



438th MPs : You've got personality!

By Sgt. Erin Crawley

If JTF Guantanamo were giving out superlatives, the 438th would most likely get 'Best Personality.' This is because the 438th brings to this mission not only their dedication and professionalism, but some unique characteristics that make them stand out among the rest.

For starters, most of the senior non-commissioned officers, to include all of the platoon sergeants, the first sergeant, the Nuclear Biological and Chemical NCO, and two squad leaders, bring to the table a total of more than 160 combined years of service in the military. One of the major contributors to that statistic is 1st Sgt. Ronald England, who not only has served for more than 20 years, but is also the oldest first sergeant of JTF Guantanamo.

Approximately 18 percent of the 438th is female, which is also fairly unique for MP companies. In addition, Capt. Judith Brown is the only

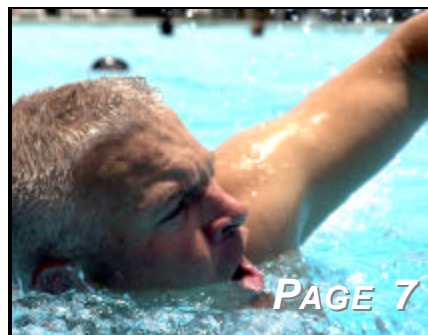


Soldiers of the 438th Military Police Company of Murray, Ky. finish their shift inside the wire. In front, from left to right, Spc. Michael Weatherford, Spc. Michael Suddath, and Spc. Matthew Thomas.

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Message from the Top



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Gregg E. Hissong,
300th MP Bde.
JTF Guantanamo**

Excellence, innovation and creativity are all signs of a great organization and reflects what the soldiers have brought to JTF-GTMO. Over the last nine months, ideas and designs have flourished from our young

soldiers and service members within this organization.

From the 806th, Postal Detachment 1. Spc. D. Walls revamped the existing postal supply system and built a computerized database for tracking, ordering and maintaining stamp supplies. Sgt. Padilla and Spc. A. Rios established the Camp America Post Office. The Camp America Post Office takes in more than \$500 in business per day and has sold more than \$15,000 of stamps since its opening. The 806th Postal Detachment is also responsible for streamlining the process of detainee mail and processing more than 13,000 pieces.

The enthusiastic pride of the young soldiers from the 806th is transparent through the accomplishments they have made. Their perspectives of this Joint Task Force is clear and reflects on their leadership daily. Soon the 806th will depart the JTF and the soldiers will take with them the products of success.

The 438th Military Police Company is another story of selfless service, dedication and commitment by all. The Kentucky based unit took the JTF by storm last November when it arrived in Guan-

tanamo Bay. The term Granite as in Granite Rock can be used to describe the 438th. The bonds of the company are woven so tightly when one soldier hurts they all hurt. This one team of soldiers is a reflection on the experiences of the leaders from the company and how they balance mission and soldiers always.

Capt. Brown, Commander of the 438th is the center piece of the stabilizing base that has fastened this company together. Capt. Brown takes on objectives that will promote the mission and enhance the lives of the soldiers. Given a mission, she will formulate and generate ideas using the decision making process and choose a course of action.

1st Sgt. Ronnie England is a wise, abstract thought provoking leader will tell soldiers what right is. His leadership style is like a salesmen who takes a charismatic approach of resolving the mission at hand. 1st Sgt. England holds his soldiers to the highest standards, teaches them new responsibilities and takes pride in their integrity.

The pillars of this organization would not be complete if we failed to mention Sgt. 1st Class Riley, Sgt. 1st Class Tubbs, Sgt. 1st Class Schroader, Staff Sgt. Laster and Staff Sgt. Duke. They surround the two leaders and take on the task of strengthening the company bond through inner actions with all the soldiers of the 438th.

The soldiers who arrived for this mission over nine months ago seized the opportunities to build this Joint Task Force through Army values, leadership and dedication. The soldiers have sacrificed their lives and families for the Global War on Terrorism and their accomplishments are immeasurable. We thank them and wish them God Speed for the future.

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Trivia Question of the Week:

“What international organization, with headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland, maintains a regular presence at JTF Guantanamo?”

Please send your answers to the JTF Public Affairs Office, email address: pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil by Tuesday, Aug. 19th. A name will be drawn from all who get it correct for a JTF T-shirt or hat.

Last week's question: “What is the name of the tower inside Camp 4?”

Answer: Liberty Tower.

Spc. Joshua D. Wise of the 303rd MP Co. correctly answered the question and was selected as the winner!

“JTF Army Post Office ... Post!”

By Spc. Jared Mulloy

A small, 14-soldier detachment from the 806th AG Co. (Postal), of Moreno Valley, Ca., was responsible for establishing the JTF Army Post Office (APO) here and mastering the system by which detainees send and receive mail. And like so many other troopers, the 806th will soon be leaving Guantanamo Bay for home.

When the 806th arrived in GTMO, they were divided into different sections. Eight of the 14 soldiers worked in the JTF mail room handling trooper mail while the other six worked inside Camp Delta processing incoming and outgoing detainee mail. “Our mission was to basically start from scratch and get everyone’s mail moving,” said APO postal clerk Spc. Andrew Rios.

“We provided the detainees with a connection to the outside world,” said non-commissioned officer in charge of the incoming mail section of the Detainee Mail Processing Center, Staff Sgt. Montgomery Miller. “The unit before us processed about 1,500 pieces of detainee mail. In the same amount of time we have tripled that amount to 5,000 pieces.”

806th squad leader Spc. Brian Ellis, of the incoming mail section, along with the help of his fellow soldiers, has also been working on a new system of mail processing that will make the



Members of the 806th AG Co. (Postal) from Moreno Valley, Ca., stand proudly atop McCalla Hill near the JTF Guantanamo Headquarters. The 806th were responsible for JTF postal operations.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Lewald

“Our unit has gotten a lot closer, and [we] learned a lot about each other. It’s hard to really know people that you only get to see once a month,” said Ellis. “I’ve also had a chance to raise my PT score from a 194 to a 275, and when I get home I’ll be able to put a down-payment on a house.”

“We had a chance to learn a whole new job,” said noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the outgoing detainee mail section, Staff Sgt. Ernie Carranza. “Not to mention, we gained a wealth of experience on working with the intelligence community.”

The 806th will definitely leave their mark on the JTF when they leave, and may have proven that good things do come in small packages.

806th’s replacements even more efficient. The improvements made by the 806th will echo in rotations to come.

And all along, most importantly, the 806th has been making sure JTF troopers receive their mail as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Although this deployment gave the 806th a chance to improve the JTF, being part of the JTF has had its share of improvements on the 806th.

216th arrives, poised to make National Guard history

By Tech. Sgt. Theo McNamara

The 216th Military Police Company arrived Wednesday after completing the mobilization process at Fort Dix and before they re-deploy, they may change history.

“We believe we’re the only National Guard unit in recent history to be deployed for such a long period of time,” said Capt. Betty Anderson, 216th MP company commander.

The 216th was deployed in October to back-fill for Fort Leonard Wood’s 463rd Military Police Company, which deployed to Qatar. The Arkansas National Guard

unit worked access control and handled law and order responsibilities. While deployed there, they learned they were slated to replace troops at JTF Guantanamo.

“When we discovered we were coming here, we coordinated with the Fort Leonard Wood to get 95 Charlie training,” said Anderson. “We wanted to be prepared and ready for the mission here, so we’ve been continuously deployed since leaving our home station in West Memphis, Ark. in October.”

Many of the troops admit that it’s been a long time since they’ve been able to spend time with family and friends, but

they’re ready to do their part. “This is the first time we’re actually going to do what we’ve been trained to do, so it’s very exciting for us, for all of us,” said Anderson. “Before we get back to our home station we’ll have been deployed for much more than a year and a half.”

“We’ve got some highly motivated people we’re bringing in here. We’re a team that’s made up of troops from every corner of Arkansas,” she bragged. “9/11 hurt all of us and if it wouldn’t have happened, none of us would be here ... This is our place to give something back, to do something for America.”

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female company commander of an MP unit here.

To add to the mix, the average age of this company is 25. The younger leadership has had the luxury of learning from a small group of soon-to-be retiring soldiers, rich with many years of law enforcement and military experience, which has proved most helpful during this mission. In addition, the younger soldiers have been able to bring some fresh ideas and approaches to the mission. Both groups have had a major impact on how successful the unit, as a whole, has performed their mission here.

But to be successful in this world, you need a lot more than a good personality, and the 438th fits the bill here as well. You have to have skill, drive, and a strong sense of duty. England said he was very impressed with how the 438th came together as a team to get this mission done and how many members of the 438th grew as soldiers and as people. There were many lessons learned and many challenges met – all done so with a purpose, as a part of the Global War on Terrorism.

“I’m proud of their dedication to each other and to their work,” England said. “Each soldier has grown in experience and maturity. Each has learned to be team members and how to depend on their buddy,” explained England.

Spc. Rebecca Brun joined the Army three years ago for college money, but now realizes there are even more benefits. “This deployment has really made me grow up. I’ve seen a lot of different things. I feel like I’m a much better soldier. Getting this experience first hand, I feel like I can actually do more. I feel like I can make a better noncommissioned officer now,” Brun said.

Brun feels that the 438th had a positive impact on the mission here. “I think our unit has done a good job of being firm and fair. The orders might be tough to take sometimes. We might not want to do it, but I think we do a good job of doing what we are suppose to do,” Brun said.



Photo by Sgt. Erin Crawley

Spc. Michael Laster of the 438th Military Police Company uses the high pressure water hose to clean the interior of this HMMVV so that it can be sent back to his home station in Kentucky.

This deployment changed Spc. Robert Elder’s life in a way he didn’t expect. “I look at things a lot differently now. I have more patience and I have more respect for

other people’s religion besides my own. I’m more open minded now,” Elder said.

Elder got back home from a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia about a year before he deployed to Cuba. With the exception of knowing that he would miss his children dearly, he was more than ready to serve again. “I think this

mission here is very important because we can gather information from these detainees and that information can possibly stop anything from happening in the future, which we have already seen with

the warnings they put out every day on television. I have a pretty good feeling that it probably directly relates to what we do here every day,” Elder said.

Sgt. 1st Class Teresa Rae, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Detention Operations Center, said the soldiers of the 438th worked as a team with other branches and members of other units to streamline the critical operation in the DOC.

“It was challenging at first. But I learned a lot from the lower enlisted soldiers in my unit. They taught me how to use Excel, create spreadsheets, reports and how to track things,” Rae said.

Their efforts in streamlining the process helped to eliminate 90 percent of the paperwork, according to Rae.

Through thick and thin, the 438th pulled together as a team and as a family, making this deployment a very successful one. “The soldiers of the 438th learned that they can do just about anything they set their minds to,” said England.

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*Spc. Rebecca Brun
438th Military Police Company*

Members of Fort Polk's 'Warrior Brigade' soon to arrive at GTMO

By Sgt. Erin Crawley

The 258th Military Police Company of Fort Polk, La. will soon be arriving in Guantanamo to support Operation Enduring Freedom as the replacement unit for the 438th MP Company.

As part of the 519th MP Battalion, also known as the Warrior Brigade, the soldiers of the 258th are prepared to take on this tough mission. Earlier this year, the 258th MPs supported Operation Noble Eagle for the U.S. Army's Military District of Washington, finishing that mission at the end of February.

1st Sgt. Ronald England of the 438th MP Co. said his unit is looking forward to meeting their new replacements. "We will open the door, bring them in, and give them everything we've got

on the positive side to help them continue the mission. We will give them any information they need to help them meet the challenges of the mission here," England said.

According to Col. Donn Richards, acting Warrior Brigade commander, the 258th is well trained and more than ready to take on the JTF Guantanamo mission. While Richards understands this is a difficult mission, he said his soldiers are excited about it and want to make a difference.

Of course, the first difference they will make will be to relieve the very deserving 438th. With that in mind, England joked, "We are willing to share any secrets we have with them as long as they take our place and stay."

984th's farewell dinner



Photo by Spc. Delaney T. Jackson

Army Sgt. Melissa Obermiller cuts the cake at the finale of the 984th MP Co.'s Victory Dinner at Seaside Galley last week. Held in honor of the 984th's accomplishments while deployed to Guantanamo Bay, the dinner, which included an awards ceremony and a viewing of the 984th's unit video, followed a Transfer of Authority ceremony in Camp Delta where the 463rd MP Co. assumed the responsibilities of the 984th.

Blue Grass State welcomes JTF MPs

By Sgt. Erin Crawley

"The 438th Family Support Group is working with the Murray Tourism Commission for a community wide, Welcome Home Celebration," according to Terry Laster, 438th MP Co. Family Support Group Coordinator.

The celebration is intended for the entire community and will be sponsored by local businesses. Laster explained that although the plans are not yet finalized, one thing they would really like to do is have a fish-fry cook-out at the city park so that the whole community can come by and show their support.

An important aspect of dealing with homecomings of this sort is to let soldiers settle in with their families for a while. With that in mind, the 438th plans to have a combined welcome home and Christmas festivities celebration in December.

"It was going to be difficult to find a good time when the entire unit would be together again, so we decided to do it during December. We plan to have a Patriotic Christmas, with a Christmas party and a family day. We'll have food and are also planning to have a DJ so that people can dance. The next day will be the family day with a meal and a visit from Santa for the kids," Laster said.

The 438th FSG is also making an effort to help the families prepare for their soldier's homecoming. "There is a 'Family Reunion Briefing' being held this week at the National Guard Armory in Murray, Ky. and another one being held the following week at the Fairgrounds Armory in Louisville, Ky. Individuals from Fort Campbell and Fort Knox are conducting these briefings," Laster said.

Throughout this deployment, the FSG of the 438th has continually supported their troops deployed here as well as each other back home. Laster added, "If the soldiers know that their loved ones back home are being taken care of, then they can do their job."

From mail call to wedding vows

**Photo by
Sgt. Benari Poulten**

You don't need to serve in the United States military to meet women ... but it helps! For both Sgt. Steven Sparks and Sgt. John Sokolik, the pen was mightier than the sword when it came to meeting their future wives, as they both met their significant others by striking up pen-pal correspondences.

If it weren't for a determined first sergeant while Sparks was serving in the Texas Air National Guard, he never would have met his wife. Forced to participate in an international pen-pal program,

Sparks sent out his contact information on a post card, which was subsequently sent to a random person. After sending out his post card, he switched over to the Army, going on active duty. While on Christmas exodus from his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, Sparks returned home to find a letter from Lithuania. "I thought to myself, I don't know anyone from Lithuania," he said. "And then it hit me ... the postcard!"

Sparks credits long fire-guard duties with helping spark the initial correspondence from there, as he would write to his pen-pal Daiva during those lengthy hours. After getting to know each



Sgt. Steven Sparks writes a letter home to his wife, as he prepares to depart JTF Guantanamo.

other via mail, Sparks traveled to Lithuania to meet her in person and in 1993, they were married in the small town of Anyksciani, Lithuania. They now live in Radcliffe, Ky., near Fort Knox, where Sparks works as a federal technician.

Sokolik picked his future wife's name out of a box – literally. Choosing from an open grab-bag of mail while serving on active duty in the first Gulf War, Sokolik hoped to make some pen pals. "There were shoeboxes full of [mail]," he explained. "I just picked out three or four of them and started pen-palling them. And it just so happened that she was one of my pen-pals." Originally hailing from

California, he and Rhonda now live in her hometown of Paducah, Ky., with their two children, Monica and Shelby.

Having met their wives under long-distance circumstances has helped make this current deployment a little easier for these two soldiers, as Sparks pointed out. "We've been apart from each other for long times before this deployment, so I guess we can naturally stand to be away; we can deal with it better than most."

As for their plans when they get back from serving in JTF Guantanamo, they both look forward to catching up with their families in person.

DCS Program Top 10 FAQ's

1. I am concerned about what happens to my job when I go home. What happens if my position is either filled or eliminated?

Your employer must provide you with a position similar to what you had when you left. If that exact job is no longer available they are required to give you a position with no loss in pay or status.

2. Can I collect unemployment during the 90 days that are allowed before I have to go back to work?

No you cannot, unless you do not have a job at all. In that case you may in some states collect unemployment as long as you are actively pursuing employment.

3. Who is responsible for my health

insurance from the time the deployment is over until I am required to go back to work?

If you have been in the military less than six years you qualify for Tri-Care coverage from the military for 60 days after your Refrad date. If you have more than six years you qualify for 120 days of coverage. Otherwise you must rely on whatever civilian insurance you have through your employer. Depending on your employer, you may have to be back at work before coverage is reinstated.

5. Why do we have decompression training?

The highest levels in the military have mandated the requirement. It is designed to give every service member the optimum training in preparation to return home.

6. When will the reserves/guard begin to attend drill?

The final decision is up to the unit commander but most units will return for drill in 60-90 days after re-deployment. Many will be offered to return to drill sooner if they so desire.

7. Am I likely to have left over problems with diseases like TB and hepatitis after I return home?

No. You are much more likely to get TB on a cross-country plane trip or in your local Wal-Mart, and even those are highly unlikely. You will be tested for TB within six months of your return to home station.

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Soldier makes a splash in his fitness routine

By Sgt. Benari Poulten

"There's plenty to do here, but you have to be an active person," explained Staff Sgt. James Garner. Garner would definitely qualify as an active person, as he has taken advantage of his time here as part of JTF Guantanamo to maintain a healthy workout schedule.

Garner has already seen an improvement during this deployment. "Since I've started this mission, I've lost 28 pounds," he said. "My PT has improved by about 60 to 70 points, so I've just been doing what I can ... I've been using the time here to improve myself."

He maintains a pretty dedicated schedule of running on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while fitting in weight training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To help burn calories and keep his muscles limber, he also runs to and from the gym for these workouts, even squeezing in some laps at



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Lewald
Staff Sgt. James Garner, 438th MP Co., takes a few laps in the Windjammer Pool during his daily workout session.

the pool. "I'll run down to the pool and I'll do around one to two laps and that helps me loosen up my muscles after the run and being in that heat really dehydrates you, so I'll drink a quart of water [as well]."

He also noted the benefits of swimming a few laps in the pool. According to Garner, it not only helps him cool down after a

strenuous workout session, but it also allows him to work some other muscle groups while giving him an opportunity relax at the same time. And on a hot afternoon, the pool can be a refreshing way to finish a run. "After a run, it helps you loosen up and cool down, because a lot of times I was running in the heat of the day."

Garner continues to work on trimming the calories, so he can return home in excellent shape and make a significant difference in his Army Physical Fitness Test. "I'm trying to keep myself lean and actually work on the areas that would help me in my PT," he noted.

As the deployment comes to a close, Garner does not expect to give up his exercise routine, hoping to keep himself in tip-top shape. "Since I've seen how I've improved here, I will probably take this with me because I know in future deployments, I will need this physical fitness, so I will probably try to keep this going."

Man on the Street

Compiled by Staff Sgt. Stephen E. Lewald

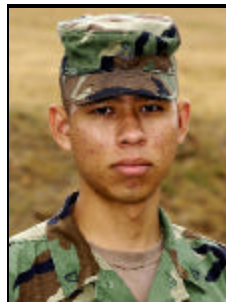
This week's question:

Five years from now, who in the JTF will stand out in the forefront of your memory and why?



PO3 Chris L. McDiffitt
MIUWU 212

"I'll always remember the men and women in my unit I served with, because of the important job of first line defense for the JTF and NAVBASE."



Pfc. Julio A. Arredondo
806th AG, Postal Det.

"I'll remember the people in my unit, and how their dedication helped to improve the JTF Postal Service."



Pfc. Maya A. Lyubimova
300th MP Bde.

"As I look back, it would be my room-mates; all the things we shared, and all the fun things we did together, will be well remembered."



Spc. Dudley A. Fabio
661st MP Co.

"I'll always remember the Puerto Rican unit, and how they enjoyed getting together and to party."



Army Sgt. Robert A. Vanderveer
A Co., 2-116th Inf. Bn.

"My squad will always be in my memories of JTF, because of all the time we spend on patrol, doing check points, and up in the guard towers."

Chaplain's Corner

By **CH (LTC) Herb Heavner**
JTF Guantanamo
Command Chaplain

Transition training. That is what they call it when you try to learn what you have been doing right, and try to apply it to the job that lies ahead of you in another location. It can apply to jobs inside the military or in the civilian sector. It involves learning valuable lessons from both your successes and your failures. It involves looking ahead and making a commitment to do your new job better than ever. It involves your leadership chain and it can even involve your family. Most everyone wants to do better in the present and future than they did in the past. It is for that reason that we use transition training to learn how best to facilitate that process.

Notice that this can involve any position, inside or outside of the military. For many members of the JTF, coming to Guantanamo called for high quality transition training. Making the change to a new location, a new climate and a totally new working environment were all goals that each of us had to confront. Now many new members of the Joint Task Force face that same challenge as they come to the

island to carry on the good work that we have done. Our goal should be to help them do the very best they can do to meet the goal of a successful transition. In fact, our goal should be to help them do even better than we did ourselves.

Most members of the current JTF now face this transition process in reverse as we prepare to go back to our homes and to our jobs. For some of us this change will seem nearly as foreign as does the change for our replacements. The person in the office next to us may be a stranger. The supervisor at the plant may be some guy or gal from the west coast. Even family members will be changed.

I believe that the important thing for all of us to remember, on whatever side of the transition process you may be found, is to not let it get the best of you. Rely upon those forces for good that you have always found helpful. Look to the power of God to assist you in this process. Allow Him to guide you in the transition process. The ancient scripture writer wrote: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ." The writer referred to the power of God to do the renewing. Let God do this for you, and your transition will be more of a success than you ever thought possible.

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8. Will GTMO be granted tax-exempt status and if so, will it be retroactive?

The consideration of this is still at the discussion level in congress. If it does pass before the end of this year it would most likely be made retroactive to January.

9. Can I get prescription medications after I return to reserve or guard status?

Yes, you should be able to get a 90-day supply at your demobilization station.

10. How long will we be at our mobilization station and can my family come there?

The goal is to spend no more than three - five days at your MOB site. Families are discouraged from coming because everyone will be busily engaged in a rapid return to the home station.

WANTED: Piano Player...

... for the general Protestant Worship service at the Camp America Chapel.

Should be able to play church music out of a hymnal and provide back-up for choral and other special singers. Would need to be available from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m on Sunday, and one other hour per week, time to be determined.

Please give the JTF Command Chaplains' office a call at 3202, 3203.

Worship Services

Catholic

Main Chapel

Daily	6:30 a.m.	Mass Cobre Chapel
Wed.	5 p.m.	R.C.I.A. Cobre Chapel
Fri.	5 p.m.	Rosary
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	11 a.m.	Mass (Sanctuary B)

Camp America

Sun.	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
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Protestant

Main Chapel

Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	7 p.m.	Spanish Group 390-Evan's Pt
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Home Group Nob Hill 5B
	7:15 p.m.	Youth 7-12 Fellowship*
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*

* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Seaside Galley (Temporary location until further notice)
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 ChapelComplex
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Jewish

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

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

The bus will return immediately following worship.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Don't pass up a chance to relax

By Spc. Jared Mulloy

Most JTF troopers who have taken advantage of a four-day Special Pass to Puerto Rico have realized how expensive a trip out of Guantanamo Bay can be. So, for those who would like to go on a pass to relax, without spending a lot of money or a lot of time traveling, there's another option.

Special Passes, not exceeding 72 hours may be granted to troopers for exceptional performance or following periods of continuous duty of excessive duration.

"Taking advantage of this pass is a great idea if you need to get away without spending a lot of money," says noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Joint Personnel Reception Center, Sgt. 1st Class Leona Hunter-Wade. "You can get a private room on the Leeward side, there's free access to lots of beaches, a mess hall, and plenty of space to stretch out." Hunter-Wade also mentioned that this special pass should be treated like regular leave, meaning that you have to sign-out when you start your pass, and sign-in when it's over.

Club Survivor ... you won't want to be voted off THIS island!

By Sgt. Benari Poulten

If you're looking for fun and excitement, look no further than Club Survivor, JTF's newest hotspot. Nestled in the middle of Camp America, Club Survivor is conveniently located for troops living in Tierra Kay and Camp America North.

Club Survivor offers troopers a chance to unwind after a long workday in a comfortable setting along the cool waters of the Caribbean. Folks can pull up a chair, kick back, relax, and hang out with friends where the drinks are cold and the mood can't be beat. "It's a fun atmosphere," raves J-

4's Spc. Nick Davis. "The view's beautiful and it's a great chance to meet people from other units."

The club also boasts a familiar look, giving it a down-home atmosphere. "It reminds me of a bar back home called the South Shore Grill, on the shores of Lake Erie," Davis noted. Capturing the unique feel of the island while offering troopers a taste of home, Club Survivor offers something for everyone. And for those of you who love to belt out a few tunes, the club hosts karaoke every Friday night.



Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Aug. 15

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

10 p.m. *Bulletproof Monk* PG13 - 104min

Sat., Aug. 16

8 p.m. *Daddy Day Care* PG - 94min

10 p.m. *A Man Apart* R - 109min

Sun., Aug. 17

8 p.m. *Life of David Gale* R - 130min

Mon., Aug. 18

8 p.m. *The Hunted* R - 131min

Tues., Aug. 19

8 p.m. *Minority Report* R - 140min

Wed., Aug. 20

8 p.m. *Dreamcatcher* R - 134min

Thurs., Aug. 21

8 p.m. *Ballistic: Ecks vs Sever* R - 144min

Movie Schedule

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Aug. 15

8 p.m. *Dumb & Dumberer* PG13 - 85min

10 p.m. *Alex & Emma* PG13 - 96min

Sat., Aug. 16

8 p.m. *Hulk* PG13 - 116min

10 p.m. *Tomb Raider II* PG13 - 110min

Sun., Aug. 17

8 p.m. *American Wedding* R - 102min

Mon., Aug. 18

8 p.m. *Seabiscuit* PG13 - 130min

Tues., Aug. 19

8 p.m. *Hollywood Homicide* PG13 - 108min

Wed., Aug. 20

8 p.m. *American Wedding* R - 102min

Thurs., Aug. 21

8 p.m. *2 Fast 2 Furious* R - 108min

Club Survivor

Located at Camp America
Thursday thru Saturday 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Open to all NAVBASE and JTF personnel of all ranks.

NATIONAL SPORTS

On the Mark 'Tis the season

By Sgt. Bob Mitchell

Well, here we are again. Everyone seems to be getting into the spirit. You can see a little more bounce in people's steps. Last minute shoppers scramble to purchase presents. You can feel the anticipation in the air.

Christmas time? Hardly. It's football season! The earliest NCAA games begin on August 23, while the NFL kicks off on September 4.

I hope my wife remembers my hat size. After all, true fans get fitted hats. None of this "one size fits all" nonsense. My preference? The Notre Dame cap in the school's colors (navy blue and gold) with the interwoven "ND" on the front with "Irish" underneath.

It's not a requirement for any football fan to have attended the associated school. In addition, it is not mandatory for a fan to live in the NFL city in which his/her favorite team plays.

All it really takes is love of the sport and, of course, the proper fan attire. Mandatory items include headgear, T-shirt (or sweat shirt) and, for the love of Mike, knowledge of your team. If you are just starting out as a fan, at least know the team's nickname and be dressed properly.

It will be very difficult for many of us here at Guantanamo Bay to make it to our favorite team's games. No problemo. All you have to do is wear the right stuff. If you have already ordered your favorite team's game day gear, you have defeated commercialism and captured the spirit of the season. Keep these vital facts in mind, and when you get older, with children anticipating the countdown to kickoff, you won't have to say, "It doesn't seem like football season anymore."

Sports High lights

Summary by Sgt. Bob Mitchell

The **Green Bay Packers** were dealt a potentially disastrous blow to their title hopes when defensive lineman **Gilbert Brown** tore a bicep muscle in the Pack's win over the **Atlanta Falcons** last Saturday. Brown was a key to the team's run defense. Team officials say his comeback may depend on his ability to endure pain.

On the links, **Davis Love III** has not had to endure much pain while playing golf. He picked up win number four Sunday at the International to bring him to the top spot on the **PGA** money list with \$5.1 million. Off the course, Love is still coping with the suicide death of his wife's brother, who had been under federal investigation for allegedly taking more than a half million dollars of Love's money from a bank account.

Triple plays are few and far between, but an unassisted triple play is the most rare play in all of baseball. **Atlanta Braves'** shortstop **Rafael Furcal** became the 12th player in major league history to pull off the feat. In the fifth inning of the Braves' game with the **St. Louis Cardinals** Sunday, Furcal snagged a line drive off the bat of **Woody Williams**, stepped on second base to double up **Mike Matheny**, then ran down **Orlando Palmeiro** who was trying to make it back to first base. Furcal's heroics weren't enough, though, as the Braves lost the game, 3-2.

There's a new name at the top of the women's tennis rankings, and it isn't Williams. **Kim Clijsters** took the number one spot with her victory in the **JP Morgan Chase Open**. The win was her sixth title of the year. **Serena Williams** had a lock on the top spot for the past 57 weeks, but underwent knee surgery on August 1.

Sports Highlights compiled from ESPN.com

Head to head ...

Who will win the Super Bowl this year?

By Spc. Mark Leone

Jump into those recliners, get the coolers ready, and have that surround sound bumping because the NFL season is here! Pre-season is under way and we have Football on Sunday, Sunday night and Monday night to look forward to! What else can fans ask for? Their team to win the Super Bowl, that's what!



Petty Officer 2nd Class
Evan Horner,
Detention Hospital

Gannon is a top quarterback in the league and

with Tim Brown on the receiving end, it's a perfect match." Although Evan is a Raiders fan, that doesn't mean he likes everyone on the team. "I hate Jerry Rice because he was a 49er."

Spc. Charles Wells of the 785th MP Battalion believes the Detroit Lions have just as much of a chance as any of the other teams. "The Lions will be a solid team this year under new head coach Steve Mariucci. They also have second year quarterback Joey Harrington, strong running backs, and a powerful offensive line. They are not as strong as Oakland, but now-a-days in the NFL you don't have to be a powerhouse to win it all. All you need is a little luck."



Spc. Charles Wells,
785th MP Bn.

JTF SPORTS & FITNESS

Army beats Navy at the 'Big Stick Battle of the Bay'

**Story & photo by
Spc. Alan Lee Knesek**

This weekend was the Big Stick Battle of the Bay. It was Army vs. Navy in an E-7 and above softball tournament.

After claiming two victories, the Army sunk the Navy's hopes of taking home the sought after trophy.

The first game started off slow, but the Army picked up the pace and began to run away with the game, taking the lead in the late innings with a score of 13 to 10.

Army had a one-win lead over Navy at the beginning of the second game, but their lead would come to an end soon enough. Navy came back from their game one loss to defeat Army 15 to 2.

It was down to the line. One game left, one team goes home with the trophy while one team just goes home. It was anyone's ballgame in the third and final game of the series.

Both teams took the field and played their hearts out. There was a sense of intense competitiveness between the two services throughout the tournament, and by the third and final game, it was do or die for all.

Navy made a valiant effort to take the trophy home, but Army



Army 2nd Lt. Shaw Locke shows the Navy how big the Army's 'sticks' are during the first of three games during last Saturday's "Big Stick Battle of the Bay."

came on like a tidal wave, capsizing Navy and sending them back to port wanting. Army clinched the victory over Navy with a final score of 20 to 5.

Future JTF/NAVBASE sporting events and tournaments

August 18 - Captain's Cup Flag Football Season:

Games are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night starting at 6 p.m. Come root for your team under the lights at Cooper Field.

August 29 & 30 - Labor Day Tennis Tournament:

There will be first, second and third place awards for Men's and Women's Divisions. Starts at 6 p.m. on the 29th and 10 a.m. on the 30th at the BEQ Tennis Courts. Sign ups are at the Base Gym and the deadline is August 26 at 4 p.m. There will be a meeting at the Base Gym on the 27th at 2 p.m. for all participants.

August 30 - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:

There will be first, second and third place awards for Men's and Women's Divisions. The tournament begins at 10 a.m. Sign up deadline is August 28th at 4 p.m.

August 30 - Labor Day 5K Fun Run:

The race starts at 6:30 a.m. at the Base Gym. For more information call 2193.

August 30 - Labor Day Coed 1 Pitch Softball Tournament:

Starts at 5 p.m. at Cooper Softball Fields #2, #3 and #4. Teams must have two women on the field at all times. Rosters are due by August 27 at 4 p.m. For more information call 2193.

August 31 - Labor Day 3 on 3 Beach Volleyball Coed Tournament:

The tournament begins at 1 p.m. at windmill Beach. For more information call 2193.

September 1 - Xtreme Curtain 9 Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament:

Starts at 6 p.m. at the Bowling Center. There is a \$10 entry fee. Each participant bowls three games. There will be prizes for the first, second and third place participants. For more information call Robbie at 2118.

15 Minutes of Fame...

Staff Sgt. Phillip Freeman, Sr.
438th MP Co.

21-year corrections veteran leads with experience

Interview and photo by Sgt. Dan Johnson

Staff Sgt. Phillip Freeman Sr., who hails from Radcliff, Ky., oversees the care and security of the detainees at Camp Iguana. With 21 years of active duty and National Guard service, and 21 years of corrections experience in both the civilian and military sectors, Freeman has brought enormous experience to his squad, his company, and the JTF.

Q: In what ways does your civilian career benefit your job here at the JTF?

A: Well, I've worked in corrections (military and civilian) for 21 years now. When I got down here, I was able to spread the knowledge that I gained from past experience around so the other soldiers who had never done anything like this could benefit.

Q: In what ways has your experience helped?

A: Before we left Murray, I taught some classes on how to search individuals, cells, and other basics of corrections from both a military point of view and a civilian point of view. I helped the soldiers by teaching them the basics. I love to instruct the soldiers.

Q: What was your objective while teaching this?

A: My objective was to ensure that they had confidence in themselves so when they're doing their job, they're not nervous, scared, or intimidated. When they're more comfortable in their job, they have a better chance of succeeding.

Q: How did your soldiers benefit from this?



Staff Sgt. Phillip Freeman Sr., of the 438th MP Co., set out to become more physically fit during this deployment. After nine months with the JTF, Freeman, 44, has shaved nearly a minute off of his two-mile run, which now only takes him 12:44.

A: I think they've done quite well. We've had very few incidents, and a lot of that comes from their confidence in themselves, which gave them a better chance to succeed.

Q: What brought you to the National Guard?

A: Well, when I got off active duty, I had to serve two years in the National Guard as part of the contract. I really like being in the National Guard because I can be a civilian and belong to the military at the same time. I love the military. I never would have stayed in this long if I didn't enjoy being a part of it.

Q: What kinds of goals have you set for yourself during this deployment?

A: As a squad leader, if I came down with

10 soldiers, my goal was to ensure that 10 soldiers go back home with as little hurt, harm, or danger as possible. When those 10 soldiers fly out of here in the same mental and physical condition as when they came down here, then I know I will have accomplished my goal.

Q: What do you think you'll miss most about the JTF?

A: I'll miss the camaraderie of the soldiers. When I was on active duty, that's what I liked most ... being able to come together and have cookouts and just talk and laugh and joke ... the soldiers. That's the reason why I stay in the National Guard.

Q: What's unique about his deployment?

A: The living conditions here are a lot better than any other deployment I've ever been on. This is great ... you can't beat this. As far as the mission, I've never dealt with international detainees

before.

Q: How has your experience with the JTF changed your life?

A: I lost a friend that I went to school with in the September 11th attacks on America, and I'm doing my little part to help ensure that this never happens to anybody again. I've also learned a lot about the Muslim religion since I've been here, and I've learned to appreciate it.

Q: What has been your most significant achievement here?

A: My soldiers. Training someone who's never even seen a jail before, and seeing them follow the procedures with confidence with no problem at all, and knowing that I played a part in that by training them.