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Attention to detail

Air Force Master Sgt. John Asselin

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Back in basic training, T-shirts had to be folded a certain way and all our uniforms and gear had their own place in own wall locker or foot locker. Everyone had the same exact standard, and our drill sergeants or training instructors were seriously focused on our compliance with those standards.

The point of this exercise was not to make sure we all kept our undergarments in the same place for the rest of our lives; the point was to get us focused on attention to detail. In fact, most of the exercises in basic training are designed to teach this critical military skill.

We have to pay attention to the details every day in our work areas. Standard operating procedures are written to encompass details. We have to follow SOPs to the letter to make sure we do things correctly forthesafety and security of ourselves, our teammates and the detainees. Think about how many times your leadership harps on following the SOPs – that is attention to detail.

This applies outside the camps as well. Ask anyone in the staff judge advocate's office about how something as simple as a misplaced word can cause big problems. Ask the inspector general how a lack of details can affect an investigation. Ask a doctor how a missed detail can mean the difference between a healthy Trooper and a serious medical issue. Details count.

Attention to detail is also important in your personal life. A lot of people at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay scuba dive for recreation. If they don't pay attention to the details, they or their dive buddy could drown. When you drive, cook or handle dangerous items, those activities demand strict attention to detail or someone could get injured or killed.

The bottom line is to follow the SOPs, know and follow the rules to everything you do, and pay attention to the details.





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Army Spc. Ivan Tejada, with Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 115th Military Police Company, stands guard at the Roosevelt Entry Control Point, July 19. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

BACK COVER:

"Splinter," a banana rat, enjoys some popcorn while attending a movie at Bulkely Lyceum. -JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication

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Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson, Joint Task Force Guantanamo commander, greets Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Juan Ayala, Aug. 13. The Joint Visitors Bureau facilitated a tour of JTF facilities for Capstone program participants including Ayala.

– JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip

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In its mission of transparency, Joint Task Force Guantanamo accommodates many requests to tour the facilities. As part of the JTF-GTMO team, the Joint Visitors Bureau plays a major part in providing that transparency.

"The Joint Visitors Bureau plans and executes all distinguished visitor visits to JTF-GTMO, trains all non-governmental organization escort officers, and is the protocol hub of the command element," said Navy Lt. Edward A. Valdez, the NGO liaison officer.

The seven-member JVB team coordinates all the logistics for visits to JTF-GTMO that are not media related. This includes DV trips to Guantanamo, setting up tours of the base and JTF detention facilities, scheduling informational briefings by senior leaders and responding to specific areas of interest based on visitors' requests.

Tours can be average in size, from 15 to 25 people, or large tours of 65 to 70 people. Visitors usually stay on island for one day. "Typically they arrive in the morning and leave late afternoon," said Army Lt. Col. Kevin Entwistle, the deputy director of JVB. "However, some DVs require an additional day or two depending on their purpose for coming to GTMO."

The team is constantly engaged with mission requests, planning for both current and future missions. This team can be

occupied with handling up to four missions a week, not including weekend visits.

"We sometimes have two missions per day at times," said Army Spc. Shalia Moolenaar, a JVB protocol clerk and driver. "It all depends on our mission requests."

Team members have driven a wide range of personnel on tours.

"We have had tours with congressional delegates, high-level Department of Defense delegates, various government and non-government agencies, judges, and Defense Orientation Conference Association members," Valdez said.

In addition to civilian agencies, JVB also handles military tours of flag officers, as well as Capstone and Keystone. Capstone is a joint service professional military education course for newly-promoted brigadier generals and rear admirals, and Keystone is the enlisted version, providing command senior enlisted leaders with tools they need to work in a joint environment.

When Military Commissions proceedings are underway, the team also has a hand in providing logistical support.

"We work with international organizations primarily during the commissions," Valdez said. "During commissions, we help with the logistical requests for water, movements for the judges and also provide assistance as requested with ground transportation."

JVB members frequently have other duties within the team. Some double as Commissions Support Group personnel.

"As the NGO liaison officer, I train and provide escorts for the NGO representatives

that will attend commission hearings," Valdez said. Usually five NGOs are present at every hearing. The liaison officer ensures that the NGOs are always escorted and that the logistical movements such as transportation, movements to and from the air terminal and housing are all in order.

JVB also works closely with the CSG to ensure that they know how many NGOs are present and when they leave the island.

According to Valdez, JVB has had approximately 75 visits totaling 820 people for this calendar year. "This number represents those DVs who took a JVB tour, it does not count the logistical support we provide to other JTF sections."

In order for this team to accommodate those numbers, a lot of assistance from other departments is involved. JVB coordinates with many organizations, both in the JTF and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Valdez said.

"During visits we utilize the help of U.S. Southern Command, NAVSTA Port Operations, Maritime Safety and Security Team 91104, Joint Detention Group, Joint Medical Group, the Public Affairs Office and volunteers from all sections when we need additional drivers and helpers," Valdez said.

"Our mission could not be done without the assistance of so many Troopers and workers," Valdez said. "Our mission is ultimately showcasing the professionalism of our Troopers and civilian contractors, by providing safe, humane, legal, and transparent care and custody for the detainees."

MCSFCO: Around-the-clock security



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Nate Swanger surveys his area of responsibility. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

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Marine Corps 1st Lt. Aryn Vastola, 1st platoon commander for Alpha Company with Marine Corps Security Force Company, listens as Swanger briefs him, Aug. 16. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.



Marines inspect
their gear and
count ammunition
after coming off
duty, Aug. 16. – JTF
Guantanamo photo
by Marine Corps
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Tasked with providing security for all of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Marines of the Marine Corps Security Force Company maintain constant alertness around the clock.

The Marines are deployed from the 2nd Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team, Bravo Co., 6th Platoon, and call Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Va., home.

"There is nowhere we have defended like this," said Marine Corps 1st Lt. Travis Posey, platoon commander for MCSFCO. "There is a lot of history and tradition here."

MCSFCO protects the border around the naval station and supports security missions with Joint Task Force Guantanamo. They have maintained a presence on GTMO since 1898 during the Spanish American War.

The sense of duty the Marines assume here is felt throughout the unit; many Marines share Posey's feelings about serving in GTMO.

Marines have been here for a long time

and Medal of Honor recipients have served here, said Marine Sgt. Anthony Hager, sergeant of the guard and platoon guide for MCSFCO.

Hager holds an important billet within MCSFCO, not only as the platoon guide, but as the sergeant of the guard, a billet he shares with one other sergeant.

His responsibilities include ensuring all Marines who stand guard know their areas of responsibility, checking the fence line to make sure there is no damage or signs of tampering and keeping the corporals of the guard informed.

To maintain such order, schedules are kept which allow information to be passed throughout the chain of command.

"Everything is scheduled," Hager said. The Marines are allotted time for hygiene, food and rest within their schedules.

MCSFCO is a highly organized and well-functioning machine that consists of few moving parts.

They have four separate security forces that perform specific jobs, from standing posts at one of the many Marine

observation posts to acting as the quick reaction force.

Preparing for such a demanding job requires extensive training.

"You have to sign up for this job before boot camp," said Marine Pvt. Caleb McNutt, a post stander for MCSFCO.

Once Marines complete boot camp, security force hopefuls head to the School of Infantry for training on standard infantry tactics and then to Basic Security Guard school to receive training on the security guard techniques.

Training never ends. There are constant refresher courses that MCSFCO runs, as well as drills to keep the Marines on their toes

"Base security is vital," said Posey. "A threat is still very prevalent."

Due to this fact, the Marines of MCSFCO remain vigilant and alert long after the population of Guantanamo Bay calls it a night and retires to their beds.

MCSFCO is truly a necessity to GTMO for the safety and well-being of each and every one of us. ❖

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EAT PRAY LOVE



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133 minutes

Rating: **

Army Sgt. Tiffany Addair

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Based on Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling 2006 book, "Eat Pray Love" details a year in which, after a messy divorce, Liz (Julia Roberts) travels to Italy, India and Indonesia to find some much-needed balance in her life.

"Eat Pray Love" opens in New York City with Liz realizing her life is falling apart. She also realizes that even though she is comfortable in the life she has built, she does not want to be married to her husband (Billy Cruduop) anymore. After her failed marriage, she shacks up with David (James Franco), a young actor who folds her delicates and makes her laugh, but cannot do anything more than function as a band-aid in her life.

She will spend four months in Italy studying Italian and eating; four in India, under the guidance of a guru; and four in Indonesia, where on an earlier trip, she befriended a ninth-generation medicine man who invited her to come back and help him improve his English.

Liz sets out on a journey of discovery, which the title summarizes well. She eats her way through Italy, prays at an ashram in India and finds love in Bali.

In Italy, Liz celebrates indulgence and joy, and does not care if the pizza, spaghetti or wine makes her gain a few pounds. The India section is all about meditation and finding peace. Richard from Texas (Richard Jenkins) gives Liz bumper sticker-style advice with a brashness she cannot ignore. Eventually, Liz moves on to her third stop, in beautiful Bali, where an ancient medicine man helps with her spiritual journey. Here she meets Filipe (Javier Bardem) and his charm and broken heart coerce her to enter into another relationship.

"Eat Pray Love" is charming and inspirational. It does not have quite the impact of the book, but the performances and scenery allow you to forgive the shortcomings of the movie.

Julia Roberts is back with her best role since "Erin Brockovich." Roberts has captivated audiences before with "Pretty Woman" and numerous other movies, but with "Eat Pray Love," she is able to convey her serious side. When she breaks down over the confusion of her life, she makes the pain real. She has an indescribable knack to win you over and comes through with flying colors in this very emotional lead role.

The story is told from a female perspective and the main character's desire to escape from labels of daughter, girlfriend and wife. Her quest to find balance in life and love again, without losing her identity, makes this one of the best movies of the year.

"Eat Pray Love" is about a middle-aged woman trying to find out who she wants to be now that she is all grown up. Audiences will be glad to accompany her on the road to self-discovery. This is a movie that is beautiful to look at and will leave you with some food for thought, as well.

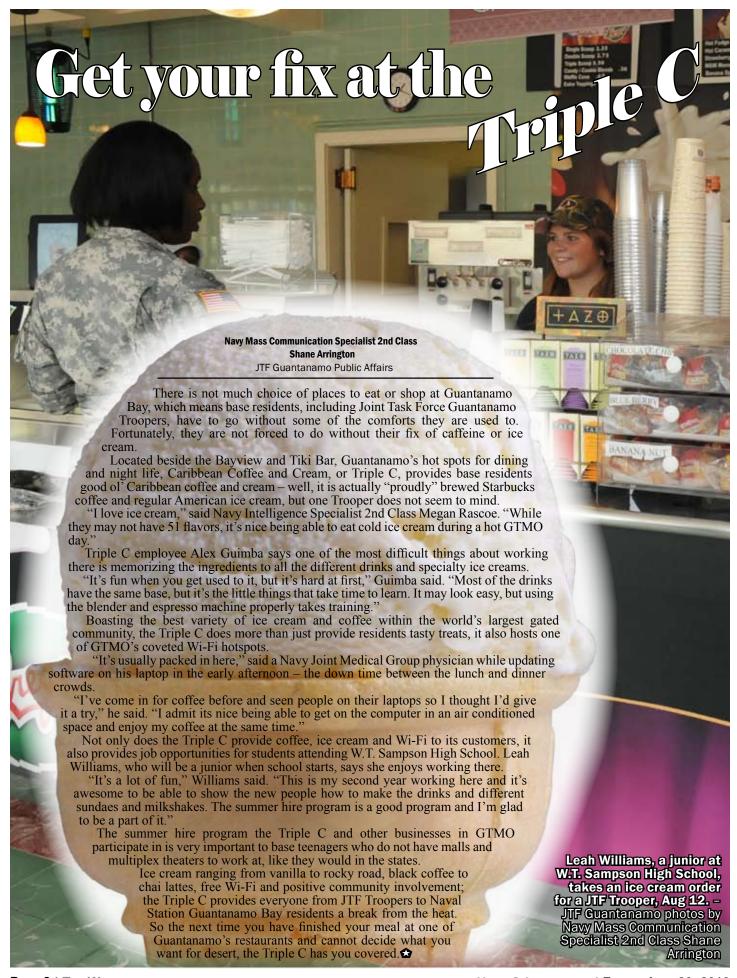
EXTERNAL SECURITY THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE



Soldiers with the Rhode Island National Guard's 115th Military Police Company are responsible for Joint Task Force Guantanamo's external security. The first line of defense for the JTF starts with the MPs assigned to Roosevelt Gate. These dedicated Soldiers man their post to maintain the security of JTF. The 115th is here on a year-long deployment

> **JTF Guantanamo photos by** Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth





Freedom of Information Act Air Force Capt. Bryant O. Bair and that document. There are several FOIA Group, Joint Intelligence Group, etc. Air Force Staff Sgt. Genniviv T. Herald The organization's offices within the Department of Defense Staff Judge Advocate Office and unbeknownst to some, there is a FOIA

Without a doubt, Joint Task Force Guantanamo is a subject of much public interest. Whether it is for a college research paper or for CNN's latest news story, inquiring minds want to know what goes on in Guantanamo Bay. Many media members obtain information when they visit GTMO; however, it is through the Freedom of Information Act that many request information.

What is FOIA and why do you need to know about it? FOIA was signed into law in 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It allows for the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States government. We all maintain records and are stewards of records within our organizations. Records can be your Standard organization's Operating Procedures, work e-mails, or a form used daily for standard procedures. All of these can be requested through FOIA, and by law, we are required to produce the

But my files are classified and highly sensitive and I do not have to provide those documents, you say? Wrong. By law the government, including any organization in JTF-GTMO, is required to produce any documents requested through FOIA. No need to be alarmed, though: there is a formal process for a FOIA request. Although we are required to produce the requested documents, there are nine exemptions and three exclusions that prevent the disclosure of sensitive information. For instance, any classified information that reveals intelligence activities, including sources, methods and approaches are redacted from

records.

office in JTF-GTMO that oversees all the requests pertaining to JTF-GTMO.

How does JTF-GTMO's FOIA process work? Anyone can submit a FOIA request - media agencies, attorneys and even foreign citizens. This request must specify what types of documents the requestor wants. The life of a FOIA request from a media outlet for GTMO information is as follows:

1) The request is typically submitted to the DoD FOIA office, which is then forwarded to the JTF-GTMO Staff Judge Advocate FOIA office.

2) The request is reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate organizations within JTF-GTMO, such as the Joint Detention

representative either searches the records or tasks others within the organization to search for records that relate to the particular request.

4) Once records are found that match the request, they must then be released to the requestor unless, one of the exemptions or exclusions applies.

5) Before release, the unit FOIA representative reviews every document and redacts (securely covers) any information that may be classified, violate someone's privacy or threaten operational security.

6) After the unit FOIA representative has reviewed the documents, they are forwarded to the JTF-GTMO SJA FOIA office where they are reviewed again.

7) The documents are then forwarded to United States Southern Command and DoD for an additional two levels of review.

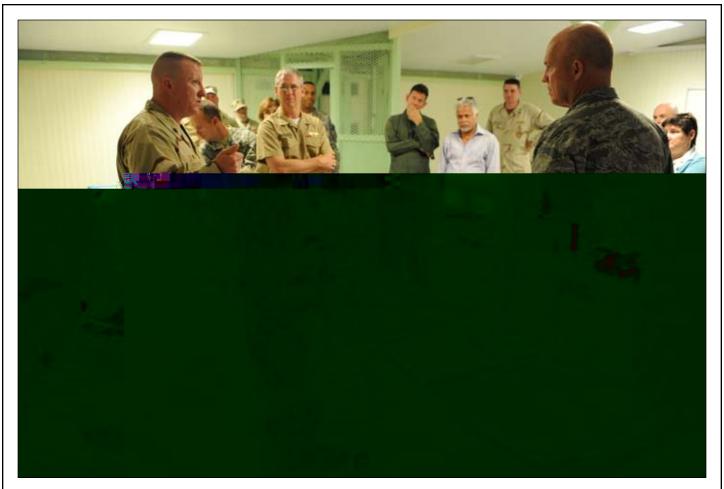
By statute, the entire FOIA process must be completed in 20 days. Should this timeline not be met, the case may result in a lawsuit. It is a given that all of JTF-GTMO's files are

> highly sensitive and that we have a tendency to refrain from providing information to anyone who does not work within our work section. In fact, it is usually a kneejerk reaction to think that we cannot release GTMO documents; however, every request has to be processed to make a release decision.

So again, wonder why does this apply to you? Because as individual Troopers our responsibility is to maintain any records in our control in an orderly manner and to promptly respond to search requests from our unit FOIA representatives. You can be assured that the documents you find will be thoroughly reviewed and the appropriate balance will be struck between

security and openness.

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"Cap"italizing on a joint environment

Capstone program participants tour Camp Delta, Aug. 13. Capstone is a joint service professional military education course for newly promoted brigadier generals and rear admirals serving in the United States military. The course ensures senior military leaders understand how military forces and other elements of national power are integrated and used to support national military strategies, and how joint, interagency and multinational operations support strategic national objectives. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

Boots on the Ground

by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

What other branch of military would you join and why?

Army Spc. Sierra Krukowski



"The Irish Special Forces, because of their awesome traditional weapons system, which includes the slingshot."

Air Force Maj. Kenneth Brown



"The Coast Guard, because there would be a good chance to not be displaced too far from home."

Navy Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Terry Alexander



"I would stay Navy. We have the best homeports and deployment stations, hands down."

Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Arthur Manning



"The Air Force, because they seem to take care of their people the best."



Air Force Maj. Kenneth D. Brown
JTF Guantanamo Deputy Command Chaplain

"Hurry up and wait."

I first heard these words when I traveled to the Military Entrance Processing Station in New Orleans for my Air Force entrance physical. I was told to show up no later than 5:30 a.m. I arrived at 5 a.m. and took my place in a large waiting room. 5:30 a.m. passed, then 6 a.m. Soon it became apparent that I would be waiting quite a while. As the day passed I found myself with a handful of other applicants undergoing various short examinations at 30 minute intervals. Though I spent only a small amount of time with the doctors, my presence was required, so that I could receive medical clearance to join the military.

Sometimes in our lives it is necessary to spend a long time waiting for certain events. Our mere presence may in itself be important. For all the intensity of combat, much of the time on the battlefield is spent waiting, watching and observing, often in

ce Still know that I Am God

silence. In fact, sometimes the mere presence of Soldiers in their assigned location can satisfy a military objective. The presence of Soldiers in many areas of the world deters fighting and civil strife.

Waiting serves as a spiritual discipline as well. To be still and wait runs contrary to contemporary thinking. Many people want action and become restless when they sense a lack of activity in their surroundings. But God does His greatest work in us when we are still and listen to His voice. In the Scriptures, some of the most important encounters occurred in stillness. Moses did not first encounter God in the palaces of Egypt, but in the desert wilderness. When Elijah stood on Mt. Horeb he watched a violent storm, an earthquake and fire. But the Bible tells us that "the LORD was not in the wind ... storm ... earthquake." He was found in the silence that followed. We also read in the New Testament that Jesus spent 40 days alone in prayer prior to commencing his earthly ministry, and frequently went away for the night to engage in prayer.

Times of waiting and silence allow us an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for service to God. Such preparation is an indispensable component of our spiritual fitness. The quiet place is where God can mold our heart to grow spiritually. The quiet time develops maturity and character. Soldiers can not afford to wait until actual battle to learn the skills necessary to emerge victorious. They must incorporate training and preparation into their routine. Similarly, one cannot expect to magically react with spiritual maturity in a time of crisis if spiritual fitness has not been incorporated into our lifestyle. Allow yourself the time needed to spend with God to nurture your spiritual health. You will be richly rewarded for doing so.

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship Sunday 9 a.m. Troopers' Chapel Islamic Service Friday 1:15 p.m. Room C Jewish Service FMI call 2628 LORIMI Gospel Sunday 8 a.m. Room D Church of Christ Sunday 10 a.m. Chapel Annex Room 17 Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Christo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.

Room A

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican
Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian
Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project
Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel

