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JTF journal

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DEPUTY COMMANDER, JTF GUANTANAMO

As we close out the month of April and welcome the month of May, we have much to look forward to. May 2012 will be a very busy month here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo on many different fronts.

This month we can say thank you for a job well done to our Coast Guard Maritime Security and Safety Team 91109 – San Diego,

most of our Joint Medical Group, and a rotation from our Naval Expeditionary Guard Battalion, as well as numerous individuals. Thanks for serving as key members of our Joint Task Force. Contributions from all the services allow the JTF to accomplish our no-fail mission every day, 24 hours a day.

As you prepare to depart JTF Guantanamo, make the effort to ensure your

turnover to your successor is better than what you received. You have gained the experience and understand the mission. Chances are, your successor does not – yet! Take the time and ensure your right-seat left-seat ride opportunity is maximized. If you are a leader, look within your organization to ensure the transition of your Troopers is well-synchronized and in-depth. Your ability to provide a quality transition is paramount to the ongoing success of the JTF.

That said, welcome to our new units and Troopers! You are now part of a unique Joint Task Force whose mission is not like any other mission in the military. Take the time to learn from your predecessor and ask many questions. Before you know it, you

will be carrying the torch and will quickly integrate into our JTF as a key member. Take the time to learn the JTF standard operating procedures and policies, as well as U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay rules and regulations.

Next weekend we will once again be in the international media spotlight supporting

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the military commissions. The Office of Military Commissions will begin the proceedings of the five co-conspirators who are accused of planning the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Each of us has a key role in ensuring these proceedings get started without incident. There will be numerous training events leading up to the actual event. Many will be tasked as escorts or to serve in other positions other than

your normal job. Do your best to ensure you understand your role in this important event and to understand the training that you will receive to support this event. Your superior performance and professionalism is expected and the entire JTF is counting on you.

The key to our success remains the professionalism and “can do” attitude of our team. Your attention to detail, commitment to the mission and your fellow Troopers, and leadership is what enables the JTF to continually perform. Whether you are departing after serving your tour here, or just arriving, take pride in the fact that you are part of a one of a kind Joint Task Force that has a no-fail mission and continues to excel in our mission.

Cover: U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay personnel and Joint Task Force Troopers raised more than \$2,000 for ongoing Haiti relief efforts April 21 by participating in the 170th Military Police Company-sponsored 5K run. –photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven



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NEWS FROM THE BAY

History Hike II: Hike Harder

MWR Liberty will take Troopers and Guantanamo Bay residents on another history hike on May 5. This time it will be centered around Hicacal.

Call 2010 to find out how you can help.

No pressure, man!

The recompression chamber will be down for maintenance May 7-11. There will be no civilian and recreational diving during this period.

For more information, contact the Command Diving Officer at 4444.

Your vote counts

Military personnel stationed at Guantanamo Bay are encouraged to exercise their right to vote using absentee ballots.

For more information, call Lt. Cmdr. Smith at 6157, Lt. Jg. Ricker at 72871, or Petty Officer 1st Class Robles at 4721.

Fore!

An 18-hole golf tournament will be held May 5-6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Lateral Hazard Golf Course.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

Register at the golf course by May 1. Registration costs \$30 and includes two rounds of golf and cart rental for both days.

For more information, call 77288.



Volunteer everywhere

MWR Liberty is looking for fun facilitators. Do you have your captain's license? Volunteers are needed to take boats out on day and night fishing trips. Are you good at Texas Hold'em poker? Pool? What about ping-pong?

Call MWR Liberty at 2010 and volunteer to teach others the your favorite games.

Trail Blazers

Help keep the trails of Gitmo beautiful and clean. The Trail Blazers are looking for volunteers to help cut grass, trim tree limbs, remove trash and anything else it takes to keep your hikes, trail runs and bike rides fun and easy. For more information, call Martin Sullivan at 8243/8242 or email Martin.E.Sullivan@jftgtmo.southcom.mil.

Red Cross office closed

The America Red Cross-Guantanamo Bay office will be closed from April 27 to May 6. If you have an emergency during this time, call 1-877-272-7337.

Forget about Tebow! It's time for tee ball!

MWR Liberty is holding an adult tee ball tournament May 5 at Softball Field 2.

Registration is free and open to anyone 16 years and older. Register by 7 p.m. today at Denich Gym.

For more information, call 2113.

Day at the Bay

All hands are invited to Ferry Landing Beach for a free community event April 28, 2-6 p.m. featuring a performance by the Dirty Sock Funtime Band.

For more information, call 84616.

Moonlight Run

The Marine Corps Security Forces Company is hosting a Moonlight Run May 11. Runners will depart Marine Hill at 6:30 p.m., and the route will be from the Northeast Gate to Kittery Beach.

Register at the Marine Hill Whitehouse Monday or Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration costs \$25.

All proceeds will benefit the 237th Marine Corps Birthday Ball. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tucker at 2643.

Car wash & detailing

The Jamaican Independence Day Committee is holding a car wash Saturday from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Downtown Lyceum car wash. Auto detailing services are also available.

Busy? If you email or call before 8 a.m., you can arrange pickup and delivery of your vehicle without leaving your quarters.

Donations are always welcome, and all proceeds go to funding the Jamaican Independence Day celebration this August.

For more information, call 2459 or email jicgtmo@yahoo.com.

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Trooper to Trooper

unsung heroes

MASTER SGT. PHILLIP DIETZ

525TH MP BN OPERATIONS SERGEANT MAJOR

Every day we are conducting our mission Safely, Humanely, Legally and in a Transparent manner, because of the dedication to duty and selfless service each of our Troopers makes on behalf of our great nation. The reasons that each of these Troopers has decided to serve in uniform or out of uniform vary from person to person, however there is one thing that stays the same.

Every service member at Joint Task Force Guantanamo has an unsung hero supporting them in one way or another. Those heroes I am talking about are family, friends, and significant others that we are separated from. If it were not for the trust, confidence and support of these unsung heroes, our personnel would not be able to conduct their duties as proficiently as they do. Our friends and family do not ask nor do they expect our thanks for the support they give us each and every day.

I make it a point that anytime I am thanked for my service to our great nation that I thank them in return for their support as well. Each service has a set of values that their members are expected to live up to. I will use the Army as an example. The Army values are: Leadership, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. When you really think about it, these values (or any of the service specific values) are already instilled as you grew up. Your friends and family members are the ones who have made you the person you are today.

Growing up, we are taught it is our duty to defend our family, treat others as you



want to be treated, place the needs of others above your own, be honorable in word and deed, do not lie, and do not be afraid to stand up for what is right. This translates perfectly into military service. Our families and friends have molded and mentored us just as we were molded and mentored by our seniors, just as we mold and mentor those who will follow us once we are gone. Our family and friends are the ones who are running our households, taking the kids to the park, and saying prayers with our chil-

dren each night before they go to bed. But how often do they get the thank you for the service they are providing parallel to our own?

Next time you are about to say, you do not understand the stress or pressure I am dealing with, think about the stress and pressure they are dealing with, without you. I challenge everyone the next time you have a chance, thank your unsung hero, they too are making sacrifices that allow the JTF team to be successful.

HONOR BOUND

Two Uighur detainees transferred to El Salvador

Department of Defense Press Release

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense announced April 19 the transfer of two Uighur detainees from the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to the Government of El Salvador. These detainees were subject to release from Guantanamo as a result of a court order issued on October 7, 2008 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and are voluntarily resettling in El Salvador.

As directed by President Barack Obama's January 22, 2009 executive order, the interagency Guantanamo Review Task Force conducted a comprehensive review of these cases. As a result of that review, which examined a number of factors, including security issues, these individuals were designated for transfer by unanimous consent among all six agencies on the task force. In accordance with statutory reporting requirements, the administration informed Congress of its intent to transfer these individuals.

The United States coordinated with the government of El Salvador to ensure the transfer took place in accordance with appropriate security and humane treatment measures.

Today, 169 detainees remain at the detention center in Guantanamo.

MONEY MATTERS

Risk vs. reward

Invest TSP funds wisely

By Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven

Grand before C, S or I if you are older... it sounds like a grammar rule, but unlike I before E except after... there are no rules to choosing Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) funds, only facts to help guide you towards a financially secure retirement.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board made it even easier for successful investing in 2005 by creating Lifecycle or the L series funds. But before you can put your retirement savings on autopilot, an outline of the five funds will give the investor knowledge to make smart choices.

The G fund is made up of government securities. It is the fund where all TSP contributions are placed until the investor reallocates the money. The G fund has low risk of loss as the fund is invested solely in U.S. Treasury securities specially issued for the TSP. The federal government guarantees the principal and interest, making for no credit risk, with inflation outpacing the rate of return as the leading concern. In 2011, the G fund averaged 2.45 percent growth. Over a decade from 1999 to 2008, the rate of return averages 4.92 percent.

The next low or moderate risk fund is F, a bond index fund that purchases government, corporate and mortgage backed securities. Due to lower rates of return the inflation risk is still there, adding risk from market price changes in the share and possible prepayment of the bonds. During periods of declining interest rates the F fund return on investment increases, a 5.99 percent average in 2009 to increasing to an average 7.89 percent last year.

These are what many financial experts

Money really does matter, especially when it comes to building a nest egg: this is the conclusion of a three-part series on managing Thrift Savings Program funds.

consider as safe investments.

"I use the word safe...but that doesn't mean that fund cannot be a negative," according to Walter Barrett, personal finance specialist with the Fleet and Family Support Center at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

"Anytime you put the word safe with an investment it means you are going to get low growth," added Barrett, who looks at the CSI funds as an opportunity. "You're a player; you are in the stock market."

The C or Common Stock Index fund started back in 1988 to invest in stocks of medium- to large-sized U.S. companies represented in the Standard and Poor's 500 index, which looks at the stock prices of 500 American business. The broadly diversified fund is designed for long-term growth. But as with all investments that might not always be the case. In 2008 the C Fund lost nearly 37 percent of its value, gaining back 26.68 percent the following year.

Barrett said it is difficult for investors to follow the mantra buy low, sell high.

"When people run scare they do the reverse," he said. Big drops in share values effect investor psyche, the start of the recent recession deeply affected stock prices here and abroad.

In 2008, the S fund dropped 38.32 percent

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Casual conversation can cause chaos!

Have you ever told someone that information was "off the record"? While you are here at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, there is no such thing as "off the record." You are a JTF Trooper 100 percent of the time, in or out of uniform, around family, friends, media or other base visitors. Perhaps you said, "You didn't hear this from me..." and then gave out information that you were told not to share. This type of casual conversation is a serious violation of OPSEC and can compromise an operation. If you divulge sensitive information you can be held responsible for your actions and will certainly put your career in serious jeopardy. Ensure sensitive information you've been entrusted with STAYS off the record. Practice rock solid OPSEC!



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TROOPER FOCUS

By Spc. Vanessa Davila

There are an abundance of junior enlisted service members at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, and each and every one has an important role to play. Pfc. Christopher Parr has become an integral part of the 525th Military Police Battalion's S-3 (operations and training) shop in the nine months he's been here.

"The sergeant major goes to him for many things," said Sgt. Brittany Heizer, Parr's team leader. "He just knows that he can go to Pfc. Parr, ask once, and Parr will get it done."

Parr is an S-3 representative for the 525th MP Bn. One of his most important assignments is helping with pre-service classes, the 2-week training classes which prepare new personnel for the mission. These new Soldiers often outrank him, but Parr is known for his composure. He is firm when he needs to be, and he always does it with tact.

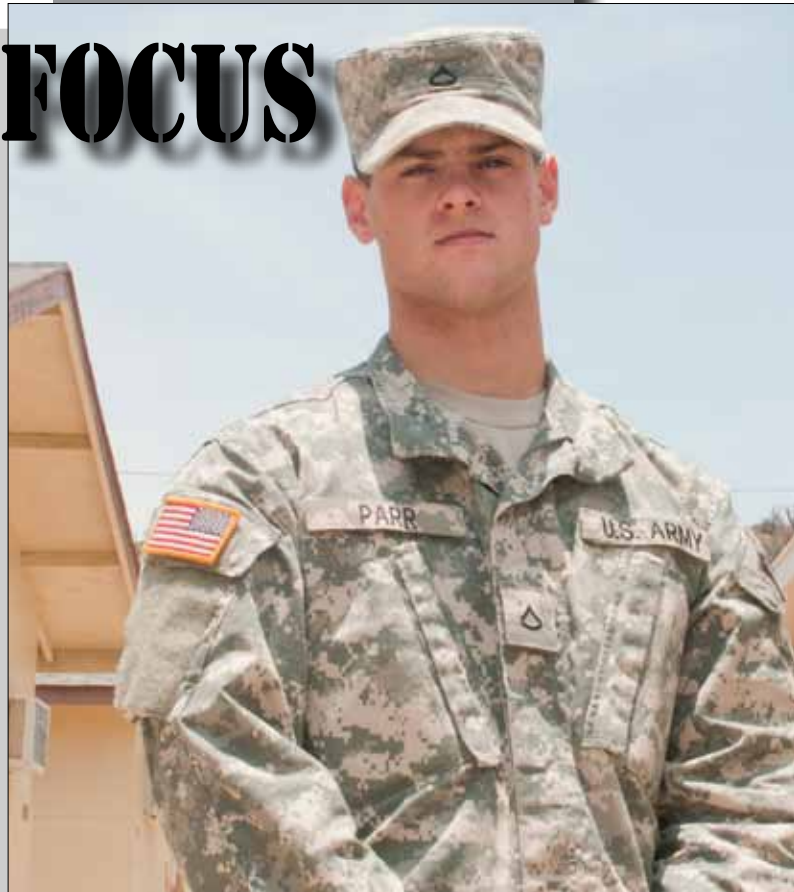
"He's aware of his surroundings," said Heizer. "He's very respectful and he doesn't get complacent."

For a young man with so many accomplishments,

Parr is humble. He finds it difficult talking about himself but enjoys talking about his father, a police officer, who he says is his hero. Parr plans to follow in his footsteps.

"Growing up I was always good at helping people and making sure people were ok," said Parr. I was a firefighter for three years. I did an internship at my local sheriff's office. Just being around that environment it seems like that's what I was born to do."

Parr will leave Guantanamo later this summer and head to his next duty station in Kansas. He is looking forward to being closer to his family and friends.



BULLET BIO: PFC CHRISTOPHER PARR

Time in service: 1 year

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, sports, dirt bikes, music

The boss says: "You don't have to tell him more than once to do something. We know that if we need to get something important done we can go to Pfc. Parr."

Advice to junior Troopers: "Enjoy your time here. Go out and have fun, and be smart at the same time."

What's your favorite kind of cookie?



"Chocolate chip. For me, the simple cookies are the best."

Senior Airman
Deonte Turrentine



"Girl Scout Samoas. They're delicious, delectable, chewy delights."

Capt. Albert Roberts



"Oreos. They're just the best. Period!"

USMC Sgt.
Anthony Olivares



"Chocolate chip. They remind me of my grandma."

Construction Electrician
Constructionman
Nicholas Decker

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

By Army 1st Lt. Amelia Thatcher

Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers have a great health resource at their convenience, and if you live in the Tierra Kay housing, it's quite literally in your backyard.

"The Joint Troop Clinic is open for all types of ailments," said JTC officer-in-charge Army Capt. Jerry Braverman. "Unless it's a true emergency, this should be your first stop."

The JTC is equipped to deal with a wide variety of Trooper issues. No appointment is required for sick call, which is available to Troopers on a first-come, first-serve basis daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"If an issue is outside our scope, we will consult with (U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay) or specialty providers," Braverman said. "Seventy percent of people we see are for ortho-related injuries."

Braverman recommended that Troopers practice preventive self-care, such as warm-up and cool-down exercises, in order to

avoid strains, sprains, and other sports injuries.

Twisting an ankle isn't the only avoidable problem a Trooper can have. The hospital (USNH GTMO) also recently issued a report urging Guantanamo residents to prevent staph infections of the skin.

"Staph germs are present everywhere in any climate. However, the active lifestyle and warm climate of Guantanamo means short sleeves and more opportunities for skin infections," said Cmdr. Bruce Deschere, director of medical/health services at USNH GTMO. "This can lead to staph infections. Clean any injury with soap and water as quickly as possible."

For specialized issues, Troopers have a few weeks left to consult with a selection of specialists. A cardiologist, radiologist, urologist, dermatologist, and podiatrist will be on island through May.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment for a referral, call 3394.

Super Troopers (and NAVSTA Sailors!)

Congratulations to the Guantanamo personnel who recently received Joint Task Force commander's coins!

LS3 Austin
LCDR Brunson
LT Byron
SGT Diaz
SCPO Hanson
MCC Mangum
CS3 Nieves
OS2 Pointer
MCPO Roberts
CS3 Shifflett
SH1 Sutton
CSC Valdez
CS2 Washington
YN3 Woolette

TSP cont.

and the I fund was down 42.43 percent. However, like the C fund, they show healthy gains in 2009 and 2010.

"Stay the course; as the price goes down you are buying more shares, getting ready for the upturn," added Barrett.

The S fund shares the interest in the stocks of medium to large size U.S. companies, but unlike the C fund it follows businesses outside the Standard and Poor's 500 index. The S fund follows the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Completion Index. The risk is moderate to high and is historically more volatile than the C fund.

The volatility is the same for I or International Stock Index fund, a stock-based, global fund invested in companies

located in 21 developed countries. The Morgan Stanley EAFE index is the model for the I fund, investing in businesses in Europe, Australasia and Far East.

The latest TSP investment vehicle is the Lifecycle or L funds, a group of five distinct mixtures the G,F,C,S, and I funds designed to specific investment goals. These funds still have the same risk of loss, but diversification lessens the total risk. An added benefit: the TSP contributor doesn't need to figure allocations or how and when to rebalance, and just has to pick a future timeframe of retirement.

A Trooper in their early 20s could choose the L 2050 fund, where pulling funds out of the TSP would occur after the year 2045.

The money would be aggressively invested in the early years, with interest, earnings and dividends being piled back in as the contributions compound.

As you age, so do your investments, which change gradually to reflect the need for less risk. Finally, your money will morph into the L Income Fund. The L fund focuses on capital preservation, with 80 percent invested in the ups and downs of the stock-based funds. For more information, visit www.tsp.gov.

Barrett is available every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center satellite office located next to the Camp America post office. Call 4050 or 4141 to set up an appointment.

HOW DOES IT WORK:



SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

By Army Sgt. Saul Rosa

So you're sitting in your room on Skype, shooting e-mails home or looking up some videos on YouTube when suddenly the SCSi log-in page fires across your browser window. Aggravated, you type in your information and reminisce about the blazing internet speeds back home.

Most Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers are used to the luxury of high-speed fiber optic Internet connections, but when you're more than 90 miles from the mainland such luxuries can be difficult to replicate. The company which stepped up to the challenge is the Satellite Communication Systems, Inc. (SCSI)

"We've been here since 2005," said SCSI manager Mario Flores. "We've been through the rebid process and are starting a new contract. This is a competitive contract where multiple companies bid, and the government selects the best provider."

SCSI provides communication connections to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay through satellite, but is most known for its Internet service.

SCSI has set up ways to allow equal use of the Fair Access DSL internet bandwidth, such as requiring users to log back in every four hours. This prevents users who are not active from draining valuable resources.

"It's a shared environment, so everyone is in the pool of bandwidth," said Flores.

"Heavy users can affect other

users. Usually, 5% of your users can affect 50% of your bandwidth."

However, SCSI is more than willing to work with customers to meet their individual needs.

"If a user needs to do something that is beyond four hours, we can open it up for them on a case-by-case basis," said Flores. "It's a tool so that everyone can surf freely."

To understand the process of satellite communication, just envision a colossal game of tennis between two satellite dishes. One satellite dish serves the ball, or data, to another dish through a geostationary satellite and vice versa.

Flores explained the process for SCSI to transfer data via satellite involves the transformation of data through precise pieces of equipment. First, analog message signals and digital data enter a multiplexer and are combined into one circuit.

This circuit is fed into the modem that converts it into a 70 megahertz frequency. The modem then sends the frequency to an up converter that boosts it up to 7 to 9 gigahertz. The frequency then goes into amplifiers that can then send the signal into space to the satellite.

The satellite then sends the signal to the receiving antenna, where the process is reversed.

"It goes through the reverse of the transmission," said Flores. "The first component the signal is going to hit is the low-noise amplifier. It goes up strong but comes down

very weak, so the low noise amplifier is trying to amplify that signal with as little noise as possible."

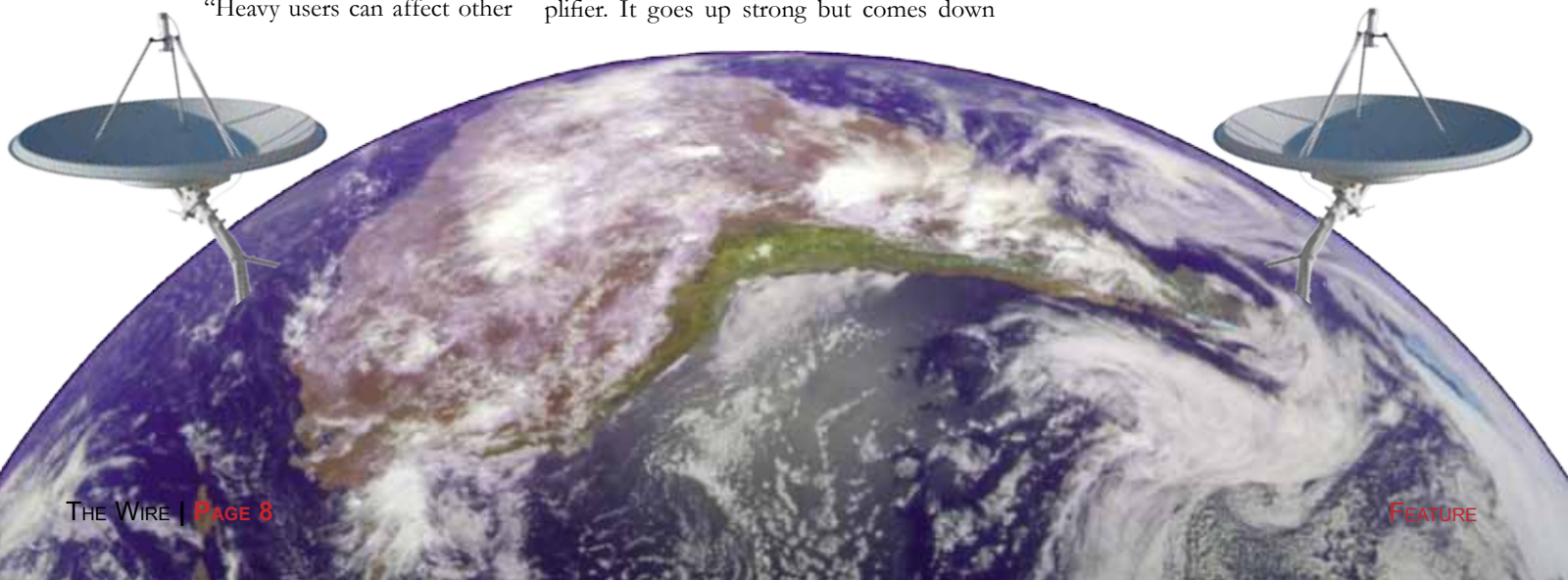
The received frequency is then sent to a down converter and then to the modem, where it demodulates it back into an analog message signals and digital data circuit. The circuit is then separated by the de-multiplexer and sent to the devices they need to go.

The process of bouncing signals through the atmosphere to satellite dishes hundreds of miles away tends to be a more expensive process than the preferred method of running fiber optic cables. However, on a self-sufficient base such as Guantanamo Bay it's the only reasonable option.

"We have to rely on getting everything from the satellite," said Flores. "I would compare it to taking the Ferry to the Leeward side. You can't drive there, although it would be the cheapest and the quickest way to get there, so you have to rely on the ferry. We have to rely on the satellite to get our signal here."

For Troopers deployed away from home the ability to stay in contact with friends and loved ones is a fair trade for limited Internet speeds.

"I just could not imagine going to my room everyday and not having that added luxury," said JTF command chaplain assistant Spc. James Johnson. "I think having the opportunity to purchase Internet in our rooms is a blessing."



Sexual assault can affect everyone in our ranks

By Pvt. Loren Cook

As April draws to a close, so does Sexual Assault Awareness Month. However, that doesn't mean sexual assault awareness isn't important all year long.

"Sexual assault awareness is a year-round process, and it should be treated as one," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Vazquez, an intelligence specialist with J-2. "What we're trying to do is make sure everyone knows about the programs we have in place to help them."

Department of Defense policies on sexual assault seek to establish a climate in which: Education and training create an environment in which sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated:

-Victims of sexual assault receive the care and support they need

-Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

- DoD policies educate the victim about his or her options; the offender about the punishment

- Bystanders about what they can do to help prevent a sexual assault.

Here at Guantanamo Bay, Troopers can rely on the support of Ms. Karen Perez, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). The SARC is the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care. The SARC number is 4141.

A SARC can help a victim decide whether to file a restricted or unrestricted report. With an unrestricted report, the victim receives advocacy, counseling, medical treatment, and an official investigation into the incident. Victims filing restricted reports receive the same care as those filing unrestricted, but no investigation is launched. Those who file restricted reports can choose to change them to unrestricted reports at any time; there is no time limit.

The SARC is assisted in her duties by victim advocates (VA). Victim advocates provide essential care to the victim, as well as non-clinical information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing. The VA maintains communications and contact with the victim as needed for continuing support.

Guantanamo Bay currently has 49 victim advocates. If you would like to become a VA, a victim advocate training course will be held May 7-10 at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Victims can also utilize the DoD Safe Helpline to receive anonymous information and support. The Safe Helpline can be reached by dialing (877) 995-5247, or at www.safehelpline.org.

Sexual assault is a crime that affects everyone in our ranks. If it hurts one, it affects all.



-DoD photo

GTMO runs to raise funds

Haiti 5K



By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson

More than 80 participants turned out Saturday to lend their support to the country of Haiti by joining in a five kilometer run that raised more than \$2,000 for the small Caribbean nation which was rocked by a 7.0 earthquake a little over two years ago.

Taking their cue from a number of MWR events they had participated in, Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Conwell and Sgt. Larissa Pillay of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Joint Detention Group decided to put together their own fundraiser to help out the people of Haiti who are still suffering from the massive earthquake that devastated the country and left more than 300,000 dead.

“One day Sgt. 1st Class Conwell and I were talking and we recognized how people love to run here and collect the amazing T-shirts during the 5k runs that the MWR puts together monthly, said Pillay. “We thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be awesome to have a 5K run for a great cause? We could raise money from the run and give it to people in need.’”

Pillay and Conwell reached out to several non-profit agencies, and Giant Global, which sponsors a Haiti recovery initiative, responded. After meeting with representatives of the non-governmental 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the two then reached out to Jen Norton, the MWR Fitness Director.

“She told us that because

it was a fundraiser that MWR could not have any part in it,” according to Pillay. “However, Jen advised Sgt. 1st. Class Conwell and myself on all the things that we needed to do to make this event flawless.”

Pillay and Conwell then coordinated with the Staff Judge Advocate, Base Security, the hospital, and the 170th and 525th Military Police Battalions. The two are from the 170th MP Battalion and their unit supported this event from the beginning to end.

“We had many volunteers from the 170th, 525 and even W.T. Sampson middle school and High School,” said Pillay. “The volunteers were awesome. They were up at 5:30 that morning cutting oranges, setting up tents, setting up tables, arranging T-shirts and

motivating others.

As with the MWR runs, T-shirts were handed out to the first 100 to register, but these shirts were designed by Pillay and Conwell and donated by Lalini Pillay.

Although they had hoped to raise about \$1,000, the 145 people who signed up for the run ensured that they would double their estimate.

“After hosting this run, I have learned that people love to help others in need and will help others if they can,” noted Pillay. “With just a little effort to get things started you get an amazing outcome. The GTMO community is awesome!”



WINNING RUN TIMES

FEMALES

- 1st – Katie Sutton 19:28
- 2nd – Debbie Remele 24:40
- 3rd – Brittany Musleve 25:45

MALES

- 1st – Brandon Pacheco 20:31
- 2nd – Ryan Hallock 20:48
- 3rd – David Pointras 22:40

Top left: Brandon Pacheco was the first-place male finisher in the 5K run/walk for Haiti April 21.
 Bottom right: Runners displayed the Haitian flag before the event, which raised about \$2,000 for a Haiti recovery initiative.
 –photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kryn Westhoven
 Bottom left: Runners bring it home across the finish line. The 5K started and finished adjacent to G.J. Denich Gym.
 –photo courtesy of Army Sgt. Larissa Pillay

Operation 'Mints for the Military' Lands in GTMO



The Gulfcoast Florida Girl Scouts-sponsored program "Mints for the Military" donated thousands of boxes of cookies to Guantanamo Bay, which Joint Task Force Troopers helped unload Monday. —photos by Pvt. Loren Cook

By Pvt. Loren Cook

Troopers attached to Joint Task Force Guantanamo unloaded more than 10,000 pounds of Girl Scout cookies at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Monday.

This is the fourth year in a row cookies were donated as part of the Girl Scouts of a Gulfcoast Florida program called "Mints for the Military." This program gives customers the option to purchase a box and donate it to military service members serving around the world.

The cookies were unloaded from an MD-80 jet airliner, loaded onto waiting trucks, and taken to W.T. Sampson Elementary School, where they will be stored for distribution to JTF units and staff sections.

Army Maj. Tom Tuttle, a Trooper assigned to JTF and the cookie project manager for Guantanamo Bay, has coordinated with the Girl Scouts in previous years and is excited to see this year's cookie drive be another success.

"My wife has been active in Girl Scouts for about 35 years as an adult leader, and she's one of the people responsible for the cookie program at the Girl Scout council in Florida," Tuttle said.

Tuttle praised the spirit of volunteerism

displayed by JTF Troopers.

"Everyone in this is a volunteer," Tuttle said. "We had to coordinate everything: from the bakers who bake the cookies, to the shipping companies who get the cookies over to Andrews Air Force Base, and the Troopers here who volunteer to unload the cookies. It's really a cast of hundreds."

Pfc. Tyler Ewert, of the 189th Military Police Company, learned about the opportunity to help out by reading a list of volunteer opportunities posted by his operations sergeant. Ewert came in and volunteered on his day off.

"I like volunteering. It's a good way to come out, enjoy the weather, and do something to help out, instead of sitting around my quarters," Ewert said. "I like cookies, and now I'm helping everyone else get some too."

Trooper volunteers unloaded 1,244 cases for a total of 14,928 boxes of cookies: a sweet reward for their hard work.

"It's a little piece of home," said Pfc. Neal Borba of the 189th MP Co. "Down here, you can't go out and get all the things you had back home, so getting something like a box of Girl Scout cookies just makes your day better."



Above: Pfc. Neal Borba unloaded cookies in support of Operation "Mints for the Military" Monday. —photo by Pvt. Loren Cook



IN THE FIGHT

No horsing around at Barstow Marine base

By Cpl. Thomas Bricker

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

BARSTOW, Calif. – Coming from an urban background and having never dealt with horses before, one Marine accepted the daily responsibilities of training, caring for, and showcasing steeds and raised the bar while doing so.

Gunnery Sgt. Mike Bate, the staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Mounted Color Guard, will soon be leaving the equestrian unit to continue his duties as a leader elsewhere; but not before taking his small unit of five Marines from a small-city color guard to a nationally recognized image of the Corps.

Bate came to the MCG after he deployed to Iraq three times as an infantry unit leader with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Following his last deployment with the unit, Bate received orders to MCLB Barstow's MCG as a cool-down tour. The orders caught Bate by surprise. The first, being sent to a nondeployable unit, and the second, working with horses?

But the Marine gunnery sergeant didn't look back or think twice.

"I was really surprised when I found out I was going to Barstow to be with the Mounted Color Guard. I grew up in a city and never rode horses before; it was kind of shocking," said Bate, a native of Philadelphia. "I honestly didn't even know the Marine Corps had a mounted color guard," he added.

Bate's lack of experience with horses didn't hinder his plans and intentions with the MCG. After spending some time with the base's Headquarters Battalion as the company gunnery sergeant, Bate went to work, training with his predecessor. What he lacked in experience, Bate made up for with enthusiasm.

"Gunny Bate came in with a lot of plans for the Mounted Color Guard. He's a people person and was looking to use that to his advantage," explained Pete McConnell, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant and the former SNCOIC of the MCG. "He wanted to take the Mounted Color Guard to 'the next level,'" he added.

The next level is exactly where Bate took the MCG. With approval from the base commander, Bate utilized this "western" or "rustic" to showcase his Marines and horses to the public. To do this, Bate took the MCG on the road for more than half the year he was in charge of them, promoting the unit and the Marine Corps as a whole, by participating in dozens of equestrian-based events throughout the country.

"I told Gunny Bate he had free reign to do what he felt was needed to get the Marine Corps' image out there to the public as long as he was on the road," explained Col. Daniel P. Ermer, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow. If Bate wasn't on the road, he was getting the horses and Marines ready to be on the road again, Ermer added. Not only has Bate traveled the country to exhibit his Marines-on-horseback but he's also helped by diversifying the unit itself.

"When I came here, the Mounted Color Guard was for infantrymen who were to go on cool down tours after their deployments," he explained. "I wanted to bring Marines from a broader spectrum. Right now we have Marines who've worked in corrections, communications, and music, along with an infantryman."

Bate's work to supplement the MCG didn't stop with new faces though. He also urged outstanding Marines stationed at MCLB Barstow to take up reins as well.

"I've been working to get Marines at base who are enthusiastic about riding with us to join in for a few events," he explained. "I think it works well as an incentive program; it's a good way to reward Marines who have done well," he added.

His work with the MCG has been noticed by many, both on and off the base. The commanding officer of the base continues to be impressed by Bate's work ethic as he continues to promote the Marine Corps' only mounted color guard.

"It's incredible how he's handled the job since he's come on board as the SNCOIC of the Mounted Color Guard," said Ermer. "He's planned so many trips, traveled across the country numerous times, and all with horses and never had any problems."

Not only has the MCG been making

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ON THE DECK

'Partnering for a Greener Future'

From Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Navy and Marine Corps commands around the globe participated in Earth Day activities throughout the month of April.

"The Navy carries out numerous programs that protect the Earth year-round as we perform our national defense mission," said John Quinn, acting director of the Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division. "Earth Day celebrations give us the chance to connect with local communities and inform people about those programs."

This year's theme, "Partnering for a Greener Future," highlighted the Department's many successful partnerships with sister military services, government agencies, local schools, non-governmental organizations, and the public. Some examples include:

– Commander Navy Region Southeast is the federal co-lead for both the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic Regional Planning Bodies of the National Ocean Council, which was established under the National Ocean Policy (NOP). At the national level, the NOP provides a high level interagency forum where policy issues can be discussed. At the regional level, the NOP provides the Navy and Marine Corps an avenue for proactively engaging in marine spatial planning with our federal, state, local, and tribal partners.

– As part of its long-term environmental planning efforts, the Navy has been working with the National Marine Fisheries Service to assess and mitigate potential significant environmental impacts of military training and testing activities conducted in operational areas throughout the Atlantic and Pacific.

– The Navy continues to fund millions in research and collaborate with academic institutions to study the ecology of marine mammals and to minimize the potential effects of Navy training and testing activities on the marine ecosystem.

– The Navy is working with government agencies, industry, and local communities to determine how to support renewable energy projects, such as wind projects, while minimizing training impacts.

AT THE READY

NC Guardsman dedicates 100-mile run to fallen comrades



By Army Maj. Matthew Devivo

North Carolina National Guard

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait – As the hot sun began to rise above the horizon on the first day of April, a 10-mile road race was about to begin. At that same moment, on the other side of base, a lone runner pushed herself harder and faster around this desert outpost to finish her 24-hour quest – 100 miles in remembrance of fellow North Carolinians who have died during the war on terror.

That lone runner was Army Sgt. 1st Class Rita Rice, a Soldier stationed in Kuwait with the North Carolina Army National Guard's 113th Sustainment Brigade.

During those 100 miles, Rice carried her own water; traffic was not stopped for her; no t-shirts or medals were handed out; and

the only cheers and recognition along the way were a few high fives and pats on the back from other Soldiers who took turns running with her.

A former member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Rice joined the North Carolina Army National Guard in 2009, and every runner that ran a lap or two with Rice said they felt honored to share the road with her.

"It's awesome," said Army Sgt 1st Class Lee Klimala. "Her superhuman ability and can-do attitude is contagious."

Rice is an ultra runner and trains for and participates in endurance races more than 26.2 miles long – the length of a marathon. Most of her races these days are between 50 and 100 miles long, but it took many years for her to become the runner she is today.

In 2006 she began to slowly pound the pavement and shady wooded trails of North

Left: Army Staff Sgt. Samuel Joyce of the 113th Sustainment Brigade runs a few laps with Sgt. 1st Class Rita Rice during her 100-mile run around Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Each lap around the base was approximately seven miles, and Rice dedicated every lap of her race to fallen comrades from North Carolina. –photo by Sgt. 1st Class Keith Warzon

Carolina to keep up with her twin daughters, who had started running track at school. "It was a good excuse for me to get back in shape and to be with my girls and bond," Rice said. "It was hard at first, but well worth it."

"I had not run seriously for almost fourteen years since my days in the 82nd, but my family and friends kept me motivated."

Over the following months, Rice was able to complete a two-mile run, then four miles, and a 10-miler. Before long, in 2007, she was able to complete her first marathon.

Rice said the major change in her attitude towards running and her desire not to quit came when a close neighborhood friend, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott Dyer, was killed in Afghanistan in late 2006.

After the news of her friend's death, Rice wanted to honor his service, and decided that running was a healthy and challenging way to do it. Rice said she was lucky to have a running mentor, Army Lt. Col. Mike McNeill. A special forces officer, McNeill motivated Rice and helped her get past the mental challenges of running long distances. He also taught her how to enjoy the experience of running.

Rice, now a veteran runner, has completed five marathons, multiple endurance races, and other fun runs that challenge a person mentally and physically.

Army Col. David Jones, commander of the 113th Sustainment Brigade, said, "Rice is the definition of a 113th Sustainment Brigade 'Steel Soldier,' whose determination to succeed inspires others and makes the whole unit twice as strong."

"But above all else, she's proud to be an American Soldier, serving her country, and honoring our fallen heroes," he said.

HORSES cont.

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Bate leaves the MCG in May, returning to Camp Pendleton's 1st Marine Division but not before departing Barstow with a message to the Marines he's worked with aboard the base and on the road.

"Remember, your image to the public is important at all times," Bate stressed. "You're always representing the Corps."

DFAS warns service members of scam emails

By Tech Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Defense Media Activity

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. – Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently released a statement warning of email scams targeting military members, military retirees, and civilian employees.

According to the statement, the most recent email scam indicates that individuals who are receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs may be able to obtain additional funds from

the Internal Revenue Service, but only if they send copies of their income tax information.

Scammers have even gone so far as to “spooof” DFAS email addresses so that the recipients would think it was actually coming from DFAS personnel. In a spoofing email, the scammer makes it appear that the message is coming from a legitimate source. This is to try to lure the reader into believing it’s genuine.

“(Scammers) manage to find a way to appear legitimate when they’re not,” said Edward Peace, the senior cyberwarfare in-

structor for the 39th Information Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla. “In some cases, it looks like it’s from a legitimate source.”

To fool people, Peace said, the scam artist may create a server so that the URL is close to that of a legitimate site, for example using .mic instead of .mil at the end of the Web address. People can avoid these scams by closely reading the address from which the email was sent.

Though these scam artists have found ways to spoof the DFAS email address, this does not mean that customer accounts were compromised.

“We have not had an incident that has threatened our security or the accounts of our customers,” said Steve Burghardt, a DFAS media relations officer. “We are always on the lookout. And we’re taking steps to (educate) folks.”

To that end, DFAS officials are developing pages on their website to highlight their official email policy, examples of scam emails and law enforcement agencies that can initiate an investigation.

DFAS officials are also trying to make this information readily available via myPay, Burghardt said.

“That’s our biggest concern,” he said. “As long as you keep your login credentials private and to yourself, then your account is pretty much assured a fairly decent amount of security. But if you give that away or give out that information that people can use to get new credentials ... I can always impersonate you and say, ‘I lost my login credentials, get me a new one.’”

Besides getting their personal information stolen, people can also fall victim to computer attacks by even opening these emails.

For example, if there are HTML attachments or links in the email, they can drop malware on the computer, usually a Trojan horse, Peace said. If this happens, the Trojan will call out to wherever they want it to and start to do series of different things, such as loading more malware on the computer or turn the computer into part of a botnet. In the latter scenario, one’s computer is taken over by a hacker, made part of a larger network and used mostly for nefarious purposes.

In order to avoid falling victim to these computer viruses and malware, people using commercial email accounts should immediately erase these scam emails, Peace said. Service members who receive these types of email on their .mil accounts should immediately notify their network administrator.



By Spc. Ryan Hallock

EDEN

“So now I am older than my mother and father when they had their daughter, now what does that say about me?” Lyrics from “Montezuma” by the Seattle folk band Fleet Foxes bring the heaviness of reality back into the foreground of life. Time seems to slip between the cracks of our daily routines, vanishing as we pay our monthly bills. One day we wake up and wonder if this time and place is right for us. Did the last years culminate in something productive, not just adding zeros to our savings account, but also fulfilling the human spirit?

The stresses of deployment can be sifted from your body by finding your happy place like Happy Gilmore was able to do. Happy place. This happy place is your Eden. It’s a place where the mere thought relaxes your entire body, kills Monday-morning butterflies, and allows you to realize that things you’re worrying about are far from life-threatening. Find your Eden, which will possibly become something unimaginably real one day. Or maybe it will stay a place in your mind; a

Find your Eden

daydream that can combat any stressful situation throughout what may be your indefinite daily routine.

ALASKA

Alaska is part of the United States and is my Eden. I will travel there by any means necessary to exist and potentially coexist. I will grow my hair and my beard, naturally for Greek enlightenment and realistically to combat the Arctic conditions. To completely engage in this existential slumber, you’ll need to explore different avenues of metamorphosis.

Why Alaska? What am I in search of? Have the pressures and stresses of our daily routines become so heavy on our minds, bodies, and spirits that we need to retreat to a reservation of peace? Maybe it has nothing to do with being overwhelmed and totally due to a lifelong dream of exploring the openness of our planet.

Arctic Alaska is a white beach where Charlie don’t surf. William H. Seward purchased it in 1867. Most look to American expansion for reasoning but maybe he wanted to drain his bank account and retire to the wilderness. He was 66 years old. Moving past speculation, the Alaskan tundra provides a serene sense of solitude. It would be nice for our minds to dwell there instead of on any shortcomings that get put under a magnifying glass only to murkify the source of the original, miniscule problem.

It’s not my desire to wait until retirement only to go through the motions of essentially entering hibernation. No, moving to Alaska is not about becoming stagnant and allowing time to become obsolete when there is still much life to be lived. Life is about putting your best foot forward without worrying

about the consequences of failing. It’s about living with the same attitude the Dude from “The Big Lebowski” lived with: Just take it easy.

I woke up one morning and realized happiness is about chopping wood. It’s about cutting down trees. It’s about leaving work near the back of the pack in a race toward serenity now. There’s something completely blissful about being able to zone out while successfully completing a job, and I think chopping down trees is everything I need: A workout, a source of income, and plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors and daydream about love.

Looking at a map, Alaska is at the top of our country. I want to climb the stairway to the top of our country and when I get there I want to look down at life. I want to get high enough where life’s problems seem like grains of sand in a land of rare shells with their sand crab inhabitants each giving you a high five for arriving at your Eden.

DUDE

One day this beautiful military chapter in our lives will transition into the next. Maybe your Eden will stay the same. Maybe it will bounce back between the Arctic tundra of Alaska and the remote plains of Africa. Keep a tight hold of wherever your Eden is and go there when life begins to become redundant. Always know that there is a place out there for you. It could quite possibly be that Guantanamo Bay is your Eden. If you have the opportunity, try to extend! Wherever your Eden is, be sure to visit it often and don’t concern yourself with bringing back souvenirs. Just relax, forget about stress and let’s go bowling.

U.S. clothing designers seek to satisfy demand for American-made

By Elizabeth Lee

Voice of America News

LOS ANGELES – Fashion experts in the United States say a growing number of American consumers want domestically-made clothing. Some designers are trying to meet the demand by bringing much of their manufacturing back to the United States. In Los Angeles, clothing manufacturing is one of the largest industries in the region.

For decades, U.S. companies, including many in the textile industry, moved production of their products overseas, where labor and other manufacturing costs were lower. It became commonplace to see labels indicating a finished product was made outside the United States. But that trend appears to be changing.

In southern California, more than 150,000 people work in one of the largest clothing manufacturing hubs in the United States. Ilse Metchek is president of the California Fashion Association. She says Americans are demanding more U.S.-made apparel, in part because of the perception that some foreign nations engage in poor labor or trade practices.

“All that stuff going on about China not adhering to the labor laws, China manipulating its currency. People are very, very conscious; they may not know the details, they hear the noise,” she said.

Another factor driving demand is the U.S. recession and the high rate of unemployment. Kathleen Hudak, a local shopper, says she hopes buying domestically made products will help put Americans back to work.

“Especially with the state of our economy and the state of unemployment. I would like to see my money going towards helping workers in our country,” she said.

A report by the California Fashion Association says Chinese wages are rising due to a shrinking workforce caused by China’s “One Child” policy. Apparel workers are also going into other Chinese industries that offer better wages, hours and working conditions.

Lonnie Kane, president of the Karen Kane brand, agrees that economic factors in China are having an effect.

“China as its living standards are moving up, its wages are moving up,” he said.

That, plus increased shipping costs and problems with quality, prompted Kane to make more of his garments in the United States.

Many designers and retailers agree that making products domestically makes doing business easier. Frank Doroff is vice chairman of Bloomingdale’s, an upscale retail chain.

“I look for products that are made in the U.S.A. because of the relationship I can develop with the manufacturer and again the speed I can get it into the stores and then the reassurance that he’s right here, the quality will be there,” he said.

But the California Fashion Association says the United States will never again be one of the leaders in manufacturing apparel, in part because too much machinery and skilled labor was lost when the industry left decades ago.

So if China gets too expensive, manufacturing will simply move to lower cost countries such as Bangladesh and Cambodia.

ONLY AT GTMO

by Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Keith Simmons



GONE



By Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Ty Bjornson

Amanda Seyfried seems likable enough. She's a talented young actress who's been in supporting roles and is now crossing over into headlining territory. She's got the smarts, acting chops and the good looks to be an engaging actress in the years to come. In my opinion, to a degree, she resembles a young Michelle Pfeiffer.

Having noted these things, I'm still trying to understand what Seyfried was doing in "Gone." No doubt, this film was designed as a vehicle for Ms. Seyfried. I'm sure there will be other roles for her to shine in, but in "Gone" she is wallowing in the mire.

The film opens with the lovely Jill Conway scouring a forest outside of Portland, Oregon. She alleges she was abducted a year earlier by a lunatic who brought her to the woods and placed her in a hole in the ground with human remains: dead women, to be exact. After all this time, she believes this woman-killer is still on the loose. Her deepest fear is he will come looking for her to finish the job he started with her. Jill's sister Molly (Emily Wickersham, "I am Number Four") has moved into Jill's house to keep an eye on Jill. Their relationship is a symbiotic one. Jill has a mounting paranoia about a supposed loony on the prowl and Molly is a recovered alcoholic. Together, they keep each other in check.

After waitressing late one night, Jill returns home to discover her sister has vanished. Molly's disappearance does not jive as she was studying for a test and all her clothes are accounted for except for the night-time garments she was wearing when Jill last saw her. Frantic, Jill searches for her sister. In Jill's mind, there is only one possibility for what happened to Molly: the man who kidnapped Jill a year earlier has returned. Jill believes he kidnapped Molly with the intent of killing her as revenge for Jill escaping from him. Now, I realize the movies are generally tall tales to begin with, but for the lunatic to plan over a year to get back at Jill, the one girl to have gotten away, seems an overly ludicrous conclusion for Jill to arrive at. But I digress.

There are the obvious questions about this film's set-up. Why wasn't the killer ever brought in? Why wasn't the hole in the woods with the human remains ever discovered? Why haven't the police found anything to support Jill's claims? What is Jill's next move? The partial answer to these questions is somewhat "Hitchcockian": Jill previously spent some time in a psyche ward. Oh. This hinders Jill's credibility as the victim of a madman. The police doubt he was real at all. What about the hole in ground? What hole in the ground? The police were never able to find it. Oh.

"Gone" works on the premise that all cops

are stupid, unbelieving and inept at doing their jobs. We are introduced to three of them: Lt. Bozeman (Michael Pare, "Leverage") who is authoritative and easily agitated (sounds like my high school study hall teacher); Detective Lonsdale (Katherine Moening, "The L Word") who looks about as bored as this movie's audience (at least she looks sharp in her leather coat and messy straw-like hair); and the sympathetic Detective Peter Hood (Wes Bentley, "The Hunger Games") who looks like he belongs in a "creepy guy" edition of GQ. Given Jill's past, the police all believe she is crazy. Jill came in on a Friday with her complaint, but as far as they are concerned it can keep until Monday. Feeling that nobody can be trusted, Jill sets out to find her sister and confront the crazed stalker for once and for all. Hmmm...

If it wasn't for Amanda Seyfried's charm and good looks, I could not imagine how anybody could make it through this movie. The dialog is horrendous, the situation is preposterous and there are a lot of wasted opportunities with the story. Here's an example of a wasted opportunity: We know why the police don't believe Jill's story. Wouldn't it have been interesting if Jill herself had doubt on her own story? What if she questioned if the events of the previous year had happened at all or if the events only took place in her head? The filmmakers don't even go there. Here is a chance to keep the audience guessing if the threat is even real or imagined. This is just one of many ideas totally blown.

If you're concerned about spoilers, read no further...

How about the killer? I couldn't help but wonder about this guy. What motivates him to do what he does? Why didn't the police ever find any physical evidence on this guy? Didn't anyone else in Portland think it was just a little weird that all these women disappeared? Was anybody looking for them? Surely you can't have a pile of decaying women in a hole in the woods without someone asking questions about their whereabouts. I also found it hard to believe the killer would be a homeless guy who did his handiwork out in the woodland. How could he have had any income to buy materials for his crimes and rent vehicles? The movie doesn't tell you. This guy has no other purpose than to drive the story. There is absolutely no depth to him and there is no real sense of danger either. Heck, just to have said he was the boogeyman would have been at least something.

"Gone" is completely devoid of any real emotion, plausibility and suspense which are the keystones to any effective thriller. If you were to fall asleep under the stars at either Lyceum and miss a movie completely, this would be the one to sleep through.

GTMO Quick Reference

- Caribbean Coffee & Cream - 77859**
Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 1-10 p.m.
- Jerk House - 2535**
Sun.-Th. 5-9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 5-10 p.m.
- Bowling Center - 2118**
Mon.-Fri. 6-11 p.m.
Fri. 6 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sat. 1 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sun. & Holidays 1-11 p.m.
- KFC and A&W Express - 75653**
Daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

- MWR Liberty Centers - 2010**
Deer Point: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m.-12 a.m.
Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m.-12 a.m.
- Marine Hill: Mon.-Th. 11-12 a.m.
Fri. 11-2 a.m., Sun. 9-12 a.m.
- Tierra Kay: Sun.-Th. 7-12 a.m.
Fri. & Sat. 7-2 a.m.
- Camp America - open 24 hours
- Pirate's Cove**
Th.-Sat. 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- Cuban Club - 75962 (call ahead!)**
Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

- McDonald's - 3797**
Mon.-Th. 5 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 5 a.m.-2 a.m.
Sun. 6 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Pizza Hut - 77995**
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 12-9 p.m.
- Windjammer - 77252**
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.
- Windjammer Cafe**
Mon.-Th. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 5-10 p.m.
Sun. 5-9 p.m.
- O'Kelly's Irish Pub**
Mon.-Th. 5-9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.
Sun. 5-9 p.m.
- Safe Ride - 84781**

NAVSTA Main Chapel

- Daily Catholic Mass**
Tues.-Fri. 5:30 p.m.
- Vigil Mass**
Saturday 5 p.m.
- Mass**
Sunday 9 a.m.
- General Protestant**
Sunday 11 a.m.
- Gospel Service**
Sunday 1 p.m.
- Christian Fellowship**
Sunday 6 p.m.
- Pentecostal Gospel**
Sunday 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Room D

For other services, contact the NAVSTA Chaplain's Office at 2323.

GTMO Religious Services

- Protestant Communion**
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
- LDS Service**
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A
- Islamic Service**
Friday 1 p.m.
Room C
- JTF Trooper Chapel**
- Protestant Worship**
Sunday 9 a.m.
- Bible Study**
Wednesday 6 p.m.

For more information, contact the JTF Chaplain's Office at 2305.

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Call the movie hotline at 4880 or see <https://intranet/movies.html> for more information.

Background and right: Rayvon, a reggae artist who collaborates frequently with Shaggy, posed outside of the Windjammer after sharing the Guantanamo Bay stage with DJ Epps April 21. The artists jumped at the opportunity to perform for the troops, something they love to do. –photos by Spc. Ryan Hallock



Rayvon At Shutter Speed

Right: Sgt. Joe Martinez and Cpl. Tim Fowler of the 525th Military Police Battalion worked the grill at the motor pool April 23 during a fundraiser for the upcoming June 30 Army ball. –photo by Spc. Ryan Hallock

