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Order of responsibility

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From my first day in boot camp to my tour at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, one thing remains constant: I have always received and carried out orders. Whether you agree or not, orders keep our military moving. In boot camp, I learned to obey orders with no questions, which ranged from the mundane – such as how to lace my boots a certain way – to the more complex, like how to properly fold and stow my clothes so all my uniforms fit into my small locker.

Orders are a necessary part of our military existence, from our first set of permanent change of station orders to our retirement or fleet reserve orders. As we go through the ranks, things will evolve, from receiving our first jovial verbal orders in boot camp to actually having the privilege of issuing orders. However, this evolution comes with a price, and it is called responsibility. A responsibility we must understand every time we issue orders. We make sure they are lawful orders and that we have a basis to issue those orders. That means our orders must be in line with current laws, directives and standard operating procedures.

In boot camp, we couldn't question orders and, if we did, some type of physical exercise or a stern fatherly lecture – or both – usually followed our inquiries. Spring past boot camp, however, and as we go through the ranks, things will get more complex. With rank, we have the obligation to examine orders that make us scratch our heads. As leaders, we must be smart about it; we must listen to our subordinates and keep our eyes open to our situations since change and solutions are borne from them. This is especially true to those on the front line. You have the responsibility to influence change if things do not seem right to you or if you find a better way to do something. It is your duty to notify your chain of command.

The medical field is the same; we carry out orders just like everyone else, without exception. We also have the added guidance from our medical oaths and pledges, which serve to provide our patients the best medical care to the best of our abilities. To deviate from this guidance is not only wrong, it is malpractice.

Wherever we are – whether Iraq, Afghanistan, the United States or Guantanamo Bay – our responsibility remains the same. To quote former JTF Command Master Chief Bradley LeVault, "Our jobs are to execute lawful orders." With that in mind, you must execute your tasks to the best of your ability every single time so at the end of our tour, you can proudly say that you gave your best. Honor Bound! ☆



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**Women from the GTMO
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passing ceremony March 20 in
honor of Women's History Month.**
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SAVI gives Troopers options

**Army Spc.
April D. de Armas**

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Sexual assault is not a subject most people are comfortable discussing. Often people think of it as a problem they will never encounter in their lifetime.

Sexual assault is considered one of the most heinous and violent crimes that has existed in our society for many generations. Not only is it a violation of a person's physical body, it often shakes the very core of who that person is emotionally. Most victims are left with feelings of despair, guilt, shame and mental disorientation.

Unfortunately, Troopers in the U.S. military are not immune to this disturbing crime. Therefore, the Armed Forces are working to provide Troopers with avenues in which they can seek the professional help they may need during their healing process.

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention program is one avenue provided to victims. It provides victims with a 24-hour hotline with trained professionals who can provide immediate help. Whether the need is medical or just someone to talk to, a SAVI advocate is there to make sure the victim is provided with a safe haven and an open ear. They are the initial point of contact for victims.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Quincy L. Jackson, with the Joint Detention Group, is one of the trained professionals at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay who may answer the phone when a call comes in.

Jackson, who has been a SAVI advocate since 2005, said it is never easy to get the call, however it is very important for victims to know there is someone who cares and can help them.

Although victims have always been able to report sexual assault, the response by most was silence.

In 2005, changes were made to the sexual assault reporting process across all services. There are now two ways in which a victim can report an incident. The first way is a restricted report. This type of reporting allows a victim to report sexual assault without having to file an official report. This allows the victim to receive free counseling or medical attention under a confidential status.

The second way to file a report is unrestricted. This type of filing not only allows the victim to receive free counseling or medical attention, but also to open an investigation against the perpetrator.

"Before 2005, not a lot of victims came forward because of having to re-live their experience," said Jackson.

Jackson said he feels it is important for victims to seek help, and he embraces the



Navy Chief Petty Officer Quincy L. Jackson hangs a poster promoting sexual assault awareness in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent at Camp America. Jackson is an active SAVI advocate. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. April D. de Armas

changes made since 2005.

Army Staff Sgt. Amy Crawford, with the 525th Military Police Battalion, is another SAVI advocate. She got involved with the SAVI program when she arrived at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, at the request of her command.

Crawford said the training individuals get to become an advocate is very good.

"It really opened my eyes to the history of rape and sexual assault," said Crawford.

She said it makes her feel good to help others who need someone to turn to when something like this happens to them.

"You have to have thick skin because you hear some really bad stuff and it's hard to not get emotional," Crawford said.

"It's important to know who you can go to and what is available," said Lt. Cmdr.

Clint Pickett, a chaplain with the Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion.

"[In these situations], I am called upon for council on an as-needed basis," he said.

Although, since the changes with the way reporting can be handled, he hasn't seen as many cases, said Pickett.

"It is regrettable that the program is necessary," he said. "I believe the changes have given Troopers more options when they do need to report sexual assault."

If Troopers are interested in becoming an advocate, information is available through any SAVI advocate, or by calling ext. 3857.

"I want to be a voice for the victim," said Jackson. "They are crying for help and it is the right thing to do to reach out with the tools that can help." ☆



Seaside Galley's dual mission

An employee at Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Seaside Galley stirs a batch of beef kabobs for an evening meal March 20. The galley is responsible for preparing meals for the Troopers and civilians on base, as well as the detainees. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

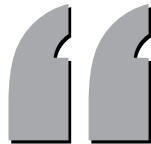
The Seaside Galley serves up a variety of choices each day for the Troopers of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Whether for dietary, religious or personal preference, Troopers can find a wide selection of main courses with fresh fruit and produce. What most people don't see at the galley, however, is the work that goes on behind the scenes to provide these kinds of choices for the detainees.

Employees at the Seaside Galley have a dual mission – they provide food service to the Troopers and civilians who support the JTF and provide full food service to the detainees. Many considerations go into providing a well-balanced and culturally appropriate meal for the detainees.

“We take into consideration religious preferences as well as nutritional value when determining the menus,” said Sam Scott, assistant project manager for the galleys on Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

Though much of the food the detainees

receive is the same as that served to the Troopers, the difference is in how it is prepared. Detainee meals are prepared to suit their tastes and religious



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– Sam Scott,
assistant project manager

customs. With approximately 240 detainees from approximately 30 countries, the staff does not cater to individual tastes, but works to appeal to the overall group with the food it serves.

“We try to accommodate everyone in general,” said Zak, the Islamic cultural advisor for the JTF.

A typical meal for a detainee might consist of beef kabobs, shrimp, rice, fresh-

baked bread, tabbouleh salad and apple juice. Each detainee can choose from six options: a regular meal, vegetarian meal, vegetarian meal with fish, soft meal, bland meal and high fiber meal.

The biggest difference in the meals for the detainees is in the meat. Special Halal meats are purchased specifically for detainee meals, as is required by the Islamic religion. Halal meats are similar to kosher meats in that the animals must be slaughtered according to religious laws.

“All of the meats served to the detainees come from the U.S. and are certified Halal,” Scott said.

Medical considerations are also a factor when preparing meals for the detainees. Special dietary orders from the physicians who care for the detainees are taken into consideration when providing meals for detainees with conditions such as high blood pressure, food allergies or diabetes.

A committee meets each month to address concerns and review menus for the

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Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Stephens performs an inspection on the current generators being used at Camp Justice. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Michael Baltz



Air Force Master Sgt. Daryl E. Smith Jr. gives direction to Air Force Staff Sgt. Guy Conley while working on the Shore Power project. When the project is completed, Camp Justice will be supported by the commercial power on base instead of generator power. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Michael Baltz

474th ECES: shore power project nears completion

Army Sgt. Michael Baltz

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

The 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron is supporting the shore power project at Camp Justice as part of the effort to convert the area from generator power to commercial power. The project is expected to be completed in the coming months and will help preserve the generators for better use, thus reducing working man-hours and saving money.

The shore power project is supported by

the 474th ECES and Burns and Roe Service Corporation, a contracting company. Each group will lay the electrical cables to a specific destination. “We set a high-voltage switch center that is going to be the tie-point between the power plant and Camp Justice,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Daryl E. Smith Jr., an electrical systems supervisor. This will mean that Camp Justice will convert from using fuel every day to being on the base’s main power grid and using commercial power.

“We are going to leave two generators

in place,” Smith said. “We will leave those circuits open [or disconnected] in case the commercial power fails.” Even with having to maintain the two generators, the project that started in the fall will be beneficial to Camp Justice. “It is a positive [move] for the future,” Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Wallace Harper said. “We will not have to deal with generators 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. It will also take the load off the generators.” The change will allow some of the generators and other assets to be returned to the home units which have rotated in and out of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and help them maintain their operation. The change will also save money.

“On average, switching from generator power to shore power will save approximately \$600,000 dollars annually,” said Air Force Maj. Steven McCollum, the project manager. The 474th ECES is here in support of the sustainment of Camp Justice and the Expeditionary Legal Complex. They are involved in several construction missions throughout Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Their projects include remodeling bathrooms and trailers in Camp America, extending the ferry landing dock and designing the pavilions at the Cuzco living quarters. ★

Long road to Washington

■ **525th MP Battalion**
*qualifies runners for Army
Ten-Miler team*

**Army Spc.
David William McLean**
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Twenty soldiers competed in a qualifying run Friday at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for the honor of representing the 525th Military Police Battalion in Washington, D.C., at the 25th anniversary of the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4.

Eight runners have been selected to train and compete with nearly 700 other teams in the event.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Jose Cardozo with the 525th MP Battalion plans to register a six-person team for the 10-miler. The best candidates will proudly represent the 525th in Washington.

“We like to have some competition to build *esprit de corps*, and have outstanding warriors represent us there,” said Cardozo. Although he is not running in the event, Cardozo organized and facilitated the run.

The route for the qualification run started at Windmill Beach Road and connected with Kittery Beach Road to the Windjammer, which was the turnaround point to head back to the start. Medics and water points were staged throughout to make sure the runners were safe during the run. The terrain and distance of this run tested some of the Soldiers who participated.

“I’m really fast, but I need to work on long distance,” said Army Pfc. Robert Sherry III, with the HHC. “I didn’t know I could run so well, so I’m going to try to increase distance and endurance. I’m going to hydrate more.”

“I almost quit at the five-mile point,” said Army Lt. Col. Alexander Conyers when addressing the Soldiers after the run. “After 26 years in the Army, I wanted to ride in the ambulance. I was going to ride the rest of the way in, but my competitive spirit just wouldn’t let me.”

The top finisher of the day was Army Sgt. Steven Allen Jones, with a time of 1 hour, 11 minutes and 4 seconds. He is also participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March and completed a 26-mile ruck march on the previous Sunday. He said his personal goals push him more than a first place finish.

“I would love to be under an hour and five minutes,” said Jones. “If I make it in October, I would love it to be an hour on the dot. That’s pretty hard training.”

Along with Jones, the team is comprised of six males and two females, led by Capt. Maxim Krekotnev. Other team members include Sgt. Samuel Nobles, Pvt. Benjamin Woods, Pfc. Robert Sherry III, Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Morriera, Spc. Mercedes Diaz, and Staff Sgt. Tammy Tillman.

Cardozo now plans to have a non-commissioned officer-in-charge come up with a training program to push the team to the



Army Pfc. Robert Sherry III runs through the hydration station at the midpoint of the 10-miler qualifying run. Twenty soldiers ran for eight positions to represent the 525th MP Battalion on Oct. 4, 2009, in Washington DC. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. David William McLean

limits. Along with this program, he plans to have the same support available of water, medics and support vehicles as they train.

“I want to make sure we follow up on the Soldiers and that they are healthy and free from injuries,” said Cardozo. “We are going to get the team in the best condition that they can be.”

For more information on participating in the Army Ten-Miler, go to www.armytenmiler.com. 📧



“Inkheart” fails to deliver

**Army Sgt.
Carmen Gibson**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

A movie filled with flame jugglers, evil doers and mythical characters that literally jump off the pages of tattered books sounds like an adventurous concept that would demand box-office gold. Unfortunately, “Inkheart” suffers from the most common flaw that turns relatively novel ideas into flat junk. Like any great comedian will tell you, it’s all in the delivery.

The flimsy way which the film adaptation of Cornelia Funke’s best-selling novel is told is nothing to laugh at; or smile at, or show any emotion whatsoever – just like Brendan Fraser in the lead role. Fraser plays Mortimer “Mo” Folchart, a forlorn book collector who is a “Silver-tongue” – one who possesses the ability to bring storybook characters to life by reading the book aloud.

Fraser seems as if he’s just plain tired of acting and allows himself to be upstaged by every minor character and villain in the entire fantasy flick.

The story begins with Mo reading a story to his wife and daughter. Weird things start happening – like the cape from Little Red Riding Hood floating along in the evening wind – but the plot never really reaches fruition. After that, a big secret looms over the audience with the appearance of his daughter, 12 years older, and missing

a mother. Since no connection was ever forged between the audience and either of the main characters, the suspense is zero. With an extremely slow build up and the anticipation of something tangible taking place, it compares to waiting for heartburn to ease.

Suddenly a slew of medieval thugs from the pages of “Inkheart,” the fantasy novel Mo was reading the night his wife disappeared, arrive to exploit his dangerous

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106 minutes

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

gift. Throughout the rest of the movie, father and daughter, along with a quick-witted, bibliophile aunt – played by Helen Mirren – escape and are captured repeatedly. Eventually, they have to face the villains, head-on, with the purpose of rescuing Resa, mother and wife, by reading her out of the dark and frightening world brewing within “Inkheart.”

There’s one twist – she was already read out by a stuttering half-bred version of a “Silver-tongue,” which evidently left her without a voice box.

The only saving grace in this film is the

parade of fantastic minor characters who struggle to move the plot, but are given little to work with and merely manage to mystify the audience long enough to forget what a pain it is to enjoy. The majority of acting credit is given to Paul Bettany, a flame-juggling, third-rate thief who, after swapping places with Resa, longs to return home to his own wife and family. Bettany struggles with the pondering question: is his true character merely defined by the pen? In short, his character is more well-rounded than slow Mo would ever hope to be.

The performance by Andy Serkis is notable. His character, the dark villain Capricorn, is just plain mean. After making himself at home in the real world after being plucked from Inkheart, he hopes to entice Mo into extracting the menacing creature Shadow from its pages to claim world domination.

His goals are a tad overdone, but he still rocks as a bad guy, and looks creepy doing it.

In the end, I really wanted another adventure series to look forward to while waiting for another Harry Potter installment. Unfortunately, now I just shudder to think there’s still another two of these things I might have to sit through. At least with some of the better predecessors, like “Potter” and “Lord of the Rings”, the audience was taken into another world, instead of just having to hear about it from books. ☆

Spring craft fair showcases local talent

**Army Sgt.
Emily Greene**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Tables laden with treasure glittered and shined as customers browsed the Spring Craft Fair at the Windjammer ballroom March 21.

The fair showcased local talent at its best, with items made of sea glass, local woods, beads, ceramics, yarns, and canvas and paint.

Kristene Peterson sells sun catchers she fashions out of seaglass found on Guantanamo Bay's beaches.

"I thought the glass was pretty and I just started playing around with it," she said. "I like making these sun catchers because I use them as Christmas ornaments too. They bring a little color into the house all year-round."

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ramon Nunez, with the base communications office, and his wife Dianelys Ruiz, a Phoenix Cable employee, started working with ceramics here on the island.

"We enjoyed it so much, we had to start selling it," said Ruiz. "We ran out of room to keep it at home."

There were approximately 20 vendors at the fair, each featuring unique items that reflected the beauty of the island and the creativity of its inhabitants.

Taylor Edwards, a teacher and reading specialist for the base elementary and high schools purchased a ceramic plate from a group of high school students who were



Dianelys Ruiz, a Phoenix Cable employee and wife of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ramon Nunez, with the base communications office, shows her art to a customer at the Spring Craft Fair at the Windjammer ballroom March 21. She and her husband are Cuban-born Americans who began working with ceramics at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Their table featured both clay souvenirs and paintings of the island. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Emily Greene

selling both pottery and prints of their original artwork.

"There are so many beautiful things here," she said. "It's hard to choose, but I am so proud to support these talented students."

The Spring Craft Fair was a treasure trove of local artisans who made litter into glitter and captured the beauty of Guantanamo Bay and the spirit of its residents in a wide array of mediums. ☆

Book club engages readers

**Army Staff Sgt.
Emily J. Russell**

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Each month, members from Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station

Guantanamo Bay come together to discuss literary works and enjoy a meal with fellow avid readers.

Since the group is small and resources aren't always available on-island, the book club chooses a different topic each

month, explained Christopher Creighton, a member of the book club. Members can read any book they choose about that topic. This month, the topic was Cuba.

Members chose a variety of books from "Ghosts of Guantanamo," to "Havana Bay," and then shared what they read with the other participants.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Clifton Guo joined the book club as a way to spend time during his deployment.

"It turns out I really like it," Guo said. "I enjoy the discussions and can learn about different books in one meeting."

The club, which began meeting late last summer, was initiated by the base librarian, who had just arrived at Guantanamo Bay.

"I was new here and wanted to get a book club started," said Lenore Garder, the base librarian. "We combine a meal and talk informally about books."

Subject selection rotates among members. Past genres include humor, the immigrant experience, mystery and biography novels. Next month, the reading selection is anything from the "Best books of 2008," list published by Amazon.

New members are encouraged to join. Call Lenore Garder at ext. 4700 or e-mail Lenore.garder@usnbgtno.navy.mil. ☆



The book club held its monthly meeting on the "GTMO Queen," March 20. Dinner and casual conversation kicked off the evening followed by a rousing discussion of books about Cuba. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens



GTMO honors military women

Women from the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay community participate in a flag-passing ceremony March 20 in honor of Women's History Month. Women from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and GTMO's civilian population honored women throughout history who have made significant contributions to the military. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs



Air Force Tech Sgt. Sonya Faucette passes an American flag to Army Staff Sgt. Marquita Williams during a ceremony March 20 in honor of Women's History Month. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

March is Women's History Month and across Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Troopers are taking the time to recognize the contributions women have made to the military throughout history.

For the second year in a row, the base Women's History Month committee sponsored a "Phenomenal Woman" award for women at GTMO who make outstanding contributions to the community.

"We feel that women's contributions should be acknowledged all year long, but this month is set aside specifically for that purpose," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Kimberly Williams, who is on the Women's History Month committee.

The committee held a Women's History Month celebration at the Bay Hill patio March 25 to recognize the winners of the "Phenomenal Woman" award and celebrate Women's History Month.

Winners of the award were Navy Capt. Collette Armbruster, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Katrina Mitchell, Carol Leapheart, Claudine Miller and Michelle Padilla.

At the Navy Hospital, the cultural diversity committee marked Women's History Month with a flag-passing ceremony dedicated to women's contributions to the military throughout history. Women from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and civilian members of the community participated in the ceremony, each representing a woman from their service who was historically significant.

The flag, which was flown over Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, was presented to Capt. Linda Ireland, the outgoing executive officer for the hospital.

"We thought it was appropriate to incorporate the flag ceremony into our recognition of women's history month because Captain Ireland represented a strong woman in our command," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Courtney Crawford, with the Navy Hospital. ☆

Galley staff serves up quality meals

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detainees. They listen to detainee complaints and suggestions and try to adjust to those that are within reason.

The meal choices are just one way the JTF works to provide the detainees with the opportunity to freely practice their religion. Meal times are coordinated to not interfere with prayer times, and meal times are changed or added during religious observances, such as Ramadan, to provide for those who fast.

Keeping the detainees content is about more than just doing the right thing. With the proper food and a full stomach, the detainees are less likely to cause disturbances in the camps, Ghuneim said.

The employees at the galleys work long hours to provide the standard of service and quality to both Troopers and detainees. The staff works in shifts from the early hours of the morning to well after dark each day. Different cooks prepare the detainee and Trooper meals separately.

"I am lucky to have such good employees," Scott said.

Once the meals are ready, they are prepared for transport to the detainee camps. The food service staff brings the meals and all accompanying side dishes to the camp, where the guards inspect and distribute them. After one meal is served, preparation for the next meal begins, keeping the galley workers continuously busy throughout the day.

JTF Guantanamo continues to work to provide safe and humane care and custody of the detainees.



Sam Scott, the assistant project manager for the galleys at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, shows a typical meal choice for a detainee during a tour of the Seaside Galley, March 20.
- JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens

Alcohol Use Policy at JTF-Guantanamo

- **The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21 is strictly prohibited.**
- **Consumption of alcoholic beverages within the first 14 days of arrival and the last 14 days before departure from JTF-GTMO is prohibited.**
- **Public consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted only in the following areas: Downtown Lyceum during movies, public beaches, outdoor dining areas of base clubs, parks and ball fields during sporting events and command functions – check policy for times or specifics.**
- **Operating any vehicle under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited.**
- **A single incident of alcohol abuse may result in any of the following: the loss of driving privileges, adverse administrative action, non-judicial punishment or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.**



For more information, please refer to JTF-GTMO Policy Memorandum #5, Use of Alcohol

<https://intranet/resources/pubs.html>



Staying in the Fold

Army Brig. Gen. Rafael O'Ferrall speaks with students of W.T. Sampson High school, March 19. O'Ferrall discussed the importance of planning for the future. With great enthusiasm, O'Ferrall provides examples of different types of leadership and the skills required to become a successful leader. O'Ferrall was very interested in what the students aspire to in the future and offered them tools to accomplish their goals. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Tiffany Addair

Boots on the Ground

by Army Staff Sgt. Emily J. Russell

Who would you like MWR to bring to Guantanamo Bay?

Navy Petty Officer
2nd Class Demarious
Franklin



“Tyler Perry. Because he has produced many interesting plays and movies.”

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
Yvette Jackson



“Jaime Foxx because he is such a great actor and singer.”

Army Spc. Ninoskka Lopez



“Denzel Washington. I like his personality as an actor and as a person.”

Army Capt. Scott Brill



“U2, because they are the greatest band ever.”

Faith

Hope

Love

**Navy Lt. Cmdr.
Clint Pickett**

JTF Command Chaplain

In the well-known chapter on love, 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, in the Christian scriptures, Paul writes about the importance of faith, hope and love. One might wonder if one is more important than another. Paul said himself that love was the greatest of the three. In any event, how do we live our lives in faith, hope, and love?

Emil Brunner, a Swiss theologian, who passed away in the 1960s, expressed a wonderful insight that I really appreciated when I first came across it several months ago. He said that as human beings, we live in three dimensions of time. We live in the past, in the future, and in the present.

We live in the past by memory. If we didn't live in the past, remembering our own history and the history of man, we would be no different from the animals. Man is the historic being, the being that has his past with him. Sometimes, I share with people that we cannot change the past, regardless of how much we may wish we could. There is no sense in wasting energy playing the "coulda, woulda, shoulda" game.

If we didn't anticipate our future we wouldn't be human. We live in the future; all our hopes, fears and plans are the things we have some control over. It is the future we have some chance of

influencing by our efforts. In contrast to animals, human beings can look into the future and imagine what we might be, could be, and should be. This is not worrying about the future necessarily, but giving some thought to what we want our future to be like.

I think most of us do not realize how difficult it can be to live in the present. It is here and now that we live and can make choices. We make choices influenced by our past, and hopefully guided by our hopes and dreams for the future. It is possible, in a very real sense, not to live in the present. We can live in the past, obsessing about what we might have done, or with the regrets about what we did do. We can get lost in worries about all kinds of things that may or may not happen in the future. Living in the present, however, is what each of us should strive to do.

What does all this have to do with the faith, hope, and love that Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians? Emil Brunner said that, for Christians, it is our relationship to Jesus that affects our living in the past, the future, and the present. We live in the past by faith, we live in the future by hope, and we live in the present by love.

When Paul says, "Love is the greatest of these," this does not mean a difference of greater or lesser importance. All of them are equally essential. We look in faith to the past, we live in hope for the future, and we live in love in the present. I hope that Brunner's thoughts on living in three dimensions might inspire your living today! ☆

JTF CHAPEL SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Catholic Mass

Sunday: 7 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday: 11 a.m.
Spanish Mass

Protestant Worship

Sunday: 9 a.m.

Spanish Protestant Worship

Sunday: 11 a.m.

Bible Study

Sunday: 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

“Fiebre Boricua”

■ *Band finds a new rhythm at Guantanamo*

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Warning! A fever will soon break out at Guantanamo Bay. But don't worry just yet; this fever will be music to the ears of many base residents.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Rafael Roman, a member of the Puerto Rico National Guard, is starting a band “Fiebre Boricua”, or “Puerto Rican Fever”. He has been working hard hammering steel oil barrels every weekend during February and March, turning them into finely tuned steel drums.

Roman's father inspired him at a young age, teaching him how to play steel drums.

“In the 60s, my father went to the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City. He was supposed to play only one day – for four hours – but everyone liked the music so much that they kept him there to play for two weeks,” Roman explained.

Roman played in a steel band with his father for about 40 years in Puerto Rico.

“We played all kinds of music,” Roman said, “Bossanova, Samba, Merengue and even tunes like ‘Hello Dolly’ and ‘New York, New York.’”

Steele drum bands are a staple of the Caribbean, with roots reaching into Trinidad when enslaved Africans began using drumming as a method of communication in the late 1800s.

“The steel barrels were donated by the Jamaicans here,” Roman said.

Creating a steel drum is a process tough as the steel itself. With sledge hammers and capable hands, Roman and his troupe began sinking the end of the barrel, creating the lead drum and the tenor drums.

“We don't have the right tools here [to create the drums],” said Army Staff Sgt. William Cruz,

a member of the band. “If you hammer too hard, you crack the drums. You have to hammer the whole surface little by little and keep it even because if you go too deep on one side, you'll crack the other side.”

After two months of hammering, tempering the steel with fire, and tuning the drums, they have taken shape and are nearly ready to make music.

“The process of tuning the steel drums was not easy and took a lot of time,” Roman said. “Each drum was tuned [to a specific pitch], and now we are ready to teach Troopers how to play steel band instruments.”

In all, nine drums will make up the band with a lead drum, a double tenor, and six bass drums.

Roman put the band together as a way to bring Troopers together and share a little Puerto Rican culture with members of Guantanamo Bay.

“I wanted to teach and entertain [Troopers] here,” Roman said. “Everyone has music inside; I'm trying to unite everyone with a musical spirit during this mobilization.”

“Fiebre Boricua” will begin practicing songs and entertaining base residents within a few weeks, according to Roman. Performance dates will be listed in the insert section of *The Wire* as well as the roller, found on Channel 4. 🌟



**Army Sgt. 1st
Class Rafael
Roman uses a
hammer to tune
a steel drum,
March 21 at
Phillips Dive
Park.** – JTF

Guantanamo
photo by Army
Staff Sgt. Emily J.
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**Roman holds a
stencil with the
English version
of the band's
name, Puerto
Rican Fever.** –

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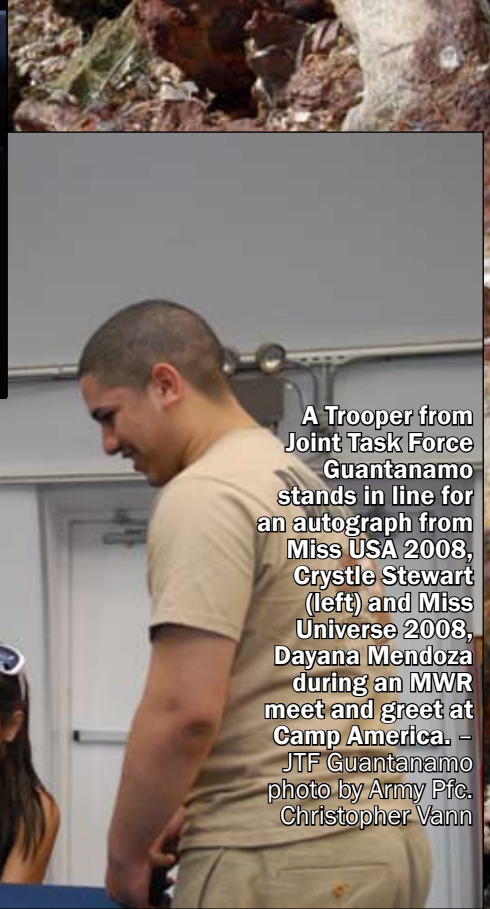
Around the JTF



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Heath Jones secures his transportable port security boat next to a Coast Guard cutter during a routine patrol of Guantanamo Bay March 21. The boat dropped off a new crew member for the cutter. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Staff Sgt. Blair Heusdens



Chief Petty Officer Fernando Guzman, with the JTF Joint Medical Group, sends a shout out to Petty Officer 2nd Class April Intoc, whose deployment ended early due to an injury. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Emily Greene



A Trooper from Joint Task Force Guantanamo stands in line for an autograph from Miss USA 2008, Crystle Stewart (left) and Miss Universe 2008, Dayana Mendoza during an MWR meet and greet at Camp America. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Pfc. Christopher Vann

