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Core values unite all Troopers



By Army Sgt. Maj. Cheryl Williamson

JTF-GTMO Assistant Inspector General

Last week, I shared the core values of the Army and Navy, so this week I am doing the same for the core values of the Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard. As I emphasized in last week's Trooper to Trooper, all these values are the common bonds that unite all comrades-in-arms, as well as the great warriors and public servants of the past.

AIR FORCE: These are the three core values of the Air Force. They exist for all members of the Air Force and their families. **INTEGRITY FIRST:** Integrity is a character trait. It is the willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking. **SERVICE BEFORE SELF:** Tells Airmen that professional duties take precedence over personal desires. **EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO:** Directs Airmen to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement and innovation that

will propel the Air Force into a long-term, upward spiral of accomplishment and performance.

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HONOR: Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; respect human dignity; and respect others. **COURAGE:** Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. **COMMITMENT:** Commitment is the spirit of determination and dedication found in Marines.

COAST GUARD: These three core values are more than just rules of behavior. They are deeply rooted in the heritage that has made this organization great.

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474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Troopers prepare a permanent foundation for the \$10 million legal complex due to be completed next Spring. (Photo by Army Sgt. Sarah Stannard)

474th Engineers construct new commissions complex

By Army Sgt. Mike Owens

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About 100 members from the U.S. Air National Guard, representing six states, are constructing the Expeditionary Legal Complex for military commissions on the unused McCalla airfield at Guantanamo Bay.

The 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron (ECES) is tackling the \$10 million project which is due to be completed by next Spring. The complex will be approximately 6000 sq. ft. and the interior will include a large courtroom with small offices for administrative purposes. Surrounding the complex will be mobile offices for defense and prosecution attorneys and the Office of Military Commissions (OMC.)

The 474th has already built a tent city called “Camp Justice” where they are presently living. Once commissions begin, Camp Justice will house the legal personnel associated with the commissions process, as well as the Air National Guard unit tasked with Camp Justice maintenance.

Air Force Lt. Col. James Starnes, commander of the 474th ECES, is satisfied with the progress of their mission. Starnes, who has been here since the unit’s advance party arrived in mid-July, explained that his Airmen are working hard to effectively complete the project on time.

“We are working on schedule and I am confident that we will be finished by mid-March, maybe earlier.”

The advance party set up housing and other temporary structures before the rest of the unit arrived in August. Once in place, the 474th began prepping the abandoned airfield for construction. On Sept 11th, the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, they began the “ground breaking” to lay the foundation.

“We didn’t realize it [the timing] until the day was half-way over,” Starnes said.

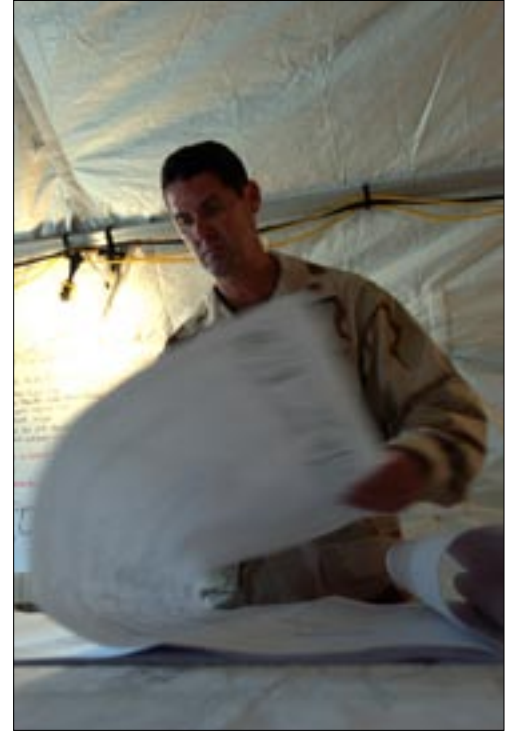
Once the foundation is laid, U.S. Southern Command will coordinate the barge transport of the prefabricated sections of the commissions structure.

“Once the pieces of the building start to arrive, we just put it together piece by piece,” said Starnes.

Air Force Maj. Chad Warren, 474th Operations Officer, explained the layout of the new commissions building using a detailed drawing that showed a basic courtroom, detainee holding area, judges’ chambers, and a sound proof press box so that media can witness the trial without hearing anything other than the amplified proceedings.

Warren’s drawing also showed where the office trailers and Camp Justice will be placed in relation to the commissions building. Once everything is put in place, the whole complex will be fenced in and ready for resumption of the commissions process.

Prime BEEF stamps hoof prints on Gitmo



▲“Dirt boys” from the Air Force 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron (ECES) work on the foundation for the new commissions complex. ►Air Force Maj. Chad Warren, 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, examines the plans for the facility expected to be completed early next year. Using plans developed by the 883rd Red Horse team, the 474th broke ground on the project on Sept. 11.

Story and photos By Army Sgt. Sarah Stannard

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A group of National Guard Airmen stand gazing out across the overgrown skeleton of Guantanamo Bay’s original and once vital air-traffic hub. Examining the expanse of unkempt tarmac – grass extending over the tops of their newly issued tan combat boots, eyes half closed by intense Guantanamo sunlight – members of the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron begin to plot the dynamic transformation of Guantanamo’s McCalla Air Field.

The airfield resembles a military construction site in Iraq, complete with blowing dust, heavy equipment and a sprawling tent city. However, by the early part of next year the 474th plans to complete a \$10.2 million dollar Expeditionary Legal Complex where the U.S. Office of Military Commissions will restart the ongoing and evolving process of charging and trying enemy

combatants detained in the Global War on Terror. Ground breaking for the project occurred, coincidentally, on Sept. 11.

Lt. Col. James Starnes, commander of the 474th “Red Bulls,” estimates nearly 80 percent of his aggregate force have returned from deployment in Iraq, Afghanistan or the U.S. southern border within the last two years. The 474th is comprised of Airmen from the Indiana Air National Guard’s 122nd, the Wisconsin Air National Guard’s 128th, the Vermont Air National Guard’s 158th, the Ohio Air National Guard’s 150th and the California Air National Guard’s 163rd. These “Prime BEEF” (Base Expeditionary Engineer Force) teams arrived here in full force this August poised to construct the Department of Defense (DoD) project, whose budget had been recently slashed on the floor of Congress, as plans for a more lavish military commissions court complex here were dismissed.

“We’re an Air Force unit on a Navy Base using Army assets to build a DoD project,” said Staff Sgt. Mathew Johnson, a utilities specialist from the 122nd focused on plumbing, liquid fuels and pest management. He continued, explaining that typically Prime Beef teams are responsible for the maintenance of already established bases. The 474th, however, is functioning in the capacity of a “Red Horse” team, whose war-time mission is to stand up a temporary air base in an expeditionary location.

Using plans developed by the 883rd Red Horse Team from Hurlburt Field, Fla., the Red Bulls construction will include a series of prefabricated buildings, one of which will be on a permanent foundation. Particularly challenging, said Staff Sgt. Shawn Karzman, a utilities specialist also from the 122nd, will be providing

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Winter leaves legacy of perseverance

By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

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As the commanding officer of the Navy Expedition Guard Battalion (NEGB), Joint Task Force – Guantanamo, prepares to exit her post next month, she will leave a legacy of perseverance and dedication to the mission that will remain present in her Sailors well after her departure.

Many who have worked with Navy Capt. Kris Winter credit her sometimes unconventional management style and her ability to rally behind her Sailors as keys to her success. When Winter arrived here 13 months ago, she said she did not want to be the type of commander who sits in an air-conditioned office and is oblivious to what's happening within her command. Thus, she quickly found ways to connect with the NEGB leadership and the young Sailors who work 12-hour shifts within the detention facilities.

“A big challenge is making sure everyone is taken care of. We are a large command and that is why it is so essential that we meet regularly with the senior [enlisted] leadership to ensure that issues are taken care of at the level they need to be,” said Winter.

Winter has a two-part primary mission as NEGB commander. She ensures the safe and humane custody of the detainees under her care, and supervises the Navy guard force working within the detention facilities. In addition, she secures the funds necessary to manage her staff.

Winter works closely with the Joint Task Force to address quality of life issues affecting Sailors such as housing. With the assistance of the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team and the chaplains office, she works diligently to help improve the emotional and spiritual well-being of her Sailors.

Prior to arriving here, Winter said she gained leadership experience working within detention facilities as commanding officer of the Navy Consolidated Brig at Miramar in San Diego. However, she added that nothing there at Miramar had prepared her for leading Sailors here who must withstand humiliating and insulting acts such as having feces thrown on them by some of the detainees.

“We have a lot of great Americans who have agreed to come here and take part in an incredibly difficult and dangerous mission,” said Winter. “It is a great challenge to me because it motivates me everyday to come to work. When



you are surrounded with greatness, it makes you want to achieve it as well.”

One thing that has set Winter apart from other commanders is her desire to personally connect with the young Sailors working within the guard force. Despite her busy schedule, she takes time to meet with Sailors in the junior enlisted ranks to address concerns that directly affect them.

“I appreciate the honesty of the crew because they tell me what's on their minds and that is actually very honorable and courageous. Sometimes it is tough to tell someone senior that something is

hosed up or needs to be fixed,” said Winter.

Winter recalled being stationed in the Middle East when the United States was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. Immediately afterward, she witnessed her command's mission transform from peacetime to wartime operations as they realized the immediate need to protect the nation. Although the NEGB guard force is not on the front lines fighting the enemy, Winter said that it is important that her Sailors understand how crucially their daily duties are linked to national security.

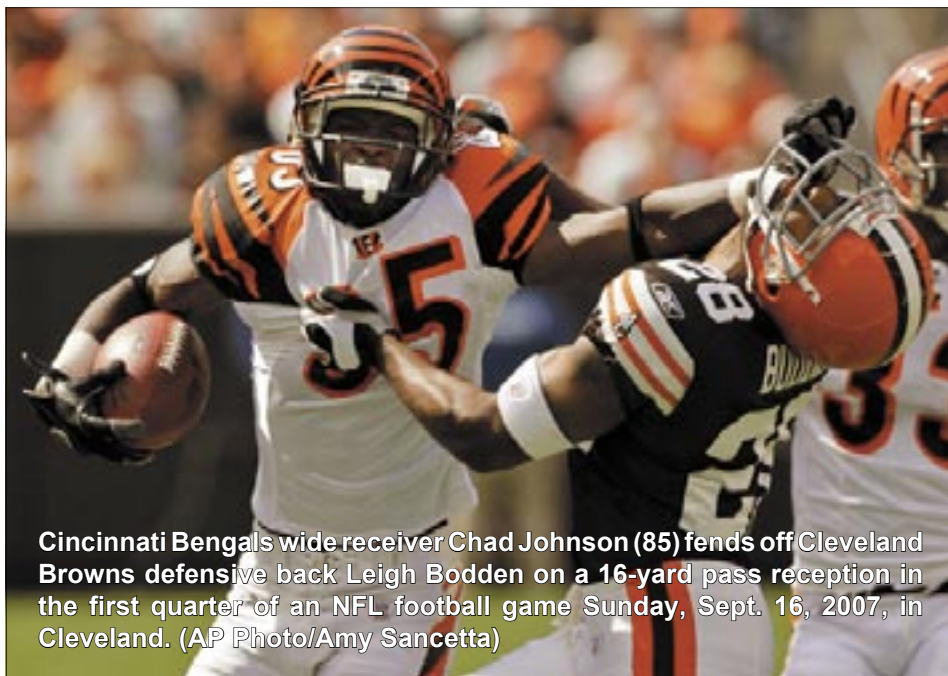
“What we do here is in support and defense of the Constitution of the United States. Down here we are directly connected to the fight,” said Winter. “Commemorating 9/11 here was a unique experience since our guard force spent the day with those who are responsible for 9/11.”

As Winter begins to prepare for her departure, she has some words of wisdom for the Sailors who will remain.

Winter would like to thank them for honorably carrying out their mission of providing for the safe and humane care and custody of detainees. Winter added that one of the unique things about Guantanamo Bay is that no matter what a Sailor has previously done in the Navy, it will not have prepared him or her for the detention operations here. But when Sailors complete this mission, she believes they will leave here with the leadership and communication skills necessary to excel in any other environment regardless of where they go.

“My philosophy is to give it the best you've got and whatever comes out of it comes out of it,” said Winter. “Whether the outcome is a promotion, awards or recognition, you should accept the challenges that are given to you and always learn from the people around you.”

NFL has fans scratching heads



Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson (85) fends off Cleveland Browns defensive back Leigh Bodden on a 16-yard pass reception in the first quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

Courtesy nfl.com

By Army 1st Sgt. Patrick Sellen

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It is only week two in the NFL season and the fireworks have already begun. We have had a game with 96 points and over a thousand yards (the Cleveland Browns played in it), Brett Favre has passed John Elway to become the NFL's all-time leader in victories. The New England Patriots (cheaters) didn't think all the talent they have was enough and decided to video the Jets' defensive signals, costing the team a first round draft pick and its coach a half million dollars. All of that and several surprising teams at 2-0 and 0-2 leaves you scratching your head.

The New Orleans Saints, the Cinderella story of the NFL last year has turned back into a pumpkin. The Saints offense, which was highly ranked last year, has managed only 24 combined points in their first two games and the defense has been lit up for a combined 72 points. It's still early, but it's looking bleak for the Saints.

The St. Louis Rams, most fans' pick to win the NFC west, are off to a slow start. Their lack of ability to score points is surprising. Steven Jackson was expected to have a huge season at running back, but the team is averaging only 59 yards rushing in its first two games and fumbled

the ball twice in their season opener. The Rams need to get their offense on track.

The Philadelphia Eagles, a perennial playoff team, are off to a lackluster beginning. In their opener, no one on special teams could field a punt, which led to a loss at Green Bay. The Eagles defense remains stout but Donovan McNabb could use some help at the wide receiver position. The Falcons, Bills, Giants, Dolphins, Jets, Chiefs and Raiders are all 0-2 which shouldn't be a big surprise to anyone.

Five teams have many fans sitting up and asking, "Who are these guys and are they really 2-0?" The Houston Texans are 2-0 for the first time in franchise history and they are doing it with a nice balance of offense and defense. The Texans have scored 54 points and only allowed 24 in their first two games. If the Texans can keep this up, there will be a hoot-hollerin' good time down in Houston this year.

When you think of the Green Bay Packers being 2-0, you automatically think of Brett Favre.

Favre had a brilliant second half in last weeks' game, but the big story in Green Bay has been the defense, which has only given up 13 points in both outings. The Packers are looking to send Favre out on a good note.

The Washington Redskins are off to a 2-0 start after taking both games to the wire. The Redskins are riding two solid performances by their defense and their offense has shown flashes of brilliance. The Redskins will look for a more consistent offense to keep their streak alive.

On the heels of a 10-6 prediction by their quarterback, Jon Kitna, the Detroit Lions are off to a 2-0 start. The Lions' number one ranked passing offense and their receiving corps will have to continue to spark this team if the Lions are going to get to that 10 win plateau.

The San Francisco 49ers are 2-0 after two very close wins. Neither side of the ball has been overly impressive; nevertheless, there is a 2 in the win column.

The defending champion Indianapolis Colts along with the New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos and Dallas Cowboys are out to expected 2-0 starts.

Hold on Gitmo! If the rest of the season is as good as the first two weeks were, we are in for a great ride. So make sure you have your televisions blaring and your BBQ pits sizzling as you enjoy this NFL season.

Courtesy nfl.com



Brian Westbrook (36) of the Philadelphia Eagles is tackled by LaRon Landry (30), Sean Taylor (21) and Carlos Rogers (22) of the Washington Redskins at Lincoln Financial Field on Sept. 17, 2007 in Philadelphia. (Photo by Chris McGrath/Getty Images)

525th storms the links!

By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
William Weinert

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The writer, Jack Burke, once wrote, “The average golfer doesn’t play golf. He attacks it.” On Friday, Sept. 14, members of the 525th Military Police Battalion did just that.

The 525th stormed the links, attacked the course and braved the occasional Gitmo bounce to play a round of “best ball” golf in culmination of a week’s worth of special events celebrating the military police corps’ 66th regimental anniversary.

Other activities included a battalion run, prayer breakfast, Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony, and a noncommissioned officers’ induction ceremony.

In a “best ball” golf tournament, each player hits their ball and then the team captain chooses which lie – the “best ball” – to play from. The team continues play from that location until the next “best ball” is chosen.

Ten teams, made up of both

officers and enlisted soldiers, fought through the stone and gravel filled fairways, notoriously fast greens and fresh mud pits produced by the day’s rain to compete for the prizes.

Before the tournament started, Sgt. 1st Class George Howard predicted that his team, the battalion command team, would win. Besides himself, his team included Lt. Col. William Wozniak, Maj. Kyle Bayless, and Command Sgt. Maj. Theodore Trahan.

Following the tournament, awards were given out to the 1st and 2nd place teams as well as to the worst team. Individual awards were also awarded for “closest to the pin” and longest drive.

In the end, Howard’s prediction came true as the command team finished victorious, with a score of 34 on the nine-hole course.

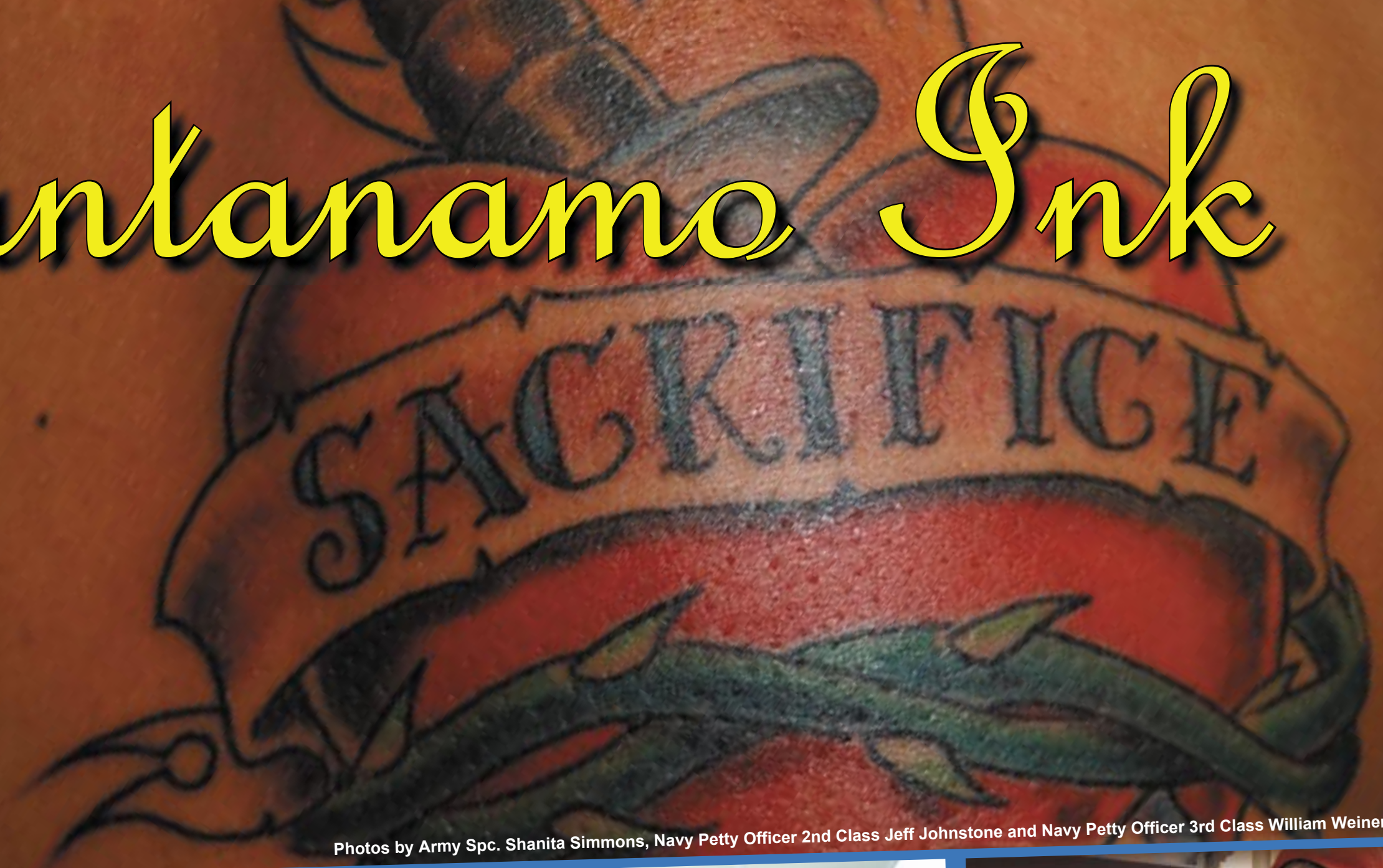
According to Howard, the tournament was an important “morale booster” and “a wrap on a week filled with activities.”

The winning team of the 525th MP Golf Tournament was the battalion command team, Command Sgt. Maj. Theodore Trahan, Maj. Kyle Bayless, Lt. Col. William Wozniak and Sgt. 1st Class George Howard.



Guantanamo Ink

Tattoo artists Tyler and Ritchie Green, from Worcester, Mass., visited Guantanamo Bay for the third time in two years to offer their services to anyone brave enough to go under their gun. Tattoos were given by appointment at the Windjammer from Sept. 2-11. Tattoos included personal designs as well as stock art work.



Photos by Army Spc. Shanita Simmons, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class William Weinert





**By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
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Article VI of the Code of Conduct states: "I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

For Americans captured during a time of war, these words ring so true. They know they are accountable for their actions, that they must remain true to their principles and must never forget what they are fighting for. Our duty, as responsible Americans, is to remember what these patriots fought for, what they sacrificed, and the thanks we owe them.

Friday, Sept. 21 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day of observance that reminds all Americans of the sacrifices made by those who gave so much for their country.

The first group recognized is those classified as Prisoners of War

(POW). In order to be considered a POW, the combatant must have been captured while following the laws and customs of war; they must have borne arms, worn a uniform and been part of a recognized chain of command. There are conditions when these criteria are not always met. Groups such as openly armed guerillas and militia are granted POW status when captured, as long as they are not trying to use both civilian and military status.

While many fighting men and women unfortunately become POWs, there are many other warriors that fall under the status Missing in Action (MIA). The term MIA refers to service members whose status – injured, captured or dead – remains unknown after having engaged in armed conflict.

Starting in the early 1970's, the POW/MIA movement showed deep concern for those still missing and pushed for the return of those captured in Vietnam. As the movement gained momentum, concerned citizens urged Congress to establish a national day

of remembrance for those imprisoned or still missing.

In response, Congress established the National POW/MIA Recognition Day in 1979. Three years later, members of the National League of POW/MIA Families unveiled a sobering flag featuring a man's silhouette in front of a guard tower and barbed wire, with text that proclaims "You Are Not Forgotten." First flown on National POW/MIA Recognition Day in 1982, the flag reminds us of the sacrifices made by those brave souls. The United States Congress officially recognized the flag as "the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation."

Observances for the sacrifices made by these brave Americans, take place throughout the country on military installations, ships underway, state capitals, schools and veteran's facilities.

Security Pitfalls

Submitted by Tony Camera

JTF-Security Manager

Security incidents occur because of haste, lack of attention to detail, fatigue, lack of knowledge regarding security requirements or willful disregard of security requirements. Some common security pitfalls are as follows:

▲**Unauthorized Disclosure or Compromise** is one of the most common security pitfalls. Make sure that any individual with whom you share classified information is properly cleared and has the need-to-know.

▲**Improper Transportation or Handling of Classified Information.** Classified information will not be removed from designated working areas to personal quarters for work at home. Protect it. Don't neglect it.

▲**Laptops and Computers.** Processing classified information on an unclassified laptop is a common mistake in military commands. Ensure the classification of the system that you are using is at least equal to the level of information being processed.

▲**Improper Marking of Classified Information.** Individuals may often incorrectly classify information or place improper caveats on information.

▲**Telephones and Secure Terminals.** Telephones and secure terminals are potential nightmares if used improperly for the transmission of classified information. Individuals may try to "talk around" the subject on an unclassified line if they cannot get their secure terminal to go to the secure mode. Make sure that you

know the level of classification that the secure terminal is keyed for.

▲**Fax Machines.** A common mistake is for an individual to fax classified information over an unclassified fax machine. Individuals may take the easy way out thinking that no one will notice this practice. Maybe persons do not know the procedures for using a classified fax. Make sure individuals are properly trained in the use of both unclassified and classified fax machines. Post signs over the fax machines. Place a security banner on top of the unclassified fax with a reminder not to accidentally place classified documents into an unclassified fax.

▲**Leaving Classified Documents Unattended.** Another common error is to walk out of your workplace and leave classified documents unattended. Individuals may leave classified information on top of their desks when uncleared contractors or workers come into the work area. Always lock up your classified documents before walking out of the office if there are no other cleared personnel left in the office to safeguard the information. Make sure that you ask someone else to guard your classified material. Don't assume anything.

▲**Talking Around the Subject.** Individuals are notorious for trying to talk around the subject when it comes to working with classified information. This can occur in the parking lot, the store, the local bar or when using the telephone. People may try to talk around classified information at home when conversing with their spouses or significant others. Never try to talk around the subject when working with classified

information. You will lose every time.

▲**Forget The End-Of-Day Checklist?** Office staffs often forget to complete the end-of-duty-day security checklist. People get in a hurry to go home. The same individual in an office may always complete the end-of-day checklist. If that individual is off or away from the office, the checklist may be forgotten. Use the buddy system. Keep tabs on each other to make sure that the end-of-day security checklist is completed. Completing the checklist has prevented numerous incidents and violations.

▲**Secure Containers.** A critical part of your checks is to make sure that all security containers are locked. Put all classified material away in the containers. Spin the dials. Check all the container drawer handles. Have someone double-check the safe in the same manner. Ensure that each individual signs off on the container security form.

▲**Uncleared and Unescorted Visitors.** Allowing individuals without security clearances to have free access to secure work areas is a major problem. This problem has occurred in many different locations. Uncleared and unescorted individuals have walked into classified work areas without anyone stopping and checking their credentials or security badges.

The message is clear: follow established security protocols, pay attention to what's going on in your office, secure your work and demand the same from your colleagues. There's more than just your career at risk in an unsecure work environment!



I Know Who Bored Me



By Army Spc. Daniel Welch
JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Rated: R
Running Time: 105 minutes

It has been a troubling year for Lindsay Lohan: arrests, someone else's cocaine in her pants leading to a suspected substance abuse problem, and now "I Know Who Killed Me," or more accurately, "I know who killed my career."

"Killed Me" is very likely the worst movie released this year. A gory thriller/horror flick about Aubrey Fleming (Lohan,) an unassuming college student and aspiring writer who is abducted by a serial killer intent on hacking off her limbs and leaving her for dead. Luckily for Aubrey, but not moviegoers, she manages to escape. To her parents' horror she wakes up in a hospital and believes that her name is Dakota Moss, an exotic dancer who, unlike her counterpart, has lived a less than charmed life, ripe with drug abuse and violence. I'm not kidding.

From there, Dakota goes about trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the odd similarity in appearance between her and Aubrey. Does she have some type of amnesia and really is Aubrey? Are they twins? Something else? I would tell you to go see the movie to find out for yourself, but that would be almost two hours of time wasted.








The problem with this film is not the premise – which could be interesting in better hands – but in the execution. Lohan sleepwalks through the roles of Aubrey and Dakota and director Chris Sivertson makes it a point to smack the viewer in the face with blatant symbolism. Siverston can take credit for maybe the only positive in this movie, as the visuals and special effects are quite stunning.

Hey, it was either this or "Underdog," alright?

Rating: ★★★★★

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Sept. 22		Sunday, Sept. 23		Monday, Sept. 24			
<p>Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.</p>  <p>Isolated T-Storms Sunrise: 6:49 a.m. Sunset: 6:57 p.m. Chance of rain: 30%</p>		<p>Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.</p>  <p>Isolated T-Storms Sunrise: 6:50 a.m. Sunset: 6:56 p.m. Chance of rain: 30%</p>		<p>Highs in the low - 90's, and lows in the mid-70's.</p>  <p>Scattered T-storms Sunrise: 6:50 a.m. Sunset: 6:55 p.m. Chance of rain: 30%</p>			
Tuesday, Sept. 25		Wednesday, Sept. 26		Thursday, Sept. 27		Friday, Sept. 28	
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Terror Suspect Transferred To Guantanamo

Released by the U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced Wednesday, Sept. 12, the transfer of a dangerous terror suspect to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Inayatullah, an Afghan national, was captured as a result of ongoing DoD operations in the struggle against violent extremists in Afghanistan. He has admitted that he was the Al Qaeda Emir of Zahedan, Iran, and planned and directed Al Qaeda terrorist operations. Inayatullah collaborated with numerous Al Qaeda senior leaders, to include Abu Ubaydah al-Masri and Azzam, executing their instructions and personally supporting global terrorist efforts.

Inayatullah attests to facilitating the movement of foreign fighters, significantly contributing to trans-national terrorism across multiple borders. Inayatullah met with

local operatives, developed travel routes and coordinated documentation, accommodation and vehicles for smuggling unlawful combatants throughout countries including Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Iraq.

Due to the continuing threat this terror suspect represents and his high placement in Al Qaeda, he has been transferred to Guantanamo. The detainees being held at Guantanamo have provided information essential to our ability to better understand how Al Qaeda operates and thus to prevent future attacks.

As with all detainees in Guantanamo, Inayatullah will undergo a combatant status review tribunal, where he will be given the opportunity to review a summary of the evidence against him and contest his status. The International Committee of the Red Cross will be granted access to this detainee. With today's transfer there are approximately 340 detainees at Guantanamo.

a "finished" interior to the building which is essentially a non-permanent infrastructure.

The Red Bulls began construction on what they have since dubbed Camp Justice shortly after their arrival here, and within two weeks, the site had already been classified as operational. Using large tents which had been shipped in by barge earlier this year, the 474th built, from the ground up, their own living quarters, office areas and Morale Welfare and Recreation building.

"We have to make do with what we have here," Starnes explained. "We needed a power screed for concrete, so some of the guys built one using a washing machine motor. They've all got a skill or trade, so you put them all together and they can do anything."

Deployed for approximately 120 days, the Red Bulls will stay with the project through completion. They will then hand it off to another Prime Beef team whose job will be to maintain the site. The complex is expected to be ready for commissions proceedings to resume once the courts have resolved jurisdiction issues.

Boots on the Ground

*By Navy Petty Officer
3rd Class William Weinert*

"Why did you choose to enlist in the Air Force over other services?"

**-Air Force Master Sgt.
Vanessa Freeman**



The recruiter intrigued me with stories of travel.

**-Air Force Senior
Airman Brian Backhaus**



They seemed to offer better educational opportunities.

**-Air Force Master
Sgt. Charles Rasler**



I've already served in the Marine Corps and the Army and got tired of the infantry.

**-Air Force Chief Master
Sgt. Thomas Bellrose**



For me, they had more to offer than the other services.

What Quenches Your Thirst?



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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6)

Even though the calendar points to autumn being very near, it looks like the ambiance of this hot summer may never dwindle. In such heat, all the things surrounding us can seem unpleasant. Everybody is looking for cool drinks to satisfy their thirst.

Our external thirst may be easily and quickly resolved by a bottle of cool water. This is not a daunting task. How about our internal thirst? How can we fill our unsatisfied internal thirst? Nothing leads to more despair and frustration than that shrinking feeling that something’s missing from our lives. You can imagine getting up in the middle of night to go the

refrigerator to get something. You open the refrigerator expecting to be satisfied, and you start trying this and that. But nothing looks or tastes right. Your stomach tells you you’re full, but you know that you’re not fulfilled. This is because you just don’t know what you’re looking for.

Our internal thirst can’t be fulfilled by a glass of water from the refrigerator. It takes something more significant. Quenching our internal thirst is indeed a daunting task, for doing so requires a great effort: a readjustment of our attitude, a shift in our mental and spiritual focus.

So now you know what is required of you. Yet, you still search for that missing piece that continues to evade you. The yearning and feeling of emptiness is still there. Inner peace and contentment still elude you. You know that your goal is to be spiritually fulfilled. You

know that what you expect of yourself are great dedication, devotion, and readjustment. Where to start? Which path to take? What must I do in order to quench my internal thirst?

The answer is to seek righteousness. Our despair and frustration doesn’t result from our unpleasant surroundings or the hot and humid weather, but rather from the lack of righteousness in our lives. Pursue that which is perfectly good.

Don’t settle for less – the things that only seem to fill you up. As a wise man once said, “Righteousness exalts a nation.” (Proverbs. 14:34) Only righteousness will cheer up your heart.

Our environment may continue to cause us much discomfort and weariness. We may continue to feel drained and yearning for something that will quench our parched souls. Even in these hard times, know and believe this: We have the ability, given by our Creator, to adjust to our environment, to meet whatever hardships we face, and – with commitment and dedication – to quest for righteousness. We will be granted an inner spring that will forever satisfy our spiritual thirst.

Do the right thing! Be thirsty for righteousness and you will be satisfied.

Williams crossed into the blue and has no regrets

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Williams

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Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Williams, currently serving with Joint Task Force – Guantanamo, is a logistics operator for the Air Force. He is a vital link in operations having to do with detainee movements in and out of Guantanamo Bay.

Growing up in a small Navy town of Kings Bay, Ga. where he saw many Navy Sailors and Marines, Williams knew the world held numerous possibilities that extended to distant lands, new adventures and interesting people.

“Kings Bay is a submarine base and all the people I knew would go on a sub for several months and I couldn’t see myself doing that,” said Williams. “I was influenced by my friends from high school. They all joined the service and I just followed their lead.”

At age 19, after spending nearly a year at the University of Georgia, Williams decided to break free from the only place he had ever known and enter a world that held more than he expected. Crossing into the blue was the beginning of a lot of great experiences and a chance to become someone he always knew he could be.

Williams began his career as an Aircraft Structural Mechanic. As a mechanic, Williams patched up the exteriors of planes and made them ready for flight again. Williams explained it was the best thing he could have ever done in the Air Force.

“I liked that it was a very rewarding job, because when the plane was broken, they needed me to fix it before they could accomplish their mission,” said Williams.

Travel was also a plus in the field Williams chose; he was able to travel abroad on many missions to several different countries.

“When I look back at my decision to join the Air Force, my first thought was that I wanted to see the world,” said Williams.

Williams began his career in Charleston, S.C. There he participated in the vital

operation of airlifting supplies and supporting Troopers during the Haitian and Cuban refugee crisis in 1994.

Williams compares the mission of supporting refugee operations to his present one and acknowledges that this one is a whole lot different.

“The mission [then] was very different. It was about helping the refugees. Since 9/11 it is about terrorists and detainees,” said Williams.

Williams has achieved his goal of seeing the world. In his 13 years, he has been stationed in Korea, Italy and Tucson, Az. Being in the Air Force, explained Williams, has given him more than a chance to experience the world; it has given him unique and lasting relationships with friends and coworkers.

“The greatest thing I found that has come out of me being in the Air Force is the unique and intense people along the way. Each time you get stationed somewhere, it’s a different climate and experience. You pick up the best things about the people and places and then you move on and share those experiences with others.

“I see a big difference from who I was and who I am now. My parents think what I am doing is great. I have been to 20 different countries and speak three languages – Japanese, Italian and English,” said Williams.

During 2005, Williams’ career as an



aircraft mechanic was put to an end after he injured his back.

“I couldn’t do my job anymore with my injury,” said Williams.

This led to a new Air Force career in logistics. Like everything else Williams has applied himself to, he has flourished in this position. During 2006, he was named Air Combat Command Logistics Planner of the Year. This award is given to only the best in his field.

“I was on the top of my career in 2006 and I would like to see the same award this year,” Williams said.

Williams believes that his deployment to Guantanamo Bay is among his best missions so far.

“Coming to Gitmo is one of my most memorable because of the fact that the Joint Task Force mission has a global impact, rather than just a regional one,” said Williams.

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◀ Airman 1st Class April Green cuts the cake in celebration of the 60th birthday of the Air Force at the Seaside Galley Sept. 18. Based on achievements in air superiority, the United States Air Force was officially formed in 1947 and became the “first line of defense” in a post-war world. (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Johnstone)

Madhya Husta, guest speaker at the Hispanic American Heritage Association luncheon, Sept. 19, receives an award from Brig. Gen. Cameron Crawford recognizing her service to the Guantanamo community. The luncheon, held at the Windjammer, honored the contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout history. (Photo by Army Sgt. Jody Metzger) ▶



◀ Ensign Stacey Carfley receives the Navy Achievement Medal from Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, Commander, Joint Task Force- Guantanamo, Sept. 12, at Camp Delta for services rendered during Hurricane Dean. (Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Billings)