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GTMO discussed at House Armed Services Committee

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Key GTMO leadership went before the House Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington June 29 to address questions about Guantanamo Bay.

Twenty-two people had come to visit GTMO the previous weekend, 16 of which were part of the committee. The purpose of the hearing was to ask questions of the GTMO leadership and comment on what they saw during their visit here.

Many of the members who spoke displayed an incredible respect for the job the Troopers at GTMO were doing, and all had something good to say. Comments such as "I was pleasantly surprised" were uttered more than once.

The chairman summed up the overall feelings of the council in his opening words.

"What we saw was not the 'Gulag of our times.' Instead, we saw a world-class detention facility where detainees representing a threat to our national security are well fed, given access to top-notch medical facilities and provided an opportunity to obtain legal representation," said Mr. Duncan Hunter, the chairman of the committee. "While there, we ate from the same menu as the detainees, and I must say, having eaten the detainee food, as well as the rest of the members of the delegation did, and looking at the weight-gain charts, it's evident that the detainees have gained an average of [six] pounds a piece over the past year... Not

only are they well fed, they are receiving first-rate medical services comparable to HMOs in the United States... One hundred percent of the detainees have been given written notice of their right to contest their detention in the United States court of law as well as instructions on how to obtain a lawyer pro bono... The leadership at the facility emphasizes religious and cultural respect and provides treatment of the detainees that goes far beyond that required by the Geneva Convention."

The three GTMO leaders, Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the JTF-GTMO commander, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mendez, JDOG Command Sergeant Major, and Navy Cmdr. Cary Ostergaard, the detainee hospital commander, were asked a variety of questions during the meeting. The subjects discussed oriented mainly around detainee treatment to include topics such as religious respect paid to detainees, health care, diet and proper interrogation techniques.

"The character of our country and our values has never been reflected better than

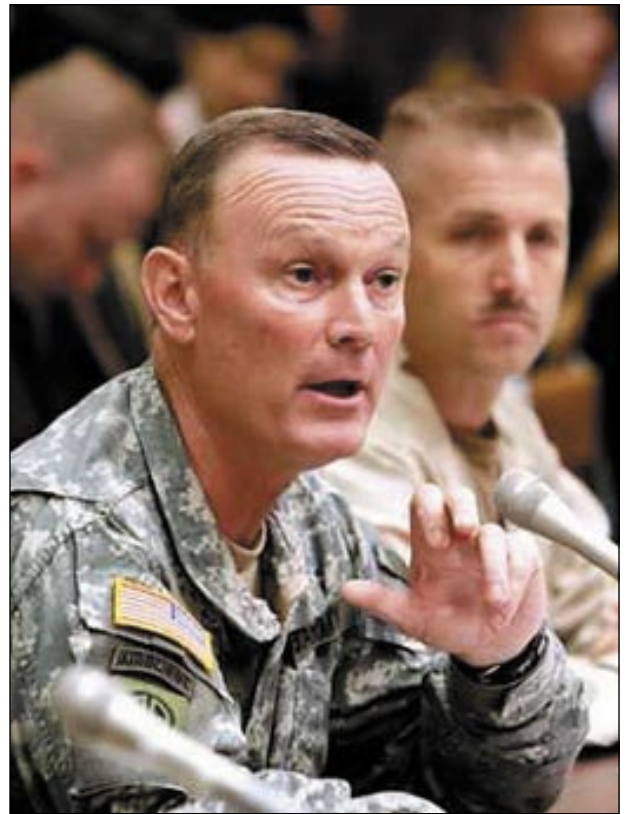


Photo at yahoo.com

Brig. Gen. Jay Hood addressed the House Armed Services Committee.

that which has been reflected by you [Brig. Gen. Hood] and your staff," said Hunter.

In Hunter's closing comments, he also declared that the word best used to describe the people at GTMO is "professionalism."

One only has to look at the compliments being spoken about the Troopers to realize one thing; people are not only realizing that Troopers are doing their job in a humane way, but the mission at GTMO is an important part of the global war on terrorism. ■

Updates from the CSM

By **CSM Angel Febles**

JTF Command Sergeant Major

Last week, BG(P) Hood and CSM Mendez testified before congress and answered important questions allowing our political leadership to make informed decisions. Since the commencement of the GTMO mission we have been the focal point on every media forum. In these past months, we have experience a large number of visits by congressional delegates, to include many of our high level military leadership.

These visits are very important because it allows direct observation of our mission and the great professionals that make it happen. Although the opinions of our visitors differ, they all agree that they are impressed with all of our troopers (YOU). I say this with great pride because the JTF CDR and I see it on a regular basis. You are all outstanding professionals that endure tough conditions on a daily basis and make it look effortlessly -- thank you all for the great work you do every day.

On another note, the JTF and the NAVBASE have planned, rehearsed and executed the DXWX exercises that are taking place now. I have included continuous guidance, to all the senior NCO leadership, to ensure everyone reads the DXWX SOP and plans. The intent is to troubleshoot the plan, and allow all leaders to become familiar with the plan and translate those to all troopers.



Once everyone is familiar with and rehearses the plan, it becomes a battle drill that will save lives. It is battle drills (Training) that teach troopers to react to situations like it's second nature. It is battle drills that saved lives on the USS Cole, in the past and on the current battlefields. This week we had a few speed bumps, but overall, everyone gave way together and did a superb job.

Lastly, I have received countless e-mails and phone calls with volunteers for the landscape restoration project (removal of graffiti). Thank you for your quick response. I am awaiting the required supplies and will announce the date and time through all available forums.

Honor Bound! ■

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One on one with Al Jazeera

By **Spc. Ian Shay**

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Al Jazeera is an international news outlet broadcasting to approximately 50 million viewers worldwide. Al Jazeera was launched in November of 1996 with a \$150 million grant from the Emir of Qatar. The station originally broadcast six hours a day to Arab nations and parts of Europe. In 1999, Al Jazeera became the first Arab news network to broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

By 2001, Al Jazeera was covering events in the United States, East Asia, Latin America and Australia more than 50 correspondents in over 30 countries. The station also broadcasts in 43 languages worldwide.

Recently, Mohammed Yamlahi Alami, the chief correspondent for the Washington office of Al-Jazeera Satellite Television, visited GTMO. During Mohammad's career he anchored coverage of the 2000 and 2004 U.S. elections and the events of 9/11. Before working with Al-Jazeera, Mohammed served as bureau chief for Washington office of Abu Dhabi TV.

How was your stay in GTMO?

"Everyone was wonderful, and I'm not saying this to be nice to anybody. The people were outstanding even though it was a very difficult story, but as far as the logistics and cooperation, as a reporter, I cannot do things I want to do. But as far as what people can do, I am very appreciative."

What was Al Jazeera's purpose for visiting GTMO?

"As you know, Guantanamo has been in the news a lot lately and when the story broke in Newsweek, we put in a request. I'm doing a half hour special to tell the story of GTMO with all the details if possible, and hopefully have a long interview with General Hood. We have a show every week out of Washington, and we try to tell the whole story from different angles."

How do you plan on addressing the misconceptions about GTMO?

"I'm trying to get as many angles as possible on the story. Even the cabdriver, who was taking me to the airport in Washington, asked me where I was going. I said



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

Spc. Ian Shay sits down with Mohammed Yamlahi Alami, chief correspondent for the Washington office of Al-Jazeera Satellite Television.

GTMO, and that I had been there before. Then he asked me, what's your take on the place. I said, when I went there the first time, I thought it was not as bad as the media portrays it, but it's not as good as the politicians claim. There's always a grey area in between. So to help my viewers, I say here's what military is saying, here's what amnesty is saying, and let them decide what to make of the place."

How much has changed since the first time you visited GTMO?

"As I told my viewers yesterday, I was live over the phone with Jazeera. Even the landscape has changed; last time there was no green whatsoever. I noticed some relaxation of the rules. Last time you couldn't breathe without an escort... But as a TV-correspondent, I see a lot of problems, but overall it has been a lot better than a year ago."

What improvements do you think GTMO could make?

"Media access, this story is perceived as extremely critical. I think the more you get the sun into the story, the more you demystify it. The people don't know, but when you let people see, there the truth is. I think there are a lot of good things, considering the overall story, but you need access. I

think you need more access and a lot of controversies will die down if the cameras are allowed to tell the world what happens at GTMO. As an example, yesterday I was touring Camp Four, and some of the detainees are more relaxed than the others. They have this communal thing where they serve each other dinner, but I couldn't shoot that because I could not show the faces of the detainees. I saw it myself, but my viewers missed that."

How much access do you get in GTMO compared to other places?

"I have to admit, not many countries would let you into their prisons, period. As a reporter you always ask for more. I would love to talk to the detainees and get their take on the story. Being here is good, better than not being here."

Do you think detainees should be held here or in their own country?

"As long as they have their day in court it makes no difference. But when you say, I have a bunch of bad guys in GTMO, and then you try to release them in exchange, it doesn't make any sense. Bottom line is try these guys, show me the evidence, and hang them if they deserve to die. If not, let them go." ■

Without Maintenance you're walking

By Spc. Jeshua Nace

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

One of the things California is famous for is their love of automobiles. When the state was expanding and developing, things weren't built with consideration for walkers. If you want to do anything in California, you need a car, and to keep that car running having a good mechanic you can trust is vital.

They might be a long way from California, but the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment depends heavily on "Humvees" to support the mission of the Joint Task Force (JTF). Without the Humvees, all the cavalry Troopers would have to walk their patrols, and in this hot environment, that wouldn't be very pleasant.

"Maintenance is so important because basically the whole mission is run by vehicles. The patrols are done in humvees. If the vehicles are down, the mission can't be accomplished. The vehicles we have are enough to get the mission done, so we try to instill maintenance skills in the drivers for while they are rolling and for them to take care of the vehicle like it's their own. This will minimize breakdowns," said Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Ramirez, squadron motor sergeant.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

Army Sgt. Terry Schwentner, a squadron mechanic for the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment, trains Spc. Jairo Chavarria how to fix parts on a Humvee.

Ramirez came into the military in 1980 as an Infantryman, so he knows how good it is to drive instead of patrolling on foot. In 1984, he reclassified into the maintenance arena, and has been doing that in the National Guard since.

"The most unique thing is that we are on our own here. We depend on each other to get things done, as opposed to in the States where you have support right down the street," said Ramirez.

Ramirez has two men to lead his maintenance team. With the level of repairs they handle, normally 30 men would be tasked for this big of a mission. Since we run patrols non-stop everyday, maintenance is constantly being done on the humvees.

"Every four days, we do rotations on these vehicles. We are repairing vehicles everyday. The mission is a 24-hour mission. There is a lot of wear and tear on the vehicles, and what we have been doing is during PMCS, (preventive main-

tenance checks and services) we order parts that are getting worn. When the parts come in, we go ahead and install them before we have problems. It takes several weeks before we get what we ordered, but the JTF has supported us with parts already on the island or anything we need that they have, which they give us right away," said Ramirez.

Since the team has such a shortage of manpower, Ramirez asked for assistance.

"Each Troop has their own mechanics, where back at home station that's their MOS, and they're here doing the 11B (infantry) mission. The designated mechanics come and help out on their training day red cycle," said Ramirez.

One of the few things GTMO six has, that the other cycles didn't have, is a proper maintenance bay in Camp America.

"The Facilities here could be better, but they are way better than our predecessors had. When we got here versus what we have now is night and day, and it's getting better every day," said Ramirez.

"When we came, our mission was supporting our squadron, and it's just evolved. We are supporting whoever needs support, be it JTF, JDOG, and the 525th," said Ramirez.

The maintenance troopers here keep our mission rolling, not just for them but also for all JTF.

Mechanics know their job, and they are very hardworking. They also know how to play hard. I've never seen Troopers use so much ingenuity to go cook out, said Brig. Gen. John Gong deputy commanding general of the JTF. ■



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Luna, a squadron mechanic for the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment, goes over common maintenance procedures with Brig. Gen. John Gong while Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Ramirez, squadron motor sergeant, watches over their work.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Army Spc. Jeshua Nace asked Troopers around JTF-GTMO...
 What military incentives do you favor the most?



◀“Tuition assistance helps pay for my college so I have more money to pay my bills.”

— Spc. Kurt Vogeley

▶“Assignment Incentive Pay is a great way to make some money in the U.S. Navy..”

—Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Sidney Townsend



◀“My favorite military incentive is a meal card, because the service is so good..”

— Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Eduardo Perez

▶“TDY (Temporary Duty) pay because it helps me get ahead of my bills.”

—Airman 1st Class Chelsea Hodges



Photos by Spc. Jeshua Nace

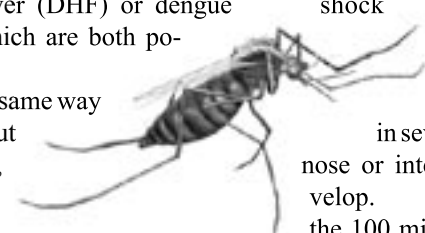
Dengue Fever: an ounce of prevention

By Spc. Dave Lankford

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Of all the viruses carried by mosquitoes, one of the most prevalent in this region may be the least known. Dengue fever is very rarely seen in the continental United States. Throughout the rest of the world however, there are over 100 million cases reported each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Dengue fever is characterized by severe flu-like symptoms, including headache, high fever, nausea, vomiting, eye, back and joint pain, and a rash. Though dengue fever itself is rarely fatal, if not properly diagnosed, it may develop into dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) or dengue shock syndrome (DSS), which are both potentially deadly.



DHF starts out the same way dengue fever does, but in several days, bleeding gums, nose or internal bleeding may develop.

Though many of the 100 million cases reported each year are isolated infections, epidemic outbreaks are not uncommon. The last dengue epidemic to occur in the Americas was reported in 1981...in Cuba.

The Cuban Ministry of Public Health reported 344,203 cases of dengue fever during the 1981 epidemic in Cuba, of which, 10,312 cases were classified as DHF. This outbreak resulted in the death of 158 people, including 101 children.

Navy Lt. Vernon Richmond, JTF Public Health Officer, said the JTF and NAVBASE together have a strong preventative program in place. Steps are being taken to spray all zones, both leeward and windward, with pesticides, as well as treating newly formed standing pools of water with larvicides.

Additionally, Richmond expects to treat 2,600 uniforms with Permethrin (insect repellent) in the near future. Those wishing to treat their own uniforms, should use the military issued Permethrin in the yellow can with the green lid. The uniform should be saturated and then left to dry completely, Richmond said.

As for the military-issued insect/arthropod repellent lotion in the green tube, Richmond recommends it be used directly on the skin, but warns that in rare cases individuals may have a mild reaction to it. And in very rare cases, the reaction may be severe. Naturally, if a severe reaction does occur, discontinue use and seek treatment for the reaction along with an alternate type of repellent. “I’ve been using it for 20 years,” Richmond said.

Richmond also recommends that any standing pools of water, such as those found in old tires or pots, are dumped and houseplants be kept in the house.

Finally, if you begin to develop any of the symptoms listed above, see a doctor right away. Early detection is crucial to treatment, but like the old saying goes, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” ■

THE ROCK DRILL: PREPAR

By Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Hurricane season, that one time of the year those living in the Caribbean and the eastern U.S. dread. The destruction and loss of life caused by a hurricane can sometimes be catastrophic. Therefore, many states have contingency plans in place to cope with this situation.

The JTF has procedures that have to be followed in the event a hurricane strikes. The term "Rock Drill" comes from a method of planning previously used by the Army. In this old method, they used rocks and sticks as reference points. The Standard Operating Procedure for the exercise called DXWX (Destructive Weather Exercise). It states that a rock drill must be done yearly.

The timeline for the drill was a four-day period during normal working hours. Maj. Mark McGraw, the Officer in Charge of DXWX for the JTF, along with OICs, from various units within the JTF, organized and laid out the plans for the drill.

"In order for this exercise to be a success, we need to look at what could happen and adjust our tactics from those findings," said Marine Corps Capt. Michael Blackshaw J-3 Plans Officer.

The last time this exercise was performed, the JTF was actually preparing for the real deal. Hurricane "Ivan", one of the

most destructive storms of our lifetime, was on a crash course with the island. Luckily, there was no major damage, just a lot of wind and rain. Many lessons were learned from that storm and were implemented into the new plan.

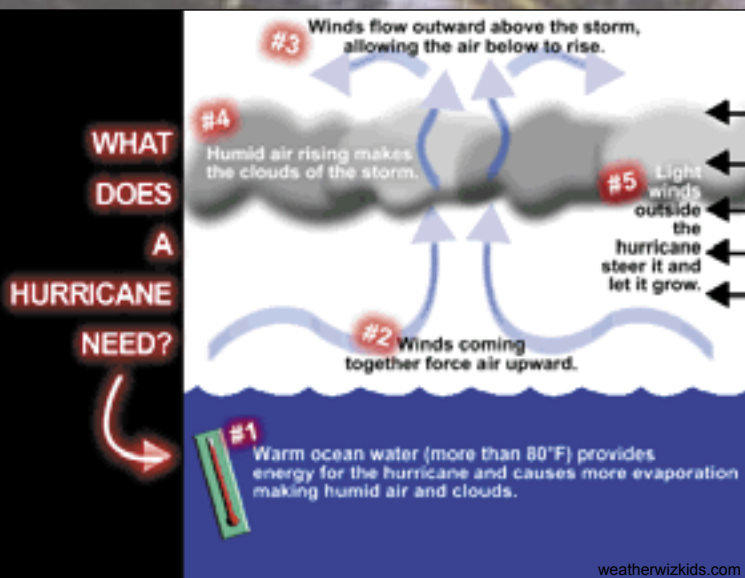
Troopers will be required to report to various locations based on their area of living. Accountability of all personnel is crucial and needs to be done in a timely manner.

Detainees will be provided safe shelter, subsistence and any medical care if a hurricane should hit.

"Medical operations throughout the base need to come together as one unit to ensure that patients and facilities are prepared when the storm strikes," said Chief Petty Officer Steven Greene, medical operations chief for the JTF.

In the past, the Joint Task Force and Navbase have worked together on the drill, but scheduling conflicts have prevented the two from conducting the exercise together this time.

This drill is not to be taken lightly; when it really happens, lives may be at stake. Therefore, becoming efficient in this is paramount to the mission of the JTF. ■



TRAINING FOR NATURE'S FURY

◀ High speed Troopers from the 1/18th Cavalry Regiment dismount a 5-ton truck while en route to their evacuation point.



▲ Spc. Joshua Hawkins, of J4, signs in at his evacuation point located at the D. J. Denich Gymnasium.

▶ Sgt 1st Class Frederick Jackson NCOIC of J8 and Maj. Mark McGraw OIC of the "Rock Drill" discuss emergency movement on the map.



◀ Troopers from the 525th Military Police Battalion sign in at the High School as part of JTF SOP for the Destructive Weather Exercise.



A year to prove at Wimbledon



Roger Federer's serve helped slam Roddick's door shut.

Commentary by Spc. Ian Shay

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Andy Roddick, Venus Williams and Roger Federer; three names that have a lot to prove in the world of tennis. Roddick hasn't lived up to the hype since winning the U.S. Open in 2003; Williams hasn't reached a Grand Slam final since winning at Wimbledon in 2002, and Federer will try

and continue his 33-match winning streak against Lleyton Hewitt, who was once the youngest No. 1 in the sport's history.

Young players like Andy Roddick need to get wins early or their career could be shorter than expected. That puts a lot of pressure on younger players to win. Roddick's five-set victory last week against Daniele Bracciali in the second-round has relieved some of that pressure. It was important for Roddick to win because he had lost his five previous five-set matches.

In the quarterfinals, Roddick played well against Sebastian Grosjean, and for the second time in two weeks, he won in the fifth set. It's a true sign that Roddick's confidence is coming back and it's about time. He needs to prove he isn't burned out at 22 years old, because his looks won't win him championships.

Roddick isn't the only tennis player who hasn't won in a while. Venus Williams hasn't either, but she is playing some of the best tennis in her career. Venus doesn't have the Serena factor this year and has just dominated the defending Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova. Venus' win has made her the lowest seed to reach a Wimbledon final; she beat the Russian 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Venus, the older of the two Williams sisters, may not have the record her younger

sister does, but her resurgence into the tennis elite has come at the perfect time. For the first time in a while Venus won't have to face her sister in a championship match. The last time she beat Serena was in 2001 and she has lost five times to Serena in various tournaments since then. Her game is back and this could be her comeback year.

Unlike Roddick and Williams, Federer is looking to solidify the fact that he is the greatest player in the world and possibly the greatest to ever play the sport. Roger Federer is a machine and losing isn't in his programming. However, his next opponent will be Hewitt who dominated Federer early in his career by beating him in seven of their first nine matches, but Federer is a much different player now.

Each player played as expected. Venus took down Lindsay Davenport, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 9-7, to win the Wimbledon women's championship, her first grand slam title in four years. She became the lowest seed ever to win, and also the first woman in 70 years to win after facing championship point. Federer dominated Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-4. Roddick, who has the second-best record on grass, 32-3, could not handle Federer's on-grass presence. Federer captured his third straight Wimbledon title which means he is only one away from tying Pete Sampras's four straight Wimbledon titles. ■



Comic found at Military.com

GTMO Weekend forecast

-  **Friday**
Chance of a Thunderstorm. High: 84° F / 29° C Wind SSE 26 mph / 43 km/h
-  **Friday Night**
Chance of a Thunderstorm. Low: 82° F / 28° C Wind SE 15 mph / 25 km/h
-  **Saturday**
Chance of a Thunderstorm. High: 82° F / 28° C Wind ESE 11 mph / 18 km/h
-  **Saturday Night**
Chance of a Thunderstorm. Low: 80° F / 27° C Wind ESE 11 mph / 18 km/h
-  **Sunday**
Thunderstorm. High: 84° F / 29° C Wind ENE 6 mph / 10 km/h
-  **Sunday Night**
Thunderstorm. Low: 80° F / 27° C Wind East 8 mph / 14 km/h

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



Photo by Spc. Book

▲Pentad Corporation treated Troopers to barbequed chicken, ribs and steak for Independence Day.



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

▲Ginger Lewis and the All American Band performs for the Troopers at the Bayview July 4.



Photo by Army Sgt. Todd Lamonica

▲These are some of the trophies that were handed out by MWR to the Troopers who participated in weekend sporting events.



Photo by Spc. Book

▲Multiple fireworks burst over Guantanamo Bay.

My faith: Wicca

By Army Cpl. Marc Castro

B Troop, 1/18th Cavalry Regiment

I have been at GTMO for about three months now and have realized how much faith and service have to do with each other. I have seen and met many people of different religious backgrounds and denominations.

I am a Soldier in the U.S. Army and I am Wiccan. It's amazing how much adversity a person can face due to religious preference alone.

There are many misconceptions about Wicca. Wicca is the practice of magick and witchcraft, a religion that has survived for centuries and is probably one of the oldest religions. The cinema has portrayed witchcraft

as evil, satanic cults that perform sacrifices and put spells on people. Let me assure you that this is not the case.

Wicca is a religion that values life and our environment very much. In fact, the main tenet is to live life and harm no one. Wiccan spells are very much like prayers with the use of herbs, minerals, oils, incense and candles to harness their energy in a positive way. Spells are to be used to enhance one's own life and not to harm anyone.

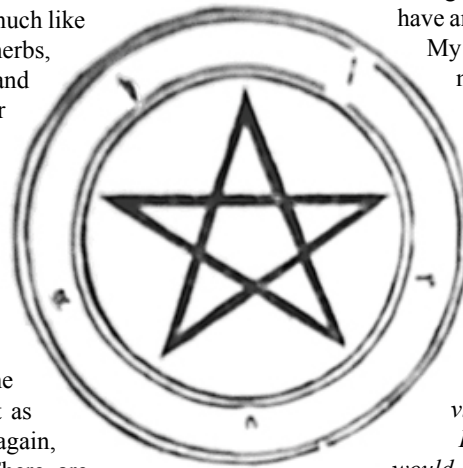
The Pentagram, a five-pointed star, is a symbol of protection for Wiccans. Though the cinema has portrayed it as an evil symbol, once again, this is not the case. There are four points that are equal and parallel to each other; they represent the elements we live by: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. The fifth

point represents the spirit and the direction it faces towards, Heaven or Hell. This is how to know a Wiccan from others of sometimes darker practices.

I hope these few things I have discussed have enlightened you a little and have answered some questions.

My goal is to dismiss the misconceptions so people will realize Wiccans are good people and not to be feared. In the end, faith is an admirable trait for everyone; it's a symbol of strength. No matter your religious preference, it's all about *faith* and *service*.

Editor's note: If you would like to submit an article about your religious faith, which may educate others or dispel misconceptions about your faith, contact The Wire at 3594. ■



A Good Name, You Owe it to Your Family

By Army Capt. Ed Yurus

525 MP Battalion Chaplain

Your reputation and your name can be ruined by a moment of indiscretion. But usually our downfall occurs after a series of planned, foolish choices. There are politicians and presidents whose missteps have overshadowed a lifetime of public service. There are clergymen whose sinful scandals have served to embarrass the church and provide their adversaries with the opportunity to scream out "hypocrite." There are U. S. military personnel who have brought shame to our military and our nation because of their misconduct.

Our indiscretions not only bring dishonor to institutions, they also bring shame and embarrassment to the people we love the most--our families. Sadly, in the wake of every scandal there is a disappointed, heartbroken mother wondering silently, "What did I do wrong?" There is often a shocked spouse who questions, "Do I even know this person I am married to?" And of course there are often children involved. Children will learn that their mom or dad are not perfect, and just like kids, think they are going to be punished for misbehaving.

The book of Proverbs teaches: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold...A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it."

As we travel this road of wrong choices and personal destruction, we often choose to ignore the warning signs that are frequently placed before us. We trick ourselves into believing we are too smart or clever to get caught; or we believe that we will stop before "it" gets out of control. We refuse to take refuge in the counsel of friends, instead we keep going full speed ahead and everyone suffers for it.

Protect your good name, you owe it to the people you love. ■

CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Protestant Service	Building 3203
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Alpha	Building 3202
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Club Survivor
Saturday	3 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	Troopers' Chapel

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

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

Jewish Services held every third Friday at 1930 in the NAVSTATION Chapel complex.

15 Minutes of Fame

with Army Staff Sgt. Celecia Kalili

By Spc. Seth Myers

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Army Staff Sgt. Celecia Kalili, a combat medic and the NCOIC of the Kittery Beach JAS.

How long have you been in the Army?

I have been in for nine years.

What were your reasons for joining the Army?

I joined when I was 17 years old. I enlisted during my spring break of my senior year of high school. I joined for money for an education and schooling. That was not the reason I stayed in though. I stayed in because I liked it.

What about it do you like?

I like going different places and meeting other people. Especially here, because I have met so many different branches of the service. This is the first time I got to work with Navy, Air Force and Marines.

What do you do for the JTF?

While assigned here, I have been the NCOIC of the KBJAS. I have enjoyed it.

What do you think of GTMO?

I think it is very pretty. I come from Georgia and we don't have beaches like this in Georgia.

Of your experiences here, are there any ones that stand out in your mind?

There were a few things. Most recently, there was the Corpsman's Ball. I've never been to a Navy ball at all. They had a command master chief that spoke of the day the U.S.S. Cole was bombed. I found the speech very interesting. Also, Mr. Ingram, a Medal of Honor recipient, came to the JAS, and told his story. And just the overall experience of working with the corpsmen and the medics downstairs has been interesting.

Are there any big stories that come to

mind?

Most recently the awesome ones have been that I've seen two promotions while I'm here. I think when your soldiers get promoted it really says something about the leadership. Not only your leadership, but also the leadership they have had. I've seen one of my specialists go to sergeant and just recently, we got to pin one of my private first classes with their specialist rank.

Is this your first deployment?

No, I've been to Bosnia twice.

How does this deployment compare to Bosnia?

There is a lot more freedom than in Bosnia. There is a lot more to do too.

What are some of your choice activities down here?

I like to snorkel. Just recently, I learned that I like to play football. The JAS also had a softball team that I really enjoyed playing on.

What do you miss about home?

I miss my family and my friends at home. Even though you have friends here that are your family in a way, I really miss home.

What are some of the ways you cope with being away?

I have really good friends and great roommates. We have all bonded pretty



well.

What do you think about working at the JAS?

I have loved it. It has been a great experience. ■

15 Minutes of Fame

Know a Trooper worthy of being highlighted in "15 Minutes of Fame?" Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace

▲A team of cavalry Troopers, during their red cycle, train outside to become more familiar with an infantry style mission.

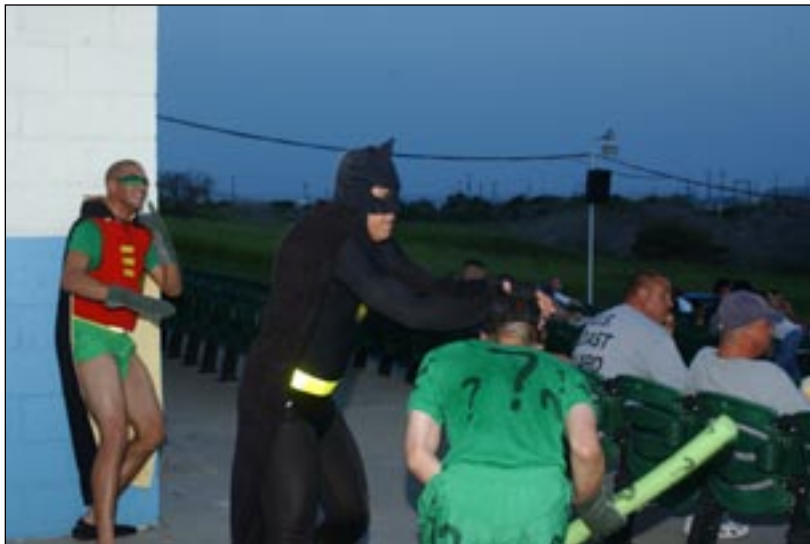


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▲Before the playing of Batman Returns, three Troopers dress as Batman, Robin and the Riddler and they fight an entertaining battle for the Troops.

▼John Brummett, the lead guitarist from HitH a local band here, plays for the Joint Task Force at Club Survivor recently.



Photo by Spc. Jeshua Nace



Photo by Spc. Seth Myers

◀Three contractors install rain-gutters as part of the plan to control the rain that was been plaguing Camp America South.

Booking Flights

JTF personnel arranging for flights on and off the island should contact the JTF-J4-Travel office at 3011.

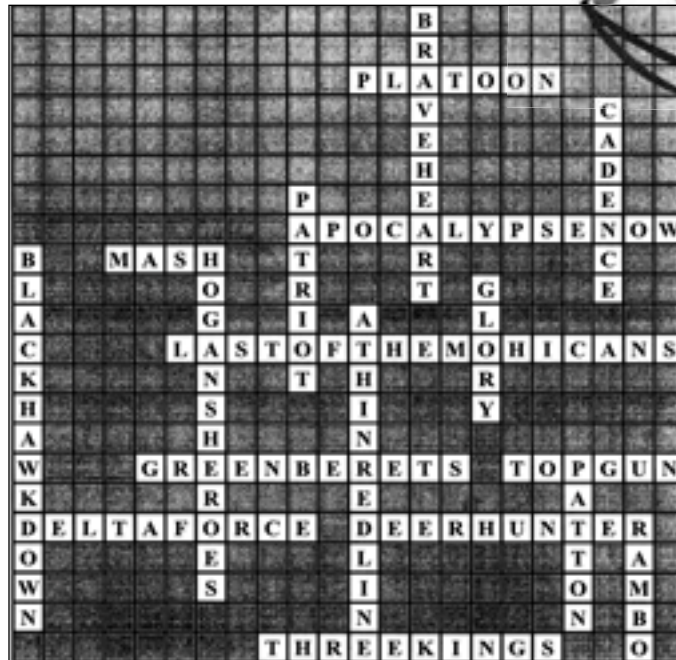
Beach Bus

Starting this Saturday, JTF and NAVSTA troopers can take the bus to the beach! The new beach bus will run on weekends at four different times: 0900, 1200, 1500, and 1800. If the route does not stop near you take a connector bus to the NEX and pick it up there.

The bus route includes a stop at the senior BOQ and MWR Marina. Take the exam for your boating license and enjoy time on the water. All the equipment you need for a motorboat or sailboat rental is available at the MWR Marina, 2345.

In addition to the beach bus on weekends, a stop at Windmill Beach has been added to the primary JTF bus route at the top and bottom of every hour that the beach is open. Windmill Beach is open seven days a week from 0600-2400. No other changes to this route take effect. Only JTF troopers will benefit from this stop since a JTF badge is needed for access to

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the greater Camp America area.

That's access to three beaches for your enjoyment. Cable Beach has accommodations for large groups with showers and bathrooms. Phillips Pier is a popular dive site. Windmill Beach has a volleyball court and can also ac-

commodate large groups. So now when you're asked how to have fun this summer you know the answer.

Forward all questions or concerns to Lt. j.g. Quinn, Transportation Officer @ 3137. Bus route information under P:/, J4, Transportation, Bus Routes.

Sound off!

The Wire welcomes letters from Troopers. Letters must be less than 350 words and include name, unit and contact information. The Wire reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Bring your letter to The Wire office at building 4106, a SEA hut near the Chaplain's Office in Camp America or e-mail pao@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil.

It's Knowledge Bowl time again!

Get those strange and random pieces of facts and trivia swirling in your head organized. Show GTMO how much you know and win some great prizes from MWR!

The MWR Community Library invites you to be a part of "Knowledge Bowl III," July 22 at the Windjammer Ballroom. All departments, divisions, and commands are invited to send one or more teams of four to compete for prizes and a magnificent trophy. As teams advance, the competition and questions get more and more difficult. In the end one winning team is crowned "The Supreme Keepers of Arcane Knowledge."

Teams will be assigned a number to determine their order in the competition. Our Master of Ceremonies will supply the questions and answers must come from the team as a whole. A team of three judges will adjudicate when necessary.

Want to show off your smarts? Here's all you do: Organize a team(s) of four to represent your unit or command. Call 4700 or e-mail Maxine Becker at beckerma@usnbgmtmo.navy.mil providing the names and contact information for each team member. All teams must register before noon, July 21st and show up at the Windjammer, July 22. Competition begins at 7 p.m.

Dirt Cake

"This is a great conversation piece at parties. Adults love it as much as the children do. Get a new garden trowel, medium sized flower pot and artificial flower at a craft store for full effect." Original recipe yield: 1 medium size flower pot.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 (3.5 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 32 ounces chocolate sandwich cookies with creme filling

DIRECTIONS:

- Chop cookies very fine in food processor. The white cream will disappear.
- Mix butter, cream cheese, and sugar in bowl.
- In a large bowl mix milk, pudding and whipped topping together.
- Combine pudding mixture and cream mixture together.
- Layer in flower pot, starting with cookies then cream mixture.
- Repeat layers.
- Chill until ready to serve.
- Add artificial flower and trowel. Enjoy

-Recipe found at allrecipes.com

Kitchen

Accuracy

The Wire strives for accuracy. When we fail, we accept responsibility for our errors and correct them. If you see an error in The Wire, call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Tunney at 3594.

Movies

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM		CAMP BULKELEY	
FRIDAY		FRIDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Kicking & Screaming</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Batman Begins</i>
PG	95 min	PG13	141 min
10 p.m.	<i>House Of Wax</i>	10 p.m.	<i>Monster-in-law</i>
R	113 min	PG13	102 min
SATURDAY		SATURDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Smith</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Kicking & Screaming</i>
PG13	115 min	PG	95 min
10 p.m.	<i>Crash</i>	10 p.m.	<i>House Of Wax</i>
R	100 min	R	113 min
SUNDAY		SUNDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Cinderella Man</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Crash</i>
PG13	144 min	R	100 min
MONDAY		MONDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Kicking & Screaming</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Cinderella Man</i>
PG	95 min	PG13	144 min
TUESDAY		TUESDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Crash</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Smith</i>
R	100 min	PG13	115 min
WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Batman Begins</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Crash</i>
PG13	141 min	R	100 min
THURSDAY		THURSDAY	
8 p.m.	<i>Unleashed</i>	8 p.m.	<i>Batman Begins</i>
R	103 min	PG13	141 min

New Beach Bus Schedule

Saturday And Sunday Only 9 a.m. to 6:40 p.m.

	9 a.m.	12 p.m.	3p.m.	6 p.m.
Windward Loop/E. Caravella				
SBOQ/Marina	:05	:05	:05	:05
NEX	:08	:08	:08	:08
Phillips Park	:14	:14	:14	:14
Cable Beach	:17	:17	:17	:17
NEX	:25	:25	:25	:25
Windward Loop/E. Caravella	:30	:30	:30	:30
SBOQ/Marina	:35	:35	:35	:35
Return to C-Pool	:40	:40	:40	:40

MWR

- July 16: 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament
- July 18: Windjammer Dinner Theatre
- July 21: Beginner Pottery Class
- July 22: Liberty Night Fishing

Seaside Galley

Today	Lunch	Honey Glazed Cornish Hens
	Dinner	Shrimp Scampi
Saturday	Lunch	Creole Pork Chops
	Dinner	Baked Lasagna
Sunday	Lunch	Chicken Cordon Bleu
	Dinner	Roast Turkey
Monday	Lunch	Roast Beef
	Dinner	Chicken Adobo
Tuesday	Lunch	Baked Stuffed Porl Chops
	Dinner	Swiss Steak
Wednesday	Lunch	Turkey Ala King
	Dinner	Beef Sukiyaki
Thursday	Lunch	Beef Sauerbraten
	Dinner	Cajun Meat Loaf
Friday	Lunch	Teriyaki Chicken
	Dinner	Seafood Platter

Buses

ALL RUNS ON THE HOUR 7 DAYS/WEEK 5 a.m. TO 2 a.m.

Bus Stop Location	Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus3
Windmill Beach(0600-2400)	:00	:20	:40
Camp Alpha	:00	:20	:40
NEX Trailer	:02	:22	:42
Camp Bravo	:04	:24	:44
Camp Delta 2	:06	:26	:46
KB 373	:10	:30	:50
TK4	:12	:32	:52
TK3	:14	:34	:34
TK2	:16	:36	:56
TK1	:18	:38	:58
West Iguana	:20	:40	:00
Windjammer/Gym	:23	:43	:03
Chapel Hill	:26	:46	:06
NEX	:28	:48	:08
96 Man Camp	:31	:51	:11
NEX	:34	:54	:14
Gold Hill	:37	:57	:17
Gym/Windjammer	:39	:59	:19
West Iguana	:41	:01	:21
TK1	:43	:03	:23
TK2	:45	:05	:25
TK3	:47	:07	:27
TK4	:49	:09	:29
KB 373	:51	:11	:31
Camp Delta 1	:55	:15	:35
Camp Bulkeley	:57	:17	:37
Camp Alpha	:00	:20	:40