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Working on the block with military police

By SGT Jolene Staker

Fair, firm and consistent are how military police (MP) are trained to treat the detainees under their care.

“My responsibility is to ensure that each detainee is treated fairly and consistently,” said SPC Jason Pilkington of the 216th Military Police Company.

MPs are not always treated well on their job, but they have learned to take it in stride.

“[Detainees] are going to vent their frustration and yell and scream at somebody — I don’t take it personally,” said SSG William Trigg of the 216th MP Co. “I make sure they are treated well, they aren’t mistreated in any way and their needs are taken care of. They are people.”

MPs take care of many of the needs of the detainees, and for those needs they can’t fulfill they ensure that the correct individuals are notified.

“We check on their health and well-being,” said SGT Chris Chamblis of the 216th MP Co. “When they run out of comfort items we replace the items as



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SSG William Trigg of the 216th Military Police Company hands out lunch to detainees.

well as ensure they get three meals a day.”

MPs do not make many of the decisions that affect daily life for the detainees; they simply make sure that the overall guidelines set by the standard operation procedure (SOP) and specific instructions for each detainee are followed.

“As block sergeant it is my responsibility to make sure things run smoothly and correctly according to the SOP,” said SGT Rodney Wade, of the 216th MP Co.

While the SOP is designed to ensure that the detainees are treated humanely, MPs voiced that they want to treat the detainees well.

“I want to treat them fair,” said SPC Steven Lyon, B Battery, 1-119th Field Artillery.

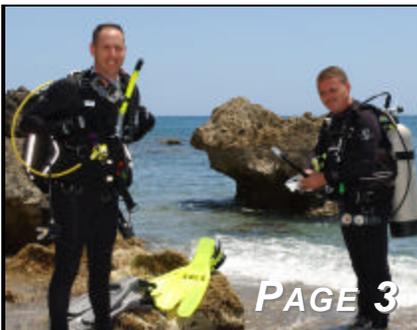
“I treat the detainees like I would want to be treated – with humanity,” said SSG Darren Whitaker of the 216th MP Co.

“The Good Book says ‘Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you,’” said SGT David Stewart of the 216th MP

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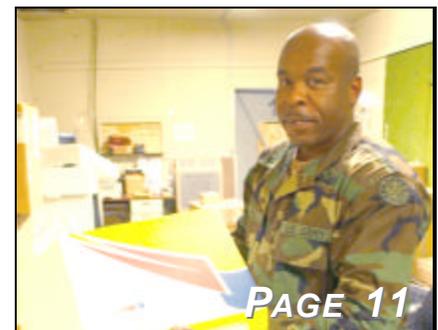
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Febles proud to be part of JTF effort

First, my many thanks to everyone for the warm welcome; this is going to be a great tour working with a great team.

A mark of an excellent and close-knit community is watching how happy the families look. Touring all the facilities, it pleases me to see all the basics are here serving our great team. Until I got here, I did not imagine having a NEX/Commissary, fast food, gyms, recreation, schools and family housing available – to top it off we can all enjoy the ocean and breeze.

BG Jay Hood and I are honored in becoming part of this great team of Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen, federal agencies, civil service personnel and the rest of the civilian work force. You are all true professionals, dedicated to duty and mission. Without everyone giving way together we could not accomplish the mission.

On another note, soon the GTMO 4 rotation will make way for GTMO 5. Having said that, the success of the transition is dependent upon a good and concise battle handover. Please share all your professional and personal experi-



CSM Angel Febles
Command Sergeant Major
JTF GTMO

ences relative to your tour of duty and ensure that leaders present continuity books coupled with left and right-seat rides. Our mission is too important to leave everything to apathy.

Lastly, please watch your speed limit and ensure that leaders are aware of potential hazards and high-risk service members, always talking and enforcing safety. I look forward to meeting all of you and serving this great JTF-Guantanamo.

Honor bound!



Photo by SPC Rick Fahr

New captain

BG Jay Hood (left), JTF Guantanamo commander, congratulates CPT Michael Rutherford of the 384th Military Police Battalion after promoting him to his new rank on Monday.

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Done it all? A GTMO checklist

By SPC Rick Fahr

When troopers first learn of their pending deployment to Guantanamo Bay, lots of thoughts pass through their mind.

The on-the-ground reality may be significantly different than preconceived notions. However, Guantanamo has sights and activities unique to the Pearl of the Antilles.

Troopers should not lose the opportunity to experience as many of them as possible. Hence, a Guantanamo must-do checklist:

Sights

Few U.S. military bases are in such close proximity to a communist nation as Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

A tour of the base's famed Northeast Gate drives home that fact. The tour gives an up-close look at the nature of the guarded fenceline and the rela-



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

(left to right) Air Force Master Sgt. James Martinez, CPT John Tutterow and SFC Ted Zaroff, all of the Staff Judge Advocate office, take a moment away from their tour of the Northeast Gate, perhaps Guantanamo's most well-known locale.

tionship between the U.S. military and their Cuban counterparts. The tour leaves Marine Hill at 8 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Call 2642 for more information.

On a lonely point that overlooks the ocean, sits the Lighthouse Museum. It's rooms include old photographs of soldiers from the past, examples of local art and culture and

pieces of Guantanamo's history. Some of the most intriguing displays rest outside.

Surrounding the museum are decaying boats, wooden crafts salvaged from the sea. The largest of the group barely sits four feet high, its beams rotted and its motor rusted. The smallest is a skiff barely as wide as a person and not more than a foot tall. Placards on these boats note that Haitian refugees had used them in their quest for freedom.

Men, women and children had filed into these tiny boats, most barely bigger than a middle-America bathtub, to seek a better life without tyranny. Some of the boats arrived with their precious cargo alive and well. Other boats washed ashore empty, their precious cargo lost to the sea and the quest for freedom.

For more information about the museum, call 4977.

Foods

There is no food shortage at the galleys, but sometimes troopers want a little something different.

They're in luck.

For authentic Caribbean foods, there are two choices –

the Cuban Club (5962) and the Jerk House (2535).

Both serve traditional Cuban and Caribbean foods and beverages.

The Southerners here in Guantanamo may think they know a thing or two about barbecuing and smoking pork. They should give the Jerk House pork plates a try.

Activities

There must be something to that whole lure of the sea thing, because troopers from all over get to Guantanamo and can scarcely wait to go to one of the beaches or obtain a boating license or learn to scuba dive.

At the MWR marina, troopers can take the boating test and then rent one of several types of boats and water-fun equipment. To do so, call 2345.

Be sure to ask about the GTMO Queen, a boat large enough for unit get-togethers.

For the adventurous, snorkeling and scuba diving are just the watery ticket.

Ocean Enterprises (2794) has the equipment, and Reef Raiders Dive Club (7315) has the expertise.

Enjoy.



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SGT Steve Colosi (left), Joint Aid Station medic, and Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jackie Ramey take time off Sunday afternoon to go scuba diving, one of Guantanamo's most popular activities.

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Co., "Even if I don't like their ways, I show them respect."

Respecting the detainees' religious beliefs is one way the MPs show respect. While the MPs personal beliefs may be different from the detainees, they recognize the opportunity to show the detainees that people don't have to agree to respect each other.

"I'm a Christian, and I follow what the Bible says," said CPL John Harville of the 216th MPs. "Still I respect their prayer time, and I make a point to not disturb them during their prayer time. It is their belief, and I'm not going to be disrespectful to that."

"I let them do their prayer without interrupting them," said Lyon. "When it's their time to pray, I'm going to let them pray. I want people to respect my beliefs, so I'm going to respect their religion."

MPs find that this respect helps them build a trust with the detainees that makes daily operations run more smoothly.

"It's important to build a rapport with the detainees which eliminates problems," said Wade.

Harville shared how respecting the detainees has made it easier for him to perform his job.

"It's not that I cater to them or give them special privileges that I'm not allowed to, but it's the simple fact that I give them respect and they respect me back," said Harville.

Regardless of how hard the MPs work to make things run smoothly with the detainees, there are always going to be issues and problems. The SOP guides the decisions MPs are asked to make.

"Detainees will ask you for things just to mess with you," said Stewart. "They just want to see how you're going to react."

In addition to the SOP, MPs have additional data available on each detainee that shows exactly what they are allowed to have, what problems they've had in the past and what concerns the detainee may have.

MPs know the medical condition of the detainees and know if there are specific symptoms they should be looking for in the daily behavior of the detainee.

The MPs also know if detainees have tried to harm themselves.

"Safety is key," said Wade. Safety is always a concern for the MPs and for the detainees.

The MPs play a vital role in an important mission. Many of the people they take care of every day do not appreciate what they do. They still know they have a mission and know what that mission is.

"We have a mission here. I do what the SOP says," said SGT Brenda McRay of the 216th. "I do my part. I maintain what they are supposed to have and strive to be fair."

The mission has been a learning experience for MPs. While many came to the mission with civilian experience, they've discovered many growth opportunities.

SPC Chris Goss has worked with prisoners both as a corrections officer and police officer. "I look at things with a different perspective now," he said.

"It's a good mission," said LT Marvell Hawkins of the 216th. "They've learned about OPSEC -- when to talk and what to talk about."

The nature of the mission and what can and cannot be talked about is another challenge for the MPs.

"We never really know the specific rewards of our work, because of the nature of the mission," said Chambliss. "We have to be content knowing that we've made our mark and served our country."



SSG Darren Whitaker of the 216th Military Police Company prepares lunch for the detainees lunch. Ensuring the detainees get three meals a day is just one of the many duties that the MPs do while on duty.



CPL John Harville of the 216th MP Co. puts soap in the shower to prepare for the detainee's shower. Supervising recreation and shower times consumes a significant part of the MPs shift.

Photos by SGT Jolene Staker



SGT Brenda McRay of the 216th MP Co. gets drinks for the detainees' lunch. Serving in Guantanamo has given McRay a chance to add real life experience to her associate degree in criminal justice.



Photo by SPC Rick Fahr

Marines coined

Brig. Gen. LeClaire coins (left to right) Cpl. Gabriel Valdez, Sgt. Frank Torbert, and Sgt. Joel Rodriguez during a recent ceremony.

Trooper on the street

By AF Staff Sgt. Joshua C. Gorman

This week's question:

What's the coolest thing you've learned about a different military service here?



**SFC Chester Sanders
J-4 Maintenance Section
Floor Supervisor**

While I've been assigned to JTF Guantanamo, I've had the privilege of working with some of the finest individuals I believe the Armed Forces have to offer. All the personnel rotating in have been highly trained professionals. Their respective branch of service matters very little; they've come here with the same goal -- one force and one fight. They've blended together to complete any tasks requested of them.



**Tech. Sgt. Jason Farris
J-4
Strategic Mobility Office**

I'd have to say listening to the life stories of the people I have come in contact with. Although we come from different areas and deal with different issues due to the multiple branches of the military; when the day is done, we are all the same.



**Air Force Staff Sgt.
Dominic Hollingsworth
J-3 Joint Operations Center**

The coolest thing I have learned about the other branches is that they have been around for over 200 years and the Air Force has only been around for 57. The Army, Navy, and the Marines have been around 228 years with the Coast Guard around for 214 years.



**Navy
Seaman Roland Steward
J-3**

I've learned the rumors about the other branches aren't true. The Navy and the Marines get along, and the Air Force is stronger than what they seem. When it comes down to it we all work together.

181st Infantry completes second week of EIB training



Photos by SGT Jolene Staker



B Co. 1-181st soldiers complete tasks to earn Expert Infantry Badge

(Top left, clockwise) 1LT Luis Rodriguez, company commander of B Co. 1-181st Inf. Regt., performs a 3-5 second rush.

SGT Kevin McKoon, also of B Co. uses a compass while locating a target by shifting from a known point.

SPC Jason O'Loughlin of B Co. performs individual camouflage.

SGT Joseph Guidabori, of B Co. puts together a communications radio.

SGT Jesse Vatour of B Co. performs a functions check on a Squad Assault Weapon.



Chaplain's Corner

Enduring Hardship

By CH (LTC) Steve Feehan

A family, vacationing in Maine, stopped to observe a lumber mill in operation. While there, they watched as the logs came down a long chute. They noticed with interest that one worker seemed to select certain logs and guide them into a different path than the bulk of the logs coming down the chute.

The visitors asked the workman what he was doing. He told them that all logs are not the same. He pointed out that the logs he was separating from the rest were logs grown in the mountains where the ground is hard and rocky and the weather is severe. He said, these logs have closer grain and make much finer lumber than the rest. These are saved for special jobs requiring only the best lumber.

Sometimes, when we endure hardship it is to make us fit for special purposes.

Worship programs:

Alpha Course

A discussion forum designed to answer questions about Christianity. Held at Camp America North, room L001, every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Thursday Ticket

Each week a contemporary movie is played and afterwards, viewers discuss the moral and ethics introduced in the film. Held at Camp America North, room L001, every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Heavenly Bits and Pieces

By CH (MAJ) Daniel Odean

Live life prepared to die, and die prepared to live.

Are you ready? For what? Death! When we are in a relationship with God, then we are totally prepared to die. Moreover, life's true meaning comes into perspective, and the fear of death is removed. Those who know Christ as Savior will live for eternity.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Navy chaplain joins Joint Task Force

By AF Staff Sgt. Joshua Gorman

The Joint Task Force Guantanamo chaplaincy received a new staff member April 2 with the arrival of Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Dowds, a Roman Catholic chaplain.

Lt. Cmdr. Dowds' most recent assignment was to the U.S. Naval Base in Guam, where he was the assistant to the force chaplain.

"I'm on a one year mobilization and feel privileged and honored to serve with the JTF chaplains in supporting the mission in these history-making times," said Dowds.

Dowds was born and raised in Pittsburgh and enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman following his graduation from high school.

His entire enlistment was spent at the Key West Naval Hospital in Florida.

"My own experience of being a young enlisted man keeps me attuned to the junior enlisted," he said.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Dowds began studying for the priesthood at Duquesne University, in Pittsburgh.

He completed his studies for the priesthood in 1985 with a Masters in education and a masters in divinity at Mount St. Alphonsus in New York.

During this time, Dowds says he studied music and particularly the organ at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

After receiving his masters, he was ordained and served his first five years as a parish priest in Enfield, Conn.

Dowds moved to Princeton, N.J., following his service in Conn., and taught high school for two years at St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary.

Following the assignment as a teacher, he became a vocational director for the Redemptorist Fathers, a Roman Catholic religious order of brothers and priests living in Washington D.C.

Dowds remained at that assignment for the past 12 years.

"I hope to be an effective and compassionate chaplain for the troops and civilians who support the JTF mission at this

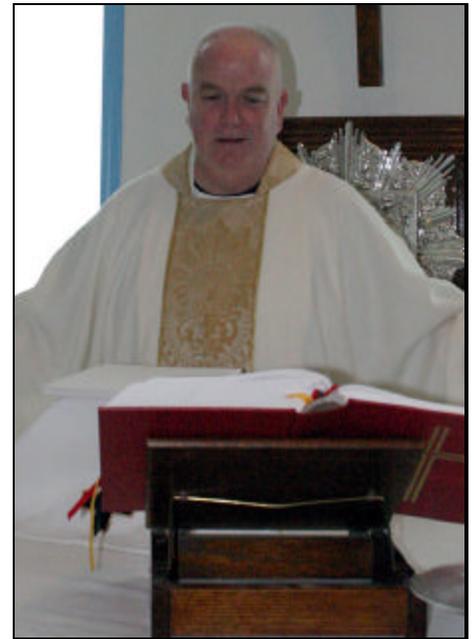


Photo by AF Staff Sgt. Joshua Gorman

Lt. Cmdr. James Dowds Joint Task Force Chaplain JTF Guantanamo

time," Dowds said.

Dowds was commissioned in the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade in 1989, and attended the Chaplain's School Basic Course in Newport, R.I.

He was activated for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and served with a battalion in theater.

In his spare time, Chaplain Dowds hobbies are anything dealing with the water, including boating and snorkeling, he said. He added that he also enjoys cooking and reading.

"My work will largely consist of meeting the needs of the Catholic personnel on both the Navy and the JTF components," he said.

"Father Foley is the only other Catholic priest here and we will be able to cover for each other when one of us needs to be off the island," said Dowds.

Spirituality is a largely untapped source of meaning and strength, especially for many of the younger Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen, he said.

"When this aspect of life is in order, all will be well," he said.

Washington D.C. Guard AG visits JTF Guantanamo



Photos by AF Staff Sgt. Joshua Gorman
Air Force Maj. Gen. David Wherley, adjutant general of the Washington D.C., National Guard, steps off the plane as he arrives to visit Joint Task Force Guantanamo April 13.



Maj. Gen. Wherley briefs the 273rd MP Company on troop issues .



Maj. Gen. Wherley talks with troopers during a recent visit.



Maj. Gen. Wherley and 1Lt Gerard Valdivia of the Joint Detention Operations Group listen to JTF personnel explain mission operations.

Sports highlights

NBA enters second season – playoffs time

Compiled by SPC Rick Fahr

Highlights from early NBA playoffs action:

Sam Cassell pumped in 40 points to lead the **Minnesota Timberwolves** over the **Denver Nuggets** to open that series.

Dwayne Wade scored with 1.3 seconds left to give the **Miami Heat** an opening win over **New Orleans**.

Tim Duncan poured in 26 points to lead the **San Antonio Spurs** over **Memphis**, 98-74.

Shaquille O'Neal missed 10 of 14 free throw tries in the **Los Angeles Lakers** first game with the **Houston Rockets**, but it was his dunk with 17 seconds left that proved enough for the Lakers to win, 72-71.

It wasn't pretty, but the **New Jersey Nets** rolled over the **New York Knicks** 107-83 in their first matchup.

The first series between the **New York Yankees** and **Boston Red Sox** had a playoff feel to it, but the results weren't exactly what baseball fans have come to expect when those teams get together.

Boston won the first two games of the series, but **New York** bounced back to take the third before losing the fourth.

Entering the series, the Yankees were the worst-hitting team in the American League – six points above the dreaded **Mendoza Line**, .206.

In a severe blow to the team's World Series hopes, the

Chicago Cubs have hinted that pitcher **Mark Prior** may be gone for the season, nursing an Achilles tendon and elbow.

How good is the starting pitching for the **Oakland Athletics**? The earned run numbers tell the story: **Tim Hudson**, 1.27; **Mark Mulder**, 2.14; **Barry Zito**, 3.32; and **Mark Redman**, 3.75. Another number, 43. That's the number of strikeouts the hurlers have accumulated early in this season.

Sunday saw baseballs leaving parks all over. **Barry Bonds** launched two, as did **Sammy Sosa** and Cincinnati's **Adam Dunn**.

Fourteen-year-old **Freddy Adu** scored his first profes-

sional goal Saturday.

The soccer phenom and his **D.C. United** teammates couldn't overcome the **MetroStars**, though, eventually losing 3-2.

From the never-give-up file ...

Stewart Cink started Sunday's final round of the MCI Heritage golf tournament behind by nine strokes.

A 64 and five playoff holes later, he had won.

Cink outlasted leader **Ted Purdy** to take the title, which came with some controversy. There was a question of whether he had improved his lie in a waste bunker, but PGA Tour officials ruled that he had not.

Compiled at www.espn.com.

Don't sweat the heat; that's tomorrow's forecast, too

By Spc. Rick Fahr

You know it's hot when the manatees get sunburned.

Hot? Guantanamo Bay is hot. Look in the dictionary under "hot," and you'll find a map of Cuba.

Even these slightly cooler days of late have been hot.

We folks from the South thought we knew a little bit about hot. We're learning, though, that summers in the northern locale of Arkansas are like mild winters here in the Caribbean. Of course, there's no such thing as winter here. The only way to tell the passing of the seasons is by the growth of the iguanas.

It gets hot in the South, but comparing the South to Cuba is like comparing Arkansas or Louisiana to Wisconsin. The climates are entirely different. I'm learning that with every passing day — every similar, sweltering, never-gonna-see-snow-again day.

You know it's hot when the black heat condition flag has a skull and crossbones on it.

FAHR GAME

The easiest job in the world would have to be weather forecaster for Guantanamo.

"The sun will rise at 6:12 this morning and set at 7:27 this evening. It'll be hot and humid today, with thunderstorms forming in the area this afternoon. It won't rain here, though. The precipitation will stop several miles away from you wherever you are. The high temperature will be 89 degrees, and the low tonight will be 86. Tomorrow's forecast is ... well, you know. Hot. Thunder but no rain. This weekend it'll be hot ..."

You know it's hot when the steaks are done in only 15 minutes — and there isn't even any charcoal in the grill.

Some people talk about this climate in glowing terms. They call it "paradise." Those are the people who aren't down here doing flutter-kicks in a pool of their own sweat.

Hollywood romanticizes tropical climates. Remember "Gilligan's Island?"

Those folks were on some little tropical island for years, but did any of them ever have a bead of sweat on their brow? Doubtful. "Magnum" traipsed all over Hawaii without overheating, and Ponch and John of "CHiPS" fame managed to keep their hair perfectly quaffed despite the blistering California sun. I'm not saying that television and movies don't accurately portray life in tropical areas. I'm just saying that folks here in Guantanamo sweat more in a day than Larry Hagman and Patrick Duffy did in a whole season of "Dallas."

You know it's hot when the tap water tastes good.

Scientists studying global warming ought to come down here to gather evidence. I'd be hard-pressed to reject that idea after changing sweat-drenched clothes for the fourth time in a day.

Of course, who would want to brave this heat just to prove a scientific theory?

Hot?

You know it's hot when you're in the checkout line at the shopette behind a banana rat buying a popsicle.

Significance of folds in U.S. flag have deep purpose

When watching a color guard retrieve the colors at the end of a day, their precision in how they fold the flag is obvious.

The process is one full of tradition and meaning.

Each fold has a specific meaning.

From the U.S. Air Force's ceremony guidelines, the flag-folding reminds us:

■ The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

■ The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

■ The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of his life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

■ The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

■ The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

■ The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

■ The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or outside the boundaries of our republic.

■ The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

■ The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

■ The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

■ The 11th fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

■ The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

■ When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we trust."

After the flag is completely



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SSG Winson Hendrickson of the 661st Military Police Company folds the Camp America flag after taking it down.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the Soldiers who served under General George Washington and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were fol-

lowed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

Compiled from U.S. Air Force guidelines.

J-4 supply, the JTF's military Wal-Mart

By SSG Patrick Cloward

In a tangled room of boxes and shipping plastic, a sergeant talks of requisition forms and authorizations. You have no idea exactly what he's talking about, all you know is that you're here to pick up a printer.

Within a few minutes, he pulls out a stack of forms and flips through them. Then, without a word, he leads you into the depths of the overheated warehouse and returns with a printer, still boxed and ready to go to your office. A few more signatures and you're gone. The J-4 supply department has done its job again.

What may sound like a cut and dried operation is a complicated maze of accountability, requests and property that, despite its details, runs like a well-oiled machine.

"We're responsible for over \$16.5 million of organizational property," said Chief Warrant Officer Gerald R. Jordan, JTF property book officer (PBO). "We spend a lot of time interacting with hand receipt holders while they are managing or keeping track of their property. We could be issuing out a tool kit, issuing printers or any major end item in the Army."

For instance, a simple request for a desk or chair is handled by checks and measures to ensure that money is spent properly and used efficiently. However, time can often be of the essence.



Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward

SGT Marlon Smith works with J-4 supply as the property book office NCO.

"Sometimes we have to scramble equipment for people," said Jordan.

He added that the isolation Guantanamo Bay has from other military and civilian contracted vendors adds to lead-time getting equipment and supplies here. "I don't have the luxury of purchasing from another civilian warehouse if we don't have the equipment available here," he said. Parts of the system were modified to help with the requisitioning flow procedure. "So when they got their paperwork to J-4, their paperwork was squared

away," he said. "Myself and others worked on that so it would assist so there were no snags in paperwork."

"The biggest challenge is the lack of knowledge of the PBO system," said SGT Marlon Smith, property book NCO for J-4 supply. "We deal with issues as they arise and are accountable for all the stuff we give out. You'd be amazed at how much money the JTF saves when they adhere to the property book office program." He explained that communication and supply discipline is a methodology that keeps the system running smooth. One suggestion he made was conducting regular inventory and maintaining proper records.

"Let us know about problems before you turn it over to someone else," said Smith. "Bad news does not get better with time."

The good news is that there are plenty of professionals in J-4 to help you with any discrepancies you might have with property issued to you.

"In order to work at supply you need to have discipline for accountability and a sense of humor," said Smith. "I mean, you have to be disciplined and intelligent. For instance, on any particular form, you could be dealing with 23 serial numbers. You have to know where each one of those is going. Attention to detail is the difference between \$20 and \$20,000."



Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward

SPC Denise LeCointe from the 661st MP Company works with J-4 supply.

15 Minutes of Fame...

With Petty Officer First Class Jackie Ramey, J-4

By SSG Patrick Cloward

SK1 Ramey comes to JTF Guantanamo as an augmentee to the J-4 supply department for a three-month deployment. Ramey currently serves from Groton, Conn., and is a 13-year Navy member. He is a crewmember on a submarine.

Q: What inspired you to join the Navy?

A: That's a good question. I grew up in Kentucky in a coal-mining town. I didn't want to join that type of life. I checked out the different forces, and the Navy offered to give me a submarine life. It sounded interesting so I took it.

Q: What did you initially plan to do when you first joined?

A: My first initial thought was to go in and get out after four years. And then I decided I wanted to become a master chief because of the chief that I had who was an E-7. I looked up to him because of the way he trained me and treated me when I first came in. It just inspired me to want to be like him and treat other people to look at me the way I look at him.

Q: What do you consider your best military experience?

A: My first four years in the Navy was my best military experience. We had a great crew and a good captain. It was a submarine. We all worked together well and we had a good time doing it.

Q: What has your family done to cope with your absence?

A: They have their own things they do while I'm gone. It all keeps them busy. We all keep in touch. It's kind of hard being on a submarine because they don't have the comforts you have on shore or on a surface ship. We're lucky if we get to speak to our family once a month.

Q: Have you served on any other deployments?

A: Right now I've been on a submarine the whole time I've been on duty, which is



Petty Officer 1st Class Jackie Ramey works for J-4 supply as a JTF augmentee.

Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward

a three-year sea duty and a three-year shore duty rotation. I've been on five deployments of six months. I've done northern runs near the North Pole and southern runs with the Coast Guard in counter-drug operations.

Q: What have you valued the most from the deployments you've been on?

A: I would say seeing all the different countries I've seen and meeting all the different people where can you go and meet such a diversity of people and get to know them. I've been to Norway and Scotland. England was OK. The people in Scotland were some of the nicest I've met. Once we were driving down the road in the heights of Scotland and there was a guy on the side of the road playing bagpipes just chilling out. We stopped and had a three-hour conversation with him and went and hung with his friends afterwards.

Q: What significant military contribution have you been especially proud of?

A: On my first boat, I was up for two days with a computer programmer giving

him a system they wanted on the Navy ships that worked in conjunction with two other systems. It took two days to figure how to implement it on the other ships.

Q: What has your family done to show their support of you?

A: They've been there and supported me in everything I've had to do. They've tried to understand. It's been hard for them but they just did it. I can never thank my wife enough for sticking it out.

Q: What encouraged you to take this assignment?

A: I volunteered for this deployment to see what it was going to be like for a different experience. Right now I'm on shore duty.

Q: What were your expectations about GTMO?

A: I didn't know anything about this place when I got here. Anything I knew was just bits and pieces from what I heard. I just wanted to do the best job I could while I was here.

Q: Have you set any goals to accomplish while you're here?

A: The goal I had while I was here was to learn to scuba dive. Not much time for anything else. Only three months here.

Q: Have there been any challenges in your duty here?

A: Trying to understand how the Army does things. It's different than how the Navy does things. The Army ordering system doesn't have a way of telling you what your usage is over a certain time frame. They have to get the upgraded system. We use an access program that does help alleviate some of that.

Q: What has impressed you about your time here?

A: The people that I've met from the different forces have been interesting to say the least. The people that I've worked with have been the best I've worked with in a long time.

The GTMO Guide: Answers to Your Questions

Who can help me? What's for lunch? What movie's playing? Where can I find that? How does this work?

Network conversion to interrupt Dialpad

A long-rumored enforcement of DoD security policy will temporarily render the "Dialpad" communications software inoperable in Guantanamo MWR computer labs.

Dialpad, a popular computer package that allows troopers to make telephone calls through a computer, does not comply with various security guidelines and is not permitted on military networks.

To comply with policy and still allow troopers to use the program, MWR computer labs will soon switch from a military network to a commercial network. However, the transition will take up to eight weeks.

Your guide to ...

Dialpad

During that time – beginning Sunday – the program will not function on MWR computers.

All other Internet functions will be available.

Officials encouraged troopers to use their Dialpad minutes before Sunday and to also take advantage of their two free 15-minute Morale Minder phone calls each week.

To get a personal identification number for the calls, contact J-6 personnel at 3837.

Heat illness poses health threat

By Navy Lt. Tom Judy

Exertional heat illness is a common problem in warm climates, and troopers should take precautions to not become a heat casualty.

Factors that may contribute to heat illness include fitness level, medications, alcohol consumption, hydration and acclimatization to the climate.

Heat cramps are particularly common in unconditioned persons just starting hard work in the heat. Areas affected are most-used muscles such as abdomen or calves.

Heat exhaustion may develop with onset of cramping along with nausea, vomiting and mild confusion.

Heat stroke is more severe and life threatening heat illness

that requires immediate medical attention.

Signs and symptoms of heat illness include fatigue, faintness, thirst, headache, poor coordination walking, muscle cramps, delirium, nausea, vomiting, coma, diarrhea, slowed thought process and weakness.

Always seek medical attention for heat-related illnesses.

For heat cramps, stop training, remove the trooper from the environment, massage the affected area, intake fluids and report to nearest medical facility.

For heat stroke and exhaustion, remove the trooper from the environment, dial 911, remove clothing and begin to cool with water over body surface and fan until emergency medical personnel arrive.

Your guide to ...

Movies

Camp Bulkeley

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., April 23

8 p.m. *Calendar Girls*

PG13 - 108 min

10 p.m. *The Cooler*

R - 101 min

Sat., April 24

8 p.m. *Barbershop 2*

PG13 - 106 min

10 p.m. *EUROTRIP*

R - 92 min

Sun., April 25

8 p.m. *Against the Ropes*

PG13 - 111 min

Mon., April 26

8 p.m. *Calendar Girls*

PG13 - 108 min

Tues., April 27

8 p.m. *The Cooler*

R - 101 min

Wed., April 28

8 p.m. *Barbershop 2*

PG13 - 106 min

Thurs., April 29

8 p.m. *EUROTRIP*

R - 92 min

**Notice:
The Bulkeley
Lyceum
will be closed
this week to
make repairs
on the
projector.
Check with us
next week for
updates.**

Safety reminder
*Troopers should remember
that reflective belts/vests
are required at all times
when running, walking
or biking.*

Two personnel join office of JTF inspector general

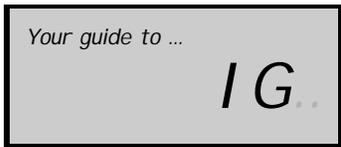
The Inspector General office would like to introduce you to two of its newest members.

LTC Anthony Deskis and Lt. Cmdr. Jim Neuman are the new principal Inspector General (IG) and deputy IG respectively. They join the JTF IG staff with SFC Danny Johns and SFC Von Bultemeyer.

LTC Deskis is a mobilized reservist from the 89th Regional Readiness Command in Wichita, Kan., and has been an inspector general for about a year. In the civilian world, LTC Deskis works for Northrop Grumman at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Lt. Cmdr. Neuman is active duty Navy and is new to both the inspector general community and Guantanamo.

His last assignment was in configuration, management and integrated support with the



commander Navy Surface Fleet Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

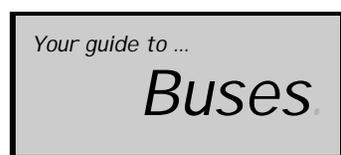
Each of these IG team members stands ready to assist you with issues you may be experiencing during this deployment.

You may visit the IG office in Room 204 of the Commissions building Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or call 5399. The Camp America IG office can be called at 3501 or you may visit in person in building 7200 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-6 p.m., and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8-11 a.m. Bldg 7200 is near the Camp America West construction site. IG assistance is available anytime by appointment.

Bus routes include the following stops. Not all stops are listed.

Sherman Avenue

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



Camp America/NEX

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

All JTF members deployed overseas have an automatic extension until June 15 to file their 2003 tax return. The Tax Center will be available to file your return until that date. Please call #3561 to set an appointment.



Catholic Main Chapel

Wed.	5 p.m. 6:00-6:25 p.m.	Holy Hour and Rosary Confessions
Sat.	6:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	RCIA (Chaplain's office) Confession
Sun.	5:30 p.m. 9 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass Mass Mass (Troopers Chapel)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)

Protestant Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Tue.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Thurs.	11 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Service/Sunday School Women's Bible Study*

* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex
Camp America

Tues	7 p.m.	Alpha
Wed.	7 p.m.	Soul Survivor (Club Survivor)
Thurs.	7 p.m.	Thursday Ticket (L001)
Sun.	9 a.m.	Protestant

New Life Fellowship

Sun.	1 p.m.	Service (Main Chapel)
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Pentecostal Gospel

Sun.	9 a.m.	Service (Sanc C)
	5 p.m.	Service (Sanc C)

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

Call 2323 for more information

Camp America Church Bus schedule:

Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay
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The bus will return following worship.



Today: Lunch – fish amandine; Dinner – steak/lobster.

Saturday: Lunch – roast pork loin;
Dinner – lasagna.

Sunday: Lunch – chicken broccoli;
Dinner – teriyaki beef strips.

Monday: Lunch – chicken cacciatore;
Dinner – braised beef noodles.

Tuesday: Lunch – roast turkey;
Dinner – baked chicken.

Wednesday: Lunch – fried shrimp;
Dinner – Italian veal steaks.

Thursday: Lunch – barbecue spareribs; Dinner – Swiss steaks.
Friday: Lunch – cod amandine; Dinner – prime rib/shrimp.

