky Road to success

Based on their reactions to the course, the MPs have emerged with more than just another MOS. They have become better trained soldiers and have gained a greater respect for what correctional specialists do. "I'm a lot smarter for having gone through

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that course,” elaborates Sgt. Scott Wood of the 984th MP Company. “Honestly, it gives me another perspective on another job ... it gives me promotion points, it gives me college credits, which is going to help me when I go to college to become a Lieutenant.”

Spc. Danny Galarza of the 240th MP Company thinks the School of the Guard provides MPs with some essential skills. “It was good training – it’s taught some of us about corrections. It’s good for every MP to know.”

Yet, as positive as the MPs’ reactions have been, their initial response was not quite as enthusiastic.

At first, some soldiers approached the new training with apprehension. “I signed up to be an MP – a 95 Bravo, not a 95 Charlie,” explains Wood. “But once we got into it, I think everyone really enjoyed it.”

SGT Andrew Flynn of the 438th MP Company concurs. “I think, in a lot of ways, a lot of us were kind of hesitant to go into it ... but once we actually started the 95 Charlie training, it really was polishing a lot of the skills and things that we’ve worked on ... A lot of the principles they were teaching were things that we do or things that we know that we should do and the training kind of brought that out.”

The MPs give their instructors a lot of credit for helping to make the training an enlightening experience.

“The instructors were really dynamic,” praises Flynn. “They kept the tempo up, they were entertaining. There were practical exercises that got everyone involved – it wasn’t just classroom work. And even the classroom work was made entertaining. And, I think, when something’s made entertaining, you retain more of it. We learned a lot and had fun doing it.”

100 percent successful

Boasting a 100 percent success rate, the course has received rave reviews from the soldiers and the leadership alike.

“The soldiers have been doing wonderful,” says Hissong. “They know that the 95 Charlie instructors are not here to pressure them but to teach them ... and you can see that each rotation coming through

the class here has been very successful.”

The secret to the program’s success? Teamwork, a concept the instructors emphasized during the course.

“Teamwork was stressed greatly throughout the training,” states Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Amley of the 303rd MP Company. “But that’s something we’ve done all



Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller (center), stands with honor graduates of the recent 95C School of the Guard Training. From the left are Sgt. William R. Thompson, 985th MP Co., Staff Sgt. Frankie Baerge, 240th MP Co., Sgt. 1st Class Jacqueline S. Swanton, 785th MP Bn., and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Amley, 303rd MP Co. The four honor grads received an Army Achievement Medal for exceeding the course standards.

along to get the mission done.” Amley knows a little something about success. He graduated number one in his class. And in a group with a 100 percent success rate, that’s not too shabby.

Preparing MPs for the future

While the course has given these MPs useful tools for their future, some MPs have already begun incorporating the training in their daily activities. “I’ve implemented a few things already,” says Sgt. William Toomey from the 344th MP Company. “Just knowing that you know a little bit more about the job, makes a difference.”

“[The training] really showed us what we should be doing,” comments Flynn. “I really believe that knowledge is power, so if I don’t use this in the future as Military Police, the things I’ve learned here will apply in other situations down the road somewhere.”

Hissong agrees. “Any of the schools that you acquire in the military is used for promotion. As long as you take that stuff and you apply it and you manage your career, you can go a long way in the mili-

tary in a short period of time. Because you’ve had that experience, you know what you’re talking about, you’re an asset, you’re diversified - you can be used in pretty much any situation.”

“The most important thing for these young soldiers is to retain the information,” maintains Baldwin. “And as a result of how we apply the training to them - with realistic, up-to-date training and current doctrine - this keeps everyone focused and allows them to retain it for the future in any type of operation that they were to go to. And that makes me feel better, that makes me sleep better at night, and I know it makes my family and everyone else’s family in America sleep better knowing that these young warriors are here doing what they gotta do – day in and day out – to ensure the safety of America. And that makes anyone feel better.”

Hissong also points out another astounding benefit to the School of the Guard training being conducted here. After the JTF’s MP companies complete their training, the number of qualified correctional specialists in the entire U.S. Army will double. “You have about 600 95 Charlies in the system right now,” says Hissong. “Once these soldiers have completed this course, you’re going to double that number in the United States Army. Is that an asset? That’s a huge pool that the US Army can draw from and that they can utilize as 95 Charlies to go to various places around the world. So, it is a huge plus for the Army.”

But no matter their MOS, these soldiers remain committed to serving their country in whatever capacity is necessary. Wood takes a moment to reflect on his new training and what it means for these MPs’ futures. “We’re all Military Policemen, and we’re all going through this Charlie training, and we’re all going to have a secondary MOS. But no matter what, I know we all signed up to be soldiers first. So, no matter what, we’re gonna do what we gotta do.”

The MPs of JTF Guantanamo continue to serve with determination, doing what they have to do. And thanks to the School of the Guard, these MPs can now do a little bit more.

For 303rd soldier, thinking outside the box can save lives

Story & photo by
Sgt. Erin Crawley

Assist, protect and defend. This is the motto of all military police. This is what they do day in and day out. Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Amley, an MP with the 303rd Military Police Company out of Jackson, Michigan, takes this motto very seriously while performing his daily duties as a block sergeant for JTF Guantanamo.

Amley recently completed the 95C Training (Corrections Specialist course) with his unit and finished first in his class by scoring 100 percent on both written exams required for the course. He said the 95C training has greatly enhanced his skills and he will be able to use these skills as an MP and as a state trooper.

"The MP school sent some instructors down here to teach us a few more things that are required to qualify for the Corrections Specialist military occupational specialty. Teamwork was stressed greatly throughout the course. They also stressed the concept of thinking outside of the box as being very important," said Amley.

Amley explained that although teamwork is nothing new to the 303rd, it is

good to get a different perspective on things and learn something new. He emphasized that, "One person can't run a detention block all by themselves. I rely on my team to assist me in getting the job done. It is a team effort and my team does an excellent job."

Amley said, "They (the instructors)



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Amley, a block sergeant with the 303rd Military Police Company out of Jackson, Michigan is here to assist, protect and defend as part of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

showed how dangerous it can be working in a confinement facility and if you do become lackadaisical, how you can be seriously injured or killed."

"Prior to getting deployed, I went through the Inter-Service Non-Lethal Weapons Instructors Course. I, along with several other members of my unit, trained most of the units that came down here, up

at Fort Dix, New Jersey. We trained them in non-lethal weapons, riot control, and defensive tactics," Amley said.

The 303rd MP Company is a combat support unit, whereby they traditionally do not conduct missions like the one they are performing here inside Camp Delta. However, through lots of on-the-job training here and the 95C training, they have been able to tweak their skills and learn some new skills. Now, after more than six months, Amley says he and his team are a well oiled machine.

Amley says the time spent here has been very unique and one of the best parts about it is being part of a Joint Task Force. "Working with the other units has been an outstanding experience. I made a lot of friends with the other units and I think the whole Task Force has really come together and works together as a great team," Amley said.

Additionally, Amley says that the mission here is extremely important and he feels his team and his unit are making a difference. "I have no idea how much we have been getting (information from the detainees) ... but if just a little bit of information was to save at least one life, it is worth the effort," Amley said.

Pacific area 'Coasties' arrive at Guantanamo

Story by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

From the cold waters of the Pacific to the warm waters of Guantanamo Bay, after arriving last week, the U.S. Coast Guard's Pacific Area (PACAREA) Port Security Detachment is settling into their new home here and becoming acquainted with protecting the operational area of JTF Guantanamo.

The PACAREA PSU Detachment is from Alameda, California, and is made up of reservists and active duty members from all over the west coast. These new arrivals hail from Coast Guard search and rescue stations, patrol boats and maritime security teams. Most are from the ports of Seattle, San Francisco and San Diego. There are also additional members from units as far away as Guam and Hawaii, commented Lt. Cmdr. Jim Andrews, commander of the PACAREA PSU Detachment.

"We have members who have supported port security operations in major U.S. ports

following the terrorist attacks on 9-11, as well as supported military operations overseas in such places as Korea, Bahrain, Japan and Saudi Arabia," said Andrews.

During their first few days, the PACAREA PSU Detachment will be working side by side with the Navy Harbor Defense Command in order to provide a constant 'on-the-water' security response capability.

"We give the Joint Operations Center staff what we call 'maritime domain awareness' for their area of responsibility. That means we are their eyes and ears on the water. If it floats, flies, swims or paddles, we know about it and can respond appropriately," said Andrews.

According to Andrews, their transition into the JTF has been fantastic. The initial support they received from the JTF and the NAVBASE has made them feel proud to be

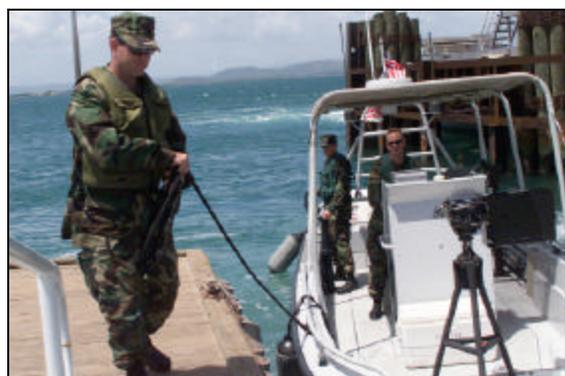


Photo by Sgt. Erin Crawley

Welcome to GTMO - Members of the new Joint Task Force Coast Guard Port Security Unit pull into the Windward ferry landing as part of their area familiarization training. From left to right: MK3 Eric Wymore, BM3 Michael Marvin, and BM2 Gary Burns. Members of the new PSU all hail from the Pacific Coast area.

here.

"The Coast Guard, being such a small service, is not used to the level of support that you see here. We hope we can repay the hospitality by serving this command with pride and professionalism," said Andrews.

Volunteering to defend the nation

Story by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

Would you volunteer to leave your family and friends to serve your country and fight the global war on terrorism? For one soldier who works in the Joint Interregation Group of JTF Guantanamo, who we will call "D" to protect his identity, there was no hesitation to volunteer his service to the JTF, the Army and the nation.

"D" is no stranger to serving his country. He has been in the Army since he was 25 and has over 17 years of combined active duty and reserve service. He has been stationed throughout the United States and also overseas in such places as: Fort Hood, Texas; Frankfurt, Germany; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Scofield Barracks, Hawaii and Fort Drum, N.Y. His current duty station is Washington, D.C. and it was in Washington D.C. where "D" took advantage of an opportunity to come to Cuba.

Three months ago, when a request came through his office looking for a volunteer to go to GTMO, "D" stepped up to the plate. He discussed the deployment with his wife and his chain of command and within a week of volunteering, he was packed and on a plane to Cuba.

Much of "D's" reason for wanting to be here comes from how the events of September 11 affected him. "D" was stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y. when he saw the World Trade Center attacked. He was in his living room with his wife at the time and couldn't believe what he saw.

"I watched the second plane fly into the World Trade Center and it burned my heart inside. I turned to my wife at that time and said, 'We're going to war over this.' She said, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'Believe me, we're going to go to war over this.' I've been wanting to do my part ever since," said "D."

Since arriving here, "D" has noticed many improvements within the JTF and

the JIG. He also noticed that those he works with are using the tools they have available to them and are making their work more efficient and streamlined. "D" also mentioned that the JTF "is a work in progress and I think I have seen a lot of improvements in the two and a half months that I have been here."

According to "D," the hard work and daily operations of those here are going to pay off and make a difference, but the results aren't going to happen over night.

"We may be in for the long haul here in Guantanamo, but what we do does make a difference," said "D."

"D" has a few more months left here and he knows that the work that everybody does in the JTF plays a vital part in the war on terrorism.

"I think that the biggest thing about this is that it's essentially a nationally focused mission. We are a piece of a bigger effort on the war on terrorism," said "D."

Know what to do when the sirens sound

Compiled by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

We have all become familiar with the sirens when they are tested every Wednesday at noon.

During the week of 16 June, the sirens will be sounding off again, but a different siren will be sounded each day and information will be included on cable channel 4 and on FM 103.1.

It is important to be able to recognize each distinct siren sound and know what to do when it is heard.

To help you prepare, here is a list of the meanings behind the siren sounds along with the day when each will be sounded:

Monday, 16 June: Wail: General Alert - Turn on TV/Radio for additional information. This tone is intended as a non-emergency alert. As an example it will be sounded when hurricane readiness conditions are upgraded or when severe thunderstorms are expected shortly.

Tuesday, 17 June: Alternate Wail: Take cover - Return to quarters and stay

put until further notice (non-immediate threat). This tone will be used when base requires all non-essential personnel to return to quarters and stay there until all clear is sounded.

Wednesday, 18 June: Pulse Wail: Take Cover - Immediate threat inbound - Return to nearest secure location and take cover. This alert will be used when immediate danger threatens, such as a tornado or in-bound aircraft of unknown origin. Find nearest cover and stay there until all clear is sounded. Dangerous conditions are possible in 15 minutes or less.

Thursday, 17 June: Pulse Steady- Recovery Disaster Teams report to duty. All non-essential personnel remain in quarters. This alert is used to alert various emergency personnel such as PWD recovery teams and fire department personnel that it is safe to investigate for any injury or damage to base facilities.

Friday, Tuesday 17 June: Steady- All clear. Resume normal activities.

Check your pay with "myPay"

Compiled by Sgt. Erin Crawley

As a U.S. Military service member, there is invaluable military pay information that can be shared with an individual by accessing the myPay system. MyPay is a Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) internet "Pay Information" system for the individual service member.

All active/reserve service members and DoD civilian employees can use it. MyPay allows you to manage your pay information, leave and earning statements, W-2s and more, 24 hours a day. It puts more information and services at your fingertips.

JTF-GTMO service members are strongly encouraged to take the time and sign up for myPay. Service members may sign up through their unit personnel administrator or through the J8 Finance Office.

Upon submitting your application, J8 Finance Office will then fax it to DFAS and you will be ready within 10 working days to access myPay at www.dfas.mil. Additional information on myPay may be obtained by contacting the J8 Finance Office at 5411/5433.

JTF welcomes new Chief of Staff

Story By Sgt. Bob Mitchell

JTF Guantanamo has a new chief! Colonel Tim Lynch arrived last week and is taking up residency as the new Chief of Staff.

COL Lynch comes to Guantanamo Bay from Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, where he was Chief, Strategic Plans Division, Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate, U.S. Pacific Command.

The Massachusetts native has spent virtually all of his life in and around the military. He grew up as an Army brat. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, receiving his commission as an infantry officer in 1977.

In 26 years of service, he has served in four U.S. Army divisions, and worked as a staff officer in III Corps; TRADOC HQs; HQs, Department of Army; U.S. Army Pacific; and most recently, USPACOM.

Colonel Lynch holds a Masters of Military Science from the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies,



photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen Lewald

and an MBA from Syracuse University, New York. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

The married father of three enjoys surfing, basketball, karate, playing guitar and golf.

He looks forward to being a part of the high performing JTF GTMO staff team.

New pin numbers now in effect for morale calls

By Spc. Alan L. Knesek

New pin numbers are now in effect for making morale calls. If you haven't been issued a new number, let your supervisor know.

According to Master Sgt. Donald Quinlan, J-6 Current Operations, although they have received very few complaints about the new pin number system, the new numbers are longer and it seems that soldiers are forgetting them more frequently.

The concern that service members have about the pins changing again, as well as a new morale call system being put into place, has some troopers worried. But Quinlan assured us that after this, new pins will not be re-issued.

"There shouldn't be any more pin number changes. The pin numbers do not get re-issued and new numbers are generated for the new units coming in to maintain security," said Quinlan.

Quinlan also mentioned that there have been some changes to the morale call software to solve some of the problems.

Any other questions in reference to the morale call pin numbers should be directed to Master Sgt. Quinlan at 3833.

Man on the Street

Compiled by Spc. Delaney Jackson

This week's question:

How will the on-the-job training you've received here benefit you on your next assignment or job?



Spc. John Fuqua
HHC, 2-116th Inf. Regt.

"It has helped me fine-tune my leadership skills to prepare me to be an NCO and lead the way for fellow soldiers."



Spc. Abbey Fluhr,
85th Combat Stress

"I have received a lot of medical and psych training from the Navy Corpsmen, which will help me in the hospital environment at home."



Spc. Yarnell Rickett,
300th MP Bde.

"This has helped me develop my people skills, dealing with different personalities, and gain more patience, which is something I can definitely use in the classroom as a reading and language arts teacher."



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Cletis Sims,
National Naval Medical Center

"I've learned how to take care of drug reactions, diagnosis, disorder needs prescriptions and so forth, which will help me when I return to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda."



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class, Zane Josi
MSST.

"It has benefited me in many ways, due to the fact that I work on boats, there aren't many people that do that. We've learned to trouble shoot, there is a lot of hands on training and we've also learned to make do with what we have."

Chaplain's Corner

By CH (MAJ) John Terrell
JTF Guantanamo
Staff Chaplain

Why I Go To Chapel

If you go to a worship service back where you come from, I'm sure there are reasons why you go. We all have reasons for why we do something. We may deny that fact, but I believe deep down everything we do is for a reason.

Going to chapel can be very rewarding. We may go for personal reasons or selfish reasons. No matter why you go, I pray God blesses you. However, I would like to suggest four reasons for going to chapel.

We should go to chapel for purposes of testimony. It identifies us with a group of believers, who share a common goal. It

gives us a testimony to those around us that we care about the cause of Christ.

We should go to chapel as an encouragement to other believers. Sometimes it is not always about what we get out of it. As believers, it is also about encouraging others in the work of Christ.

We should go to chapel because it gives us opportunities for leadership or other positions of trusted service. We are always looking for people to step out. To help out.

We should go to chapel because it connects us to the one thing that is bound to succeed. Jesus said, "...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It." -Matthew 16:18

Have a prosperous day!
Chaplain Terrell

Every dad should have his day

By Sgt. Bob Mitchell

The mighty oak tree has the humblest of beginnings with the acorn. In a similar way, Father's Day had a modest origin.

In 1908, Dr. Robert Webb conducted what is generally regarded as the first Father's Day service at the Central Church of Fairmont, West Virginia. The next year, Sonora Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon and decided to herself that there should also be a "father's day."

Civil War veteran William Smart, who was widowed when his wife died giving birth to their sixth child, raised Dodd. Smart raised Dodd and her five siblings by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State.

Sonora realized the selflessness, sacrifice and love her father displayed as a single parent. William Smart was born in June, so she decided to have the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910.

The day was an unofficial day to celebrate fatherhood until 1966, when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Everyone who is a member of JTF Guantanamo gets two morale calls per week. If you're lucky enough to be able to get in touch with your father on Father's Day, don't take it for granted. Give him a call and wish him a Happy Father's Day.

Camp America Worship Service – Bus Information

For 9:00 a.m. Service

8:00 a.m. - Bus Departs Windward Loop
(Windward Loop stop inside the loop)

***8:15 a.m.** - Arrives at Tierra Kay Gazebo
(Gazebo stop is the main bus stop at first entrance)

**The bus will wait about five minutes, do a drive around, then depart.*

Worship Services

Catholic

Main Chapel

Daily	6:30 a.m.	Mass Cobre 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
	11 a.m.	Mass (Sanctuary B)

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 ChapelComplex
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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 immediately following worship.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Soldier Show makes debut performance at GTMO

Story and photo by Sgt. Erin Crawley

The 2003 Soldier Show recently came to Guantanamo to entertain Joint Task Force service members and the Navy Base community, during their 13th performance of a whirl-wind tour around the globe. The theme this year is "Legacy," and is a tribute to Irving Berlin, the originator of the first Soldier Show held in 1917.

The 90 minute, high-energy show took the audience on a historic odyssey, beginning with an original tribute to Irving Berlin, written and composed by Victor Hurtado, Artistic Director. Other performances included songs from the 50s up to present day.

Highlights included a traditional Native American hoop dance and a spicy medley of *Chicago* tunes.

JTF service member, 2nd Lt. Margie Brown, with the 984th Military Police Company out of Fort Carson, Colorado, really enjoyed watching the show. "I absolutely loved the show! My favorite parts were the party scene, and the *Chicago* tribute. This show definitely boosted morale here. I've been to a lot of army shows and this one was first rate. The performers had such a high energy level and everyone could dance and sing," said Brown.

Ironically, one of the performers in the show, Staff Sgt. Keisha Felder, a personnel administrative specialist stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, was formerly one of Brown's students. Before Brown became an Officer, she was an instructor at the Non-Commis-



1st Lt. Demetria Glover (left), an Engineer Officer with the 84th Combat Engineer Battalion (Heavy) out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, delivers an amazing performance with Sgt. Joanne Brown, a Military Police Officer with the 428th Military Police Company, out of South Bend, Indiana.

sioned Officer Course. Both soldiers got a brief chance to catch up after the show.

According to Hurtado, the soldiers not only perform, but they are responsible for setting up and breaking down the equipment. The first nine hours of their day was spent in the hot sun erecting an elaborate stage at the Downtown Lyceum. This effort from the soldiers "minimizes the cost of putting on a production of this kind," said Hurtado.

The performers consider it an honor to be a part of the show. Performer, Spc. Mike Acevedo, a broadcast journalist stationed at Camp Zama, Japan said, "Performing in Guantanamo is fantastic! The Soldier Show has come out here to let everyone know that they are appreciated."

With 13 shows under their belts and 95 more to go, these high-speed soldiers have made a positive impact on the service members here.

In total, the 17 performers, from all different military occupational specialties, will perform 108 shows in six months, according to Hurtado.

Movie Schedule

Camp Bulkeley

Fri., June 13

8 p.m. *U-571*
PG13 - 116 min

10 p.m. *Shaft*
R - 100 min

Sat., June 14

8 p.m. *Reign of Fire*
PG13 - 108 min

10 p.m. *From Hell*
R - 122 min

Sun., June 15

8 p.m. *The Dirty Dozen*
NR - 149 min

Mon., June 16

8 p.m. *Face/Off*
R - 136 min

Tues., June 17

8 p.m. *Eight Legged Freaks*
PG13 - 99 min

Wed., June 18

8 p.m. *The Bourne Identity*
PG13 - 118 min

Thurs., June 19

8 p.m. *Bounty Hunters*
R - 96 min

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., June 13

8 p.m. *Finding Nemo*
G - 100 min

10 p.m. *Bruce Almighty*
PG13 - 94 min

Sat., June 14

8 p.m. *What A Girl Wants*
PG - 105 min

10 p.m. *Malibu's Most Wanted*
PG13 - 86 min

Sun., June 15

8 p.m. *Phone Booth*
R - 81 min

Mon., June 16

8 p.m. *Anger Management*
PG13 - 101 min

Tues., June 17

8 p.m. *Bruce Almighty*
PG13 - 94 min

Wed., June 18

8 p.m. *Malibu's Most Wanted*
PG13 - 86 min

Thurs., June 19

8 p.m. *The Matrix: Reloaded*
R - 99 min

Cuzco Wells Bus Tours

Sunday, June 15

1st Tour 8 a.m. / 2nd Tour 9 a.m.

Tours begin and end at the Downtown Lyceum
Cameras are allowed. However, those with cameras will be briefed on what they will be allowed to shoot.

Cuzco Wells - The first land battle of the Spanish-American War...which helped win the war and reinforce the U.S. Marine Corps' reputation as an outstanding fighting force.

NATIONAL SPORTS

On the Mark !!!

Say it ain't so, Sammy!



photo by Spc. Delaney Jackson

Sports commentary
by

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Sammy Sosa made a mistake - a BIG mistake - but accidents happen. The great ambassador of baseball admitted to having a corked bat, but only used it for batting practice.

Sosa broke the bat when hitting a pitch on June 3rd against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He grabbed the corked bat, but unlike Wilton Guerrero in 1997, he went back into the dugout as if he never thought about what might be lying on the ground.

That being said, he broke the rules. He admitted it, and will serve the suspension.

Although there is vast media overkill on this topic, whether or not he was worried about his post-beaning slump or his decline in home run rate (one per 10.1 plate appearances from '98 through last Aug. 17, 23.6 since), the use of the bat was an exercise in very bad judgment.

For that bad judgment, Sosa will have to deal with the punishment sent down from Major league Baseball, which will take his bat out of the heart of the Cubs lineup in the middle of a pennant race.

But that is nothing compared to what Sosa's fans might be contemplating in their heads as far as his status as one of the greatest homerun hitters in baseball, not to mention the hit to his image and wallet from the effect on endorsements. Since so many different parts of Sosa's life are being affected by this mishap, one would have to believe what he says.

Why would he chance it all by using a corked bat which, by the way, has only been proven to improve the distance of a batted ball by four to six feet?

Sosa cares about his fans as much as he cares about baseball, and is very respectful to the media. He's a great ambassador for baseball and is a future Hall of Famer.

The man made one mistake that many other baseball players have made knowingly. Let's not drill this into the ground; let it go, as will Sammy.

Sports Highlights

Summary by Spc. Mark Leone

Sammy Sosa's appeal of his eight-game suspension for using a corked bat will be heard Tuesday in Baltimore at an undisclosed location, the **Chicago Cubs** announced. **Major League Baseball's** chief operating officer, **Bob DuPuy**, will hear the appeal. The Cubs said that a decision regarding the appeal is not expected on Tuesday.

Never has the Stanley Cup felt more at home than in the New Jersey swamp. The **Devils**, riding the greatest home-ice advantage in **NHL** playoff history, and a goal from one of the unlikeliest Game 7 stars ever, ended the **Anaheim Mighty Ducks** remarkable postseason run and won the Cup with a 3-0 victory Monday night.

Rockets general manager **Carroll Dawson** said Monday that **Jeff Van Gundy** told him he wants the job **Rudy Tomjanovich** left last month. Contract talks were expected to be completed within the next few days, he said. The deal is believed to be for at least four years with a value of \$4 to \$5 million annually.

Lennox Lewis' opponent for a June 21 title bout in Los Angeles will be **Vitali Klitschko**. Klitschko replaces **Kirk Johnson**, who pulled out Friday with an injury in the fight at the Staples Center for Lewis' **WBO** and **WBA** heavyweight titles. In a fitting climax to their personal rivalry, **Arturo Gatti** and **Micky Ward** met for the third time in their storied careers. The junior welterweights battled for ten more grueling rounds Saturday night, with Gatti winning a unanimous decision in the rubber match.

Sports highlights compiled from Yahoo! News.com., Boston.com, NHL.com and ESPN.com.

Head to head ...

Should Pete Rose be in the Hall of Fame?

Staff Sgt.
Nakia Royal
J-8 Budget Office

Pete Rose should be in the Hall of Fame because of his performance as a player. The 17-time All-Star is considered the best hitter of all time. He earned the Most Valuable Player award, Rookie Of The Year award and two Gold Glove Awards. To top it all off, he is the all-time hit leader and set the bar so high that it is probably unreachable. In order for someone to break his all-time hit record, they would have to average 213 hits for 20 consecutive seasons. In addition, he was also a very aggressive base runner who brought excitement to the game with his trademark headfirst slide.



Sgt. Bob Mitchell
The Wire Sports
Editor

Pete Rose? Hall of Fame? Please. I don't care how good anyone is (or was), they are not bigger than the game itself. You don't get into Cooperstown by betting on games while you're the manager of a team. If he wanted to be the foul-mouthed, pot-bellied low-life gambling buffoon he is today, he should have waited until he left baseball instead of calling his bookie from the dugout while managing the Reds. The greatest hitter ever? Babe Ruth had a lifetime .342 average. Rose's lifetime average is under .300. Hall of Fame? Give me a break. What a loser.

JTF SPORTS & FITNESS

Here a tournament, there a tournament

Story by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

Running, lifting weights, volleyball and basketball; Guantanamo Bay MWR has it all and it all starts now.

The fun starts on June 14th with the Flag Day Fun Run at the G. J. Denich Gym. The run starts at 6:30 a.m. and is open to all. Sign up for the event at the gym. Later that week there is the Doubles Dart Tournament on June 18th at the Liberty Recreation Center, starting at 7 p.m. There will be trophies for first, second and third place.

For those who would rather pump iron, there is a Power Lifting Competition June 28th, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the G. J. Denich Gym. Trophies will go to the first, second and third place of each category. After resting from the power lifting competition, there is the Twilight Volleyball Tournament June 29th, at 7:30 p.m. To sign up for the tournament, go to The Main Liberty Center on Marine Hill.

The next event is the five-kilometer 4th of July Fun Run, which starts at 6:30 a.m. at the G. J. Denich Gym. T-shirts will be given to the first 150 runners to sign up.

On July 5th there is a Three-on-Three basketball tournament at the G. J. Denich Gym that starts at 9 a.m. Each team can have three members plus one substitute. A roster needs to be turned into the base gym prior to June 16.

Later on the 5th, the One Pitch Softball Tournament will be held at Cooper Softball Fields, located behind the G. J. Denich Gym. The tournament starts at 5 p.m. and each team must turn their complete rosters into the base gym by June 16. Each team must have a minimum of two women on the field at all times.

For more information about the One Pitch Softball Tournament, Three on Three Basketball Tournament, the 4th of July Fun Run, Power Lifting Competition, and the Flag Day Fun Run, call the G. J. Denich Gym at 2193

For more information on the Doubles Dart Tournament and the Twilight Volleyball Tournament, call 2010 or stop by The Main Liberty Center on Marine Hill.

Doubles Dart Tournament

June 18th at the Liberty Recreation Center on Marine Hill. No entry fee!
Starts at 7 p.m.
Signup before tournament!

Running club goes the distance

Story and photo by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, and leis filled the streets and back trails of Guantanamo Bay during Saturday's Hash House Harriers one-year anniversary run. Strange phrases like, "On, On" and "True Trail" - terms used between the runners to communicate during the run - filled the air and seemed to be coming from all directions.

This chapter of the Hash House Harriers has seen its numbers rise and fall, but during the anniversary run, the hashers were out in full force, keeping the 65 year old tradition of A.S. Gispert alive.

Gispert, a British volunteer for the Federated Malay States, founded the Hash House Harriers in Kuala Lumpur after seeing a running group in Malacca playing the game. The name for the Hash House Harriers is based off an English game called Hares and Hounds. The game's premise is to catch the hare (two people), who's given a few minutes head start, leaving a trail of white paper so the hounds (the rest of the runners), can follow. But the hare doesn't make it easy for the hounds and leaves false trails, making it difficult for the hounds to follow.

Through the years, the Hash House Harriers have infiltrated communities all over the world and have found a huge following. They have grown and changed, incorporating new symbols, code words, and nicknames for Hashers bound and determined to catch that hare!



The Hash House Harriers head out onto Sherman Avenue in full force (over 90 runners) and set out on their mission to catch the Hare!

Flag Day Fun Run June 14th

The five kilometer run starts at 6:30 a.m. at the G. J. Denich Gym.

Youth: age groups (7-11) (12-15) (16-19)
Adult: age groups (20-29) (30-39) (40-49) (50 +)

Sign up at the base gym

For more information, call 2193

15 Minutes of Fame...

with Sergeant William Thompson
984th Military Police Company

Red dog takes a bite out of corrections specialist course

Interview and
photo by
Sgt. Dan Johnson

Sgt. William Thompson of the 984th Military Police Company out of Fort Carson, Colo., is a recent honor graduate of the corrections specialist training course. Thompson, a five-year veteran in the Army Reserve, reenlisted after four years in the infantry to get a head start on a career in law enforcement.



Sgt. William Thompson, a recent honor graduate of corrections specialist training course, stands proudly by his company's mascot.

Q: What is it that you do for the JTF?

A: I'm a detention block Non-Commissioned Officer in Camp Delta.

Q: How do you feel about working for the JTF?

A: It gives me a sense of pride and enthusiasm. I didn't expect so much training. It's definitely a learning experience for everybody involved. Everyday something changes. You have to stay flexible and roll with the punches.

Q: What's the best part about working with all of the other services in a joint operation?

A: It's great to see how they operate. You hear stories about how different branches of the military do things different ways. Some people might have ideas about the other services, but here they get to see them and they see that they're good people.

Q: What do you contribute to the mission here?

A: I ensure that my detention block is run to standard. I ensure that the soldiers I work with in the block treat the detainees humanely and that my soldiers are trained and ready for any mission that comes their way.

Q: What's the biggest challenge that you've encountered in the JTF?

A: Well, being deployed here and put in charge. I had only been an MP for three months when I came here so I was just learning ... but since I've been here, I've talked with soldiers in my company who have worked in corrections in the civilian sector, and I read the standard operating procedures and learned everything else on-the-job.

Q: Tell me about the corrections specialist training you received.

A: It was good, informative training. The instructors were great. They made it easy to understand and kept our attention. I actually graduated with honors from this

course.

Q: What does it take to become an honor graduate?

A: I passed all hands-on evaluations the first time and scored 100% on both written examinations.

Q: Where would you say you got that leadership style?

A: Pretty much every NCO that I've worked for. They know their job, they're good at teaching, and they always made sure that I did what I had to do. And when I made mistakes, they weren't afraid to let me know it.

Q: How do you think the on-the-job training you've received here will help you in the future?

A: The experience of working with and transporting the detainees will be beneficial. A lot of times you have to decide things right now and make the right decision. I think that will be beneficial for a career in law enforcement.

Q: Tell me about your family.

A: I've been married to my wife for almost two and a half years now. I use my morale calls to call her. My friend's wife is deployed in Iraq and she calls him whenever she can, so he let's me use his morale calls sometimes too.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to go to the gym and lift weights, run, and my favorite game on Playstation 2 is "Commandos 2: Men of Courage."