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The Integrated Defense Plan; to defend and protect

Story & photos
by Spc. Lisa Gordon

Just as the assortment of instruments in an orchestra are synchronized to form a perfect melody, the various services of Joint Task Force Guantanamo work together to contribute to the Integrated Defense Plan.

Although instruments such as the cello and saxophone may be pleasing when played individually, many people would say the sound of the individual instrument is by no means even comparable to the ebb and flow of the entire orchestra performing as one.

Similarly, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard all have their own individual roles to play in meeting the needs of the JTF Guantanamo detainment and interrogation mission. Although the individual responsibilities may be unique to each service, they are all of critical importance to the mission and are by no means mutually exclusive of one another.

"The IDP is a plan in which we com-



Pfc. Abe McBride of 2-116th Infantry Regiment prepares to drop a live round into an 81-millimeter mortar during the live fire at Hicacal Range last week.

bine all of our assets into a single coordinated effort to defend the JTF Guantanamo area of operations," said Army Lt. Col. Phillip Churn, the chief of current operations for the J3. Due to the sensitive nature of the IDP, details regarding the structure

of the plan and exactly what would happen if Guantanamo Bay came under attack are not available. However, the plan takes into account the possibility of enemy attack by way of sea, air, or land and devises strategies for the ways in which the combination of JTF troops, be they airmen, soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, or sailors, would react to enemy threat in order to defend and protect the joint operational area.

Just as an orchestra does not have all of the instruments randomly playing at once, the IDP strikes a balance among the troops that requires timing and a precision response to enemy threat. In other words, the troops of the various services must be able to coordinate with each other to know when and how to respond to threat in order to successfully defend the island. "Part of the IDP is knowing or cueing the right assets at the right time to defend the joint operations area ... If we had a seaborne threat, an airborne threat, or even if we had a land threat here somewhere, we could

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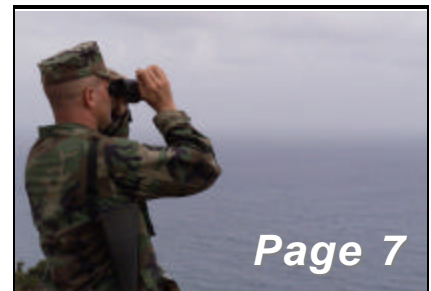
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Message from CSM George L. Nieves



**JTF-Guantanamo
Joint Task Force CSM
CSM George L. Nieves**

Taking the fight to the enemy

The JTF has planned, worked and trained hard to develop an Integrated Defense Plan to ensure the safety of all who reside at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. The defense plan incorporates the technical and tactical capabilities of all branches of service in the JTF, as well as the NAVBASE.

The purpose of defense operations is to cause an enemy attack to fail, by creating a wall of fires they cannot penetrate, which creates conditions favorable for the JTF to assume the offensive. To accomplish this task, the JTF has shifted from a static defense to a mobile defense. The mobile defense is a type of defensive operation that concentrates on the destruction or defeat of the enemy through a decisive

attack by a striking force. A mobile defense requires defenders to have greater mobility than the enemy, and the ability to occupy properly prepared survivability positions. The bottom line is, the JTF will take the fight to the enemy rather than wait for the enemy to come to us. By conducting mounted and dismounted patrols, maritime operations and constant surveillance, this JTF is prepared to defeat any enemy that approaches its borders.

The JTF has an enormous arsenal to bring fires to bear on the enemy. During our last live fire exercise the infantry employed 81mm mortars, an indirect firing weapons system, for the first time with great success. The mortars are a great

addition to an already robust arsenal consisting of the 50 cal, 240B, and M60 machine guns, the 249 SAW and the M16A2 rifle.

The tremendous knowledge, gained through training, and the professionalism displayed by the troopers of the JTF is the key to our success. Through timely and accurate reporting of the enemy by our troopers, the commander can "see the battlefield" which gives him the flexibility necessary to synchronize his forces. A lot of hard work and sweat has brought the JTF to where it is today. "A ready and capable force." Troopers of the JTF, continue to get better every day and never let your guard down.

OPSEC Corner

Remain focused, mission ready

Joint Task Force Guantanamo is a vital mission for America, our values, and our military. Service members participating in this mission have an inherent duty and responsibility to safeguard its operational details to ensure that we remain focused and mis-

sion ready during this historical military period. Although Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is essentially isolated, we are not immune from exterior threats. Our home away from home here is an inviting target, one that must be defended with precision, dedication, and professionalism. As a member of JTF Guantanamo, you can be assured that we are continually protecting our service members

and the mission. This protection is called the IDP, or Integrated Defense Plan. The IDP is a joint defensive scheme of maneuver designed to defeat any threat to our vital mission. The IDP is continually rehearsed, updated, and upgraded to ensure that we are providing the best defense possible and guarding against known and all potential threats. Know that your part of our mission remains vital and that everyone has a piece of the Integrated Defense Plan. Protect your unit's critical information, safeguard the vital particulars of your individual mission(s), and strive to improve the defensive posture of JTF Guantanamo."

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2-116th: The JTF mobile defense



(From left to right) Sgt. 1st Class Terry Thompson, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of mortar training for the 2-116th Infantry Regiment and Staff Sgt. Kevin Hunt functioned as the fire direction control team during the 81-millimeter mortar live fire at Hicacal Range last week.

Story & photos by
Spc. Lisa Gordon

He is there in the dead of night when no one else is awake, in tropical heat or an arctic freeze, whether it's dry and humid or in torrential downpours. No matter what the case, he is ever vigilant, standing his post and fulfilling his duties long after most people would no longer find the strength or the stamina. He is the United States Army infantry soldier.

Infantry soldiers have always been an integral part of protecting not only America's people, but also its precious assets. Here, the importance of the infantry protecting and defending our area of operations is invaluable.

The JTF Integrated Defense Plan incorporates all services of Joint Task Force Guantanamo into the defense of Guantanamo Bay against enemy attack. Since the nature of being an infantry soldier is to successfully engage and destroy the enemy, the infantry soldiers stationed here, 2-116th Infantry Regiment, play a large role in the IDP. Although the particulars of the plan remain confidential, just about everything the 2-116th does is geared toward improving their role in the IDP.

Army Lt. Col. Thomas Wilkinson, battalion commander for 2-116th, said, "For us it involves the mobile defense of the Camp Delta area to deny the enemy uncontested maneuver into our sector ... The IDP is the 'real world' reason we are here.

defend the camp (Delta)."

Between Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie Companies, the 2-116th has one company each week in the "red" or training cycle. This means that not a day goes by when there aren't soldiers from the 2-116th out there in the field improving their abilities to protect and defend, as well as their battle readiness.

Last week, soldiers from Bravo Company, 2-116th Infantry Regiment conducted a live fire exercise using 81-millimeter mortars at Hicacal Range. The soldiers have been gearing up for the live fire for weeks; practicing the set up and firing of the weapons, and taking their gunner's exam in preparation. Before being permitted to fire live rounds, the soldiers had to take a five-task gunner's exam, the passing of which demonstrated the soldier's proficiency in his knowledge and use of the weapon.

In addition to those who fire the mortars, known as the gun team, there are soldiers who function as forward observers and fire direction control. According to Sgt. 1st Class Terry Thompson, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of mortar training, the gun team, FO, and FDC make the fire support triangle. Since the gun team is usually firing the mortar from behind a hill or a ridge, they cannot see what they are firing

at. It is the FO that acts as the eyes for the gun team. The FO then coordinates with the FDC, who calls the gun team and tells them exactly where to fire.

Everything we do in training, mission, and live fires, brings us that much better prepared to accomplish our mission ... We are continuing to improve through rehearsals, training, and live fires to make us that much better if and when the time comes to

Thompson explained, "Say the FO spotted a target and he knows the grid coordinates; he calls that in to our FDC. They compute the data and that gives a deflection (direction either left or right) or elevation (up or down) for the gun. It's called the fire support triangle: FO to FDC to gun in order to get the round down range ... the purpose is to deliver effective and timely indirect fire."

Army Lt. Col. Phillip Churn, chief of current operations for the J3, said the addition of the 81mm mortars is a new asset to the IDP. "We have just incorporated the mortars into the IDP. The mortars give us the ability to attack a target at a greater distance than what we can do with our conventional land forces. That's another dimension that we have just added to our IDP and it gives us more stand off distance between the enemy approaching us and our joint operations area."

Thompson said that mortars can be used not only for firing on an enemy in the distance, but for influencing the

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Spc. Grady Hyatt, of Bravo Co. 2-116th Infantry Regiment checks the sight on an 81-millimeter mortar before preparing to fire during last week's live fire exercise at Hicacal Range.

Who's protecting the bay? It's a MSSTery!

Story & photo
by Sgt. Erin Viola

A special group of troopers has come into town recently. It's a newly formed anti-terrorism and force protection team hailing from the Coast Guard that was formed as a direct result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. They are the Maritime Safety and Security Team 91102, here to provide harbor defense for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

"Our unit was commissioned just under a year ago, August 16th. The idea of a MSST has been something the Coast Guard has been looking into for a number of years. After September 11, 2001, the idea came back to the forefront and the Coast Guard decided to commission some teams," said Coast Guard Lt. Paul Gill, officer in charge of MSST 91102.

"Right now there are four MSST teams in the United States and four more will be commissioned in the next six or seven months," said Gill.

Some compare the MSST to a SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team. The MSST is a bit different from the average Coast Guard unit in that they have received very specialized training in weaponry, warfare tactics, and some common task training similar to what the Army receives at basic training. In addition, the MSST teams will eventually have underwater capabilities, and trained dogs that can detect explosives on sea vessels.

"My coxswains have been trained in special types of techniques that the average Coast Guard coxswain doesn't use from day to day," said Gill. The team received training in advanced boat tactics and maneuvers, use of lethal and non-lethal weapons and advanced law enforcement tactics. These are just a few of the ways in which this team is more specialized than the average Coast Guard unit. Additionally, MSST 91102 has the capability to deploy within 12 hours anywhere along the eastern seaboard of the United States.

The unit number designation of MSST 91102 originated from the date



Failure is not an option for this specialized force. The Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91102 is a key element of our layered defense posture here. From left to right MK3 Justin Chusta, MK3 Jonathan Chapin, GM3 Alex Rubio, MST2 Jeff Lovett, Chief Scott Pugh, and MK3 Steve Rens.

of the terrorist attacks on America, and the 02 signifies that they are the second team to be commissioned.

The team is an active duty component of the Coast Guard, and is responsible for protecting the harbors and assets of the entire East Coast of the United States.

"Our unit has good leadership and I think it is all about being a team and coming together"

Petty Officer 2nd Class Gloria O'Lake

MSST 91102 is part of the Guantanamo Integrated Defense Plan. They coordinate high-level defense initiatives with the Navy's Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212 and the Army's 2-116th Infantry Regiment, to ultimately protect JTF Guantanamo and the Navy Base.

According to Gill, MIUWU 212 looks out over the horizon while the Coast Guard carries out waterborne security, and the infantry takes care of shoreline defenses. The three services work together via battle handover lines, to guard against any possible hostile activity in or around the borders of the JTF joint operational area.

"I feel very confident that my unit

can perform this mission. Our role is to protect the base, to make sure the base is secure and the detainees are secure," said Gill.

The motivation is high among the MSST 91102 troopers, not only because they are excited to be a part of something new, but because they were created as a direct result of the events of September 11, 2001 and they now have a chance to perform a unique mission, as a result of that.

"Our unit has good leadership and I think it is all about being a team and coming together," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Gloria O'Lake. "This is a great learning experience for us. Working with the other services is extremely important. Everybody learns from each other. We get good tips from the other services and they get some from us."

Being prepared at all times is an inherent part of being a member of the Coast Guard, and that is why we can feel safe having MSST 91102 protecting Guantanamo Bay and JTF Guantanamo. "Every day, Coasties go out and save lives. Every day, Coasties interdict illegal aliens trying to enter the United States. Every day, coasties bust people for smuggling drugs. So we do the King's (God's) business every day," said Gill.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day Mob style



Sp. Greg Shpunder, 2-116th Infantry Regiment, takes center stage at the Windjammer during the St. Patrick's Day celebration and performs a few songs on his bagpipes as the crowd cheers and claps along.

Story & photos by
Sp. Alan L. Knesek

Everyone was Irish Friday night, when the Windjammer opened its doors to Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob during their St. Patrick's Day Party.

It was a night of music, dancing, a few St. Patrick's Day trivia questions, and performances featuring Joint Task Force Guantanamo's very own troops.

Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob got

the party started with covers of "Sweet Home Alabama," "Superstition," "Lady Marmalade," and many more. With four years experience playing for service members around the world, Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob knew how to put on a good show.

"We have been to places like the Sinai, Turkey, Greenland, some really remote sites over the years and spent a lot of time in Asia. We are very proud to be Americans. Our message we want to bring here is that we support you and we thank you for our freedom," said Allen.

The party was well underway when JTF Guantanamo MWR's very own Capt. Juan Gonzalez, stepped on stage and got behind the bongos.

Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob took a break to bring up another local performer for a special St. Patrick's Day debut at the Windjammer. Sp. Greg Shpunder of the 2-116th Infantry Regiment took center stage and entertained the troops with his bagpipes. Renditions of "Amazing Grace" and "Rowan Tree," even inspired a few people

to do Irish jigs on the dance floor. One might have mistaken the Windjammer for a small-town pub in Dublin, Ireland with the bagpipes in the background, the Irish dancers entertaining the audience and the crowd clapping to the music.

Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob continued the show after Shpunder's performance. Gonzalez set aside the bongos and entertained the crowd by playing a flute as if he were the piper himself.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration came to a close when the band and Gonzalez played "Brick House."



Doug Allen and the Chicago Mob stirs up the crowd and gets them on the dance floor with their cover of "Brick House" at the Windjammer's St. Patrick's Day Party.

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execute the IDP to isolate and destroy that threat," said Churn.

The IDP plays a vital part in the presence of the United States military in Cuba and it is because of the plan's importance that JTF Guantanamo service members are constantly preparing themselves to defend and to fight. Churn said that training JTF troopers is an important part of ensuring that they are able to execute the plan should they be called upon to do so. Churn said, "The training, the live fire exercises ... everything we do is geared toward the IDP ... We learn as we train and we learn as we go, and it's especially good for all the troopers out there that are executing this. It allows them to see firsthand things that they need to do differently to make the IDP better ... the troopers are ready to go and they'll continue to stay that way."

The IDP functions to help JTF troops know when and how to respond, and that extends to all troops, whether they are at the bottom or the top of the rank structure. Churn said, "These assets

(JTF services) have to be integrated in command and control because it gives the JTF commander situational awareness so he can decide when and where he wants to engage the threat, with what forces, and the lethality of our weapons systems to engage the enemy forces and destroy them."

Working in a joint environment may not be anything new for the United States military, but it is the dedication and unremitting hard work of JTF troopers which enables continuous improvement in the JTF IDP. "We have the ability to look out at sea to see what's out there. We have the ability to look in the air to see what's overhead. By bringing all these assets and all these capabilities of the units we have here, we have a very good picture of what's out there and what's coming our way, if there is anything coming our way. That gives us the ability to make the decisions we need to defend the JOA ... Our troopers are great here ... They know what they're doing, they're ready to go, and we're better for it," Churn stated.

Chaplain's Corner

By CH (LTC) Herbert Heavner,
Command Chaplain, Joint Task
Force Guantanamo

The Integrated Defense Plan is an important military concept because we always need to be aware of who the enemy is and where the enemy might attack. We have to be constantly diligent so the enemy can't break through our defenses with a successful attack. This is of no less concern on the spiritual plane. It is important for all of us to realize that our spiritual enemy is out to get us. From the very beginning of humanity the enemy has plotted against us. In the Garden of Eden he appeared in the form of a serpent to tempt Adam and Eve. He was successful in convincing them that they did not need the defense of God in their life, but rather that they could go it alone. Throughout history that same spiritual enemy has used a variety of ploys to convince us that we don't need the presence of God in our lives.

In a military confrontation the enemy will try to exploit our defense by attacking our weaknesses, not our strengths. So it is with

our spiritual enemy. He will try to convince us that we don't need God's presence in our lives to give us strength. He will try to use doubt and uncertainty in order to get us to abandon our faith.

He will attempt to make us believe bad things are going on at home in our absence. He even uses our loved ones to add to our sense of defeat. When they are feeling weak and defeated, so are we.

May I suggest to you that the best counter-attack for this plan of the enemy is to develop a positive, integrated spiritual defense plan of our own? We know who our spiritual enemy is. We know he will try to break through our defenses at any time. Bolster your defense by reading more of the Scripture and find time for prayer. Improve your defenses by learning to rely more on the positive power of the Almighty in your life. You will discover that your integrated spiritual defense plan will become the greatest force for good in your life—whether in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, or at your home station. It will help you to defeat the enemy and come out a victor!

Growing congregations and counseling services

By CH (LTC) Herbert Heavner
Command Chaplain
Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Joint Task Force Guantanamo has an active religious support program. CH (Lt. Col.) Herbert Heavner, CH (Lt. Col.) Ray Bucon, CH (Maj.) John Terrell, and CH (Capt.) Y. Yee are the chaplains in the JTF Guantanamo religious support team. Staff Sgt. Michael Montgomery, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Sgt. B.J. Henderson, and Spc. Abby Keeley assist the chaplains.

"Our team has done a great job of advancing the religious climate on the island. We provide counseling daily for many soldiers, and we try to assist the large number of soldiers who receive emergency Red Cross messages," said Chaplain Heavner, command chaplain, and the leader of the protestant services for Camp America.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Hoyer, a member of the protestant congregation said, "The chapel services here have helped me to be

much more spiritually grounded. They have helped me to make a better adjustment to the distance from my family created by the deployment."

Another member of the congregation, Sgt. Emanuel Mahand, a supply sergeant assigned to the 785th MP Battalion says, "Chapel service allows me to worship and fellowship with other believers. The choir is truly a blessing to our service because it ushers people into the presence of God."

Chaplain Bucon conducts Roman Catholic services for JTF Guantanamo troops. There are more masses now than there were in November. "Over the past three months I have seen a more focused spirituality develop in many of our service members. With familiar routines and family members far removed, a growing relationship with God and a reprioritizing of personal values is taking place. New questions are being asked by troops such as: Where is God in my life? How can my faith in God support me? Does God understand my fears, my

Worship Services

Catholic

Main Chapel

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

Camp America

Sun.	10:45 a.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel
	5 p.m.	Mass Wooden Chapel

Protestant

Main Chapel

Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship*
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5 p.m.	Bible Study*
	6:30 a.m.	Praise and Worship Service

* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex

Camp America

Wed.	7 p.m.	Service
Sun.	9 a.m.	Service White Tent
	7 p.m.	Service Wooden Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints

Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
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Islamic

Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12 ChapelComplex
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Jewish

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

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

The bus will return immediately following worship.

Close working relationship ensures safety



Photo by Spc. Delaney Jackson

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Downing performs a commo check while Petty Officer 1st Class Kim Miller keeps a vigilant watch.

Story by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

The Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 212 provides Joint Task Force Guantanamo and the Naval Station with seaward surveillance. Their constant surveillance makes them the eyes and ears of the early warning system for the waters in the area.

Their mission here is another piece of the puzzle that makes up the Integrated Defense System for JTF Guantanamo and the NAVSTA.

“We are a mobile unit which can be put into an area where we are needed to detect intruders. With our sensors

and lookouts, we keep a watch on traffic in the seaward areas and report that activity to our chain of command,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. David W. Harrod, operations officer with the MIUWU 212.

The MIUWU 212 sets up surveillance in a designated area and alerts the other Armed Forces of intruders.

“Part of our equipment that enables us (to perform our mission) is radar and lookouts,” Harrod said.

These sensors aid the MIUWU 212 in the early detection and constant surveillance of traffic in the seas that they monitor.

According to Harrod, the Integrated Defense System is “the plan by which all the components of JTF Guantanamo come together to coordinate and work with each other in defending the high value asset of Guantanamo Bay. There’s Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Army components and different components of each branch and service and we work together to protect the detainee operations and provide defense to ensure that those operations are not compromised.”

Continuous communication and coordination with the Coast Guard and the Infantry helps the MIUWU 212 maintain a close working relationship and enables them to become fully involved with the JTF Guantanamo Integrated Defense Plan.

With the Army and Marine Corps providing the ground force defense, the Coast Guard securing the waters around Guantanamo Bay and MIUWU 212 acting as one of the first lines of warning, the services come together to create the Integrated Defense Plan and ensure the safety of those stationed here.

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direction of the enemy’s direction of movement. “You can do a lot with mortars. You can fool the enemy by actually driving them into your direct fire weapons. We can push the enemy if we just start chasing them, because if a round hits in front of you, which way are you going to run? It’s all tactics depending on if we’re in the offense or the defense,” said Thompson.

Although the mortars may be one of the newest additions to JTF Guantanamo’s IDP, they are by no means the only way in which the infantry soldiers contribute to the plan. The infantrymen of the 2-116th continue not only to maintain, but to improve their infantry skills. Soldiers conduct both mounted and dismounted patrols in order to mon-

itor the island and report any unusual activity they may find. In addition, they stand guard at various locations around Guantanamo Bay, checking to make sure that only authorized personnel are permitted access into certain areas.

The activities of JTF Guantanamo’s infantry soldiers are geared toward ensuring the success of the IDP, should it ever need to be carried out in case of enemy attack. A combination of both training exercises and everyday duties provide the current level of readiness.

Army Capt. Chris Duesing, commander of Charlie Co., 2-116th said, “Patrols enable the infantry to locate any enemy activity in our sector. We will be able to maneuver on and destroy any enemy forces. Live fire exercises enable us to practice the initial phases of the mobile defense and work directly

with Navy and Coast Guard forces as well as our own indirect fire weapons (mortars). The soldiers of my company are ready to execute the defense. We practice the execution by walk-throughs and by war-gaming possible scenarios. Soldiers of my company and the battalion are capable to perform any mission given to us, at any time.”

Due to the consistency with which the soldiers practice their infantry skills, they have been able to refine their role in the JTF IDP. Hopefully they will never need to put their piece of the IDP into action, but if they do, they’re always willing, always able, and always ready.

JTF Heath Source

Personal defense against blood-borne pathogens

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Felipe Rodriguez

Blood is the most important fluid in the human body. Blood carries oxygen and nutrients throughout the body, making life possible. However, blood can sometimes transmit diseases.

Because of the serious nature of blood-borne pathogens, it's important that all military personnel understand what they are, how they are transmitted, and how they can protect themselves.

We should be concerned with diseases such as Hepatitis B and HIV, the virus that carries AIDS. The most serious is Hepatitis B, an inflammation of the liver, of which 30 percent of people who are exposed will contract the disease compared to only 0.5 percent who will contract HIV. Hepatitis B can live outside the body for a few days!

These diseases are caused by blood-borne pathogens — disease-causing

microorganisms that are transmitted through blood and other bodily fluids. They are primarily transmitted from blood to blood contact but can also be transmitted through other bodily fluids such as saliva and semen. Don't forget, cuts in your skin or in your mouth are a rapid route of transmission. Prevention is the best method for avoiding a possible exposure. A well-designed and practiced protection plan should be in place.

Protection begins with having the correct attitude toward possible exposure. This is called using universal precautions, which means you should assume that all blood or body fluids are contaminated until proven otherwise. Next, personal protective equipment (PPE) should be available and used whenever there is a possibility for an exposure.

The beginning stages of a hostile environment such as a riot or a fight should be a sign for on-duty members to don their PPE. Glasses or goggles should be carried

in all members' pockets for rapid donning if needed. Gloves can be doubled up, in case the first pair gets contaminated or rips. If there is a possibility of an aggressive person purposely spreading body fluids - shield your eyes and nose, and close your mouth.

Make sure you bag contaminated articles, such as PPE or clothing in a red bio-hazard bag and dispose properly. Document all cases of exposures even if you think they are minimal. And, seek medical attention if you are exposed so the appropriate tests can be administered.

Charlie Papa!

Man on the Street

Compiled by Army Spc. Delaney Jackson

This week's question:

What does it take to be a Joint Task Force Warrior?



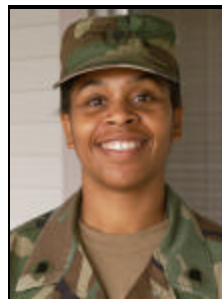
Spc. James Dones, HHC
2-116th Inf. Regiment

"Good leadership, a person who can keep morale up, a person that can make a split-second decision."



Army Sgt. Sam Sanderfer,
96th Transportation

"Self-discipline, motivation, and the will to go the extra mile."



Spc. Lolita Roberts, 132nd
MP Co.

"Knowing your job and doing it to the best of your ability."



Spc. Andrew Rios, 806th
Postal Detachment

"Hard work, determination, being focused and being flexible to changes."



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Darrell Adams, MIUWU 212,

"A 'JTF Warrior' is always vigilant, alert, and ready to serve and protect. Always conducts himself in a military manner; plays hard and trains harder."

From Subs to Guantanamo

Story by Spc. Alan L. Knesek

Over the years he has toured the United Kingdom, Belgium and France. He's been on two submarine deployments and is now here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo as a member of the Joint Interrogation Group.

He will be referred to as "G" and specific details on exactly what he does here at JTF Guantanamo cannot be revealed in order to protect his identity.

"G" is an active duty sailor and his permanent duty station is the Command Naval Submarine Forces in Norfolk, Va. Here at JTF Guantanamo, he works in the administrative and personnel section of the JIG.

"It (his job) plays an important part here, administration and personnel operations are daily ... it

is important to make sure soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines leave with their awards and their evaluation reports. It plays an enormous part in the daily missions of the JTF," said G.

His experience with joint missions did not start here. His first duty station in the United Kingdom was also with a joint command.

"The drive to want to do better keeps me motivated to do my job ... for the most part (everyday) I'm up and about and doing my assignment to the best of my ability ... striving to be better every time," "G" said.

For "G" this is one more first hand opportunity to see and work along side different services and learn how their missions play a role in today's military.

National Women's History Month

Submitted by Army Maj. Jo Irby
 Joint Task Force Guantanamo
 Chief Legal Assistance Officer

By authority of Public Law 100-9, we celebrate March as Women's History Month. This year's theme "Women Pioneering the Future," incorporates both women who have made history and who are pioneering our future.

The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions.

Army Reserve's First African-American Woman General: On May 26, May 2002, Brig. Gen. Carrie Nero has become the first black woman to become a brigadier general in the Army Reserve. Nero, who was promoted to her current rank on May 5, 2002, is Chief Nurse of the Army Reserve's 3rd Medical Command. In her civilian occupation, she is the Director of Minority Health at the Pinellas County (Florida) Health Department. This is also a first; Pinellas County has the first Minority Health Department in the state of Florida. Nero joined the Army Reserve in 1975 while a surgical nurse at the Bayfront Medical Center, after a recruiting visit there by Army Reserve nurses. Nero holds a bachelor's degree, three master's degrees and a doctorate. She is one of eight women general officers in the Army Reserve. In addition to Nero, two others are also Army Nurse Corps officers, Maj. Gen. Donna Barbisch and Brig. Gen. Kristine Campbell.

The Equal Opportunity managers and the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay community will celebrate National Women's History Month during the annual Women's History Dinner Program Mar. 28 at the Windjammer from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12. The guest speaker will be Navy Capt. Ginny Beeson who is the Chief of Nursing Services at Bethesda Naval Hospital. For more information, please call Navy Lt. Bautista at 5829.

Movie Schedule

Camp Bulkeley

Fri., Mar. 21

8 p.m. *Star Trek: Nemesis*
 R-116 min.
 10 p.m. *8 Mile*
 R- 111 min

Sat., Mar. 22

8 p.m. *Analyze That*
 R-100 min.
 10 p.m. *Red Dragon*
 R-125 min.

Sun., Mar. 23

8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Harry Potter: Chamber of Secrets
 PG-138 min.

Mon., Mar. 24

8 p.m. *Solaris*
 PG13-99 min.

Tues., Mar. 25

8 p.m. *Antwone Fisher*
 PG13-113 min.

Wed., Mar. 26

8 p.m. *Empire*
 R-100 min.

Thurs., Mar. 27

8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Maid in Manhattan
 PG 13-106 min.

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., Mar.21

7 p.m. *Just Married*
 PG 13-95 min.
 9 p.m. *Bringing Down The House*
 PG13-105 min.

Sat., Mar. 22

7 p.m. *Kangaroo Jack*
 PG-89 min.
 9 p.m. *National Security*
 PG 13-90 min.

Sun., Mar. 23

7 p.m. *Final Destination 2*
 R-90 min.

Mon., Mar. 24

7 p.m. *Bringing Down The House*
 PG13-105 min.

Tues., Mar. 25

7 p.m. *Final Destination 2*
 R-90 min.

Wed., Mar. 26

7 p.m. *A Guy Thing*
 PG13-101 min.

9 p.m. *National Security*
 PG 13- 90 min

Thurs., Mar. 27

7 p.m. *Cradle 2 The Grave*
 R-100 min.

Take a trip to the beach

An on-call beach service is available to take groups to the beach on Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested groups should call the transportation dispatch office at 3353 or 3136 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and a bus will pick them up and drop them off at the requested beach.

NATIONAL SPORTS

In the headlines ...

Written by Spc. Mark Leone

As the United States is on the brink of war with Iraq, people are beginning to become very cautious. The **NCAA tournament** will go on as planned, but **Major League Baseball** has canceled its season opening series between **Seattle** and **Oakland**, scheduled for March 25-26 at the **Tokyo Dome**. The games were rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland.

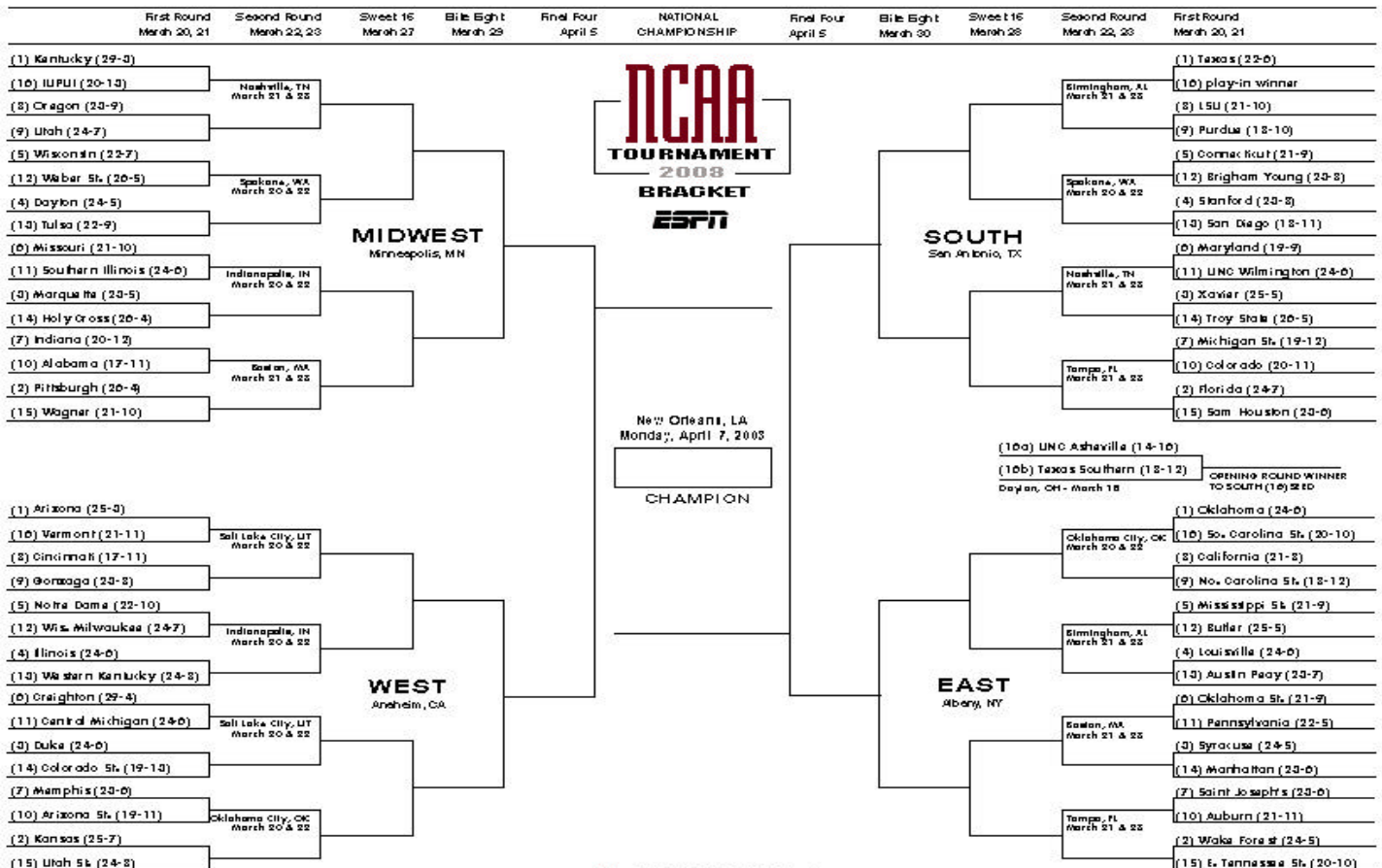
In the National Football League the **Carolina Panthers** have reached an agreement with unrestricted free agent **Kevin Dyson** and slot receiver **Ricky Proehl**. Terms are not yet available. The **New York Jets** also have said that they will not match the **Redskins** \$35 million offer sheet to restricted free agent wide receiver **Laveranues Coles**. The **Jets** will receive **Washington's** first round pick in the draft as compensation. **Keyshawn Johnson** is the latest **Tampa Bay Buccaneer** to help save the team some

money in hopes of repeating next year as champion. **Johnson** has agreed to restructure his eight year \$56 million contract.

The **Basketball Hall of Fame** has asked **LeBron James**, a senior at Akron's **St. Vincent-St. Mary**, to donate a game worn jersey to put on display. James will donate a uniform and a pair of basketball sneakers.

In a surprise move, the **San Jose Sharks** fired general manager **Dean Lombardi** Tuesday after a disappointing season thus far. The Sharks have improved on their point total every year since coming into the league. I guess when you're hot, you're hot, and when you're not, you're dropped.

Roy Jones Jr. is looking for his next heavy weight fight and **Evander Holyfield** is in the mix. That's not the only option **Jones** is looking into. For all you **Mike Tyson** fans, that fight is still a possibility. Jones will look at both fighters, but to fight **Tyson**, **Jones** wants big money, \$100 million.



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JTF SPORTS

Captain's Cup playoffs underway



Players from both the '96 Trans' and the 'Get Moers' battle for the rebound in Monday night's match up. '96th Trans' went on to win 34-26.

Story & photos
by Spc. Delaney T. Jackson

Half of the teams in the Captain's Cup basketball league found themselves on the brink of elimination Monday night after the first round of the double elimination

playoff tournament.

The 'Get Moers' found themselves on the losing end of a match-up with the '96th' Trans' team by a score of 34-26.

The second game of the night pitted 'JTF GTMO HQ' against 'NavSta' and although it seemed 'JTF HQ' had the game wrapped up early, 'NavSta' put on the pressure to come back and tie up late in the second half. In the final minute, it all came down to one missed free throw. 'Navsta' went on to win this one 58-55.

The 'BR Bulldogs' closed out the regular season with an undefeated record and don't seem likely to give up their death-grip on the league in the playoffs either, as they went on to beat the '785th MP Co.' by a dime, final 50-40.

In the final game of the night, the two teams that fought for second place during the regular season met up. 'Hospital' went head to head with team 'Security.' and took a loss in the biggest spread of the night, dropping this game by 20. Final score 'Security' 61, 'Hospital' 41.



Spc. Yamell Rickett, 'JTF GTMO HQ' soars towards the net in Monday's game against 'NavSta'. 'NavSta' went on to win 58-55.

Come one come all; Softball season steps up to the plate

Softball Season is quickly approaching and if you would like to sign up, send the name of your unit, the coach, and the team roster to Capt. Juan Gonzalez, the JTF MWR Officer in Charge.

All teams must present their rosters no later than March 21, 2003.

-for more info call 3045

Triathlon

March 29, 2003

5:30 a.m. at the Ferry Landing

3/4 mile swim
25 mile Bike
10K run

Three person team relay and individuals

-for more info call 2193

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loneliness, my frustrations?" said Bucon.

Chaplain Yee meets with members of the Muslim community weekly on Friday afternoons. He provides counsel to the Joint Detention Operations Group and JTF Guantanamo leadership. The information that he has provided has led to many improvements for Muslims troops of JTF Guantanamo, as well as an increased awareness of detainees' religious needs. This information led to the establishment of the first daily celebration of Ramadan by Muslims in our community.

15 Minutes of Fame...

with Spc. Melissa Velazquez
785th Military Police Battalion

The bargain shopper for JTF Guantanamo!

Interview and photo
by Spc. Lisa Gordon

Q: What is your job here?

A: I'm a 92Y - Supply Specialist.

Q: What do you do in your civilian job?

A: I write training manuals and conduct new equipment training for the tank and automotive command of the U.S. Army.

Q: How did you get that job?

A: I got hired off of active duty straight out of Fort Hood.

Q: What kind of new equipment are you teaching people about?

A: I've trained people on the new fire fighting vehicle, and on the water distributor, which is attached to the fire fighting vehicle. I've also written manuals for the heavy expanded mobility tactical truck.

Q: How long have you been doing this civilian job?

A: Three years.

Q: How long were you active duty?

A: I was active duty for three years and I've been in the Army Reserve for three years now.

Q: You have an interesting civilian job, how did you become interested in doing it?

A: It just came to me easily, since I had been working with these vehicles. I had driven a lot of these vehicles. I'd seen a lot of them operate. One thing kind of flowed into the other



Spc. Melissa Velazquez of the 785th Military Police Battalion says this is one of the best deployments she's ever been on. Having spent seven and a half months in a tent in Bosnia in 1999, she says she feels lucky to have a house to live in, that has a floor, a kitchen and a shower.

and it made it an easy choice for me.

Q: What do you like best about that job?

A: I get to travel and go to different military posts. I enjoy being around military people.

Q: Is this your first deployment?

A: No. I was in Bosnia in 1999 for seven and a half months.

Q: How does that deployment compare to this one?

A: Oh, this is the easiest one I've ever been on because we have houses, floors, showers, kitchens. However, this is the first time that I've worked at this level.

Q: What is the hardest part

about being deployed here?

A: Being away from family, but that is how it is with any deployment.

Q: What do you actually do for your job here?

A: Basically, I do a lot of research trying to find different vendors and find the lowest price for whatever is being requested. I use the regular Army supply channel a lot because that saves a lot of money.

Q: Who are you ordering the supplies for?

A: The entire Joint Task Force.

Q: What kinds of things have you ordered so far?

A: We order anything from office supplies to vehicles.

Q: What is the hardest part about your job here?

A: Meeting deadlines for high priority items. We live on an island so it takes a bit longer to get things sometimes. So that makes it challenging to meet deadlines.

Q: What do you like best about your job here?

A: I enjoy helping people and getting them what they need.

Q: Why the switch from active duty to Reserve?

A: I did my active duty time to get money for school. I started going to school right after I finished my active duty.

Q: What are you going to school for?

A: Business Management.

Q: What's your dream job?

A: I would say being the manager of my own small company. Probably something along the lines of what I'm doing now; contracting for the government.

Q: Has your experience in the military benefited you as a civilian?

A: Oh, definitely. It gave me a working knowledge of all the equipment I work with in my civilian job. It gave me a good perspective on how a soldier might be thinking when they read the manuals I write. I've been on both sides so I can write a little bit better and help the soldiers out.