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ICRC: Provide service, monitor, recommend

By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Members of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) made a scheduled, six-week visit to Camp Delta here during May and June. The committee has been coming to Guantanamo Bay since the JTF was organized in 2002, providing services to detainees, such as communicating messages to their families and monitoring each individual's treatment. Their interval for the ICRC visits is every three months.

"Throughout our visit here we will make recommendations to the camp commander on how the detention operations here could be run better," said Simon Schorno, press officer for the ICRC. The recommendations are published in a report that is exclusively for the JTF commander's use.

ICRC delegates never work in their own country, which allows them to remain neutral in their reporting. Some of the delegates come from countries such as Macedonia and Switzerland. The U.S. government invited the ICRC to come here, monitor operations and provide services to the detainees. Delegates of the committee remain neutral in all aspects of the visit including confidential meetings with detainees.

The ICRC makes it clear to the government they are working with, that they are not there to collect intelligence or aid the individual. They are there to make sure they are treated humanely and according to the Geneva Conventions. This



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class David Rodriguez (right) greets Arman Atal, the Pashtu-speaking delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross, when he arrived in May.

standard would apply the same if the detainee were American. "Relationships here at Guantanamo with committee members remain good," said Schorno.

International Humanitarian Law is what the ICRC has been regulating for over 100 years. If you were to name an organization that has supported people during times of war, despair and abandonment, the ICRC would come to mind. The ICRC was founded by Henry Dunant, who witnessed first-hand the suffering of wounded troops on the battlefield in Italy, in 1863.

Upon return to his homeland of Switzerland, Dunant wrote a book about his memories of the Battle of Solferino. In

the book, he appeals for societies to be formed to care for the wounded during wartime. Volunteers, he wrote, who would be protected by international law, would provide this care.

These appeals were discussed by a public welfare society in Geneva, and were later implemented in the founding of the ICRC.

The committee is now made up of over 100 million members and volunteers representing almost every country in the world. Their mission is to protect and assist all victims of armed conflict. Their principles are humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. ■

The ethical dilemma and you

By Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Flannery

1-18th Cavalry Regiment

We've all heard the expression, "I don't care how you do it, just get it done!"

Then we sit in judicial punishment proceedings where the young Trooper says, "Well, sir, I did it because it was the only way I could see to get it done. My platoon leader said he didn't care how I did it, but his message was clear: *get it done, or else*. So, I got it done, sir."

Another overused line goes like this, "I don't care what the 'old man' told you. I want it done my way. Now go do it the way I told you to." The NCO ends up in front of the "old man's" desk explaining why he failed to follow orders. Too often, he gets the same line thrown at him again, "I don't care who told you to do it that way, what did I tell you to do? You failed to follow my order."

What's the result in both cases? The mission is usually accomplished, but sometimes there is mission failure. However, the Trooper always takes a hit. Whether the hit is punishment or counseling, the wrong message is sent and the Trooper's attitude, self-esteem and morale go down. There is another, and possibly longer lasting problem: the impression the negative leadership style makes on the Trooper. Different Troopers will react in different ways. They can recognize and reject the negative leadership style, or they can adopt it as their own.

The Ethical Dilemma is a standard topic in military leadership classes. It is often consolidated on a couple of PowerPoint slides between "Be, Know, Do," and "Officer and NCO Relationships." The slide bullets include buzzwords such as, "Zero Defects, Setting Unattainable Goals, No Excuse for Failure, and Accept Nothing Less." Unfortunately, like many other classes, it sometimes becomes blurred in the minutia of "Death by PowerPoint."

As leaders, we can take an alternative approach to teaching our subordinates ethical behavior. It's called lead by example. Our Troopers watch every move we make, they hear every order we issue, and they pass "the word" to others. Then they sit back and evaluate. If we have issued clear and concise orders, they know and will comply. If we put them in a position to decide how to accomplish the mission, nine times out of ten, they will do it the way they've seen us do it. If we give them directives using buzzwords like those above, and without clear guidance, and we have demonstrated our own unethical style of leadership, we can expect that they will follow that example.

We train our Troopers to react to our orders, to take charge of a situation and to make proper decisions in getting the job done. We must set the climate for their success, a climate of trust, a climate of integrity, and a climate free of ethical dilemmas.

Honor Bound! ■



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Miss USA, Miss Teen USA visit GTMO

By Spc. Dave Lankford

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Due to the high profile of GTMO, Camp America has received a fair share of distinguished visitors and celebrities; however, none have been as "fair" as the two who came to see the Troopers this week.

On June 27, reigning Miss USA, Chelsea Cooley, and Miss Teen USA, Shelley Hennig, sat down for lunch with Troopers at the Seaside Galley before posing for photos and signing autographs.

Cooley is a fashion marketing student from Charlotte, N.C., and is the first woman from North Carolina to be crowned Miss USA.

Cooley said although GTMO is a scheduled stop on her USO tour, she wanted to see for herself what really goes on here. What she is most impressed with is the sense of community and the dedication of the Troopers here.

"I wanted to come with an open



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

Spc. Deane Barnhardt, JTF-PAO clerk and coauthor of the D2 Movie Review, thanks to himself, "All those hours in the gym finally pay off."

mind so I could learn what life is really like here at GTMO. You hear so much about it, but seeing it first hand...you don't see that side of it in the media back home," Cooley said.

Hennig, a recent graduate of Destrehan High School in Louisiana, said she is most impressed with how friendly everyone has been since her arrival at GTMO, and especially with the Troopers themselves.

"The people in Guantanamo Bay are absolutely amazing. It's a beautiful community," Hennig said.

"And I thought the people in the South were nice," agreed Cooley.

Over the next year, Cooley and Hennig will travel the world promoting the official charities of the Miss USA/Teen USA pageants, which includes breast and ovarian cancer research, legislation and education. ■

Deployed Reservists can now join active force

On June 2, the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) approved a policy allowing enlistment of mobilized USAR and ARNGUS Soldiers into the Regular Army (RA).

Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers, with less than 18 years of service may apply to transfer from the RC to RA anytime within six months of their projected demobilization or release from active duty date, including while at the demobilization station. Additionally, Soldiers who have out-processed from the demobilization site, but are granted leave en route to their parent unit or who are on terminal leave, may also apply for enlistment in the RA under this policy prior to the end date of their leave, as they have not been released from active duty.

Soldiers who apply at the mobilization station will be placed on ADSW-AC orders (formerly TTAD) extending them on active duty until the application is processed.

If an RC Soldier is the recipient of an enlistment/re-enlistment incentive, and is in the process of fulfilling the service obligation required by the incentive, he or she will be notified that the unearned incentives may be subject to statutory recoupment on a pro-rata basis upon enlistment into the RA.

Grade determination is not required for mobilized RC Soldiers; they will enlist into the RA at their current rank.

If the applicant's current MOS is determined by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command to be "over strength" in

the Regular Army, the Soldier will be given the opportunity to reclassify into an under strength or critical MOS at the time of transfer. The Soldier will be notified of this prior to his or her transfer into the RA.

Soldiers will complete DD Form 368 to request release from their current component to apply for enlistment into the RA. The DD Form 368 may be handwritten, as long as it is legible, and must be signed by the Soldier and the Commander. Completion of blocks 4a through 4d is not required. Section II - Approval/Disapproval (blocks 5a through 5f), will be completed by the Soldier's current commander of the mobilized unit.

Submit application to Commander AHRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDZ-RC, Room 3N29,

200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Va. 22332 or e-mail: RCAC@hoffman.army.mil.

If the application is favorably considered, the Soldier will be issued assignment instructions and the Soldier's retention/reenlistment NCO will be notified in order to execute an enlistment contract.

Once a Soldier enlists in the RA, the Soldier will remain with his/her current deployed unit until it redeploys to the demobilization station, then he or she will PCS to a new duty station. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Johnson or Sgt. Maj. Clifton at (703) 325-4008/9098 or DSN 221-4008/9098. ■

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Distinguished visitors judge for themselves

By Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Military analysts and Congressional delegations visited on June 24, 25 and 26, to judge for themselves the conditions under which detainees here are being held. The visitors are participants in the lively national discourse on the fate of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Hosted by the JTF Commander, Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the distinguished visitors were given an operational update on detention operations and intelligence collection, tours of the Commissions Building and Camp Delta, as well as a tour of the now defunct and overgrown Camp X-Ray.

The JTF's Joint Visitor Bureau (JVB) arranged the visits on short notice, and expect visits to continue throughout the summer and into the fall, according to the JVB's Senior Chief Petty Officer Stephen Ball.

Members of Congress from various states, including California, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, also had "constituent lunches" with Troopers both inside the wire at Café Carribe, and outside it at the Seaside Galley. ■



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

▲ Naval Base GTMO Skipper Capt. Les McCoy greets Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky.) upon his arrival for a visit to the JTF.



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

▲ Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) (center) and a Hunter staff member converse with Gen. John Craddock, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

▲ Rep. Robin Hayes (R-N.C.) shared lunch with Col. Michael Bumgarner, JDOG Commander, during a Congressional visit to GTMO.

► JTF Troopers had lunch with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Matthew Waxman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs, at Café Carribe last weekend.



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Army Spc. Jeshua Nace asked Troopers around
JTF-GTMO...

How are you going to spend the extra money you receive
from this deployment?



◀“I would like to put some money down for some land and a house. It’s going to make it easier to go through the police academy, and I already have part of it invested in a race car.”

— Spc. Alejandro Esquivel

▶“Pay for my apartment and my 1998 Dodge Durango.”

—Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Curtis Mettler



◀“Pay off my debt that I acquired from buying clothes.”

— Airman 1st Class Janet
Gonzalez

▶“Money, what money? You know how it is, my wife takes it all.”

—Marine Cpl. Joseph Ulisses



Photos by Spc. Jeshua Nace

We all grow old

By Chief Warrant Officer Mike Roulier

JTF Safety Officer

Here at Guantanamo--and actually in the military services worldwide--you might have noticed that there are a lot of “seasoned” veterans walking around (that is a nice way of saying, “my god, where did all these old people come from!”). Since I happen to be one of those “people” – in fact I get tired of Troopers asking me which Wright brother I liked better – I thought I would offer some advice to those folks regarding their physical training.

Now, if you happen to be of the younger generation, you might still pay attention. Because guess what? The one thing I can guarantee you, is there will come a day when you will be looking around asking yourself: *When did they start letting all of these babies into the military?*

Some researchers have reported that muscle mass declines about 4 percent each decade from age 25 to 50, and there are precious few of us here that don’t fall into that category. The inevitable fact is we all grow older. As our bodies age, certain changes begin to manifest themselves. We experience a decrease in strength, cardiovascular capacity, metabolic rate, flexibility and reaction time. Our connective tissue shortens, resulting in less stability and mobility. Leg speed and length of stride is reduced. And our touch and pain sensitivity may be impaired and make us unaware when we exert too much pressure on a vulnerable joint.

There comes a time in our lives when the old saying, “No pain, no gain,” is no longer valid. Yes, we can carry on a vigorous physical training program. And no, we shouldn’t do it in a manner that significantly increases the possibility of injury through overwork or overuse of aging muscles.

So, how can we avoid injury? One of the first things we need to realize is that we have to have realistic goals about our physical fitness. Many of the citizen soldiers we have in the JTF are serious about using this deployment as an opportunity to lose weight and get in excellent condition.

The problem comes when we decide to drastically change our diet, for example, at the same time we are embarking on a strenuous physical training program. By altering our lifestyles too drastically, we risk the danger of physical breakdowns.

The key is moderation in all things. Understand that running a shorter distance more times a week will get you the same cardiovascular benefit. Work up slowly to your goals. Vary your exercise routine so you aren’t overusing the same set of muscles and stressing the same joints. And, if you are having trouble with the hills here on the island, find a flat place to run and take the pressure off those aging knees and ankles. Finally, realize that it will take you some time to completely acclimate to the heat and humidity, and avoid exercising during the hottest periods of the day.

As serving members of the military--no matter our individual age--we have a duty to maintain our physical readiness. That is difficult to do, however, when we are laid up with an injury. “Just do it” - but do it wisely. ■

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS...

THE FOURTH OF JULY, OR INDEPENDENCE DAY, IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HOLIDAYS WE AMERICANS OBSERVE. IT OFFENDS NO ONE'S CULTURE, RACE OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS; IT'S JUST A TIME THAT ALL OF US COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF A GREAT NATION.

THE REASON WE CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH, INSTEAD OF ANY OTHER DAY, IS THAT ON THAT DATE, THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS APPROVED THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

IS JULY 4, 1776, THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION?

THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS CONVENED AT PHILADELPHIA IN SEPTEMBER 1774. AT THAT TIME, LEADERS REPRESENTING THE 13 COLONIES WERE NOT ATTEMPTING TO SECEDE FROM ENGLAND. THEY DID, HOWEVER, DRAW UP A LIST OF GRIEVANCES THEY HAD WITH THE CROWN. THE LIST WAS EVENTUALLY A FIRST DRAFT FOR THE DOCUMENT THAT FORMALLY SEPARATED THE COLONIES FROM ENGLAND.

ON APRIL 19, 1775, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TRIED TO ARREST TWO AMERICAN LEADERS NEAR BOSTON HARBOR. IT WAS THERE AT LEXINGTON AND ALSO AT CONCORD, MASS., THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BEGAN. THE FAMOUS "SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD," MADE POPULAR BY EMERSON'S "CONCORD HYMN," SPARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE COLONIES' FIGHT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES.

ON JUNE 14, 1775, THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST UNITS OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

DRAFTING, AND THEN APPROVING THE DECLARATION, DID NOT STOP THE WAR. THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE DRAGGED ON FOR EIGHT YEARS WITH HOSTILITIES FINALLY ENDING IN 1783, THE YEAR THAT INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS MADE AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY.

THE DOCUMENT WE CELEBRATE CONTAINED SCATHING REBUKES TO KING GEORGE III AND WAS CONSIDERED TREASONOUS. ONE OF THE MANY COMPLAINTS PUT FORTH IN WRITING WAS, "HE HAS PLUNDERED OUR SEAS, RAVAGED OUR COASTS, BURNT OUR TOWNS, AND DESTROYED THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE." THE 56 LEADERS OF THE COLONIES WHO SIGNED IT, DID SO KNOWING THAT IF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY FAILED, THE SIGNATORIES WOULD SURELY BE HANGED. IF THE ARMY DIDN'T SUCCEED IN WINNING THE WAR, THEN JULY 4 WOULD BE REMEMBERED AS A DAY OF IMPUDENCE.

THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DID SUCCEED, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL LORD CHARLES CORNWALLIS SURRENDERED AT YORKTOWN, VA., ON OCT. 17, 1781. THE SURRENDER WASN'T OFFICIALLY SIGNED UNTIL OCTOBER 19.

THE FORMAL END OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR IS WITH THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF PARIS ON SEP. 3, 1783. DAVID HARTLEY, A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT REPRESENTING KING GEORGE III, AND JOHN ADAMS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND JOHN JAY REPRESENTING THE COLONIES, SIGNED THE TREATY, WHICH FORMALLY RECOGNIZED OUR COUNTRY AS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THOUGH THE TREATY MARKED THE END OF THE WAR AND THE BIRTH OF OUR COUNTRY, HOSTILITIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN DIDN'T END. BETWEEN 1812 AND 1815, THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND ONCE AGAIN FOUGHT.

SINCE THEN, MANY BATTLES, CONFLICTS AND WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT; INCLUDING A CIVIL WAR WAGED BETWEEN OURSELVES, THREATENING TO DESTROY US FROM WITHIN.

WE ARE PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, WHICH AIMS TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE ESTABLISHED BY THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

EVERY DAY ON THE CALENDAR MARKS AN IMPORTANT DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT BIRTHDAY, WHETHER IT'S APRIL 19, JUNE 14, JULY 4 OR SEPTEMBER 3, CREATED OUR GREAT NATION. BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY SINCE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WE CONTINUALLY DO OUR BEST TO PRESERVE THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF FREEDOM WE ALL SHARE.

JULY 4, THE DAY THAT HISTORIC, PRECIOUS DOCUMENT, WHICH BEGAN, "WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS" WAS SIGNED, IS AS GOOD AS ANY OTHER DAY TO CELEBRATE WHAT WE HOLD DEAR. IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THIS GRAND EXPERIMENT AND HAVE PARADES, DAYLONG PICNICS AND FIREWORKS TO CAP OFF THE FESTIVITIES.

BY SPC. TIMOTHY BOOK

JTF-GTMO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



The "Spirit of '76," originally titled "Yankee Doodle," was painted by Archibald Willard.



"Drafting the Declaration of Independence," by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.



"Paul Revere's Ride," by Hy Hintermeister.

Spurs saddle Pistons 81-74

Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Tim Duncan and the Spurs have done it again. Last week, the Spurs won their third NBA Championship in seven years, after a solid fourth quarter play.

Last week's NBA Finals marked only the fifth time in 30 years the series went to game seven. Duncan dominated late in the game after missing eight straight shots at the basket, to help earn him his third Finals MVP award.

Duncan finished the game with 25 points and 11 rebounds, while teammate, Manu Ginobili, burned Detroit with 23 points (8-for-13), four assists and five boards.

Regardless of Duncan's MVP award, this recent post-season series, number wise, was the worst of Duncan's career. But, with the help of Ginobili and Robert Horry, the Spurs were able to turn it all around and deny Detroit a repeat championship.

In the eyes of many, Ginobili could

have as easily won the MVP award. His play throughout the series was impressive, considering coach Larry Brown was double-teaming him since game three, after Manu destroyed Detroit's defense in the first two games. During game two, he scored 27 points in eight floor shots; that's an incredible stat considering it takes nine three-point shots to equal those points.

Robert Horry is now a six-time NBA champion, and even more impressive, he has done it with three different teams (John Salley is the only other player to win with three different teams), and has been a clutch player in every series. Horry's six wins are at par with the likes of Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Kareem Abdul-



From Olympic gold to an NBA Championship, Manu Ginobili is making things happen.

Jabbar, Bob Cousy and John Havlicek, for seventh on the career list. All the players above them on the list played for the Boston Celtics empire when they won 11 titles in 13 years.

Detroit played a great series as well. It takes a lot of determination to recover from two blowout losses and take it to game seven. But San Antonio once again proved they're number one, and it marked the first time they have won a championship since the Admiral David Robinson left port. ■

Powder Puff Football

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Powder puff football is one of those few chances the ladies of GTMO get to show off their football skills. Last week the Joint Task Force (JTF) Eagles and Lady Navy showed their mettle during a match up that will not be forgotten anytime soon.

The JTF scored the only touchdown at the end of the second half with the help of quarterback, Spc. Alicia Knight, then went for the two-point conversion. The game ended with a score of 8-0 in favor of the Eagles.

"I'm very proud of each and every one of these ladies. They have come a long way from the first day of practice. Not all players could make it to all three practices, but when they did, they gave it their all. With no practice running a two minute offense, these ladies walked as a team and ran it flawlessly," said Spc. Jabari Carter, JTF Eagles coach. ■



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

▲Spc. Alicia Knight, the JTF quarterback during the second half of the game, goes for a run when Lady Navy blitzes the line.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

◀Spc. Jabari Carter, the coach for the Joint Task Force Eagles, goes over his strategy with his team before the game starts.



Roomies

By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It's like lions and tigers living in the same room, sooner or later one is going to snap. The same can be said for those who live with multiple roommates. You come to a point where in order to cohabit, some compromises need to be made.

This means the people who continually set their alarm for the strangest times of the night will have to conform to some new time settings. You could also put the chronic snooze button tapper in that category. Do they really think that five or ten minutes are going to make a difference? Some Troopers have said snoring is a problem in their room.

These are just the problems that may go on throughout the night. Day events are a whole 'nother ballgame. It might include piling trash in the bag, or can, so high it flows over, and then still throwing trash on top of that. And how about the individual that continually misses the toilet?

Some people do not understand the concept of keeping the air running through the



Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

"Roomies" at GTMO need to take steps to get along well before it gets to this point.

room. If you want it to smell somewhat good it has to stay on. Personal hygiene of individuals could also be a problem. (You know who you are.) Do us all a favor and get in the shower.

There is one event, which strikes a chord with many. "It is the person who violates individual's space without warning," said one Trooper living in Camp America. "These Troopers have a blatant disregard for privacy. Some of them think what

they are doing is normal. I often wonder do these things really happen at home as well, or is there some force controlling our minds down here telling us to forget all the good qualities we have?"

Whatever the reasons, a year can feel like a lifetime, so make the best of it and don't let the little things get to you.

Just remember we are all on the same team, fighting for the same cause, so compromise. ■

Survey says...

By Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Two weeks ago, 300 people from around the JTF were surveyed to see what they like and don't like about *The Wire*.

Sixty-three percent of you said you read *The Wire* each week. Sixty-five percent said you like it, 22 percent said it's OK, and only one person said they hated it (incidentally, that person also wrote in he wants more stories about himself).

One of the best things about the survey for us is the many specific story ideas you suggested. We have scheduled many of your ideas for upcoming issues. Just to let you know though...you don't have to wait to make those suggestions--call us.

The survey showed your preferences are mission and MWR stories, followed by stories on Guantanamo Bay, fellow Troopers, world events, benefits and sports. The top three categories of stories you wanted more of were: 1. the mission, 2. world events, and 3. MWR activities.

Nearly a third of the surveyed people wrote in comments. Here is a sampling:

--More info on soldier's advancement in career, education, etc. Also on recreational activities, i.e., sailing, and visiting other islands like Jamaica.

--Cav leads the way, right behind field artillery, Hooah.

--Uncle Clyde's Squirrel Chili recipe

--The biggest complaint I get from other Soldiers is that they get misquoted a lot. This issue needs to be addressed.

--Could you add a classified ad page?

--Never read *The Wire*; need it at Delta Clinic.

We will strive to take all your suggestions into consideration to make this a better publication, but let me address some of your concerns addressed above. *The Wire* is a command information product designed to get the commander's message across. As a weekly publication, we generally run more features, because most news stories are not timely. If you have been misquoted in an article, please contact *The Wire* office and we can run a correction if needed. Due to limited space and the fact that the *Gazette* has an ad page already, we choose not to run classified ads. Copies of *The Wire* are not allowed inside "the wire" according to current policies, so try to make it to the Seaside Galley on Friday evening or Saturday morning for your copy, or *The Wire* is available online at www.jtfgtmo.southcom.mil

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey, and a very special thanks to those who complimented our work. We enjoy what we do here, and hope you continue to enjoy our work. ■



Something to celebrate

By Army Lt. Col. Chris Molnar

JTF Command Chaplain

I have been an Army Chaplain for 20 years and celebrated the 25th anniversary of my ordination as a Christian Pastor last year. As Chaplain and Pastor, I like to remind anyone who will listen of the great gift of religious freedom we have as Americans. I believe this great gift rests on the foundation of the great genius of our founding fathers as codified in the First Amendment to the Constitution, and on the unique insight of Jesus among the religious figures of world history.

The First Amendment is not just about "freedom of speech." It also provides us the protection to practice freely the religion of our choice.

The First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The unique insight of Jesus appears in St. Matthew's Gospel 22:21 in response to a challenge by religious leaders of the day to pit religion against government. When challenged with this "either or" scenario, Jesus responds with those memorable words, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." This teaching of Jesus has historically been understood by most Christians to mean that there is in fact a separate and legitimate sphere for government apart from religion.

The net effect for Americans of these two great insights has been to make both religion and government stronger. The United States, among the nations of the world, has one of the most dynamic and varied religious communities. There are more people in church, synagogue, mosque, or meetinghouse on any given holy day in the United States, than attend any other kind of organized public event. By a large margin, Americans contribute the

largest percentage of their charitable dollars to religious organizations.

As a chaplain, I have lived out these two great insights in my professional practice. My task as a chaplain is not to promote my particular religious practices and beliefs, but to provide for the religious needs of my commander's troops. This means providing for their religious needs as they see them, not as I see them. I have on many occasions provided religious support for religious groups with whose beliefs I disagree very strongly. I have done so joyfully, knowing that in doing so, I provide for the freedom for all to practice their religion, including those of my own particular religious group.

When I see persons persecuted for what they do or don't believe, or are prohibited from practicing freely and openly their faith, I once again realize how much I, along with all Americans, have something to celebrate on this Fourth of July holiday. ■

✠ Padre's Corner ✠

The Power of Praise

By Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) S.J. Vanden Boogard

NAVBASE Chaplain's Office

The power of praise is terrific. Its impact upon the individual receiving it will elevate the wise person to greater levels of modesty and true humility, but will bury the fool in arrogant oblivion.

The most digestible nourishment for your self-esteem is the giving of sincere praise where praise is due.

Too often we overlook the little things, which should be praised, and wait for a colossal achievement before uttering one word of commendation or encouragement.

If you want to distinguish yourself in your chosen field of endeavor, cultivate the art of recognizing opportune moments to bestow genuine praise. Administer it with the sincerity that stems from a warm and understanding heart.

For example, when someone praises you for an act or deed, however small it was, does it not make you feel warm and friendly and generate a strong desire within you to want to do something especially nice for that person? Likewise, when you praise the other person, that person is overwhelmed with the urge to go all out for you.

Distinguished leaders constantly apply the principle of the power of praise. If you want to experience the thrill of victory in newly acquired friendships, prosperity, happiness, peace of mind, or contentment, start where you are right now to praise that which is deserving of praise in others. In the end, you will find that there are unlimited horizons for you to explore in your quest to praise others. Unlimited success will be yours according to the sincerity of the praise you offer. ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Building 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Building 3202
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	8 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sunday School	Main Chapel
	11 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
Monday	1 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Sanctuary C
	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	Tues. to Fri.	12 p.m.	Daily Mass
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	1 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Room 12
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Services held every third Friday at 1930 in the NAVSTATION Chapel complex.

15 Minutes of Fame with Erika Fleury

By Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Spc. Erika Leigh Fleury, is a paralegal with the 525th Military Police Battalion.

What do you do for the JTF?

The location that I work from and people that I work with is the Military Justice Department. My primary mission, however, is as a liaison for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Why do you feel that job is important?

My job is important because I am the connection between an international and internationally viewed organization and the Troopers that interact with them. The more that I organize, plan and educate, the smoother the mission goes and the happier both sides are.

How long have you been in this job?

I will be with Military Justice the whole year that I am here.

Have you ever held another job in the military?

I have always been a 27D (legal specialist). I have worked Military Justice. I ran the tax center in Camp America this tax season.

Would you consider doing anything else?

Not in the Military.

Why did you choose this job?

Legal and cook were my two best options. That says it all.

What kind of training was required?

I was required to attend 11 weeks of Advanced Individual Training.

What do you do when you're not working?

Mostly I read and crochet (when I'm sent yarn). I also like to engage in beach activities, "fishing", boating, and last, but definitely not least, salsa.

What salsa contest was that?

In February I won the amateur salsa contest at the Windjammer. I went to a few months of lessons. Before the competition, my dance partner, Spc. Milton Santiago and I practiced at home. When it was time for the competition he led me and we won.

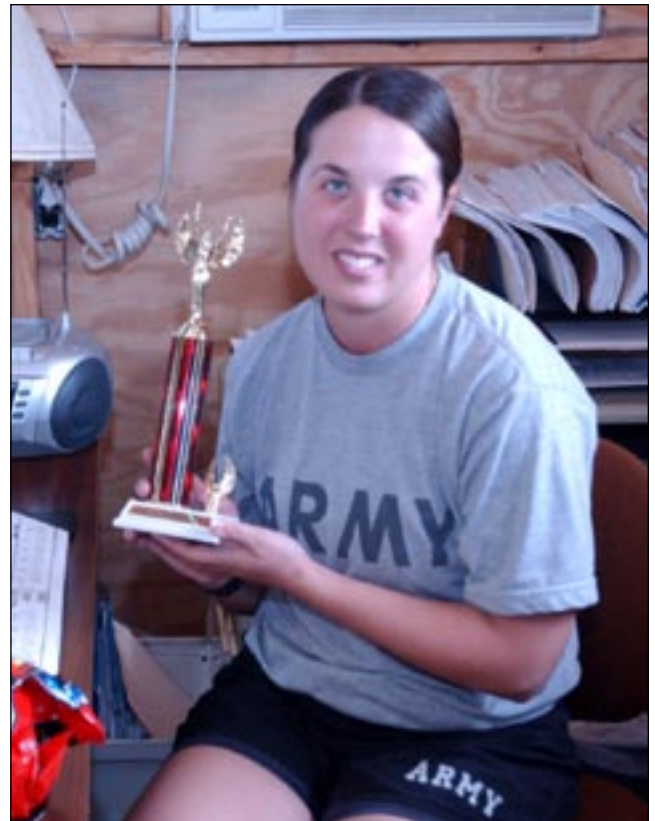


Photo by Spc. Dave Lankford

Spc. Erika Fleury holds up the trophy she won at a salsa contest at the Windjammer.

What are your military/personal goals?

I know I want to retire in the government system. "Retired at 42" sounds nice. I also have my teaching degree, so I might go in that direction as well.

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

▲While on a USO tour, the Jenny Boyle Band played for GTMO Troopers at the Windjammer. The band plays classic rock and country cover songs.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nfor Bartehson

▲Instructors Cary Hughes and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Chaquira Peguero bring Salsa rhythms to Camp America. Join in on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room N002 (next to the MWR computer room).

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Spc. Timothy Book

▲Spc. Mark Davis, of the 1st/18th Cavalry Regiment, cleans his rifle.



By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremy Bartram is working up quite a sweat loading mail. This is just one of many truckloads of packages received for the Naval Provisional Guard Battalion.