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## ***Military Commissions: Round Two Underway***

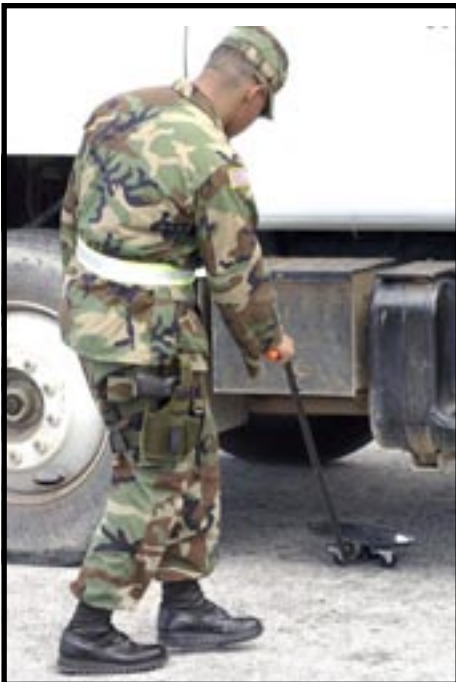


Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone



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**Above: Army Sgt. Jason Plata directs Commissions Building checkpoint paths and scans vehicle undersides in the process (left).**

**By Pfc. Jessi Stone**

Round two of the military commissions began Monday, and the Joint Task Force (JTF) trained hard to prepare.

Military police (MPs) were rehearsing in the Commissions Building on Oct. 28.

“We’re providing security for the front door,” said Army Pfc. Matthew Dill of the 1186th MP Company. Dill familiarized himself with the screener that checks every bag coming into the building.

“We make sure nothing that’s not supposed to be in here comes in that door,” he said as he pointed at the screen and identified items in a bag.

Dill said he’s excited to have such an

important role. “This is a big part of history. I’m entertained by the fact that I’m here; it’s going to be a good story to tell my kids when I have them. They’ll be talking about this for years to come.”

Spc. Josh Kanter of the 367th MP Company said he was also happy with the opportunity to be part of history. “It’s fun. Where else are you going to get to do something like this?”

Spc. Jennifer Bilcen of the 367th MP Company was running the metal detector at the front door and said she felt privileged to have that mission.

“This marks a historic occasion in the Global War on Terrorism,” said Spc. Joshua Dickerson, B Company, 2nd Bat-

talion, 102nd Armor, currently attached to the 1st Joint Detention Operation Group (JDOG) MP Company. Dickerson said he has a lot of pride in his job here. “I’m proud to be a part of this with all these fine MP units.”

All the training is making the MPs feel well-prepared for their commissions duties.

Army Col. John Hadjis, the chief of staff of the JTF, said that the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG) chose to stand up a special unit that focuses on security inside the Commissions Building.

“As we prepared to execute our sec-

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# Trooper To Trooper

## PLDC, New Troopers, Safety and Postal Deadlines

**By Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles**

Last month, 31 Troopers graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) 512-05.

PLDC is the foundation and the first level of the NCO education system (NCOES). It is the basis for developing and educating future noncommissioned officers (leaders). The skills and knowledge attained through the course set the standards for how they will develop themselves and—most important—their Soldiers.

As a professional noncommissioned officer, I can look back and see the great impact the NCOES had on my career. It is the standard and example I used to lead, train and develop my Soldiers, which began the very first day I became a sergeant, a noncommissioned officer, a leader.

The NCOES of today spans across the services, culminating with academies for our most senior NCOs. Other nations want to emulate such a model. The impact is leaders who follow and give orders with absolute professionalism, competence and leadership.

Well-trained and developed NCOs translates to a disciplined Army that can successfully perform its mission and achieve victory on the most demanding battlefields.

### GTMO 5.5

We welcome the 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery and the staff of what will become the 525<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion. In addition, we welcome Sailors, Airmen and Marines to our great GTMO team.

You're all serving an important mission in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Please follow the standard operating procedures for acclimation (which is no less than 10 days) and hydrate on a daily basis.

### Safety

Using headphones while conducting physical fitness or simply walking is unsafe and can result in injury or death.

It is important we all exercise, but most



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Febles talks with new arrivals at McCalla Hangar on Tuesday.**

important is doing it in a safe manner.

What concerns me most are the constant on the spot corrections for Troopers to use the pedestrian walkways in lieu of the road and remove headphones, etc.

There is not one accident that is not preventable; whether you're running, walking or bicycling you need to be aware of your surroundings so you can quickly react to potential danger.

Use of seat belts is not an option; it is mandatory when operating motor vehicles on government installations.

Leaders, please ensure all safety standards are enforced and complied with.

### Mail

The holidays are approaching and that will delay the mail even more. Having said that, please inform your loved ones to mail packages early in order for you to receive them in time for the holidays.

Stay safe, train to standards and lead by example. ... Honor Bound!

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# Guantanamo JTF Upgraded to Version 5.5

By Senior Airman Neo Martin  
and Spc. Jody Metzger

The ranks of the Joint Task Force (JTF) got deeper and even more equipped to defend freedom with honor Tuesday.

Nearly 100 of the new Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) Troopers will serve as members of the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG) and will be assuming positions in Camp Delta over the next few days.

As newly deployed members in the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT), the Troopers are eager to get to work, fulfill their responsibilities and join in the mission.

"I'm glad to be here and proud to serve," said Navy Chief Petty Officer John Hershey. "I feel the mission is of very high importance. Our No. 1 priority is to help secure our nation and keep our families safe."

Other Troopers shared Hershey's sentiment. "Time came for me to take care of business," Navy Chief Petty Officer Timothy Brandon said. "I've been in the military since 1984, and I came here to do my job."

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Anthony Watkins also said it feels good to be involved in the GWOT.

"I'm in the Navy, and I joined to protect my country," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David Longoria. "Wherever they need me, I will be there."

GTMO is a focus of the media and a key part of the GWOT. The attention adds an additional feeling of pride and challenge to the incoming Troopers.

Navy Lt. Denny Roberson said, "Like (JTF commander) Brig. Gen. Hood said (during the in-brief), this mission is going to be a challenge. This is one of the most interesting points of my military career."

Like many of us, the new Troopers leave behind family and friends. "My kids are very proud of me, but they are upset about me leaving," Hershey said.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Detra Pennington said when she told her family about her deployment to GTMO they thought it was a blessing she wasn't being deployed to a combat zone. "It's different, I am open to different things," she said. "I'm broadening my horizons by the experience. It's a good thing."



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Above: Members of JTF 5.5 disembark from the aircraft after arriving at Guantanamo Bay. Below: Army Col. Brice Gyurisko, JDOG commander, informs Troopers of their mission and role here in support of the GWOT.**

Although away from familiar faces and surroundings, the new Troopers are aware of ways to stay in touch with family and meet the challenges of deploying.

"My family doesn't like it, but they understand why I'm here," Longoria said. "I'm going to keep in contact with them by phone and Internet access."

Said Watkins, "I'll deal with hardships through prayer. Just take one day at a time,

trouble doesn't last forever."

The overall mood of the JTF's newest Troopers is that of hope and determination. The general consensus is they are more than willing to do their duty in the GWOT.

"I want to ensure I do my job to the best of my ability," Hershey said. "When I walk away, I want to know I did a job well done."

Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin



# Commissions Offer Troopers Thorough Training



Photo by Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Army Sgts. Jason Plata and Mario Rios inspect every passing vehicle near the Commissions Building, including a forklift near McCalla Hangar.

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ond round of commissions hearings, it was apparent to me that our leadership and Troopers at every level had worked diligently to apply the lessons learned from our first set of commissions hearings," Hadjis said. "More importantly, the Troopers executing the mission saw the value of training while executing a national mission and its payoff in making sure we do things right."

Hadjis commended the hard work of the Troopers who trained hard for this special unit, particularly the noncommissioned officers (NCOs).

"The NCOs were responsible for establishing the task, conditions and standards for every battle drill their Soldiers could conceivably execute while conducting the mission," the chief of staff said. "For example, battle drills for handling a disruptive galley member or detainee, reacting

to a disturbance outside the courtroom, or allowing for a family visitation prior to the hearing.

"Just as Brig. Gen. Hood had talked about in his 'Trooper to Trooper,' the NCOs set their team, assessed what they'd done in the past and if the present conditions had changed. Then [they] ensured every individual understood and could conduct his individual skills to standard before they moved to collective training to ensure their team could execute any possible contingency."

The JDOG were not the only ones training hard for the second round of commissions. Infantry Troopers have been training for the commissions since they arrived. "The infantry re-assessed the threat and adjusted to deal with it," Hadjis said. "They trained their drills and honed their skills so that the executing unit would be ready."

Army Staff Sgt. Stephen Cosmanic, the noncommissioned officer in charge of tactical operations for Headquarters Company, said he received a great crash course in commissions operations when he was chosen for this mission. "I had really great NCOs showing me what to do and how to do it," he said.

"We trained really hard to be prepared for the type of missions we do here," said Army Sgt. Quoron Wynn of B Co. 2-113th Infantry Battalion. Not only has the infan-

try trained on a regular basis since they got here, but they also rehearsed commissions in the week prior to this round of commissions.

"It feels good to be a part of history and to be able to look back on this. I feel good about doing this," Wynn said.

"We've worked hard. We've been training for this since we've been here, and that's the bottom line," said Army Sgt. Mario Rios, of Bravo Co.

Army Pfc. Luis Velasquez said the training has made him feel prepared and informed for the commissions. "It feels good being a part of history. This is something to talk about in the future to my grandkids," he said.

"It feels good to defend freedom," agreed Spc. Greg Williams, of Bravo Co.

"Most of the stuff we do is just regular infantry stuff," said Spc. Will Massenburg, of Bravo Co. Massenburg explained that the things they do here are the sort of things infantrymen sign up for and that it is standard training for them all the time.

"It's a good thing to represent your country," he said. "After Sept. 11, I'm proud to be a part of determining the lives of those who took all those lives. This is history in the making."

"I had really great NCOs showing me what to do and how to do it."

—Army Staff Sgt. Stephen Cosmanic

# Local PLDC Guides Troopers to The Hilltop

By Senior Airman Neo Martin

**M**ission: take the hill. Troopers were given the objective as a culmination of the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) classes they attended during the previous 13 days.

"The objective of the mission is not about success: It's more about leadership in a tactical environment," said Army Staff Sgt. Gary Lain, PLDC instructor.

Whether the goal is success or not, it's Day 14 and the students are driven to taste victory.

Motivated, armed with blanks and ready, two squads of PLDC Troopers approach a bunker fortified hill with enemies on top.

Squad leaders use hand and verbal signals to laterally split and flank the objective with a pincer movement. While Soldiers cross an open section of field in the foothills, sniper fire pierces the silence.

A shout from ahead, "Alpha team, cover fire!"

The shout prompts members of the team to drop to the rocky ground and fire a few rounds toward the enemy location to keep adversaries at bay, allowing Bravo team to cross the gap. The tempo changes. All of their tactics training snaps into action.

The squad and team leaders check accountability, remind their troops to use cover and concealment, bounding overwatch and most



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Bravo Team blank cover fire suppresses snipers while Alpha Team takes the hill.**

importantly communication.

"We had to maintain communication to work as a team," said Army Sgt. Andrew Morche, 1<sup>st</sup> Squad leader for the exercise. "It's good to practice these tactical leadership skills in a realistic environment."

Another aspect of the tactics training the PLDC students learned was the use of terrain. The teams weaved up behind the ridgeline through the cacti-covered underbrush out of sight of their foe's crosshairs. When the time called for the column

to emerge from the brush and move along the crest of the ridge toward the top of the hill, the squad once again came under fire.

As the Troopers realized they were in danger, they quickly returned fire. With protective rifle fire blazing, covering ground by bounding up to the objective, the teams assaulted the hill.

After the firefight was over and the dust settled, the two squads met at the top and an after action review (AAR) was conducted.

"To get across danger areas you need to watch your surroundings," Army Staff Sgt. Brian Swaney, PLDC instructor, said. "You made good use of the terrain."

Army Staff Sgt. Roger Murray, PLDC instructor, commented on the squads' excellent use of communication without having radios available.

"Even though the squads were separated, they communicated their intention before approaching the target," Murray said. "While coming up the hill the communication between the teams was great. It wasn't just one voice. As the situations changed, everyone was told the details. Tactical communication like that is essential."

Communication, leadership

and tactics were not the only issues covered during the AAR.

"Everyone demonstrated risk management. Every action was performed safely," said Lain. "The class was energized and motivated, and they made sound tactical decisions."

Although the conclusion of the two-week PLDC is a tactical mission in leadership, that is not the only goal of the course.

The classes prepare students for their responsibilities as Army NCOs. "PLDC gives sergeants and specialists the foundation they need to become NCO leaders and increases their knowledge of NCO responsibilities," Lain said.

The attendees, who have now graduated, learn how to build team cohesiveness, risk management, supply and administration, small group tactics and many other skills necessary to help their units.

"We (the instructors) are like mechanics," said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Wilson, PLDC lead instructor. "We give the students the tools and the training. Their units just have to let them get to work and open up their toolboxes."

PLDC runs 15 days, with a two-day break between classes. The next class was in session this week.



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Silent hand signals yield crucial communication to squads.**

# Guantanamo Bay Quiet on Eve of World War II

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt visited Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) at a time when it appeared the world had forgotten the Navy base.

The visit came when world tension ran high—similar to a time Troopers are familiar with now. Once again GTMO is in the limelight after some relatively quiet years.

Roosevelt visited GTMO in 1939. War ravaged Europe and many U.S. officials felt the Caribbean could play a strategic role in the defense of America if we were brought into the battle.

The size of the base before upgrades in 1939 and '40 was small, and the GTMO Web site cites less than 30 officers here and only a few hundred enlisted personnel.

In 1939 it became a reality to those stationed here that GTMO would play a role in the upcoming war, and even more, it was apparent America foresaw its involvement in the world war.

Upgrades to the station cost \$34 million, having been proposed at \$5 million. Suggestions came from multiple sources of input, including Navy commanders recommending what would be needed to serve a fleet of warships in the Caribbean as well as Roosevelt's impressions during his visit. A lot of the upgrades went to McCalla Hangar.

"The airfield on McCalla Hill was equipped with three asphalt runways, taxiways, warming up platform, land plane hangar, utility building, administration and operations buildings, magazines, officers' and noncommissioned officers' quarters, barracks, mess hall, roads, walks, services and essential landscaping." This according to the Web site at [www.nsgtmo.navy.mil](http://www.nsgtmo.navy.mil).

The Marines were the first American military service to land on Guantanamo soil, in 1898, at Fisherman's Point, and all the way up to the 1940s the Marines remained there.

The Marines found the areas around Fisherman's Point ideal for training. Amphibious boarding, live fire, the Marines had everything they needed.

But World War II changed all that. The Marines were moved from Fisherman's Point and replaced by plans for an air station. Unfortunately the air station, according to the GTMO Web site, would not be laid out with a whole lot of planning. There were barracks, a mess hall and something called a grass shack that had to do with beer. The Web site proclaims that though

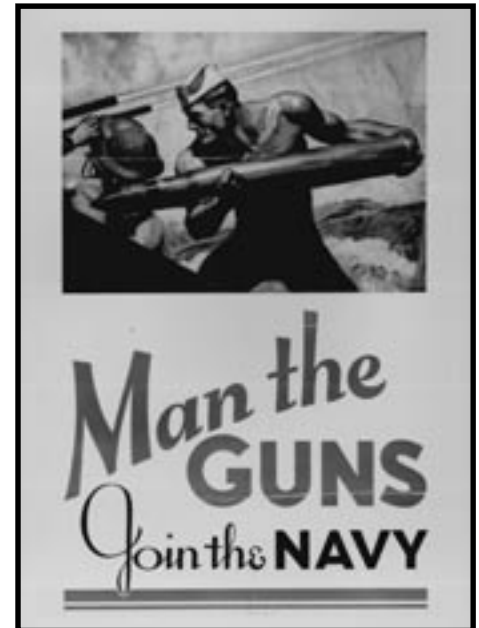
the structure wasn't well planned, until a new air station came, this one would serve fine in the face of an emergency.

The Naval Air Station of Guantanamo Bay was officially established on Feb. 1, 1941, though construction of base facilities had hardly begun. It wouldn't be until July that the base received its first airplane. Nonetheless, Guantanamo was developing.

"It was really quite a lot of fun when we got used to it. The scarcity of furniture simplified the cleaning problem. This was fortunate, since the houses had no grass around them, and a fine brown dust settled continuously over everything." According to the commanding officer of the base at the time, Navy Cdr. George Leo Campo, the trials endured during the building of the base's resources.

GTMO in the early days of the war found itself overcrowded with Troopers and equipment as planes took off and landed regularly. Planes flew perimeter checks and assisted sailors who were on crafts struck by torpedoes.

The arrival of the Joint Task Force (JTF) proved to be yet another milestone in the long proud history here. Troopers who are a long way from home and surrounded by a potentially hostile country take comfort in the fact they are part of a tradition founded in the Spanish-American War.



Courtesy photo

**During World War II, Guantanamo Bay stood as a strong U.S. defensive position, allowing forces to fight in the Southeast Pacific.**

Just like at the beginning of World War II, before the JTF came to Guantanamo the base was small in size and five years ago no one might have guessed the swell of activity that would soon come.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Guantanamo Bay saw many changes during World War II, including the removal of the Marines from Fisherman's Point, the place the Marines called home from the late 1800s until the upgrades began around 1939.**

# Dust to Frost: GTMO Competes in D.C.'s Army 10 Miler

By Airman 1st Class  
Jon Ortiz-Torres

Finishing the GTMO Ten-Miler run in August did not come easy for Army Sgt. Michelle Olson.

Olson, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Combat Stress Control clinic, along with more than 100 Troopers who competed that day, faced miles of dry, rugged terrain and rolling hills. The very cacti and shrubs seemed to scream mercy from an oppressing sun as runners kept an eye out for iguanas and other wildlife that might scuttle in their path. One runner injured herself after tripping over a rock.

The truth is, runners in Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) have more than their physical fitness to worry about; they face unique challenges in their surroundings that other runners may never come across in their lifetime.

On Oct. 24, Olson stood on the starting line of one of the nation's largest 10-milers, and the Army's premier running event, surrounded by more than 20,000 runners, each with his own story.

Drizzling rain coupled with temperatures in the mid-50s iced her skin. She wasn't in GTMO anymore, she was in Washington, D.C., competing in the 20th Army Ten-Miler.

Olson was not alone. Ten GTMO Troopers shared the experience.

After qualifying for the race at the GTMO Ten-Miler, 11 runners (six men and five women) formed the GTMO men and women teams. They held a strict, six-day training regimen led by their coach, a veteran runner, Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde, NCOIC of the public affairs broadcast section.

"We trained for 10 weeks," Hyde said, "running between 40 and 70 miles a week."

For Olson, this was the most intense training she had ever experienced.

"I'm not used to running so many miles," she said. But, "I'm in the best shape of my life now."

Training in GTMO's conditions proved an advantage for the runners.

"The climate and terrain here were definitely advantages to us in D.C.," said Sgt. Jessica Pound with the Joint Intelligence Group. "The course for the Army Ten-Miler was a lot easier than any of the courses that we trained on, and it was a lot easier to run in the cooler weather without all the humidity."

Pound was the top female finisher in the GTMO Ten-Miler, which was her first 10-miler ever. Like Pound, many of the GTMO runners had never competed in a race so massive and competitive as the Army Ten-Miler. They turned to Hyde for help.

Hyde, who once placed

fourth overall in the Army 10-Miler and second in the worldwide military division said, "It was an intense training, but for the most part I wanted to teach them how to react and control themselves when running with so many people."

They ran smart, he said. The most common mistake runners make in a large-scale race is starting too fast, he said. The GTMO runners ran the second half of the race faster than their first. Self discipline led each team member to run a notable 10 to 15 minutes faster than in the GTMO Ten-Miler, 10 weeks earlier.

With more than 20,000 runners sardined into a three-quarter mile stretch on a two-way city street across the Pentagon, just reaching the starting line can take three minutes. Perhaps the gamble beats dodging banana rats and hurdling over coral.

"I was climbing over retainer walls, going up on the grass just to try to break through all the congestion," Olson said. "Hands down, this was the most challenging part of the race."

The GTMO teams placed second in their division—Men's and Women's Military Reserve—and the GTMO men's team placed 44 overall.

Starting and finishing at the Pentagon, the scenic course took runners, who arrived to D.C. from all over the world, on a grand tour of the nation's capital. Spectators didn't miss



Courtesy photo

**Army Sgt. Michelle Olson glances at the rooting crowd near the doorsteps of the Pentagon as she finishes the last stretch of the 20th Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 24. Braving the freezing rain and the cold, Olson shed nearly 15 minutes off her qualifying time, 10 weeks earlier.**

a chance to witness this celebrated event.

"The crowds were lining both sides of the street and the energy was incredible," Pound said.

The Army Ten-Miler is a part of the annual Association of United States Army (AUSA) convention in D.C. The race marks the start of many events surrounding the convention.

**GTMO men and women teams competed in the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 24 at Washington, D.C. Team members ran 10 to 15 minutes faster than in their qualifying GTMO Ten-Miler. Both teams placed second in the Military Reserve division.**



Courtesy photo

## Women

Sgt. Jessica Pound from 1:27:13 to 1:16:17  
Sp. Michelle Cohen from 1:28:22 to 1:20:36  
Pfc. Katie Kuiper from 1:32:06 to 1:18:43  
Sgt. Michelle Olson from 1:39:05 to 1:24:49  
Staff Sgt. Mesha Cichon from 1:42:22 to 1:31:42

## Men

Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Hyde from 1:05:25 to 57:48  
Sp. Daniel Kim from 1:15:29 to 1:05:56  
Staff Sgt. Jason Pichette from 1:16:05 to 1:06:45  
Staff Sgt. Brian Holderness from 1:16:43 to 1:07:16  
Capt. David Melendez from 1:18:07 to 1:09:47  
Lt. Col. Brian Jahnke from 1:20:08 to 1:06:45

Times are given in *hours:minutes:seconds*.

# JTF Celebrates Diversity with Free Exercise of Religion

By Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

Just before the break of dawn, in a language strange to most Troopers, a prayer can be heard ringing out above the fences of Camp Delta.

It is a prayer for Ramadan, the Islamic holy month.

Ramadan is being conducted the same as it has been in previous years, said Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Lee, noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) and officer in charge (OIC) of J-4 food service.

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast during the daylight hours, Lee said. This has caused the meal times to change for the detainees. "We are all adapting to the time frame," Lee said.

Fasting means that Muslims abstain from both food and drink. Traditionally, they also abstain from smoking and marital sex. The fasting is called *sawm*.

The breakfast meal, normally served at 6 a.m., is now served at 3:30 a.m. Detainees who chose not to participate in Ramadan or who cannot do so for health reasons are given Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) for lunch.

Lee said meals are the same as they are the rest of the year with the exception of breakfast, which is a double portion. More food in the morning

helps detainees get through the day while they are fasting, he said. The pre-fast meal served before dawn is called *suhooor*.

Dates and honey are given after sunset to officially break the fast for the day. The post-fast meal is called *iftar*. This is followed by the sunset prayer.

On the last day of Ramadan, a feast is served to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Eid-al-fitr, or the Festival of Breaking the Fast, a day of celebration and gift-giving. A special menu will be prepared by Seaside Galley for the feast in Camp Delta.

Lee is keeping detailed records of this year's Ramadan for the next rotation.

Lee added, "Other than the crew at the Seaside Galley, this is a first time experience for all of us." Lee hopes he can make sure things run just as smoothly for the next rotation as they have for this rotation.

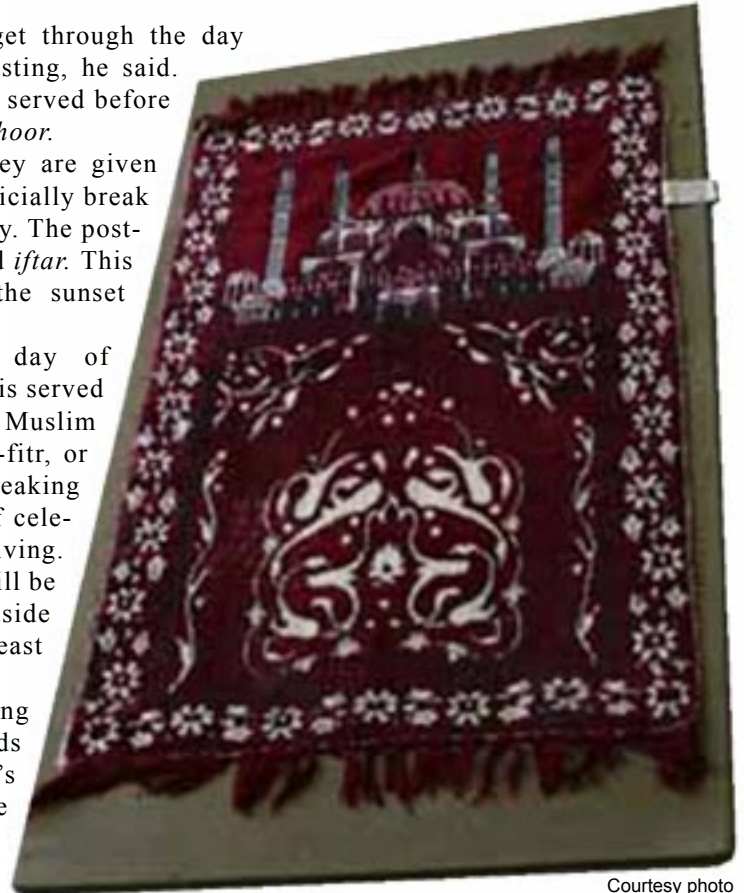
Throughout the day, Muslim detainees pray in addition to fasting. Ramadan is not the only time they pray, however.

The second pillar of Islam requires Muslims to pray five times a day. The Joint Detentions Operations Group (JDOG) recently upgraded the public address system in Camp Delta to ensure detainees are able hear the call to prayer from anywhere inside the camp. The upgrade came just in time for this year's observance of Ramadan.

Prayer call is just one of the ways the JDOG gives detainees the ability to practice their religious traditions.

Detainees are issued everything they need to practice their religion, to include the Quran, prayer oil, prayer beads and prayer caps.

JDOG personnel recently went



Courtesy photo

**Traditional prayer rugs are among items provided to detainees here.**

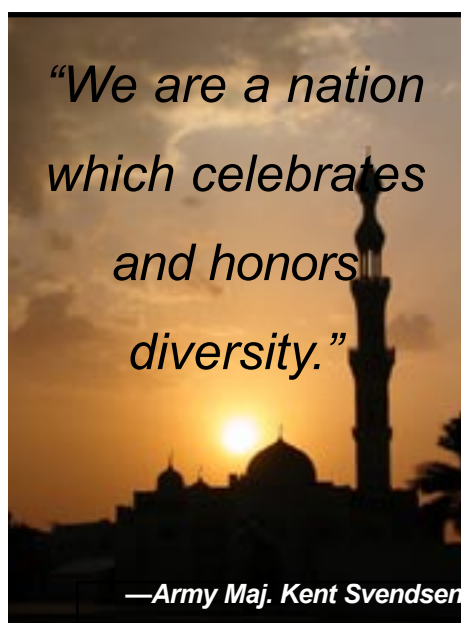
through the camp and replaced worn Qurans to make sure the detainees could follow the tradition of reading 1/30th of the Quran daily during Ramadan.

Lee said that it is nice that we go out of our way to provide for the detainees. "We're humanitarians, really. We take care of them."

Army Maj. Kent Svendsen, the JDOG Chaplain, said that it is important to let everyone practice their religious rights.

"We are a nation which celebrates and honors diversity," Svendsen said. "In as much, we believe that the 'free exercise of religion' is vital to the principles of freedom and democracy. Therefore it is important that we extend those freedoms not only to the men and women of our armed forces but to everyone within our care."

*TeachersFirst.com contributed to this report.*



—Army Maj. Kent Svendsen



# Postage Due: Mail Now to Avoid Holiday Heartache



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Navy Seaman Katie Ross helps Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Jenkins with his outgoing holiday parcel.**

**By Senior Airman Neo Martin**

The holiday season is more than a month away, but Troopers have less than half that time to get packages to and from deployed areas in time for the holidays.

The solution to getting parcels to and from deployed Troopers on time is not only meeting the deadline, officials say, but also ensuring everything is spelled correctly, to

include the recipient's full name, unit, address and ZIP code.

The Naval Supply Systems Command's Postal Policy Division, in mutual aid with the U.S. Postal Service and military postal officials from each service, explains it's not too soon to mail holiday cards, letters and packages to and from military addresses overseas.

**Deadlines For Military Mail Addressed TO APO Addresses**

- Parcel post: Nov. 13
- Space available: Nov. 27
- Parcel airlift: Dec. 4
- Priority Mail, First Class cards and letters: Addresses with ZIP codes beginning with "093" should be sent by Dec. 6. The deadline for other military ZIP codes is Dec. 11.
- Express Mail: Dec. 20 to all locations where Express Mail service is available.

**Deadlines For Military Mail**

**Addressed FROM APO Addresses**

- Space available: Nov. 20
- Parcel airlift: Dec. 4
- Priority Mail, First Class cards and letters: Dec. 11

**Mailing Suggestions**

- Make sure boxes are strong enough for shipping.
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- Put the delivery and return address on only one side of the package. Place a copy of the delivery and return address inside.
- Remove glass from frames and batteries from toys and wrap separately. Stuff items that are hollow or fragile.
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## Coast Guard Trooper Earns Highest Honors

*First in a series of two stories*

**By Airman 1st Class Jon Ortiz-Torres**

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Daniel Foy recently earned the Joint Task Force (JTF) Service Member of the Year award here.

Foy, a boatswain's mate with the Port Security Unit (PSU), traded the high seas aboard a 282-foot cutter for a 25-foot, high-speed Boston Whaler.

With only two years in the service, he was already volunteering for assignments in support of the Global War on Terror and finally landed an assignment to Guantanamo Bay (GTMO).

When Foy first arrived, it was his first time working with smaller boats. The job was different; the climate was different; the chal-

lenge didn't seem to faze him.

"It was somewhat challenging getting a feel for the boats," he said, "but I was lucky enough to have some real good mentors."

Within a month, he became the coxswain in charge of the boat, which means he gets to navigate and is responsible for the boat during missions and sorties.

"Foy was not part of the initial group of boat coxswains that we trained for the GTMO mission," said Coast Guard Cmdr. John Laufer, JTF-GTMO Port Security Unit detachment commander.

"After our arrival in GTMO last May, Petty Officer Foy quickly showed his determination and willingness to learn and achieved his coxswain qualification."

Command Master Chief John Stafford, PSU, said when Foy returns home to his dutys-

tation, he will have passed his Navigation Rules of the Road and his Boatswain's Mate II courses, earned the Joint Services Commendation Medal for being named Joint Service Member of the Year and soon will have earned another stripe.

"These are terrific accomplishments for a first term enlistee," Stafford said. "I have no doubt Petty Officer Foy will continue to contribute to our small, but dynamic service and wish him all the best when he returns to his unit."

For Foy, it was just another day on the job.

"It's simple: I just do my job," he said. "Ever since I joined the Coast Guard, I've always taken my job seriously and try my best to do good wherever I'm assigned."

The selection board, made up



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jon Ortiz-Torres

**Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Foy**

of senior enlisted members from each service branch, met Oct. 20 to decide a senior and junior service member for the quarterly and annual awards.

**Next week: Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Duane Postler.**

# WORLD WIRE

... News ... Sports ... Entertainment ...

**Oct. 27:** Red Sox win World Series in four games; team's first series win since 1918. ... Health concerns about **Yasser Arafat**, Palestinian leader. ... Total lunar **eclipse** visible from Guantanamo Bay is last until 2007. ... **Human dwarf skeletons** found on remote Indonesian island. ... **Internet porn** searches on decline, study says. ... Americans **taller, heavier**, study says. ... U.S. cannot force military **anthrax shots**, judge rules. ... Marking the second anniversary of the Iraq war, *GQ* magazine March issue to include **GI's photos**. ... Britain announces **compulsory national ID cards** with information such as iris recognition patterns. ...

**Oct. 28:** Ability to "float" checks ends; "**check kiting**" is history. ... **Opinion polls** less reliable, in part because of increase in Americans who use only cell phones, have no "land line." ... Florida officials say 58,000 **absentee ballots** missing. ...

**Oct. 29:** **Arafat** goes to Paris for treatment. ... Elvis Presley is the nation's **No. 1 earning dead celebrity**; earned \$40 million last year, Forbes reports. Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz is No. 2. Two Brits—Hobbit creator J.R.R. Tolkien and Beetle John Lennon—are No. 3 and No. 4. Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel rounds out Top 5. ...

**Nov. 1:** **Consumer spending** increases 0.6 percent in September, considered a steep increase after late summer slump. ...

**Nov. 2:** Long lines as Americans go to the **polls**. ... **Chief Justice William Rehnquist** may have most serious form of thyroid cancer. ... Astronaut Leroy Chiao is first American to vote from space; files an encrypted e-mail ballot from space station. ...

**Nov. 3:** President Bush wins re-election. ... Stocks surge on Bush victory.

*Army Cpl. Jim Greenhill compiles WorldWire from a variety of news services.*

... Faith ... Belief ... Counseling ...

# WORSHIP WIRE

## Catholics Celebrate All Souls' Day



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

All Souls' Day is a Roman Catholic day, celebrated Nov. 2, commemorating the faithful departed or those baptized Christians believed to be in purgatory. Chaplain (Navy Lt. Cmdr.) James Dowds held a candlelight Mass on Tuesday, for the commemoration of all souls in Chapel A, Building 3203. Attendees were given papers to write the names of their deceased loved ones whom they wished to commemorate during the Mass on All Souls as well as the Masses in the month of November.

## Padre's Corner

Read Luke 19:1-10.

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house," said the Lord Jesus to the man watching him perched up in a tree.

How often do we watch Jesus from a distance?

Do you remember a song that was so popular around 1991? Some of the words: "From a distance, God is watching us from a distance."

And that sentiment could not be further from what the Christian believes.

God is so close, that he wants to dwell within us both as individuals and as a community of believers. The Lord wishes to dwell with us in word, in sacrament, in the community and in the grandeur of his creation!

So, come on down (to the chapel, that is) and experience the goodness of the Lord.

— Chaplain (Navy Lt. Cmdr.)  
James Dowds

# SPORTS WIRE

## The Ben Roethlisberger Story: Rookie Stunner



Photo courtesy nfl.com

By Army Cpl. Simon Cropp

Finally someone beat the Patriots 21-game winning streak.

It almost seemed like Tom Brady and his team would never be taken down, though the loss of star running back Corey Dillon might have had something to do with it.

More amazing is the team that beat the Patriots: The Pittsburgh Steelers, after last season proved to be a little tough, have rebounded as the team to beat in the AFC.

Rookie quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, week after week, proves he's not only defying all rookie logic but also that he's an amazing athlete ready to take the Steelers to the next level. 5-0. That's Roethlisberger's win-to-loss ratio after starting five games. Not only is this unheard of for a rookie quarterback thrust into the limelight (see Kyle Boller or Byron Leftwich) but considering the Steelers weren't considered a threat to anyone this year only makes the story more interesting.

It is strange Roethlisberger was not drafted until the 11<sup>th</sup> pick. Ten teams passed him up, sure, and he doesn't have an awesome older brother named Peyton Manning, but he has something else. The ability to control the ball,

make sound decisions in tough situations, and the key is he doesn't turn over the ball.

Coming into a game Sunday against the tough New England secondary there were enough skeptics who thought Roethlisberger would finally rear his ugly rookie head, but he played smart and kept the ball moving downfield with help from his running game. He played like an old pro out there and the Steelers had offensive control of the ball for over 40 minutes of the game. That left around 12 minutes for the Patriots.

The question remains: Are the Steelers for real? Of course, the first bad game Roethlisberger has (and he will have one sooner or later) will see every sportswriter and critic jumping off his band wagon, but that's expected. Pittsburgh has a legitimate shot at the playoffs in large part due to the strength of a rookie quarterback no one really knew or cared about—until it was too late.

The Vikings lost to the Giants last week, the Eagles remain the only undefeated team, and Michael Vick took it to the Broncos last Sunday.

Vick had the most prolific game of his career against the Denver Broncos after rushing for 115 yards (at an average of 9.0 yards a carry) and throwing for over 200 yards and two touchdowns. He wasn't the ultimate pocket passer

the team wants him to be, but he took some steps in the right direction. Vick is still widely accepted as a developing talent after a few years in the league. The story behind Roethlisberger is even more impressive. He has played better than any starting rookie quarterback.

Jake Plummer, though he threw three interceptions, also had a career high passing game on Sunday, throwing for 499 yards against Atlanta's defense. Still, the Broncos lost, got squashed really, and aren't playing like a team that's supposed to win the Super Bowl.

This Saturday, Air Force will play at Army for what should be a pretty entertaining game. Army is currently at 2-5, trying to regain the glory days, and what better way to start than by whooping up on Air Force?

The last home game before an election for the Washington Redskins, as long as anyone can remember, has accurately predicted the outcome of Presidential elections that year. If the Redskins win, the incumbent stays in power, if they lose, the challenger gets the vote. It's a proven formula and when the Redskins have lost against the Packers, word was, John Kerry was ecstatic.

*Business Week* also stated there was a 70-percent chance Kerry would take office if the Red Sox won the World Series.

Ironically, despite the long trend, Bush still won the election.

Photo courtesy nfl.com



Above: Ben Roethlisberger looks to John Elway as a hero, but even Elway didn't play this good his rookie year. Left: Peerless Price hauls in a touchdown as Broncos defensive back Kelly Herndon struggles to keep up. The Atlanta Falcons ran over the Denver defenses which has suffered much from injuries the past few weeks.

# 15 Minutes of Fame

... with Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dale Eads ...

## Petty Officer Finds Calling, Passion in Navy

By Pfc. Jessi Stone

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Dale Eads didn't join the Navy with the intention of making a career out of it, but it was in the Navy that he found his calling and passion.

**What made you want to be a religious programming specialist?**

I started out as an engineer and a couple of years ago I was looking for some change. Working down in the pits of a ship is kind of tough. I was looking at a career as an engineer but it just wasn't for me, so I switched over to become a religious programming specialist. I do a lot of work in the church, so I figured that if I'm going to be working in the church outside of the military I might as well be working in the church in the military.

**Is it a lot of fun to work in the chaplain's office?**

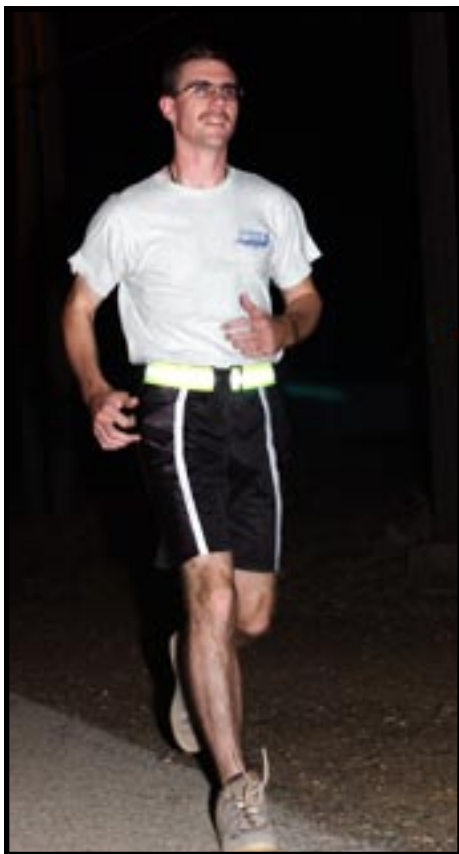


Photo by Pfc. Chris Gardner

Petty Officer 2nd Class Dale Eads

Yeah, actually it is. Between working the different services, especially around the holidays, it gets a little hectic. I've been involved in a lot of different things, different events we do around town and around here as well.

**What is the most rewarding part of your job?**

On Sundays when services are over to know that we've been able to ensure everyone who was there for service was able to get something out of it. There's a lot of things we do between setting up and getting things ready, and as people are leaving on Sunday we know they got something out of it.

**Besides setting up the services, what kind of responsibilities do you have in your job?**

While I'm here at Guantanamo Bay, I'm in charge of all the chaplain's computer equipment, and I do all the supply as well. So I'm responsible for making sure we have everything we need for the services, i.e. the clerical items like making sure we have enough wine for communion and grape juice for the protestant communion. Also, our chapel here has some fairly state-of-the-art equipment, and I make sure we have the stuff to support the equipment, the power point projector, the computers for it, the sound equipment, all that stuff.

**What have you gone to school for?**

I've been taking college courses at a local Bible college. I'm pursuing my bachelor's in religious education, and my minor is in leadership and pastoral ministries and with those I'm pursuing a license in ministry. It should take anywhere from two to three years.

**What are your goals once you receive your license?**

I'm still waiting to see where I'm supposed to go. I don't know if I'm going to be staying in the church that I'm in now or if I'm going somewhere else. I'm in a fairly large church and there's always changes happening there, I may end up getting wrapped up in one of those changes or I may end up getting a church of my own.

**Are you going to make the military a career?**

I'm getting married next year, so it's an option I'm seriously considering. It wasn't my intention to when I joined but I've got eight years in now, and by the time this enlistment is over I'll have nine and a half years, and I'll be married for almost two years, so it's something that I'm seriously considering. I've been working with the church and trying to figure out my best options and just waiting to see what's going to happen.

**How does your job relate to the mission here in Guantanamo Bay?**

The mission down here is a very unique mission. When I was given a chance to come here I came because of the unique mission we have here. The common makeup of the people down here is activated reservists and a lot of them are adjusting, so part of the mission of the chaplain's section here is helping people adjust to the changes they've had to make to do this job. To be able to come down here and work with the chaplains and assist them in helping people to adjust and manage what they're doing down here as well as managing their lives back home, we take pride in being able to do that and helping people. There's been numerous occasions we've been able to assist people in dealing with change and adaptation.

**What will you take with you when you leave here?**

Being one of only two Navy personnel in this section, I've gotten to learn a lot about how the other branches work. It's been interesting to see how the other branches do the job that I do.

I've learned a lot down here, and I'm going to take a lot from here as well. Working down here and doing the job that I do was even a major difference for me, and when I go back to my home station they have a lot of changes going on there as well, so I will be able to adapt to those changes. Adapting to change here is going to make it easier to adapt to the change that we're going through at my home station.

## Stuffed Snapper

Fishing is a favorite activity for many Troopers on days off. Though this recipe is for stuffed snapper, any fresh fish can be substituted.

### Ingredients

3 tablespoons butter; 3/4 cup fresh bread crumbs; 1/4 cup chopped green onions; 1/4 cup celery, diced; 1 clove garlic, minced; 4 ounces cooked shrimp; 4 ounces cooked crabmeat; 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley; 1/8 teaspoon salt; 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper; 6 x 4-ounce fillets red snapper

### Directions

1. Preheat coals in a covered grill to high heat.
2. To make stuffing: Melt two tablespoons butter or margarine in a skillet. Add bread crumbs. Sauté and stir the mixture over medium-high heat till the bread crumbs are browned. Remove

the bread crumbs to a mixing bowl.

3. Melt one tablespoon butter or margarine in the skillet and sauté the onions, celery and garlic until tender; add to bread crumbs in mixing bowl, then stir in shrimp, crab, parsley, salt and pepper and toss gently.

4. Cut foil to form double-thickness 18-inch by 12-inch rectangle. Lay fish fillets on the double thickness of foil. Mound stuffing on top of the fillets.

5. Curl up the edges of the foil to form a tray. In a covered grill, arrange the preheated coals at either side of the grill. Test for medium heat above the center of the grill. Place the fish in foil in the center of the grill rack. Cover and grill for 20 to 25 minutes or just until the fish flakes easily.

—Army Pfc. Jessi Stone

## BUSES

Chart shows bus stops and minutes after the hour when buses are scheduled. For example, the Sherman Avenue bus stops at East Caravella 03 and 33 minutes after the hour.

### Sherman Avenue

First Street	00	30			
East Caravella	03	33			
Marine Hill	05	35	Camp Alpha	00	20 40
Post Office	10	40	NEX trailer	02	22 42
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Marine Hill	41	11			
Hospital	48	18			
Windward Loop 1	52	22			

## CINEMA

### DOWNTOWN LYCEUM

#### FRIDAY

7 p.m. **Paparazzi**

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9 p.m. **Wicker Park**

PG13 115 min

#### SATURDAY

7 p.m. **Vanity Fair**

PG13 137 min

9 p.m. **Resident Evil:**

**Apocalypse**

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#### SUNDAY

7 p.m. **Friday Night Lights**

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#### MONDAY

7 p.m. **Wicker Park**

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#### TUESDAY

7 p.m. **Resident Evil:**

**Apocalypse**

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#### WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. **Cellular**

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9 p.m. **Hero**

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#### THURSDAY

7 p.m. **Hero**

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### CAMP BULKELEY

#### FRIDAY

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## 2004 Veterans Day Message: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

This Veterans Day, we pause to honor and thank our veterans, past and present—those who have served and those who are serving today around the world advancing freedom and the cause of liberty.

Since the colonial Minutemen first stood shoulder-to-shoulder, countless Americans have answered our Nation's call to serve and defend liberty. They are true heroes. In the past century alone, they fixed bayonets at the Battle of the Marne, they stormed the beaches at Normandy and Omaha, assaulted Heartbreak Ridge, patrolled the la Drang Valley and stared down our adversaries on the plains of Europe. They stood as shining examples of ordinary citizens doing the extraordinary to defend a grateful Nation.

Like those who wore the uniform before them, today's Armed Forces continue this proud legacy. At this very moment, American Service men and women—Active and Reserve—from every walk of life and from every ethnic, religious and racial background, serve in harm's way. From the mountains in Afghanistan to the



**Richard B. Myers**

sands of Iraq, from the jungles of Colombia to the shores of the Philippines, they are giving hope to millions that liberty, justice and a lasting peace are within their reach.

Today, the proud men and women of our Armed Forces are once again engaged in a global struggle against those who threaten our way of life. At every turn, they demonstrate our firm resolve and serve notice to terrorists that we will succeed. We are proud of their commitment, dedication and accomplishments.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I thank our veterans for their selfless service and for ensuring the continued security of our Nation.

May God bless you, and God bless America.

**Richard B. Myers**  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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# WORSHIP

### CAMP AMERICA

<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:45 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Bldg. 3203
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 p.m.	Alpha	Bldg. L001
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
<b>Thursday</b>	7 p.m.	Thursday Night Ticket	Bldg. L001
<b>Saturday</b>	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

### NAVBASE CHAPEL

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

For information on Jewish services call 2323

# DINING

<b>Today</b>	Lunch	Parmesan Fish
	Dinner	Steamship Round of Beef
<b>Saturday</b>	Lunch	Baked Ham
	Dinner	Veal Parmesan
<b>Sunday</b>	Lunch	Chicken Cordon Bleu
	Dinner	Sweet and Sour Pork
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch	Swiss Steak
	Dinner	Swedish Meatballs
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch	Pork Adobo
	Dinner	Roast Porkloin
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch	Yankee Pot Roast
	Dinner	Teriyaki Steak
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch	Barbecued Spareribs
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch	Mambo Pork Roast
	Dinner	French Fried Shrimp