



# “No one is more professional than I...”

**The 525th Military Police Battalion welcomes their newest non-commissioned officers.**

**By Army Spc. Jamieson Pond**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The 525th Military Police Battalion welcomed eight Troopers to the rank of sergeant here April 11 at Trooper’s Chapel.

A non-commissioned officer’s duties are numerous and must be taken seriously. A NCO’s duties include taking care of soldiers, who should be the number one priority, said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur R. Vanwyngarden, the 525th command sergeant major.

NCOs are responsible for fulfilling not only their own individual duties, but also to ensure their teams and units are successful, said Vanwyngarden.

After the brief, yet powerful speech by Vanwyngarden, the eight newly promoted Troopers recited the NCO Creed. It is a tradition in the Army that whenever a soldier is promoted to the rank of non-commissioned officer, they recite the NCO Creed.

Vanwyngarden presented the newly promoted Troopers with copies of the NCO Creed, a non-commissioned officer guide and a leader’s book.

Six of the eight Troopers who were present are a part of the

189th Military Police Company, while one Trooper is with the 193rd MP Co., and another is with the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, MP Battalion.

“Being promoted to the rank of sergeant will affect how I act in a great way. I’m a role model now, other Troopers will look up to me on how to act,” said newly promoted Army Sgt. D’Arlo R.

Smith.

“To the newly empowered NCOs, I charge you to be responsible and do your duty. Take care of your soldiers and accomplish the mission. We have a tough mission here in this Joint Task Force. Keep your head held high, and don’t ever forget you are a vigilant warrior!” said Vanwyngarden. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

**From left to right: Army Sgt. D’Arlo Smith, Army Sgt. Michael Bruno, Army Sgt. Eric Crews, Army Sgt. Stephanie Dembski, Army Sgt. Johnathan Long, Army Sgt. Kenneth Mitchum, Army Sgt. Ryan Monroe, and Army Sgt. Robert Summers from the 525th Military Police Battalion here were inducted into the ranks of non-commissioned officers in a ceremony held at Trooper’s Chapel Tuesday, April 11.**

# A word with the Inspector General

By Army Lt. Col. Jim Gribble

JTF-GTMO Inspector General

The Inspector General system in the United States began during the Revolution when George Washington needed someone with experience to train and review his units. General Washington had tried two officers to fulfill this role but neither one worked out. Baron Von Steuben, a Prussian who had been a Captain on the General Staff as aide-de-camp to Frederick the Great, was submitted to Congress by the U.S. Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Franklin thought Von Steuben's rank of Captain would not sufficiently impress George Washington or members of Congress so his



Photo by Spc. Jamieson Pond

**Army Lt. Col. Jim Gribble serves the JTF as the Inspector General.**

endorsement letter of Von Steuben noted Von Steuben as "Lieutenant General in the King of Prussia's service." Von Steuben concentrated his efforts on training and readiness issues and the first effective IG was born.

As the Joint Task Force IG, I want to familiarize you with the IG mission, the Army IG system, the IG staff, and how the IG can assist Troopers and Commanders when necessary.

The JTF GTMO IG mission is to:

**Inquire into and report** on discipline, efficiency, economy, morale, training and readiness.

**Conduct** inquiries, investigations, inspections, surveys and studies directed by the JTF Commander, law or regulation, or higher IG office.

**Receive, investigate and report** on allegations, complaints and grievances/requests for assistance from individuals and other commands and/or agencies.

**Teach and train** systems, procedures and processes to assist leadership, improve operations and accomplish command objectives. Teaching and training is also accomplished at every level in the IG process.

The Army IG system is a bit different than that of our sister services. The Army IG acts almost as an ombudsman in the 'assistance' function. The IG does not act as an advocate for the Trooper versus the chain of command or other agencies. In the joint world, the IG is different. The IG acts as a fact-finder. A Trooper can visit the IG if they have difficulty with any number of issues. The IG can often achieve a solution the Trooper and their chain of command were unable to find.

The JTF-GTMO IG office is manned with a staff of three. I am the JTF-GTMO IG, the Deputy-IG is Army Lt. Col. Paul Momberger, and the non-commissioned officer in charge is Army Sgt. Maj. "Skip" Adkins. I have worked in the IG field for more than 15 years and I'm experienced in both Army and Navy IG systems. Each IG team member stands ready to assist you with issues during your JTF rotation.

The IG office should only be used as a remedy if you have already attempted to use your chain of command but were unable to get resolution.

Every Trooper has the right to contact the IG without fear of reprisal. The IG phone numbers are 3501, 3489 and 2303. You may visit the IG office in Camp America, located in Sea Hut A7200. The office is staffed Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Call to make an appointment and you will be sure to find someone waiting for you when you arrive. We hope your deployment here at JTF GTMO is eventful and pleasant, but if you should need assistance in some matter please remember the IG office is here to help! ■

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# How to interact with news media

**By Army Lt. Col. Lora Tucker**

305th Press Camp Headquarters Commander

You sit down with the media, your palms are sweaty; your throat's a little dry. You don't really know what to say and on top of that you're afraid you may say something that could get you into trouble or cause the next international incident. Am I right?

Take a deep breath Trooper! Talking with the media is easy if you remember these five basic things:

1. The media is not the enemy!!! To be respected and successful in the field of journalism, the best reporters are honest, courageous, bright and personable. Just as you want to advance in the military, the media wants to be recognized in their field of journalism.

2. The media wants to talk with you because no one tells it like it is better than a Trooper who is on the ground doing the job, and the public affairs office is here to help you every step of the way! Anytime a Trooper speaks with the media, PAO will be present to assist.

3. When talking to the media, just remember to "STAY IN YOUR LANE." You can talk about your job, how proud you are to serve in the JTF, what you do for fun during your time off, and things like that. Many of us, including myself, are asked about policy or questions that should be answered by the commander of the JTF, Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., or even the President of the United States. Our best answer for these types of questions is always,

"that question is above my rank."

4. Don't forget about operation security. The purpose of OPSEC is *not* to scare the ba-gee-zees out of us so that we don't want to talk to the media. The purpose is to just keep us all safe. The easiest way to do this is to be a good generalist in your conversation. When you talk about your family for example, you should talk in general terms like, "I'm married to the most wonderful husband and I have three children from the state of Texas." You should never use specifics like your family address or phone number. Do the same thing when talking about your unit. Talk to the media about your job and what it's really like working, living and playing here at GTMO. Once again, be a good generalist. For example, you do not want to give the number of Troopers in your unit. OK, I think you have it, but one last thing...

5. If the media ever asks you, "What is the mission of the Joint Task Force?" Our JTF commander, Rear Adm. Harris, has made this question easy for us by ensuring we all know the mission of the JTF is the "safe, secure and humane care and custody of the detainees, the collection of strategic intelligence, and the protection of Americans, both military and civilian, who work in the JTF and carry out the first two missions."

Remember Troopers...no one tells the story of the JTF better than "you." We want the media to tell your stories to our great nation and the American people. Talk to the media and have fun doing it. ■

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## Safety reminder for all JTF Troopers on the importance of running rules

**By Army Chief Warrant Officer Lisa Skioldhanlin**

JTF-GTMO Safety Officer

Driving back to my quarters after dark the other night, I was confronted by a runner on Tarawa Road, the shortcut between the golf course and the warehouses on Sherman Road. Seeing a runner at GTMO is not unusual, but this runner almost did not get my attention!

Not only was he running on Tarawa Road, that is off-limit to all pedestrians after dark, but further more, he was running on the wrong side of the road and without a reflective vest. The first thing that came to mind was that he must be either really ignorant or testing out Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest. Folks, it truly is very simple:

- Run only at authorized places.
- Always wear a reflective belt on your torso.
- Use the sidewalks if available.
- If there is no sidewalk, run against traffic (unless in formation)

These are the rules, and they are in effect 24/7.



# Seats of knowledge now available

**By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

JTF Troopers have a great, low cost option for education. Columbia College provides higher education courses as well as selected degree plans here through either on-campus or online classes.

Columbia College-Guantanamo Bay was founded in 2004. It is the first college to offer the base on-campus and online courses simultaneously each session.

The college is located in the Navy College Office on Chapel Hill. The office is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office may be contacted at 011-5399-5555 or [guantanamo@ccis.edu](mailto:guantanamo@ccis.edu).

The college offers associate and bachelor's degrees on campus in business administration and criminal justice administration, said Sarah Stillfield, the Coordinator of Public Relations and Marketing for Adult Higher Education for Columbia College. Online degrees are available in business administration, criminal justice administration, history, interdisciplinary studies, psychology, sociology and American studies.

Tuition is \$145 per credit hour on campus and \$195 per credit hour online. Military tuition assistance, veteran's benefits and federal financial aid are available for qualified students.

"Only 35 percent of Columbia College students leave with debt, and when they do, the average amount is less than \$3,000," explained Stillfield.

Each session the Guantanamo Bay campus serves an average of 220 students through on-campus and online courses. Approximately one quarter of those students are Joint Task Force Troopers every term.

Columbia College offers more than 350 online classes and 12 online degrees. More than 8,000 students take online classes from Columbia College each year.

Columbia College has more than 30 nationwide campuses that serve working adults, military personnel and their families. Nationwide, one in every four students attending Columbia College is in the military or a military dependent, said Stillfield.

All courses are taught in eight-week sessions, and five sessions are offered each year beginning in January, March, June, August and October. ■

## Columbia College Guantanamo Bay: dates to remember

4/24 Registration begins for Summer session and Intersession

4/28 March session: Last day to withdraw without academic liability

5/13 March session ends

5/29 Memorial Day Holiday; offices closed, classes not in session

6/5 June session begins

6/9 June session: Last day to add a class

6/12 June session: Last day to drop a class without academic/financial liability

7/4 Independence Day Holiday; offices closed, classes not in session

7/10 August session: Registration begins

7/14 June session: Last day to withdraw without academic liability

7/29 June session ends

## Going somewhere? Security must be cleared prior to leaving

**By Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Individuals who have security clearances and those granted access to sensitive compartmented information incur a special security obligation and should be aware of possible risks of foreign travel. All personnel possessing a security clearance are required to report to their security office of personal foreign travel. U.S. military, government, civilian and defense contractor personnel are considered prime targets of Foreign Intelligence Service agents and terrorist groups. Many foreign countries offer interesting travel brochures, special rates, and other inducements through U.S. branches of their travel bureaus in efforts to attract Americans traveling abroad. Past cases reveal that American personnel performing such travel may be subject to surveillance and collection operations by the various foreign intelligence services. Travelers are also subject to terrorism, criminal and mob violence or other acts of violence either by design or by circumstance.

Individuals holding Top Secret or Sensitive Compartmented Information who are planning travel to any foreign country are required to submit to their SSO/Security Manager, in advance of the travel being performed, a written notice of the intended travel, identifying the country and cities to be visited, and the length of stay. Individuals traveling to certain countries are required to receive a foreign travel briefing from a qualified individual, prior to traveling and will be debriefed upon their return. This briefing is to alert them to their possible exploitation by hostile intelligence services. Individuals who are currently read-on for SCI are prohibited from traveling to certain foreign countries. Individuals cleared at the Secret or Confidential levels only are required to report designated country travel only.

Contact the SSO to determine foreign travel and foreign contact policy. Travel warnings are posted at the Department of State web site: <http://www.state.gov>.

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

The point of contact for this information is Mr. Perkins at ext. 9824 or Mr. Parker at ext. 9757. Mission first, security always! ■

# JPRC: Working hard to get you there and back

By Army Spc. Dustin Robbins

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Have you ever wondered how Joint Task Force-Guantanamo knows who's on the island at any point in time? Have you ever wondered who keeps track of the personnel and who is responsible for out-processing them before they leave?

The Joint Personnel Reception Center does just that. They work hard to ensure that each Trooper is properly accounted for and in-processed during the start of their tour of duty. They also complete the out-processing for the Troopers who have completed their stay here.

"The JPRC is chiefly involved when Troopers arrive at GTMO and when they leave," said Air Force Capt. Adam H. Avnet, JPRC officer-in-charge. "This office issues meal cards, conducts initial in-processing briefing for both individuals and units, and we are the last stop for Troopers when they out-process and leave the island for good."

One of the most important aspects of the JPRC's job is accountability.

"We are there through every step to make sure all members are accounted for at all times," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Sha-Nia E. Clark, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the JPRC.

Preparations for in-processing are made before new Troopers even hit the ground.

Information packets are assembled to provide the paperwork. Briefings and paperwork take about 30 to 45 minutes depending on the size of the group, and preparing badges can take up to one-and-a-half hours; again, depending on the group and its size.

There's time involved in setting up tables, chairs, flags and visual aids in McCalla Hangar, added Avnet. This could also take several hours. Unit in-processing is a coordinated effort between Security (J2), Operations (J3), Supply (J4), Computers and Communications (J6), Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Public Affairs Office and JPRC. For larger units, it can take several hours because of the time involved in issuing the badges. Units are not released until everyone has processed through all the required stations.

During the in-processing briefing for individual augmentees, Troopers are briefed on accountability paperwork, safety and operation security, explained Avnet. During a unit's in-processing, Troopers will receive all of the briefings mentioned above and a briefing from J6 on e-mail usage.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Laurie Batts, who recently arrived at JTF-GTMO said she was very pleased with the in-processing procedures.

"The way in-processing was set up was efficient, convenient and quick," said Batts. "They gave us all the essential information and gave us the references of where we could get additional information."

When the day arrives in which a unit is leaving and needs to be out-processed, the JPRC will be there.

Troopers needing to out-process are required to attend the Deployment Cycle Support brief, where they receive all the information they need prior to departing the island. JPRC and the Joint Personnel Service Center both speak at the DCS brief. JPRC describes the out-processing procedure and JPSC explains joint awards and the submission process for both awards and evaluations, said Avnet.

"Out-processing a unit is quicker," said Avnet. "One person, usually the first sergeant, must coordinate the out-processing for the entire unit. On the day of their departure, the designated person will collect the JTF badges and meal cards for the entire unit and bring them to JPRC, along with a roster of their personnel. Once we have accounted for all the badges and meal cards and received a completed out-processing checklist, the unit is cleared to leave the island. Depending on the size of the unit, out-processing can be done in as little as 30 minutes."

The JPRC is the first team to greet you upon your arrival and the last team to see you off.

"Our goal is to provide the knowledge that the JTF cares about our Troopers and appreciates their service here," said Avnet. ■



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Timm Duckworth

**Air Force Staff Sgt. Sha-Nia Clark instructs incoming personnel on proper documentation at the information window in the McCalla Hangar office as part of the Joint Personnel Reception Center here.**

## "A THOUSAND WORDS" PHOTO CONTEST

*The Wire* is proud to initiate the "A Thousand Words" photo of the week contest. All Joint Task Force personnel are invited to participate. Photos must be digital to be eligible. Deadline for photo submissions will be every Monday by 4 p.m. Please send submissions to *The Wire* at building 4106 in Camp America, or e-mail submissions to [pao@jtf@gtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:pao@jtf@gtmo.southcom.mil). Share your experiences and bring your unique vision to fellow Troopers of the JTF. Your photos tell your story and each photograph is worth a thousand words. For more information, call Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Timm Duckworth at ext. 3589.

**Remember, think before you shoot!**

As you take photos, remember that some areas are off limits for photography. All photo submissions will be checked for operation security violations. If you have any questions on JTF-GTMO photo and OPSEC policies, please contact OPSEC at ext. 9927 or 9928.

A person in military uniform is seen through a car's side mirror, holding a camera up to their eye as if taking a photograph. The mirror is circular and reflects the person's face and the camera. The background outside the car is slightly blurred. At the bottom of the page, the title "A THOUSAND WORDS" is written in large, white, serif capital letters.

# A THOUSAND WORDS



Photos by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Timm Duckworth



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Photos by Army Spc. Dustin Robbins



Photos by Army Spc. Eric Tagayuna

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# Annual GTMO 10-miler held here

By Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Runners at GTMO participated in the GTMO 10-miler here, which began by the lighthouse and ended past Camp X-ray Saturday.

The race began well before the sun rose and most finished before sunrise. Of the 34 people who ran in the race this year, including NAVBASE and JTF personnel, military servicemembers, civilians and even a child, the runners' ages ranged from 10 years old to over 50 years old.

The GTMO 10-miler is held every year. This year it was put together with just three weeks of preparation. Several

hours went into the painstaking process of making sure the 10-mile race was exactly 10 miles.

"We had to walk with the pace wheel to get an accurate count. It took three hours to walk the 10 miles with the wheel," said Army 1st Sgt. William Fitzgerald, the coordinator of the GTMO 10-miler.

Navy Seaman John Miklas, the runner who came in first place with a run time of 1 hour, 4 minutes and 11 seconds said, "I didn't really train for this run, but I do a lot of running in my spare time. When I get off of work I run a couple of miles here and there. Coming in first is nothing new for me, I've always just naturally been a

runner."

The first, second, and third place for both male and female runners received a trophy. Everyone who participated in the race was also entered into a raffle drawing, with the chance to win a prize.

The fastest JTF Army runners have the opportunity of being put into two teams to run for the Army 10-miler, if they qualify. The Army 10-miler is a race that has been held every year for over 20 years. The next race is being held October 8, 2006 in Washington D.C.

For those runners who missed out on the GTMO 10-miler, you will have another opportunity to run Saturday, April 29, in the Spring 1/2 Marathon here. For more information, call Karissa Sandstrom, the MWR fitness director, at ext. 2193. ■



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

**Runners take off at the beginning of the GTMO 10-miler here at 5:30 a.m.**



Photo by Army Spc. Jamieson Pond

**Runners from the GTMO 10-miler get together for a group shot after the long 10-mile run.**

## JTF-GTMO Participants

Last	First	Time
Miklas	Jhou	01.04.11
Lombera	Gustavo	01.07.45
Roche	Alan	01.07.57
Thomas	Tyler	01.10.34
Shue	Eric	01.11.26
Roche	Brian	01.11.59
Stasny	Daniel	01.12.50
Cacioppo	William	01.13.26
Simerly	Thomas	01.15.08
Sequeira Martinez	Nestor	01.16.34
Nelson	Frederiq	01.17.55
Crocco	Mike	01.19.14
Sanchez	Axel	01.19.57
Eskelson	Jon	01.21.46
Wolf	Brandon	01.22.24
Bedore	Charles	01.22.42
Guhl	Michael	01.22.53
Fitzgerald	William	01.23.28
Conway	Dan	01.27.40
Garcia	Thomas	01.30.59
Wilson	James	01.32.42
Crum	Nathan	01.35.42
Diaz	Oscar	01.39.21





Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

*“Yeah, it’s a hemi.”*

Many vehicles that are available for Troopers to purchase at GTMO are used and come with personalities as varied as their previous owners. What Troopers must keep in mind is that all vehicles operated at GTMO must be properly registered with the vehicle registration office. Failure to properly do so can result in penalties including having your vehicle impounded and suffering a loss of driving privileges.

# In for the long haul

By Army Pfc. Philip Regina

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The midday sun burns with an unforgiving heat. The bus stop shade does little to alleviate the heat, as the ground and air grow hot enough to steam rice. You look to your watch and realize it’s another 20 minutes until the bus arrives. Out of the corner of your eye a stray glare off of tinted windows temporarily blinds you. As you sit in this open-air sauna, you watch, as a group of Troopers comfortably roll by in a beat-up old station wagon. The car’s original paint job is long faded, now replaced with bright, colorful graffiti. As it rumbles on, the sputtering engine sounds like a giggle, taunting your lack of transportation.

For the many Troopers without transportation here, a “GTMO Special” may be just the thing you need to solve your lack of mobility.

A GTMO Special is the novelty term for the old, used cars here. GTMO Specials are easy to spot, given their often eye-catching appearances of makeshift body kits and graffiti paint jobs.

“Before you consider buying a GTMO Special, there are a few things you should know,” said Kevin P. Gilmore, the project manager of the Autoport here.

“Make sure that you go over the car with a fine-toothed comb before you buy it. Make sure it starts properly and take it

for a road test. Drive it around a bit; make sure the brakes and the air-conditioning work and that the engine doesn’t overheat too easily,” explained Gilmore.

“That being said, a lot of the GTMO Specials have been through seven or eight owners. Some of these cars are just old and beat-up and you can expect a few problems. We see GTMO Specials all the time and we’re more than happy to help you if you have problems with one. If you don’t feel completely confident, we’ll take your car in and do a full diagnostic and show you all the deficiencies,” added Gilmore.

Once you buy a GTMO Special, there are a few things you have to consider before you start driving. You have to register your car and you also have to buy insurance for it.

The insurance office is located at Caravella Point, and its hours of operation are Tues and Thurs 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call ext. 5579 to make an appointment.

“NAVBASEGTMOINST11200.1G mandates that it is necessary for everyone to register their vehicle here. If you do not register your vehicle, it can be towed and impounded and points can be assessed to your GTMO driving record. After accumulating 12 points in one year, your driving privileges can be suspended onboard Naval Station-Guantanamo,” said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, Tina M. Guzman, the lead petty officer of the vehicle registration office.

“In order to register you must bring valid insurance stating the vehicle is covered in GTMO, a valid driver’s license and the registration from wherever the vehicle was last registered (if it was shipped here), the title to the vehicle (if you have it) or a notarized bill of sale,” said Guzman.

The sun beams through your tinted windows as you pass the black flag waving in the wind. It’s a hot day and your air conditioner is broken, but as you zoom down Sherman Ave. at the posted speed limit, the wind cools your face and a smile of contentment appears. No more waiting at bus stops for you. ■

# DAVINCI CODE STUDY PLANNED FOR MAY

By Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich

JTF-GTMO Chaplain's Office

Don't know what to do with time on your hands? A study is planned for May that will capture your curiosity and imagination. If you have been listening to recent events, "The DaVinci Code" by Dan Brown and connecting factual organizations and writers, have all been highlighted on CNN and morning news programs. The information is almost two thousand years old, but many people are just discovering the details.

The Christian Church's first challenge to its orthodoxy was the Gnostic movement. Never heard of it before? The beliefs of this large group of Christians are still present in our modern world as evident in Dan Brown's novel. Even when the official bodies of the early church rejected their theology, the historic theological record was recorded and hidden. Gnosticism has surfaced at different points in world history. Gnostic information is present in the Grail Legend, the Knights Templar, the Freemasons, and in the recent archaeological discoveries of the Nag Hammadi Library. There are symbols, organizations and popular fiction and non-fiction books supporting this once forbidden alternate theological/historical perspective of Christianity.

Was Jesus married? Did he have children? What is the Holy Grail? How are the Knights Templar and the Freemasons connected? What is the priory of Zion? What is fact and what is fiction?

The study will discuss how this information is just as important to the church today as it was in the 100's A.D.

Part I - The DaVinci Code an Overview

Part II - Gnosticism 101

Part III - Contemporary Beliefs and Christology

You can start preparing for the movie's premier and the study via these websites:

- [www.danbrown.com](http://www.danbrown.com) - author's website with information about his past, present and future novels
- [www.gospelcom.net](http://www.gospelcom.net) - information about the 20 centuries of church history
- [www.quodlibet.net](http://www.quodlibet.net) - online journal of Christian theology and philosophy
- [www.thelodgeroom.com](http://www.thelodgeroom.com) - explains the structure and purpose of contemporary freemasonry
- [www.supremecouncil.org/history](http://www.supremecouncil.org/history) - explains Scottish Rite masonry
- [http://ncmason.org/yorkrite\\_lenoir/what\\_is\\_the\\_yorkrite.htm](http://ncmason.org/yorkrite_lenoir/what_is_the_yorkrite.htm) - explains the York Rite degrees of freemasonry
- [www.mastermason.com/tarot/mastarot.htm](http://www.mastermason.com/tarot/mastarot.htm) - explains the Masonic tarot cards
- [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org) - website of Opus Dei
- [www.escrivaworks.org](http://www.escrivaworks.org) - website of Opus Dei's founder
- [www.rickrosa.com/reference/opus/opus21.html](http://www.rickrosa.com/reference/opus/opus21.html) and [www.odan.org](http://www.odan.org) - websites that criticize Opus Dei
- [http://priory-of-sion.com](http://http://priory-of-sion.com) and [www.ordotempli.org/priory\\_of\\_sion.htm](http://www.ordotempli.org/priory_of_sion.htm) and [www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu) - (3) websites exposing the fact and fiction connected to the priory of Zion as connected with the bloodline of Jesus. ■

## A Discussion and In-Depth Study

Was Jesus Married to Mary Magdalene?  
What Is the Holy Grail?

Was Leonardo DaVinci Part of the Priory of Sion?

Where: Camp America Chapel,  
located behind Troopers Chapel in A5206.

When: Thursdays on May 11, 18, 25  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information

Contact: CH (LTC) Martin-Minnich at ext. 3202

rite.htm - explains the York Rite degrees of freemasonry

□ [www.mastermason.com/tarot/mastarot.htm](http://www.mastermason.com/tarot/mastarot.htm) - explains the Masonic tarot cards

□ [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org) - website of Opus Dei

□ [www.escrivaworks.org](http://www.escrivaworks.org) - website of Opus Dei's founder

□ [www.rickrosa.com/reference/opus/opus21.html](http://www.rickrosa.com/reference/opus/opus21.html) and

[www.odan.org](http://www.odan.org) - websites that criticize Opus Dei

□ [http://priory-of-sion.com](http://http://priory-of-sion.com) and [www.ordotempli.org/priory\\_of\\_sion.htm](http://www.ordotempli.org/priory_of_sion.htm) and

[www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu) - (3) websites

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Zion as connected with the bloodline of Jesus. ■

## CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 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.	Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

## NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
<b>Tuesday to Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Cobre Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.

# 15 Minutes of Fame

with Army Spc. Shaun Rieley and Army Pfc. Jedidiah Johnson

**By Army Pfc. Philip Regina**

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The setting Saturday sun at Camp America brings the promise of nighttime relaxation. As the porch lights light up, the distinct sound of two guitars strumming fills the night. Two friends sing songs of Vietnam vets, Irish pride and “Friends in Low Places”, painting self-portraits through song.

For Army Spc. Shaun Rieley and Army Pfc. Jedidiah Johnson, music is more than expression; it’s a reflection of the life they’ve each lived and the values they hold true.

Rieley and Johnson are members of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, 29th Infantry Division. While their day job involves ensuring the safety of Troopers here, their free time is often spent

playing music.

Rieley and Johnson are both from Delaware. They both grew up in working-class families.

“I grew up on a farm, so ever since I was young, working class ideals have been instilled in me. My grandpa used to have me listen to Willy Nelson and Johnny Cash as we would work, so I was pretty much raised on hard work and country music,” said Rieley.

The two have known each other for 17 years and have been playing music together for 10.

“We first started playing music together on our church’s worship team. We played mainly praise songs. The church has always been a big influence on us, both in our music and in our values,” said Rieley.

“As we got older, we started

listening to more punk rock. It’s pretty interesting that we’re in the Army now, because when we were in high school we were pretty heavy into the punk-rock scene. I used to rock the mohawk and the leather jacket,” explained Johnson.

The contrast between punk rock ideals and Christian values is often great, but both Rieley and Johnson remained firm in their beliefs.

“Yeah, we would listen to all that nihilism and anarchy punk rock stuff, but we never really believed all that stuff. I mean I’m a hardcore republican and I’ve always been patriotic. I’m proud to be American,” added Rieley. “I’m also a proud Irishman. Along with all the country music, I was also raised on Irish hymns, and when I got old enough, I learned Irish drinking songs.”

The values instilled in Rieley and Johnson during their upbringing and the things they experienced in their life are reflected in the music they play. The variety of music they play is a reflection of who they are.

“Music is universal man, it doesn’t matter who you are, or where you came from, there’s always a song for you, some sort of music you enjoy. That’s the cool thing about the Army, there is such a variety of people, and it’s cool to hang out with people from all over the world and to play music for them,” said Rieley. ■



Photo by Army Pfc. Philip Regina

**Raised on praise songs and punk rock, Army Spc. Shaun Rieley and Army Pfc. Jedidiah Johnson do their part to protect freedom so we can all keep on rockin’ in the free world.**

## 15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in “15 Minutes of Fame?” Call Army Sgt. Christina Douglas at 3594.

# AROUND THE JTF

► Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jason J Ryals (right) receives his reenlistment certificate from Navy Capt. Thomas J. Quinn at the lighthouse near Phillips Park Friday, April 14.



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► Navy Lt. Cmdr. Steve “Crash” Labash (right) relieved Army Maj. Jim “Jimbo” Cook in a time-honored ceremony called “The Passing of the BlackBerry and Laser Pointer.”



Photo by Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand

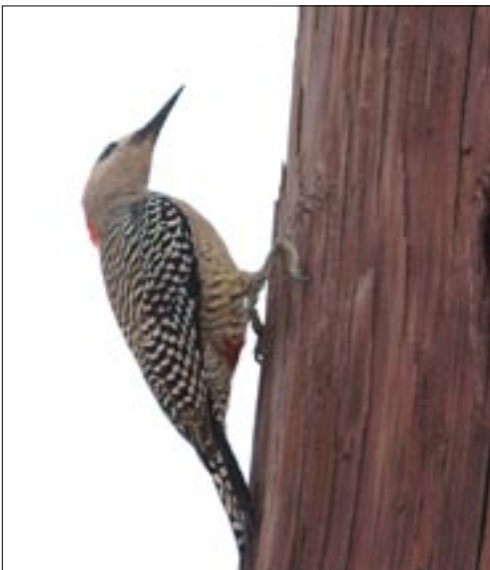


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▲ Woodpeckers are one of the forms of wildlife that can be found at GTMO. They are most often noticed by the noise they make as they use their beaks to slowly chisel holes in trees or, as is most often the case here, in a telephone or light post.

► Ben Cadaliga, a food server at Seaside Galley, serves the special of the day to Army 2nd Lt. Michael Garcia.



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