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JTF Guantanamo enhances trooper quality of life

By Spc. Katherine L. Collins

Enhancing trooper quality of life is a high priority for JTF Guantanamo. Currently, numerous improvements are being made throughout the JTF area of operation to meet its troopers' needs and raise morale. A majority of them include changes at Camp America, Camp Delta, Camp Bulkeley, Tierra Kay, and the creation of Camp America North North.

According to Capt. Linda Sue Schwarz, of the 384th Military Police Battalion, who serves with the Joint Detention Operations Group Facilities Engineers, life has improved for troopers already over the past year. "I've only been here four months, but I can say, the changes made in those few months have definitely upgraded the quality of life and improved morale," said Schwarz. "Now more projects are under way."

Schwarz commended the JTF as
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Photo by Spc. Lisa Gordon

The construction of Camp America North North is one of many strides the JTF command is making to enhance trooper morale and quality of life. The new camp is scheduled to be complete by early December.

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BG Mitch R. LeClaire
Deputy Commander
JTF Guantanamo

Having completed my first thirty days of duty as part of the Joint Task Force I have been impressed with many things. First is the dedication and professionalism of our troopers. Second is the scale of this

mission. But mostly I have been impressed with the commitment of our senior leaders to provide a high quality of life for our troopers. The duty is difficult here and if you don't believe it spend a day with our Military Policemen inside of the wire or spend an afternoon on a dismounted patrol with our Infantry. These troopers deserve to be able to stand down and await their next mission in whatever comfort conditions we can provide.

Hard work and dedication aren't reserved only for our troopers working the wire. Our support services and staffers are logging long hours to make the operation run smoothly.

Very shortly you will see the results of months of planning that have occurred to make life a little more palatable. As we watch steel and concrete form the outline of the new Delta Mess facility and see Camp America North-North take shape and await the opening of the new Exchange next to the Seaside Galley, we can anticipate many more improvements. Your senior leaders are

making plans to improve the fitness center at Camp Buckley, including a new running track and soccer field. The Survivor Club will get a facelift. An improved volleyball court will see tournaments shortly. More entertainment is planned at the Club. Windmill Beach will see improvements. All designed with Quality of Life issues in mind. And this is just the beginning.

Housing continues to be improved. Tierra Kae East, formerly known as Kittery Beach is getting a facelift. Camp America North-North will be completed in the near future and will provide comfortable housing with all the amenities. CSM Nieves will provide information to be published in the next issue of the Wire. Soon, we as the Joint Task Force team will all be living in the same proximity. I emphasize the word team here because all of us play an important role on that team. It is the bond that we share.

Also, if you haven't heard about Unfunded Environmental Moral Leave (EML) you should be asking your chain of command. The program provides you with the highest class of military standby travel available and can save you a considerable amount of money when you take leave. You will also be hearing of the "Sleigh Ride" program as the holiday season approaches. I urge you to take advantage of these programs.

Finally, you need to know that your senior leaders are working very hard to improve the mail delivery and the phone systems. Expect to see improvements soon!

Your dedication and hard work are appreciated but they are also expected. You can expect also to enjoy a quality of life that goes along with being a part of the JTF team.

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JTF troopers become focus of media interviews

By Spc. Rick Fahr

Several JTF troopers recently found themselves as interviewees of national news media and put their training and knowledge of command messages to good use.

They were prepared to answer questions about their deployments and the hardships of their troopers, their families and themselves, but when the cameras rolled, the focus shifted.

"I expected the questions to be about how does this deployment affect your or your family or what do you think, but on the day of the interview the questions were only about the detainees," explained Sgt. Joseph Ademuwagun, a supply sergeant with the 384th MP Co., based in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Staff Sgt. Molly Jaffe, also of the 384th, echoed the sergeant's comments.

"Everything was about the detainees. 'Are they getting the correct treatment?' 'Do they have rights?' 'How do you feel about holding these detainees this long?'" she said. "I understand that the people back home may want to know about that, and they need to know about that, but I also have to think that the American people want to know how the soldiers are doing, how we are handling our own family separations and our own welfare and how things are looking for us."

Jaffe noted that she and the other interviewees had received training before the interviews on how to respond to various media inquiries, especially questions whose answers could have involved operational security issues.

The interviews involved ABC's "World News Tonight" and USA Today.



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

ABC News reporter Claire Shipman (above) prepares for a live broadcast Thursday evening from outside Camp Delta. Earlier in the day, Shipman interviewed several JTF troopers, including (below) Sgt. Joseph Ademuwagun and Staff Sgt. Molly Jaffe. Although many of the interview questions were surprising, the troopers used their training to focus on command messages.

Jaffe, who holds a communications/public relations degree with a minor in human resources, said she believes media outlets can help the military tell the important story about the ongoing mission at Guantanamo.

She contended that readily disseminating information allows viewers or readers to gauge the validity of the source and form their own opinions.

Jaffe noted that many widely held opinions about the mission here focus on false beliefs, namely that the detainees are being mistreated.

"But it's really more of, 'What else can we give them next?'" she contended. "We give them medical. We give them ICRC [International Committee of the Red Cross]. We give them psychological treatment if they need it. We give them special meals if their diet doesn't suit them."

She added that her message about the Guantanamo mission would focus on its potential to



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

Sgt. Joseph Ademuwagun



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

Staff Sgt. Molly Jaffe

stop terrorism around the world.

She explained about how members of JTF go out of their way to contribute their part in the war on terrorism. "With all due respect," she said. "The soldiers down here are going above and beyond the call in their professionalism and being patient and trying to focus on the overall mission rather than the daily monotony grind that

you can go through."

Ademuwagun said his message about this mission and the troopers who are performing it would include a request for continued support.

"We still need love, patience and prayers to get us through. Deployments anywhere in the world are hard on everybody. If they keep praying for us, we'll be able to pull through."

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she explained that the funding for all these improvements is "locked in."

The ideas for enhancing trooper life existed prior to [Maj.] Gen. Miller's coming to [Guantanamo]," she said. "But he was the one who has been pushing the projects to completion. [Maj.] Gen. Miller is definitely a quality of life commander, always caring about his troops."

Many improvements are already near completion at Camp America. Troopers will find shopping, worshipping, and electronic communication more accessible and accommodating, and they will find greater comfort in their living quarters.

First, a Navy Exchange (NEX) is under construction at Camp America. The JTF expects the construction of the new exchange to be complete by the end of this month, and the store will likely be open for business by mid October.

Also, the JTF is remodeling the camp's present chapel to accommodate the needs of all the religious services offered by the military, not only Protestant and Catholic services.

In addition, plans are in place to improve the fairly new Club Survivor. These plans include completing the game area and improving the beach volleyball court.

Finally, Camp Americas'



Photo by Spc. Katherine L. Collins
Construction workers assemble the framing for various structures within Camp America North North.

communication lines are being upgraded to provide a level internet of access that will meet the needs of all the offices.

Camp Delta also has a new galley under construction at the site next to the existing dining tent. It will be similar to the Seaside Galley and is expected to be finished by the end of October.

At Camp Bulkeley, many positive changes have already occurred over the past year, including improvements in the gymnasium and the addition of a lyceum. When concerts come to Guantanamo, one can now be held at Camp Bulkeley. In addition, the JTF devised a long-term plan to build sports fields there.

All of the JTF will experience better living by the improvements planned for the Tierra Kay joint aid station (JAS). Currently located in one of the apartments at TK, the aid station will expand to a full size

clinic and relocate into a larger area in the Kittery Beach housing complex.

In addition to these camp improvements and the significant changes planned for the Tierra Kay JAS, JTF Guantanamo is constructing an entire new base camp, named Camp America North North, according to Command Sgt. Major George Nieves, JTF command sergeant major.

A 400-bed housing facility currently under construction, these open-bay quarters will mirror existing ones at Camp America, Schwarz said. Each house will accommodate six soldiers and contain a wash-room with a toilet and sink. The housing area will include two male and two female toilet-shower combinations, a kitchenette, barbecue area, and basketball court. Troopers from other living areas will relocate to the new camp quarters.

Mirroring those at Camp

America, the camp will include six administrative offices, four MWR buildings, two classrooms and a chapel office. A medical clinic will also function at the new camp. The Camp America JAS will move to Camp America North North, expanding into a full clinic. The JTF expects it may finish the building by mid November and have the clinic functioning within two weeks of that date.

These numerous improvements in progress, and those in the planning, testify to JTF Guantanamo's aim to enhance mission success and boost trooper morale, and the improvements prove to be just the right touch for the positive outlook and morale here.

Three troopers, which have the bulk of their deployment still ahead, agree the changes are positive. "It's great. The new NEX and chow hall and changes at Club Survivor will make [life] a whole lot better," commented Spc. Tim Echols the 216th MP Battalion. "The improvements will make shopping, eating, and other stuff more convenient and less crowded." "There'll be more room in the housing now too, so we'll also be more comfortable there," said Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson, also of the 216th. "It's nice here [at Camp America]. We don't want to move," added fellow unit member Spc. Danny Barlow. "Everything is so close now. It's Mayberry."



Happy 56th birthday, U.S. Air Force



Yesterday marked the 56th birthday of the U.S. Air Force. It is "an important milestone on both the paths of aviation history and the defense of our Nation."

From the beaches of Kitty Hawk to the air raids of World War II, our nation's air-power grew. Courageous pioneers pushed forward with bold ideas to soar the science of flight into unimagined territory in less than 50 years. "The second 50 years of pow-

ered flight witnessed an even more dramatic acceleration in aviation and warfighting capabilities. The U.S. Air Force pushed the boundaries of flight, breaking the sound barrier and helping America leap beyond the restraints of the Earth's atmosphere, into the vastness of space.

"The Air Force tradition of research and adventure, guts and vision, endures as [it continues] to transform to better meet the challenge ahead." This year's Air Force

birthday finds America's military engaged in the war on terrorism, serving bravely throughout the world, demonstrating its skill as the "world's premier aerospace power." "I am exceedingly grateful for the men and women who have served with courage and skill in the U.S. Air Force."

Adapted by Spc. Katherine L. Collins from a speech by Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, found at www.af.mil

The 132nd transfers authority to the 217th MPs

By Jolene Staker

Members of the 132nd and 217th Military Police companies gathered together for a transfer of authority ceremony Sept. 12 here in Guantanamo Bay.

"We give to you the torch of this mission to take and excel with greatness," said Capt. William Pitts, commander of the 132nd MPs. "I know that you will take this mission with great pride to new and greater heights."

The 217th MP Co. has already served a year providing homeland security at Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Gillem, Ga.; and Fort Benning, Ga. They took 15 days leave to spend with their family and then trained for their Guantanamo Bay mission.

First going to Fort Benning and then on to Fort Dix, N.J., they trained at a mock detention facility where, according to 1st Sgt. Edward McCurdy, things were made easy for the unit to get right to work, because they knew what to expect.

Pfc. John Parsons echoes the first sergeant on the training the unit received. "It cleared up any doubts or questions I had," he said. "And made me realize we were doing



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

1st Lt. Stewart Robbins, commander of the 217th MP Co., speaks at the ceremony, which officially transferred authority from the 132nd MP Co. to the 217th MP Co., Sept. 12, in Camp Delta.

more than I thought."

The 1-65th Infantry Battalion and the 169th MP Det. also provided soldiers to augment the unit, meeting them at the training in Fort Dix.

1st Lt. Robbins, Commander for the 217th says, "Soldiers with the 217th are prepared for the mission in front of us, and we will help to

protect our loved ones as well as those across the world," he said, thanking the 132nd for their hospitality and professionalism.

McCurdy said of the 162nd that they left everything in order. "All that is left for us is to take it to the next level."

The 217th is confident that they will be able to take it to the next level. Being confident and ready to serve does not make it any easier to be away from family. In an ironic twist, Staff Sgt. John Clark felt that way Friday evening when he found out his wife had given birth to a baby girl. He was going to try to be home on leave the day before she was due, but the baby came 12 days early. He expressed his disappointment, saying that though he is still going home on leave, nothing will take the place of being there during the birth.

The twist came as Clark shared more of the story. His baby was delivered by the wife of his roommate, a hospital technician who was the only one in the room with gloves on.

Clark agreed that the next best thing to being with your wife during the delivery may be having someone with her who also knows what it is like to be missing a husband.

273rd Military Police welcomed to GTMO

By Jolene Staker

1st Lt. Imelda LeMasters and Master Sgt. Andy Davis, Strategic Mobility Officers (SMOs) for Guantanamo Bay, wait for the plane to arrive.

They say it is a logistical nightmare to get the incoming troopers and equipment across the bay to the windward side. Since they meet every incoming flight, it may be difficult but at least it is becoming routine.

The experience is anything but routine for these incoming troopers. The rush to catch the last ferry of the day and get to the briefings was their first step to getting to their mission.

The largest portion of the new arrivals comes from the 273rd Military Police Company out of Washington, D.C., with augmentees from the 1-65th Infantry Battalion out of Puerto Rico.

BG Mitchell LeClaire, JTF

Deputy Commander, welcomed the troops, "I look forward to working with each and every one of you to complete our mission at Guantanamo."

Command Sgt. Maj. George Nieves, JTF command sergeant major, said, "We're going to work you hard, and I am not going to apologize for that."

Working hard will not be new to these soldiers. They have had rigorous training to prepare for this mission. The United States Army Military Police School sent a team of instructors to New Jersey to train with realistic training aids. According to Capt. Roland Lane, commander of the 273rd MP Co., the only thing missing in making their training realistic was having the actual detainees.

Chaplain Steve Feehan, JTF Chaplain, told the soldiers when they had an opportunity in the next day or two he wanted them



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Spc. Arthur Lancaster, on left, salutes BG Mitchell LeClaire, JTF deputy commander. Mitchell welcomed soldiers as they deplaned at the Guantanamo Bay Hangar. Lancaster of the 65th Infantry will be acting as armorer for the 273rd Military Police Co. When asked about the deployment he said, "I think it's a great opportunity for everyone."

to call home and thank their family for their sacrifice.

Sgt. Monica St. Hill gives thanks to her parents who are taking care of her three children. "Just like I had to answer the call, my parents answered the call," she said. "Freedom has a price. People want the benefits but they don't want to pay the

price."

1st Sgt. Sandra Adams-Jones said, "I think, hands-down, this is one of the best deployments for an MP as far as the war on terrorism goes." Sgt. 1st Class Jose Vazquez, one of the augmentees from the 65th says. "It's a very important mission and we feel proud to be part of it. We are here

Groundbreaking for new MWD Kennel

By Sgt. Jolene Staker

“It’s been a long time coming,” said MG Geoffrey D. Miller beginning his remarks at the Military Working Dog (MWD) Kennel Groundbreaking ceremony here at Guantanamo Bay, September 12.

“Military working dogs are an enormously important part of who we are and what we do,” Miller said. He added, “Military working dogs are an essential element of the JTF. The military working dogs and their handlers train just as hard as any of our other troopers.”

There would be no way to recognize every person that had a hand in making it possible, but three names were prominent. Capt. Michelle Franklin, Capt. Linda Sue Schwarz, and Staff Sgt. Robert Moore all played an important role.

Capt. Michelle Franklin, the only veterinarian at Guantanamo, has been working on the project since her arrival in June of 2002. Franklin will be leaving soon to complete her officer advance course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and will then continue on to Yong San, Korea.

Franklin has been in the military four years since completing two years of private practice. She said she has always been interested in the military and joining as a veterinarian has allowed her to put this interest together with her love for animals.

Franklin echoed the general’s statement that it has been a long time coming and said, “The MWDs will now have the facilities they need to do their job.”

Miller presented a certificate of appreciation to Franklin for the tremendous effort that she

put forth for the military working dog program maintaining the health and welfare of the dogs. “The JTF working military dog section has always been able to complete its mission due to your efforts,” he said.

Capt. Linda Sue Schwarz the JDOG facility engineer, has been working with the project for eight months. A member of the Public Works Department (PWD) when she actually worked on the design for the MWD kennel, Schwarz credits Staff Sgt. Robert Moore’s persistence as the driving force to the realization of this goal.

“Through his persistence this project stayed in the forefront; he kept it going,” she said.

Schwarz was presented the joint service achievement medal during the ceremony for her work on the MWD kennel and on 24 other projects for the JTF during a three-month period. When asked to speak after being presented the award she said, “Never underestimate the power of an engineer.”

Moore has been the third JTF

kennel master here since its inception. He and his dog, Python, are one of the three current dog handlers and two replacements

teams are in training. All are active Army as this is the only



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

From left to right, Mr. Moe Stump, Kvaerner Operations Manager, Mr. Henri Fuentes, Kvaerner Senior Project Manager, CPT Schwarz, JDOG Facility Engineer, CPT Franklin, Veterinarian, MG Miller, CJTF GTMO, and SSG Moore, JTF Kennel Master shovel the first scoops of dirt at the MWD Kennel Groundbreaking Sept. 12, 2003 at Camp Foxtrot.

component that has dog handlers in the military.

The facility will have a six-dog capacity and be built according to current regulations. It will include an administrative support building, a kennel building, and outdoor training areas. The administrative building will provide space

for the kennel masters, food preparation and storage rooms, with an exam room. The buildings will be surrounded by a fenced in yard, which will have exercise and training areas.

The facility will be located at Camp Foxtrot, near Camp Delta, and is expected to cost around \$163,000. The completion date is anticipated as Jan. 10.

Moore and his dog Python are returning to Fort Bragg, N. C. the incoming kennel master will be Sgt. Charles Bench, with his dog Dino, also from Fort Bragg. Moore worked with Bench in Korea and said, “He really knows what he’s doing; he’s run a kennel before.”

Sgt. William Peyton with his dog Ringo are also leaving soon, and their replacements are Sgt. Jeremy Covert with his dog Rex. The other team is Spec. Paul Royer with his dog Dino.

Moore won’t be here to reap the benefits of his effort, but he can leave knowing that he leaves Guantanamo Bay a better place for man’s best friend and our fellow troopers. When Moore was asked why he was so persistent to make the MWD Kennel a reality Moore said, “They are soldiers just like we are.”



Photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Python, JTF explosive detection/patrol military working dog, in the yard of his current facility.

Molisani makes troopers' meals ... mmm

Camp Delta Galley (troop tent) is a great dining facility and is improving thanks to the efforts of Sgt. 1st Class Tecia M. Molisani of the Camp Delta troop tent and her able staff. According to Sgt. 1st Class Wendy Grooms of the Detention Operations Center, who regularly eats at the galley, she has seen great improvements since Molisani's arrival in June. "Molisani is very passionate about making sure the troops have plenty of choices, plenty food to eat," said Grooms. "And she does an excellent job accommodating the transfer of authority ceremonies."

Molisani said she has worked to greatly improve the basics of food service at the galley. Cleanliness, food quality, choices and attitudes of her subordinates are all aspects she hopes to improve. She said great effort is made to provide troops a variety of such foods as ice creams, other deserts and salad dressings. "I want my troops to get the same quality dining experience as [patrons of] the Seaside Galley," she expressed.

Though the troop tent was set up when Molisani arrived at Camp Delta, the crew did not have all the equipment needed to properly perform their mission. Molisani aided the mission by recognizing what was needed and requesting the equipment and

proper training for the crew. "The crew has learned and practices portion control to avoid running out of food.

"We have a new ice cream freezer that you can see into," she continued. "If they can't see it, they do not know [any ice



Photo by Sgt. David Davis
Sgt. 1st Class Tecia Molisani, NCOIC, Camp Delta troop tent ensures troops get plenty of good food.

cream] is there. Now they can see the varieties we offer them.

"We are working on getting partitions put into our troop tent so troops can't see all of our supplies when they walk in, and they can

[also] hang their hats," she said. In addition, a new 'Wall of Fame' showing photos of troops stationed here and members of the galley staff will be created under the unit flags, recognizing "ownership of the tent," as Molisani put it.

"Some troops still have complaints," she said. "But we get troops to say thank you also. For example we get thanks for the music. We change it up. When the 240th MPs from Puerto Rico were here we played salsa."

Molisani said cooking is usually a thankless job. "We try to keep our heads up and be positive, make the right changes, smart decisions in our work," she said. "I encourage other food service workers to focus on the positive, and with that positive they can do wonderful things.

"Our cooks take pride in what they do but have fun also," she added. "The troops that work in the camp need a place to relax and take a breather because of where they come from and what they have been doing. That is why I tell my troops to lighten it up for them." She noted a joke members of the staff have for the door leading into the galley. It's often difficult for troops to use it. "We call it Door Class 101," she said. Then she added, "My cooks are really great, I love each and every one."

Man on the Street

Compiled by Staff Sgt. David Davis

This week's question:

If you could switch jobs with anyone in the JTF, what would you do?



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carl H. Brown
J4 Food Service

"Cooking for the troops, not meal delivery. Actually cooking!"



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Krystal D. Graham
J4 warehouse

"I have always wanted to be a master at arms."



Spc. Erickk Horne
J4 motor pool

"I want to be a two-star ... man in charge. Since I have been enlisted, I know the gripes and complaints of the enlisted and officers."



Airman 1st Class Adam J. Hagerman
J4 transportation

"I like the job I have. I like seeing people leave, seeing the look on their faces when they are finally going home."



Spc. Damari Tavera
J8 Budget

"Happy where I am. I just want to learn my job even better."

Grace at JTF Guantanamo

CHAPLAINS CORNER

By Maj. Daniel Odean
JTF Guantanamo Staff Chaplain

There are several passages of Scripture that have been foundational in my life. One of these passages in essence says that God doesn't test a person beyond what they are able to endure. I am glad about that, too! Why? Because it is a promise to me that the issues and events I face in life are allowed by God (notice I said "allowed" and not "caused") and He will grant me the grace, strength, wisdom, understanding, peace, forgiveness, love, faith: everything I need to press through to victory and to be an over comer through the process of living life. That's the God I understand. That's the kind of God I love. That's the kind of God I serve. And that is the kind of God that has seen fit to bring you and me to Guantanamo Bay!

With this in mind, I think each person's "testing" must be in proportion to what level of faith they are at. Interesting thought. So, if what I am saying is true (and it is), then in my view, God has "allowed" all of us to come and serve here at Guantanamo Bay. Therefore, God has intentions of sustaining you by His grace through this GTMO experience. Let's get a hold of that truth! I firmly believe that covers your families as well. He would not have deployed you to Cuba to mean you or your family harm or ill intent, but rather to reach, teach and sustain you throughout the entire deployment! That's good news!

One of the points of this process is to learn that God's will is not our will. If it had been up to many of us, this deployment situation wouldn't have happened. It certainly wouldn't be as long as it is! But, God has a plan. There is a song enti-



Maj. Daniel Odean
Staff Chaplain
JTF Guantanamo

itled, "God Is God and I Am Not" by Steven Curtis Chapman. The theme of the song is that God's will is always right and always good. We should not try to second-guess God's goodness or His plan. Instead may we rely on His grace and strength while we take one day at a time and learn as much as we can. Remember, God won't test you beyond what you are enabled by Him to endure.

Everybody can make a difference right where they are. You don't have to travel far to do that. You don't have to be a senior ranking person either. God's Spirit is available to everyone. Therefore, right where God has put you, you can make a difference if you will just allow Him to use you. Just go for it and see what will happen. If you do that, you will succeed here and return home following this deployment at Guantanamo Bay a better person, trooper, husband, wife, mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, employee, supervisor, friend, on and on and on. May God bless you as you press forward by His grace.

HOPE IN GOD

Put your hope in God, and you will never be disappointed or put to shame.

... And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:2,5

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 Saint

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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Islamic

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

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

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

The bus will return immediately following worship.

Guantanamo SPOA talent show

By Spc. Tommi Meyer

Talent comes in many forms, evident by the unique performances at this year's Senior Petty Officers Association (SPOA) Guantanamo talent show.

Gospel rappers, violinists, singers, guitar players and reggae performers filled the agenda Saturday at the Windjammer.

Spc. Thomas Shupe of Headquarters, Headquarters Co. 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt., said that though he has only recently picked up the Mandolin, singing is his "thing."

"I started with karaoke a couple of years ago. I just have a good time," said Shupe.

Other artists performed with original arrangements.

Marie Brewer, a civilian here on base and 3rd place winner, wrote the lyrics and guitar music for her performance, while Corey Evans, 2nd place winner, wrote and performed his own style of gospel rap.

Talent also knows no age barriers, from the more adult alternative style of participant, Mike Long, a civilian contractor, song-writer and vocalist, to the violin medley performed by the 1st place winner, nine-year-old Justin Flint. Music bridged the gap.



Above- Spc. Thomas Shupe, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt. sings at the SPOA talent show. **Left**- Marie Brewer celebrates a 3rd place win at the SPOA talent show.

At the conclusion of the show, audience participation determined the winners who were presented with trophies for their efforts.

For those who missed the competition, Shupe said that several participants can be seen weekly at karaoke nights, Wednesday at the Windjammer and Friday at Club Survivor.

Troopers relax at Club Survivor

By Spc. Tommi Meyer

Where can a trooper go, to relax, spend time with friends, play darts or watch "Monday Night Football" all while enjoying a backyard feel and great views?

According to Staff Sgt. Sandor Asboth, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 116th Inf. Regt., where else but **Club Survivor** at Camp America.

"It's just a great place to kick back and hang out," said Asboth.

Club Survivor offers open air entertainment and refreshments on the deck as well as air-conditioned shelter for activities including Monday and Wednesday night football or other sporting events.

For more information call the Camp Comandants Office at 3191.



RECREATION & LEISURE

Movie Schedule



Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Sept. 19
8 p.m. *The Time Machine*
PG 13 - 96 min

10 p.m. *The Italian Job*
PG 13 - 103 min

Sat., Sept. 20
8 p.m. *NARC*
R - 106 min

10 p.m. *The Professional*
R - 110 min

Sun., Sept. 21
8 p.m. *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*
PG 13 - 110 min

Mon., Sept. 22
8 p.m. *Unfaithful*
R - 124 min

Tues., Sept. 23
8 p.m. *Matrix Reloaded*
R - 138 min

Wed., Sept. 24
8 p.m. *Air Force One*
R - 125 min

Thurs., Sept. 25
8 p.m. *K2*
R - 118 min

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Sept. 19
8 p.m. *Legally Blonde 2*
PG 13 - 94 min

10 p.m. *Terminator 3*
R - 108 min

Sat., Sept. 20
8 p.m. *Johnny English*
PG - 88 min

10 p.m. *GIGLI*
R - 121 min

Sun., Sept. 21
8 p.m. *Bad Boys 2*
R - 147 min

Mon., Sept. 22
8 p.m. *How to Deal*
PG 13 - 102 min

Tues., Sept. 23
8 p.m. *GIGLI*
R - 121 min

Wed., Sept. 24
8 p.m. *Pirates of the Caribbean*
PG 13 - 150 min

Thurs., Sept. 25
8 p.m. *Tomb Raider 2*
PG 13 - 110 min

HOLIDAY WISHES

Send a heartfelt holiday video message to your families and your community members back home.

Sept. 29 and 30 at Club Survivor, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 2 and 3 at the Bayview Restaurant, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Messages will be broadcast on your hometown's local TV and radio stations.

Call the public affairs office at 5432 to schedule a time for your video or to get more information.

Volleyball set to begin

Captain's Cup men's and women's volleyball leagues will soon begin play, and teams must sign up soon.

Rosters are due at the MWR Sports Office by Monday, and coaches' meetings for both leagues are set for Monday at 2 p.m. The leagues will feature round-robin play with a double-elimination tournament at the conclusion of the season.

For more information, contact MWR at 2193.

Sports highlights

Priest Holmes answers Chiefs' prayers

Compiled by
Spc. Rick Fahr

Priest Holmes is answering a lot of prayers these days. The **Kansas City Chiefs** running back racked up 122 yards and three touchdowns Sunday in a 41-20 rout of the **Pittsburgh Steelers**. As the Chiefs have the **Houston Texans** next, a 3-0 start doesn't seem too far out of reach.

Another team off to a hot start is the **Buffalo Bills**. Quarterback **Drew Bledsoe** torched the **Jacksonville Jaguars** for 314 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday, leading the Bills to a 38-17 win.

The passing performance of the day, though, came from the arm of **Vinny Testaverde**, who threw for 373 yards in a losing effort, as the **New York Jets** lost to the **Miami Dolphins**, 21-10.

Coming games will renew some familiar rivalries. On Sunday, the **New York Giants** will take on the **Washington Redskins**, and the **Minnesota Vikings** will try to stave off the up-and-coming **Detroit Lions**. In the Monday night match up, the **Oakland Raiders** will travel to Denver for another heated tilt

Sports

JTF teams continue play in flag football season

Two JTF teams competed in Captain's Cup flag football games this week.

The representative of the 661st MP Co. picked up a win Monday night, beating the NAVSTA team, 13-6. The win boosted the team's record to 1-1-2 overall. On Sept. 10, the 661st

lost to the Hospital team, 20-6.

JTF JIG lost three games during the week, falling to 0-4 on the season. On Monday, JIG lost 27-7 to MCSF Co. Last Friday, NEX defeated JIG 24-7, and on Sept. 10, JIG lost to NAVSTA, 27-6.

Hospital is leading the league with a 6-0 record.

with the **Broncos**.

Which major league team has the largest lead in its division? Nope, not the **Atlanta Braves**, who lead the **Florida Marlins** by 9 ½ games. The largest divisional lead belongs to the **San Francisco Giants**, who are 10 ½ games ahead of the **Los Angeles Dodgers**, once left for dead as a team without enough firepower to contend.

The American League Central race couldn't get much tighter. Two teams: the **Minnesota Twins** and the **Chicago White Sox**, are tied for first place, and the **Kansas City Royals** are only 3 ½ games back.

From the it-doesn't-really-matter file, **Vladimir Guerrero** of the **Montreal Expos** hit for the cycle Sunday, saving a home run for his final at bat. **Les Expos** beat the **New York Mets** 7-3.

Saturday's college football slate had few upsets – the only top 10 team to lose was the No. 6 **Texas Longhorns** (to the now 18-ranked **Arkansas Razorbacks**) – but the national title

picture didn't clear up much.

Sitting at No. 1 in the ESPN/USA Today poll is **Oklahoma**, which beat **Fresno State** 52-28. At No. 2 are the **Miami Hurricanes**, fresh off a 38-3 thumping of **East Carolina**. **USC** leap-frogged **Ohio State** to take over the third spot. Rounding out the top 10 are **Michigan** (which drummed **Notre Dame** on Saturday 38-0), **Kansas State**, **Georgia**, **Virginia Tech**, **Florida State** and **LSU**.

On Saturday, **Miami** travels to **Boston College**; **Michigan** visits No. 22 **Oregon**; **LSU** hosts **Georgia**; and No. 12 **Tennessee** takes on the 17th-ranked **Florida Gators**.

For the fans of those guys who go really fast and make a bunch of left turns, **Jimmie Johnson** won the **Sylvania 300** on Sunday to capture his second race in a row at Loudon, N.H. **Ricky Rudd** came in second, with **Joe Nemechek** in third. Winston Cup points leader **Matt Kenseth** came in seventh, preserving his lead over **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**, 3,864-3,446.

Sports Highlights compiled from ESPN.com.

What's going on?

Saturday

Softball game between JTF and Base Security, Cooper Field #4, 4 p.m.

Organizer Mike Heard invited JTF troopers, their families and friends to attend the event. "This is just something for everyone to come out and enjoy fun and camaraderie," Heard said.

Monday

Ladies golf clinic, Yatera Seca Golf Club.

The second in an ongoing series of clinics for females age 16 and older will begin at 6 p.m. at the golf course.

Sept. 27

Night golf tournament, Yatera Seca Golf Club.

Limited number of spots available and will be taken on first come-first served basis. For more information, contact Mike Heard, extension 8054.

Ongoing

MWR fitness personnel are now offering a high-intensity workout – kickboxing.

According to Donnell Daniel, MWR athletic director, the program has attracted quite a following because of its action and results.

MWR fitness instructor Karissa Sanstrom leads the classes, which Donnell said guide and motivate participants through a total body workout. Sandstrom agreed that the program is a good addition to troopers' overall fitness regimen.

The kickboxing classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m., at Marine Hill Multi-Fitness Center. For more information, call the MWR Sports Office, 2193.

That's my soup! ... and other roommate challenges

FAHR GAME

By Spc. Rick Fahr

JTF troopers face many challenges during their time in Guantanamo.

Busy work schedules, difficult transportation scenarios, banana rats with attitude; perhaps though, the most difficult aspect of life for many troopers is dealing with the daily trials of roommates.

My roommates are probably fairly typical. Do any of these sound familiar?

"Houdini" Hodges can make a "Hungry Man" TV dinner, a ham and cheese sandwich, three Mountain Dew's and a six-pack of Twinkies disappear faster than I can ask, "Hey, aren't those my Mountain Dew's?" This guy eats everything that isn't nailed down and carries a crow-bar just in case.

Then there's "Night Owl" Nelson. I don't know when this guy sleeps. He stays up all night with the TV blaring, keeping everyone in the house abreast of the latest developments in treating men's hair loss and "MTV's 10 Loudest Songs in History."

How about "Ice Age" Isom. Ice age: that's how long he takes in the bathroom every morning. I'm not exactly sure what he does in there for 45 minutes, but it ain't working.

"Just-one" Jones is a nice enough fella, but "Just-one" never seems to be able to find his way to the NEX or a shopette. That's why he always wants to borrow "just one" of whatever you're drinking or eating or shaving with. Often, that one turns into two or three or four before he moves on to his next buddy.

Sometimes these guys drive me out of my mind (which isn't a long trip in the first place). Is there anything one can do to work through these and other



Photo by Spc. Rick Fahr

Food and beverage use is one of many roommate issues that can lead to tensions. Addressing problem areas ahead of time is one way to avoid headaches later on.

problems that arise with roommates?

Lt. Col. Bradley Stewart was glad I asked. Stewart, team leader of the 85th Combat Stress Unit at Camp America, said that troopers who find themselves living together for extended periods of time can do four things to reduce tensions.

1. Get to know each other. Understanding something about your roommates can help open doors to better relationships.

2. Talk about expectations. Setting guidelines for such things as property use and personal considerations will head off arguments down the road.

3. Talk about conflict. Although it might be our nature to avoid conflict, sometimes the

best thing to do is get a problem out in the open. If we allow a problem to linger, we could be helping it grow into a larger problem.

4. Seek assistance if you can't resolve an issue. If roommates can't solve a problem between or among themselves, they should involve their chain of command, which may direct them to the combat stress group.

Living with an old friend or a new acquaintance isn't always easy. It can be a difficult experience, but following a few simple suggestions can make the process easier. In the end, consideration of others' feelings is the key. Treating others as you'd want to be treated will go a long way toward getting along.

Contracts proactively address issues

By Spc. Rick Fahr

The best way to avoid roommate tensions is to address problematic issues before they become problems in the first place.

One way to proactively address those issues is to develop a "contract" with your roommates.

Lt. Col. Bradley Stewart of the 85th Combat Stress Unit encouraged troopers to formally or informally agree to behavior guidelines with their roommates.

Common issues that roommates should address, include:

1. Guests and visitors. How many? How often? Acceptable hours?

2. Sleep time. Is sleep a top priority? What time does everyone go to bed? What level of noise is acceptable?

3. Use of possessions. What can I borrow? What can I not borrow? Do I have to ask permission?

4. Cleaning. Who will clean what? How often?

5. Shared items. Who is responsible for paying bills? How much shelf or closet space do I have? How will everyone use the TV or stereo or refrigerator?

6. Parties. Areas within the house? Off-limits areas? Clean-up?

Most importantly, communicating concerns is a vital key in roommate interaction. Honestly addressing issues that arise is the best way to deal with them. However, that route may not always solve a problem. For more information on roommate issues, contact the Combat Stress Unit at extension 3566.

15 Minutes of Fame...

With Spc. David Jordan, Guantanamo Bay Veterinary Clinic, Military Goal: 'I want to be an NCO that makes a difference.'

Interview and photo by Sgt. Jolene Staker

Spec. David Jordan from Spokane, Wash., just arrived three weeks ago to Guantanamo to begin an 18 month active duty tour as a veterinary technician at the Guantanamo Bay Veterinary Hospital.



Spc. David Jordan, veterinary technician, takes care of Phantom who was recently placed with a new family through the veterinary clinic's adoption program.

Q: What is your mission at the GTMO Veterinary Clinic?

A: Our first mission is to take care of the military working dogs, the dogs that work out at the camps and the dogs that work at security.

Q: And your second mission is?

A: To take care of the personally owned animals.

Q: What goals have you set for this deployment?

A: To get acquainted with the job here and learn as much as I can about being a 91T.

Q: What challenges have you already encountered since arriving at Guantanamo?

A: A lot of challenges. This is my first time working with animals at all; I just got out of school. Being away from society pretty much is the biggest challenge. Not being able to go where you want and do what you want.

Q: Why did you join the military?

A: I joined the military first to pay for college. I was in the reserves first and then I went to college for a year. I decided I like the military life better so I decided to go active and now I'm doing this.

Q: How long were you in the reserves?

A: Three years.

Q: How long have you been on active duty?

A: Since May of this year.

Q: Who has been the most influential person on your military career?

A: A friend of the family, Master Sgt. Kathleen Griffith.

Q: What did she teach you?

A: She is a good NCO. She taught me that you can make a difference. I see a lot of people in the Army that don't really want to be in the Army they just look at it as a job.

Q: What did you study at college?

A: Veterinary medicine. That's why I chose this job in the military. I thought it

would be a good way to get experience.

Q: Do you plan on continuing your education while you are here?

A: Yes, I want to get my basics out of the way.

Q: What is your number one hobby or interest?

A: I like to golf and fish. I'm heading out fishing this weekend. I'm also a certified diver.

Q: If people were only going to remember one thing about Spc. Jordan what would you want it to be?

A: I want to be one of those NCOs that make a difference. Hopefully I'll be able to look back and see maybe that I've changed the Army or changed how people think about being in the Army.