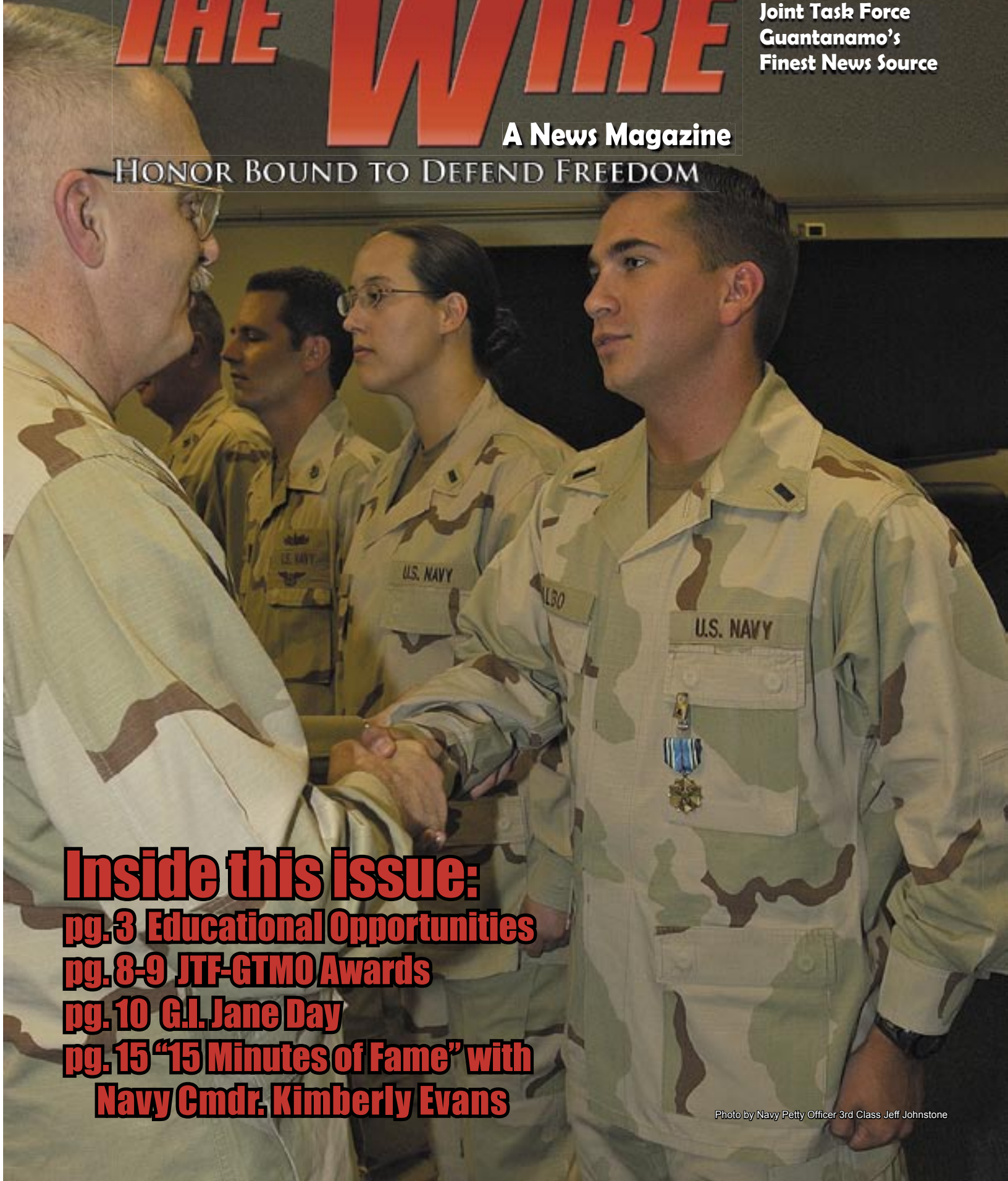


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# Farewell Message from JTF Commander

## “Honor Bound”

By Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr.

Commander JTF GTMO

As I prepare to depart Guantanamo, I do so with a profound admiration for the men and women of the Joint Task Force, both military and civilian, who serve our Nation so well. As I testified before Congress last week, I believe we are holding the right people in the right place for the right reasons and, importantly, doing it the right way.

A little over a year ago, I wrote in this forum about four guiding principles:

1. **Value integrity over loyalty – always do the right thing.**
2. **Take care of our people – without them, we can't do our job.**
3. **The truth is a powerful – and transparent – shield.**
4. **Always do our professional best – know our SOPs and follow them faithfully.**

I am honored to have served with men and women for whom integrity and honor are a way of life. “Honor Bound” is more than a catchy motto; it describes the very core of what makes the JTF strong. Our mission here is bigger than any one of us, but by working together and taking care of each other, you have accomplished amazing



things. You are the epitome of a professional Joint Force, and I commend you for it.

Never forget that the work you do here matters

*“Never forget that the work you do here matters on a fundamental level for the security of our Nation.”*

on a fundamental level for the security of our Nation. There are some who oppose our mission and question the value of our work. The truth is that we are keeping dangerous men off the battlefield and gathering strategic intelligence that directly helps our Nation fight terrorism on the global battleground.

Rear Adm. “Buz” Buzby is fortunate, indeed. I wish him and each of you the very best. Honor Bound! ■

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# Columbia College Offers Options

**By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Have you received various military and civilian training over the years, but never obtained a college degree? Education advisors at Columbia College here are available to show you how to convert all your hard work into a degree.

Ellen Soucy, director of Columbia College, Guantanamo Bay, said academic advisors can evaluate a Trooper's educational history and convert their training into college credit.

By enrolling in courses during their deployment, Soucy mentioned that Troopers with extensive military and civilian coursework could obtain an associates degree within four months.

"This school isn't for everyone, but we have something to offer on every level. We offer an associate's and a bachelor's degree, and a Master's of Business Administration," said Soucy. "We design a program keeping in mind that adult learners have busy schedules."

Columbia College is a nationally accredited college conveniently located at GTMO that offers courses in eight-week cycles.

Although Columbia College offers in-seat and online courses, Soucy added that Troopers should also consider obtaining credit through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Since Troopers are exposed to a lot of subjects through their work and personal experiences, CLEP examinations allow Troopers to test their knowledge on various subjects without attending a class. Soucy said that CLEP scores within the standards set by the American Council on Education can be recognized as college credit.

"CLEP tests are very challenging and students must study to pass. Columbia College offers the 90-minute computerized exams on Saturdays. However, students must call ahead since the seats fill up quickly," said Soucy. Soucy added that Troopers could prepare for the next CLEP examination, scheduled for June 9 at the college, by obtaining a study guide. Old textbooks are also available in the post library.

Columbia College is also offering in-seat

courses during its summer session beginning June 15. In-seat courses being offered include biology, criminal justice, english, psychology and religion. Soucy mentioned that additional classes will be offered if she can find qualified instructors. Therefore, she encourages Troopers with a master's degree or higher, and an interest in teaching, to contact her regarding becoming an adjunct professor.

Columbia College also offers more than 100 online courses for students working towards a degree. Troopers pursuing a Master's of Business Administration can also complete their course work online. Soucy mentioned that one advantage of online courses is their portability. Students may begin taking classes while at GTMO, and they can complete their online education when they return home. Soucy added that the online professors are flexible and will work with students who have difficulty completing course work.

"We are a traditional college that offers these non-traditional opportunities to students," said Soucy. "We do have an awful lot to offer, and you are getting a quality education at an affordable price."

To enroll in Columbia College, Troopers must complete an application and pay a \$35 fee. Soucy said that Troopers seeking to use their tuition assistance benefits should check their eligibility with their command. Although Columbia College does not assist with the tuition assistance process, Soucy said the college has contact information for Troopers inquiring into their benefits.

Although a Trooper's deployment at GTMO can range from four months to a year or more, Soucy said their curriculum is designed to cater to the needs of all servicemembers. In addition to helping Troopers obtain promotion points, Soucy added that obtaining a college degree also shows supervisors that Troopers are serious about their future.

"When you pursue your degree, it helps prepare you for something better in the future. We all have something we can learn each day," said Soucy. "In the long run, it helps you become a well-rounded person, and it increases your ability to get a job and improve your livelihood upon separation from service." ■

# DFAS Adds New Security Measure to 'myPay' System

*From Defense Finance and Accounting Service*

Another new security feature has been added to myPay to protect customers' data on the pay account system.

As part of its ongoing effort to strengthen password and account security, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has implemented the "virtual keyboard" to assist in protecting against such malicious software as spyware, trojans and keylogging.

The virtual keyboard will be available mid-May. Each time a user arrives at myPay to log on, the virtual keyboard will appear on the screen. The user will type in his or her Login ID, then "press" the keys on the screen by clicking on them with a mouse to enter a Personal Identification Number (PIN) instead of typing the actual keys. The virtual keyboard is for the user's PIN only.

To enhance security, the keyboard layout changes or keys are displayed randomly every time the page is refreshed.

"This is a significant move toward adding yet another layer of security to our myPay system," said Pat Shine, DFAS director of operations. "We want to reassure our customers that we are proactively working to secure their pay account information." ■

## Avoiding Email Blunders

**By Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Email has become such a relied-upon tool that it has overtaken the telephone as the preferred communication tool in the office. A recent survey showed that 84 percent of professional employees said that being without email would present more of a hardship than being without phone service.

If not handled correctly, email can get you into a lot of trouble. Workers often find themselves in hot water because they wrote something slanderous about a colleague, or 'Punk'd' a friend in an

email and then accidentally sent it to the wrong person, or someone, playing political games forwarded it to the person you were talking about. Or they might be in trouble for accidentally putting sensitive or classified information in an email resulting in a compromise of the mission.

People also may click "Reply to All" and send messages that not everybody should have. Things you say about people or the mission can be passed on. Classified or sensitive information could be released. If somebody feels that something in an email is libelous, it can land one in court, or worse, in front of the Chief of Staff.

Here are some tips for writing better emails:

- **Think before you write.** Think about what your message is, who the reader is and whether or not the reader should receive the message.

- **Think before you click "send".** Read it before you send it if it's sensitive or difficult or important.

- Stop and think about what would happen if someone else sees a copy of this. Would it be suitable for your mother were to read it?

- **Keep jokes to a minimum.** Make sure you don't send out anything that could be construed as offensive.

These are all email accidents that could cost you not only your reputation, but your job. ■

# Network News

## Importance of logging off workstations

*From JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office*

New vulnerabilities in computer software are identified everyday. These vulnerabilities are usually some sort of flaw in the software that a determined hacker could exploit to access the computer the software is running on. Once a single computer is accessed, each device and network that computer is attached to is also accessible. For instance, let's say a JTF computer is compromised. Anybody with access to a single computer on the network has access to all the files on that computer, all the public folders on the network and access to all websites that restrict access to .mil computers. The amount of data available from a single compromise is almost incalculable. Because these vulnerabilities are identified almost every day and the consequences of a compromise are potentially so severe, the J6 community fights a constant battle to keep our systems

secure.

One of the ways we fight this battle is by remotely deploying the patches that resolve these vulnerabilities over the network. Typically, in order to make this as convenient as possible, we try to do this overnight, when the majority of network users are logged off the network. Because these patches will normally only load to computers that are powered on, but logged off, the Information Assurance Office depends on all users to log off of their workstation every day, but leave it powered on. If the workstation is powered on, it's connected to the network and these patches can be deployed. If it's not powered on or if a user is logged on to the workstation, these patches will not be effectively deployed.

This is a continuous battle to keep our network secure from continuously-discovered vulnerabilities. The only way we can secure every workstation on the network is if every user logs off every day. Please help secure our network by remembering to log off your workstation every day. The security of the network depends on you.

If you have any questions or concerns about a computer security issue, please feel free to contact the JTF-GTMO IA Office at [j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:j6-ia@jftgtmo.southcom.mil) or x3333. ■

## Defense Department blocks Internet sites to protect grid

*By Jim Garamone*

*From [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)*

The Defense Department is blocking access to many popular Internet sites from department-owned computers due to bandwidth issues, U.S. Strategic Command officials said yesterday.

Joint Task Force Global Network Operations, which directs the operation and defense of the Defense Department's global information grid to assure timely and secure capabilities in support of the department's warfighting, intelligence and business missions, blocked 12 popular sites on government computers yesterday.

The sites are: [youtube.com](http://youtube.com), [pandora.com](http://pandora.com), [photobucket.com](http://photobucket.com), [myspace.com](http://myspace.com), [live365.com](http://live365.com), [hi5.com](http://hi5.com), [metacafe.com](http://metacafe.com), [mtv.com](http://mtv.com), [ifilm.com](http://ifilm.com), [blackplanet.com](http://blackplanet.com), [stupidvideos.com](http://stupidvideos.com) and [filecabi.net](http://filecabi.net).

The popularity of the sites has not affected operations yet, but blocking them prevents them from causing such

a problem, officials said. "It is a proactive measure: we do not want a problem with demand for these sites clogging the networks," a U.S. Strategic Command official said.

The blocks affect only Defense Department computers and local area networks that are part of the department's global information grid. The department has more than 15,000 local and regional networks and more than 5 million computers in the grid.

Department officials stress they are not making a judgment about the sites. Blocking the sites "is in no way a comment on the content, purpose or uses of the Web sites themselves," the official said. "It is solely a bandwidth/network management issue."

Offices with a need to access these sites from government computers can request exceptions to the policy. Global network operations officials will continue to assess the stresses and strains on the global information grid, and may add or subtract sites as needed. ■

# MICKELSON WINS PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

*By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone*

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Just a mere three weeks after hiring new swing coach Butch Harmon, and after finishing third place twice during that span, Phil Mickelson captured his first PGA Championship Sunday, May 13 at The Players Championship (TPC), Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

The championship is Mickelson's second tournament victory this year and he is now ranked No. 2 in the World Cup standings, second only to Tiger Woods. He has now won two Major tournaments in the last two years, the last one being the 2006 Masters.

Mickelson took command of the leader board during the second round of play.

"He's got as much talent as anyone in the world, other than maybe Tiger (Woods)," Harmon said to reporters. "You're just seeing the tip of the iceberg. He's going to get a lot better."

Consistency off the tee was a key for Mickelson during Sunday's final round. He hit 14 out of 18 fairways off the tee. A birdie on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole helped Mickelson, and a bogey by Sean O' Hair on the 10<sup>th</sup> didn't hurt either. When O' Hair knocked himself out of the top five by losing four strokes on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Mickelson knew he had smooth sailing to a victory walk.

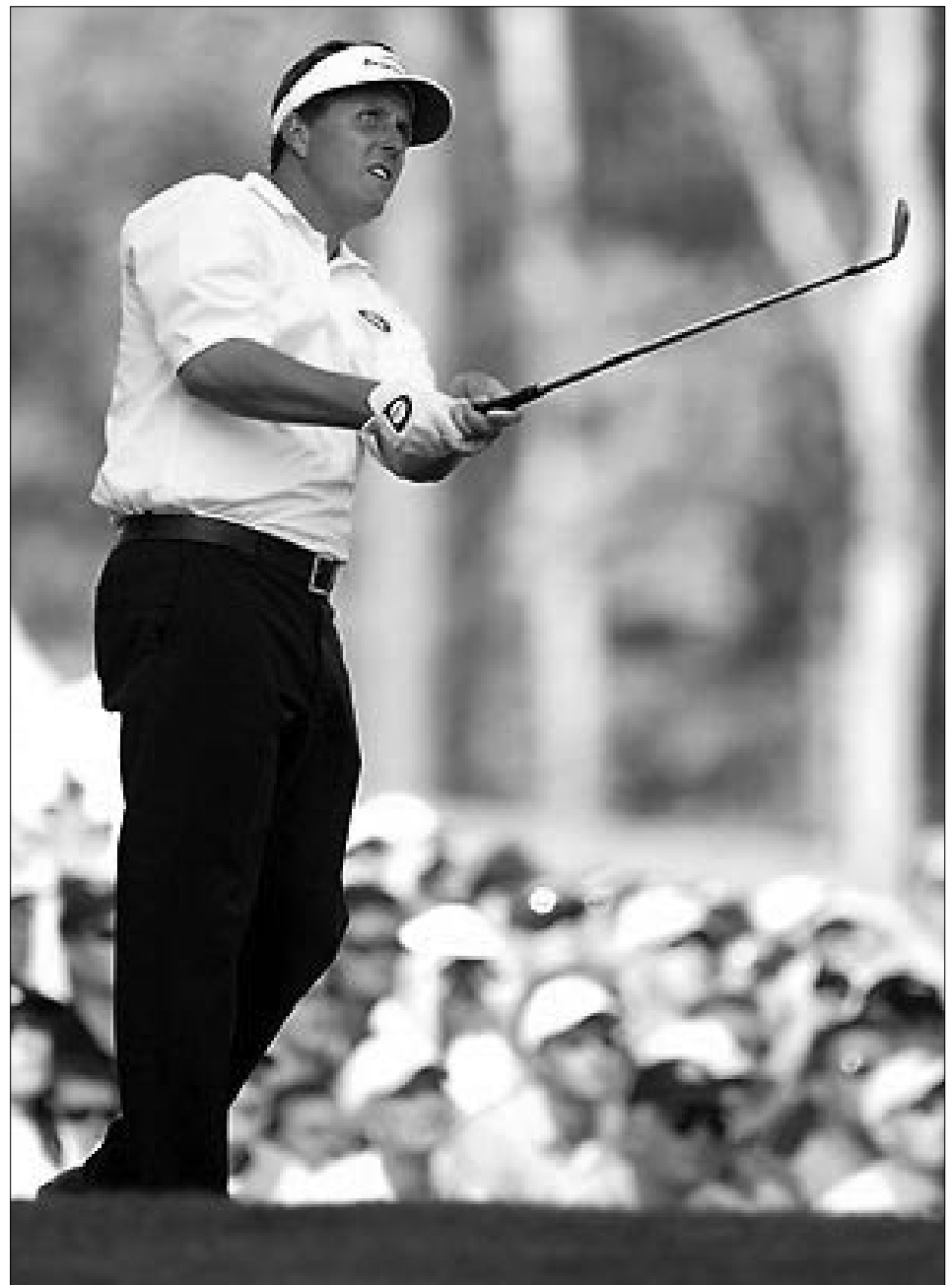
Mickelson considered Sunday's round to be a "stress-free" round of golf. He credits Harmon for helping him re-focus and getting him back on the winning track.

"I've seen an immediate difference in three weeks, and I can't wait for another three

weeks to go by and start getting ready for the U.S. Open," said Mickelson. "I'm looking forward to three or four more weeks to go by and get ready for the British Open. I'm really excited about the direction I'm headed."

The PGA championship, one of the four high-profile PGA tournaments known as

the 'Majors,' is a four-round event that began Thursday, May 10. The tourney offers the richest purse of any other event in the PGA, with \$9 million split amongst the top finishers. Mickelson earned \$1.62 million in prize money. The next major PGA tournament is the U.S. Open at Oakmont in June. ■



**Phil Mickelson captured his first PGA Championship Sunday, May 13 closing four days of tournament play with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot victory over second place finisher Sergio Garcia. Photo courtesy of Sports Illustrated.**

# Assessing Your Physical Fitness

By Army Pfc. Daniel Welch

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Is your waistline beginning to get a little larger than you'd like? Does your idea of lifting mean hauling a slice of pizza from the box to your face? Have you done any running, other than trying to beat an iguana to that fallen french fry?

Many Troopers are aware that many physical ailments can be attributed to a lack of physical fitness. In addition to health benefits, for many Troopers physical

training is a cornerstone for advancement and success in the military. With the Global War on Terror raging into its sixth year, many Troopers next assignments may find them spending their time behind the sights of an assault rifle instead of behind the karaoke microphone at Club Survivor.

But fear not! There is help for you yet. The Marine Hill Fitness Center offers a comprehensive Fitness Assessment for those looking to shed some un-needed pounds or for those interested in knowing where their bodies are physically, and all of this is free of charge!

Audrey Chapman, one of the Fitness Coordinators at the Marine Hill Fitness center here, conducts the assessments.

"This is a program that has been offered longer than I have worked here, explained Chapman. It helps tell where a person is physically and where they need to improve."

Chapman went on to say how the assessment tests a person's weight, body measurements, resting heart rate, flexibility and bicep strength, along with how many sit-ups and push-ups they can do as well as their endurance on a stationary bike.

After the evaluation is complete, the coordinator can set up a comprehensive workout program to help target specific points of improvement for the person being assessed. The workouts are tapered to fit into the busy work schedule for those on base.

Many people are not aware of how to lift weights safely and effectively, so the culmination of the assessment helps educate those involved with ways to start their workout regimens and weight-loss programs.

"We have seen a lot of people take advantage of this program," said Chapman. "We would love to see a lot more people; it is something that can help those looking to get in shape, or those who want to see an improvement in a certain area, to those who want to see just how physically fit they are."

So if you are tired of your only physical training being pressing the Square and X buttons on the Playstation 2, a great start might be at the Marine Hill Physical Fitness Center. For more information, coordinators can be reached Monday - Friday at ext: 78433 or 2285. ■



Photos by Army Pfc. Daniel Welch

**Richard Bush focuses on proper form while weight lifting at the gym on Camp America.**

# REFLECTIONS OF HONOR

Serving in Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) isn't easy. Troopers here work tirelessly toward mission accomplishment. It's true that life at GTMO isn't exactly a walk in the park, but it isn't without its rewards. Working in a joint environment opens doors for new awards and recognition including the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

These are some of the awards JTF-GTMO Troopers are eligible to earn. ■



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Coast Guard Commendation Medal



Air Force Commendation Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Coast Guard Achievement Medal



Air Force Achievement Medal



National Defense Service Medal



# HONOR



Joint Service  
Commendation Medal



Navy and Marine Corps  
Commendation Medal



Army  
Commendation Medal



Service  
Achievement Medal



Navy and Marine Corps  
Achievement Medal



Army  
Achievement Medal



Defense  
Medal



Global War on Terrorism  
Expeditionary Medal



Armed Forces  
Reserve Medal



# *G.I. Jane Day Honors JTF-GTMO Mothers*

**By Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeff Johnstone**

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

*"In many adventures her valor has been tried. For exercising her arms, good skill indeed had she, and known to be as active as anyone could be, for firing a musket, or beating of a drum, she might compare assuredly with anyone that come."*

**-Excerpt from the poem 'G.I. Jane' by Corporal Willma Clarke, U.S. Continental Army**

The demands of the Joint Task Force, Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) mission often leaves mothers separated from their families for long stretches of time. On Friday, May 11, JTF-GTMO took time to honor these female patriots for their selfless and dedicated service to both nation and family. "G.I. Jane Day," was a dinner celebration held at Seaside Galley. The dinner, held in conjunction with the Mothers' Day holiday, honored 13 women who, with their dedication and service, have each made contributions to the successful JTF-GTMO mission.

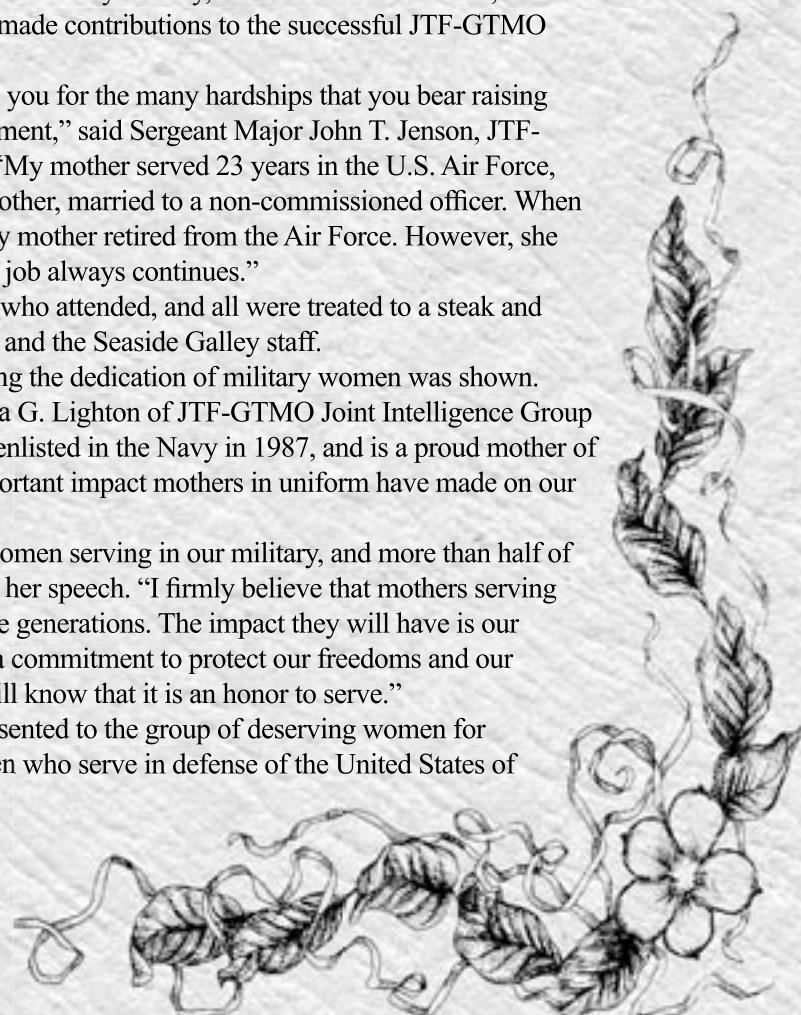
"We want to express our gratitude to you for the many hardships that you bear raising your children, especially during deployment," said Sergeant Major John T. Jenson, JTF-GTMO Camp America Commandant. "My mother served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force, but she wasn't an Airmen. She was a mother, married to a non-commissioned officer. When my father retired from the Air Force, my mother retired from the Air Force. However, she never retired from being a mother. That job always continues."

Roses were presented to the women who attended, and all were treated to a steak and lobster dinner hosted by Ms. Sam Scott and the Seaside Galley staff.

Following dinner, a video highlighting the dedication of military women was shown. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Jolinda G. Lighton of JTF-GTMO Joint Intelligence Group was the event's guest speaker. Lighton enlisted in the Navy in 1987, and is a proud mother of three children. She emphasized the important impact mothers in uniform have made on our military.

"There are currently over 200,000 women serving in our military, and more than half of them are mothers," Lighton said during her speech. "I firmly believe that mothers serving will have a tremendous impact on future generations. The impact they will have is our children will understand that we made a commitment to protect our freedoms and our precious way of life. They (children) will know that it is an honor to serve."

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the group of deserving women for "rendering honor and glory to all women who serve in defense of the United States of America." ■



# Casey Says Army Must Be Prepared for 'Persistent Conflict'

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The U.S. military is involved in a "persistent conflict," and the Army must be prepared to handle the commitment, the Army chief of staff said today. Gen. George W. Casey Jr. spoke to reporters in the Pentagon today in his first interview since he took the position a month ago, after commanding coalition forces in Iraq for almost three years.

"The enemy that has attacked us and we are fighting in places around the world isn't going to fold up and go home," he said. "They are going to continue to press us."

Casey said he was very deliberate before taking office. He tasked a group to study the state of the Army today and another to study the likely state of the world in 2020. He then had the two groups come together and propose a course for America's largest armed service.

He said soldiers are "generally comfortable with the transformational direction that we are on." In general, officials admit there is some "tweaking" to do, but modularization is the

correct path for the Army, he said.

Families are most stretched by repeated deployments, he said, and he acknowledged that the service's new 15-month deployment policy has placed another element of stress on military families. "We've been to a lot of units that were affected by the 15-month announcement, and while they understand the rationale, the families are stretched by this," he said.

He wants the Army "to ratchet up our game" in providing support to the families.

It is no secret that the Army, as an institution, "is affected by the cumulative effects of five years at war," he said.

The general said the problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here are an example of these accumulated stresses. "There are a lot of other stress points out there that I am asking people to help me identify," he said.

"We must improve what we're doing for soldiers and families," he said. "Spouses said, 'We don't need a lot of new programs -- what we need is for you to fund the ones you have, and standardize the ones you have across installations.'" This includes health care, facilities, living conditions and access to facilities.

## Williamson Earns Meritorious Service Medal



Inspector General of the Army, Lt. Gen. Stanley Green, presents Army Sergeant Major Cheryl Williamson with the Meritorious Service Medal. SGM Williamson received the award for her service as an Assistant Inspector General and noncommissioned officer in charge for The Office of The Inspector General for the California National Guard.

Casey said he is impressed by the level of commitment on the part of soldiers and families. They understand what the country is doing around the world and "they believe in what they are doing," he said.

The new chief of staff said he wants to accelerate the pace of a recently approved increase in the Army's size and improve readiness, noting that two years usually pass between a decision being made to having units on the ground, fully equipped. "We cannot address this instantaneously, but we need to address it faster," he said.

The service must complete transformation of reserve components from a Cold War mobilization force to an operational enhancement for the active components.

The Army needs to concentrate on leader development and growing the next generation of commissioned and noncommissioned officers, Casey said, and to fit that training into the deployment cycle. "We need to fully adapt our institutional programs -- like the NCO professional military education -- to an Army that is expeditionary and at war," he said.

Finally, the service needs to improve strategic communications externally and internally. "■

# Reunion Issue #4

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

Deployments are filled with good and bad experiences. The bad ones we would rather not remember or discuss. The truth is, we need to talk about the bad experiences too.

Often, we can't talk about them because of security concerns and because it is so hard to explain situations to people who are not in the military. Chaplains, the Joint Stress Mitigation and Response Team, veteran centers and MilitaryOneSource can all provide a listening ear and can refer you to support agencies to "talk about feelings."

It is our fear of embarrassment, rejection, ridicule and legal actions that cause us to do the opposite of what is necessary and just to move on with our lives. Our family, friends and loved ones don't understand why we don't want to talk about the negatives. They feel that we are shutting them out or don't love them anymore.

The truth is that we want to protect

them. Seek professional and sympathetic support if you are having a difficult time adjusting to your stateside life. ■

## SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

My last action items were:

**Action Item #1** – Communicate, Communicate, Communicate.

**Action Item #2** – Don't Forget Special Occasions

**Action Item #3** – If you have children, visit the following websites for dealing with separation and reunion: [www.gaurdyouth.org](http://www.gaurdyouth.org) and [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

This week's action is: **Action Item #4** – Accept and Share Your Feelings. Talk about the good and the bad about your time away from your loved ones. Really listen to each other carefully. ■

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

### Saturday, May 19

Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the low -70's.



Scattered T-storms

Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.

Sunset: 7:31 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 60%

### Sunday, May 20

Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the low-70's.



Scattered T-storms

Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.

Sunset: 7:32 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 40%

### Monday, May 21

Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the high - 80's, and lows in the low -70's.



Scattered T-storms

Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.

Sunset: 7:32 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 60%



# MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

## This week's movie review of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" by Army Pfc. Daniel Welch

It seemed as if I was walking into a time machine upon entering the Downtown Lyceum. You know, back to an earlier time, when parachute pants were cool, Vanilla Ice was at the top of the charts and the Washington Redskins could actually win meaningful football games. All the while, four mutant ninja turtles were winning the hearts of children everywhere.

The movie is set years after the cartoon show and the previous films. The Turtles have given up their crime fighting ways. The group, rife with infighting and flashing egos as enormous as their appetites, hope to reorganize themselves once again into a lean green fighting machine.

However, they are brought back together when their sidekick April (voiced by Sara Michelle Geller) and her boyfriend, Casey Jones (Chris Evans), become entangled in a plan orchestrated by millionaire businessman, Max Winters (Patrick Stewart), who wants to reincarnate an ancient army that has been trapped in stone for thousands of years.

Children will certainly delight at the one liners and zany antics of the Turtles. However, those in their mid-20's who grew up with the show may be left feeling that something is missing. The plot is jumbled with various story lines that have little bearing on each other, and the viewer may be left wondering what is the actual point of the movie.

The animation and fight sequences, on the other hand, are well worth wading through the muddled plot. Those looking for stimulating dialogue and an intellectual storyline may want to look elsewhere. But, if you are looking to take a trip down memory lane and see some fun action in the process, look no further. ■

- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles -  
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

**Rated: PG**

**Duration: 87 minutes**

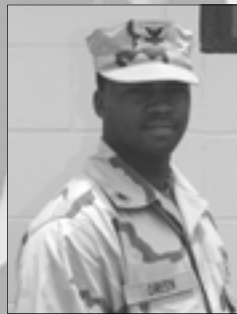
## Boots on the Ground:

"Who is your favorite sports team?"



**"The Cleveland Cavaliers."**

-Army Cpl. Edgar Torres



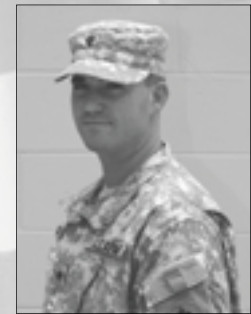
**"The Chicago Bears, they have always been my team."**

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Loron Green



**"I like the New York Knicks."**

-Army Staff Sgt. Carmelo Esquilin



**"My favorite team is the Miami Hurricanes."**

-Army Spc. Michael McLoughlin

# Who are you straightening out?

By Navy Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Tim Johns

JTF Deputy/NEGB Chaplain

Have you ever called others “snobs” or “unfriendly” when they didn’t speak to you and later found out they had just received some news of a tragedy? They weren’t being jerks, they were just in shock. We don’t know where people start, but we have a plan where people ought to be. We don’t know their motives or their background, so we make a judgment and get into trouble.

Like the old man who took his ugly dog for his regular Sunday walk in the park. The little old man sat on the park bench while his dog played at his feet. They weren’t bothering anyone. Soon another man appeared with his dog. Both the man and his dog had a mean, bulldog-type look on their faces. They were looking for a fight. The man and his bulldog began taunting the little old man and his ugly dog. The younger man commanded his dog, “Spike!” and pointed in the ugly dog’s direction. The little old man calmly addressed the aggressor, “I wouldn’t do that if I were you.” Irritated by the passive old man’s comment, the other man commanded Spike to attack the ugly dog. The old man reiterated, “I wouldn’t have done that.” As the battle raged in cartoon fashion, the result was unexpected. Spike lay defeated, torn to pieces by the ugly canine. His humbled master said to the old man, “What kind of dog is that?” to which the old man replied, “Well, before I cut off his tail and painted him yellow, he was an alligator!”

Because we see things from our point of view, we tend to antagonize instead of harmonize. This can lead to disaster because we all have a little alligator in us. It’s all in our perspective. If we are not careful, we see things only from our point of view.

It’s like the chicken and the elephant that were locked in a cage together. The chicken turned to the elephant and said, “We need to set a few ground rules. First, let’s don’t step on each other.” The chicken was looking at it from his point of view. Our chicken point of view affects our relationships with others. Our tendency is to want to straighten people out for our benefit. If you think straightening people out is your job, I suggest you become a funeral director. That way when you straighten them out they will stay. Otherwise, you’ll have a life of frustration because if you straighten someone out

today, they won’t stay that way.

Remember, God is the construction manager of people’s lives, not you. Have you ever gone through a construction area with a sign that says, “Slow, Men Working?” I thought about that sign the other day. We should put up a sign that says, “Slow, God Working.” God is slow sometimes. I don’t think He wears a watch. So let us give God time to work in other people’s lives, as well as our own life.

The truth is we are all like the chicken, no one wants to get stepped on but often we’re not careful about whom we step on. So the next time you feel like straightening someone out, go ahead act like an alligator and straighten someone out, YOURSELF.

If you need a little guidance or help then come and see your JTF Chaplain. We will leave the light on for you. ■

## CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Troopers' Chapel
	5:45 p.m.	Confessions	Troopers' Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Troopers' Chapel
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Troopers' Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

## NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Main Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Sanctuary A
	9:30 a.m.	Protestant Sun. School	Main Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Protestant Liturgical	Sanctuary B
	11:00 a.m.	Protestant Service	Main Chapel
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon. to Fri.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
<b>Saturday</b>	4:15 p.m.	Confessions	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel

*Jewish Shabbat Services held every second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Base Chapel complex Room 11.*

# 15 Minutes of Fame

## NAVY COMMANDER KIMBERLY S. EVANS

By Army Spc. Shanita Simmons

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Imagine living in a rural Afghan province surrounded by villagers who primarily raise cattle as a part of their livelihood. On a daily basis, these individuals work and care for their families with little say in how they are governed. Then, one day a team of U.S. servicemembers arrives with the intent of ensuring that these villagers' voices are heard.

Although the villagers may call these servicemembers "angels of mercy," Joint Task Force J-6 Director, Navy Cmdr. Kimberly S. Evans said the tasks completed during her deployment in Afghanistan were all a part of the mission.

"During my deployment, I was in command of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan," said Evans. "The PRT works to re-establish a functioning society in Afghanistan by building roads and mentoring and training Afghan leaders to help them understand the needs of the population."

Although Evans considers her deployment to be a life-changing experience, she would eventually learn that the knowledge she obtained would also impact the Navy. After Evans' deployment in 2005, she worked as the Deputy Chief Information Officer for the U.S. Navy Reserve. While assigned to the Pentagon, Evans said various military officials drilled her with questions regarding her experiences. The information she shared helped lay the foundation for a training module that is currently used by Navy personnel

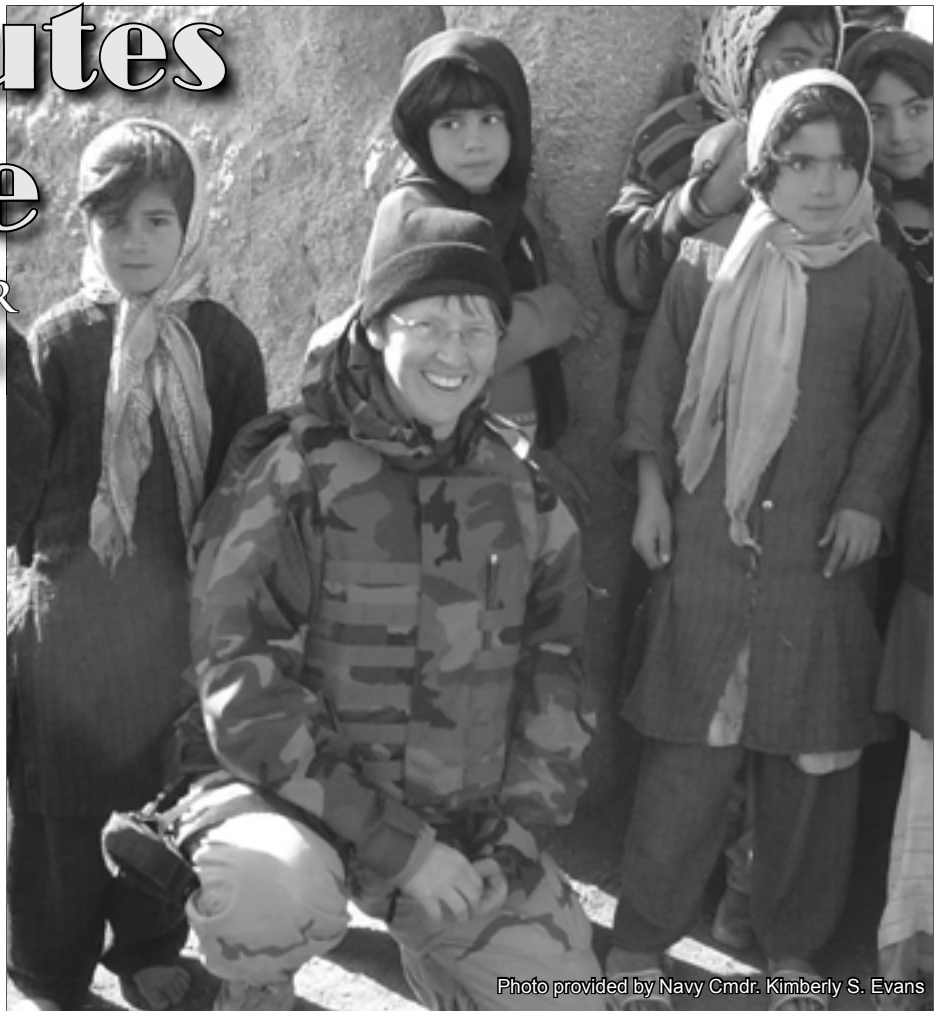


Photo provided by Navy Cmdr. Kimberly S. Evans

deploying to the region.

In addition, Evans received the Captain Winfred Quick Collins Award for Inspirational Leadership to recognize her distinguished service to the Afghan people.

"What I did in Afghanistan showed that the Navy can play a role in fighting the Global War on Terror," said Evans. "Leadership is the same across all different services. It does not matter what uniform you are wearing."

Recently, Evans showed her true leadership ability when she set a precedent by receiving a Commander's pin for her tour in Afghanistan.

Evans mentioned that the pin is usually presented to Navy officers in command of ships or shore facilities. However, she led the campaign that now allows selected Navy commanders deployed around the world to wear the pin.

"Navy officers who take command in support of the Global War on Terror

make life and death decisions for military personnel," said Evans. "There was a need to change the normal process of recognizing commanders."

During her seven-month deployment, Evans said her joint-service team joined forces with various governmental and non-governmental organizations to help improve communication between the Afghans and their leadership. Evans added that her team lived within the Afghan province where they were able to build relationships with village elders and governors. By embedding themselves within the community, Evans said her team gained a better perspective of the Afghan culture and the needs of citizens.

"I appreciated the openness and hospitality of the Afghan people. They were very welcoming to the Americans," said Evans. "The deployment was challenging, it was interesting and it was gratifying. It's not often you get all those experiences in one job. ■"

# AROUND THE JTF

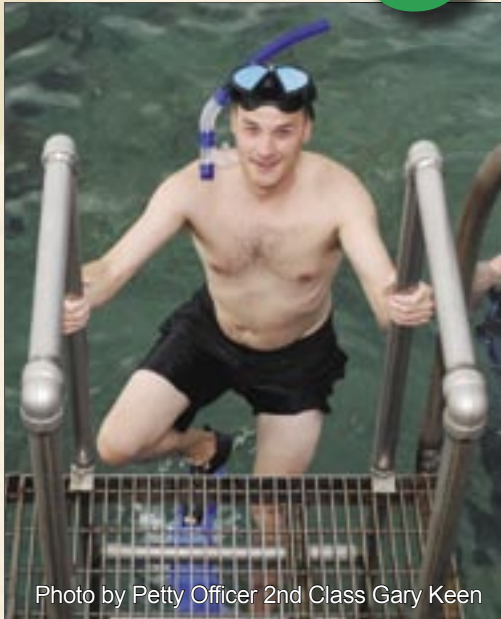


Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Gary Keen

**Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Holt climbs onto Philips Dive Park pier following a day of snorkeling.**



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Thompson

**Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Donald Winter arrives at Bayview Officers' Landing. Winter toured Naval Station and JTF-GTMO Saturday.**



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Sanchez

**Navy Seaman Apprentice Elizabeth Dendinger takes in the scent of a rose during the Mothers' Day luncheon at the Bayview Club.**

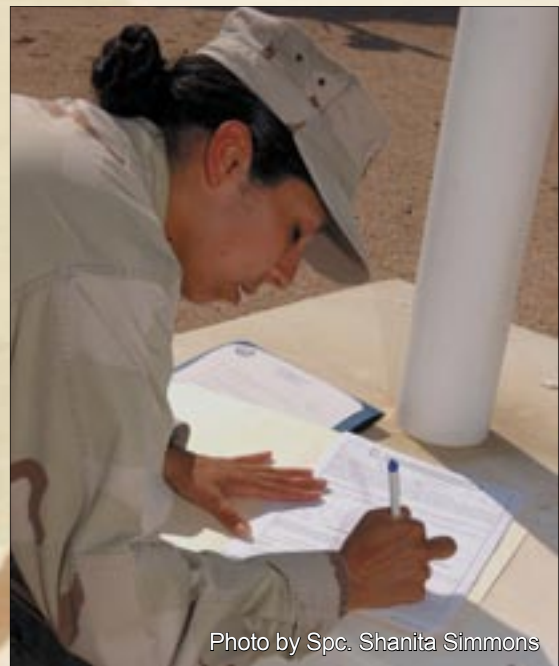


Photo by Spc. Shanita Simmons

**Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rachel Torres signs her reenlistment contract at Camp Delta.**



## Runway Report

In an effort to ensure the safety of all flights, Naval Station Guantanamo will be resurfacing the runway during the final two weeks of July.

No rotators will be departing the air station during this period. The only flights leaving on schedule are military air flights originating from GTMO en route to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

If this project impacts Trooper leave plans, affected individuals are encouraged to please notify their chain of command to determine how to change/adjust flight arrangements. For more information, call ext. 4850.

# Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9. There is only one solution to the puzzle.

		7				8	5	1
		6			3	9		
			8	5			6	
9					6	5	8	
	5	4	7					3
	7			1	9			
		3	5			4		
1	4	8				7		



## Photo of the Week

The Wire wants to display a "Photo of the Week" in each issue for photos taken by Joint Task Force Troopers. All JTF personnel are eligible to participate. Photos must be submitted by Monday night and should be in digital format. For more information, call Navy MC2 Patrick Thompson at ext. 3589.

## 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 Navy MC3 Jeff Johnstone at ext. 3594.

## 15 Minutes of Fame

Each week, The Wire staff puts Troopers in the spotlight in "15 Minutes of Fame." In an effort to feature JTF personnel prominently on a week to week basis, the Wire staff encourages all members to tell their story. Maybe you have an interesting hobby or talent. Perhaps you are an enlisted leader and would like to see one of your Troopers featured. The Wire staff wants to hear from you! Everyone has a story, and The Wire staff would like to help JTF Troopers share theirs!

Interesting topics of discussion may include:

- Exciting deployments
- Educational experiences
- Defining career/personal achievements
- an interesting hobby
- an interest/participation in sports

Topics of discussion are almost endless! For more information, contact The Wire at Ext. 3592.

# Value of the week: Integrity

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stacy Leverett

Integrity, simply defined, is an adherence to moral and ethical principals, a soundness of moral character and overall honesty. I believe this definition is important, but to actually define integrity is difficult. It is the common process every person uses to make decisions, a willingness to accept the consequences of those decisions.

Integrity is a principle that runs parallel with courage. Because of this, each service member should never be without integrity. Integrity can be seen in responsible people making the unpopular right decisions over the ever popular wrong decisions. Integrity is the ability to not be swayed by peer pressure, fear or any other outside influences.

Integrity can be demonstrated by a chain of command that supports its personnel and communicates the truth, even if the truth is unpopular or offends individual sensibilities.

Integrity can be demonstrated by subordinates in something as simple as making honest, factual entries on a log sheet. What integrity means to me on an individual level is having the moral obligation to treat every one equally no matter what you think or how you feel about them as a person.

When Admiral Boorda was making his famous tour among naval installations as Chief of Naval Operations in 1995, he said that if we went away not listening to anything else he said that day, to remember that "Integrity is the moral compass that guides us to do the right thing as if somebody's watching, even when they're not."

Integrity is a virtue that every one can continually improve on and it grows as a person and their understanding of the world grows. Integrity is the building block of good moral character and something everyone should strive for in their personal, private, public and professional lives and should not be taken lightly as it must be proven every day. □

## Last week's Sudoku answers

4	9	7	8	1	3	5	6	2
2	8	6	5	9	4	1	7	3
1	3	5	2	7	6	4	9	8
7	5	9	4	2	8	6	3	1
8	1	2	6	3	9	7	5	4
6	4	3	7	5	1	8	2	9
5	2	1	9	8	7	3	4	6
9	6	8	3	4	5	2	1	7
3	7	4	1	6	2	9	8	5

# Movies, Seaside Galley Menu and Weekly Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
					<b>Wild Hogs (PG13)</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>Reign Over Me (R)</b> Downtown Lyceum 10 p.m. <b>Dead Silence (R)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>The Hills Have Eyes 2 (R)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 10 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Grilled Salmon Steak <b>Dinner-</b> Oriental Pepper Steak	<b>Master Chief Cairo Farewell Golf Tournament</b> 7:30 a.m. at GTMO Golf Course  <b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>300 (R)</b> Downtown Lyceum 10 p.m. <b>I Think I Love My Wife (R)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>Spider-Man 3</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 10 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Bombay Chicken <b>Dinner-</b> Baled Lasagna
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Fire Dept. T-shirt Sale 10:00am-2:00pm @NexAtrium  <b>Zodiac (R)</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. Reign Over Me (R) Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Burritos/Beef Tacos <b>Dinner-</b> Stuffed Flounder	<b>Dead Silence (R)</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>Zodiac (R)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Fried Chicken <b>Dinner-</b> Hungarian Goulash	Reign Over Me (R) Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>Premonition (PG13)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Cajun Roast Beef <b>Dinner-</b> Herbed Baked Chicken	<b>The Hills Have Eyes 2</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. Reign Over Me (R) Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Beef Porcupines <b>Dinner-</b> Baked Chicken	<b>I Think I Love My Wife (R)</b> Downtown Lyceum 8 p.m. <b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)</b> Bulkeley Lyceum 8 p.m.  <b>Lunch-</b> Barbeque Spareribs <b>Dinner-</b> Mambo Roast Pork	<b>Lunch-</b> Cornish Hens <b>Dinner-</b> Stuffed Tortellini	<b>Lunch-</b> Fried Catfish <b>Dinner-</b> Lemon Catfish

Call MWR at ext. 2010 for more information.

All events are subject to change.

## Ferry Schedule

Monday - Friday		Saturday	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward
6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	noon	11:30 a.m.	noon
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		

U-Boats		U-Boats	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
1:30 a.m. <i>Friday Only</i>	12:45 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
		1:30 a.m.	1:45 a.m.

Ferry		Sunday	U-Boats	
Windward	Leeward	Windward	Leeward	
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	
11:30 a.m.	noon	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	
		10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	

## Bus Schedule

All buses run on the hour, 7 days/week 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Camp America	:00	:20	:40
Gazebo	:02	:22	:42
NEX Trailer	:03	:23	:43
Camp Delta 2	:06	:26	:46
KB 373	:10	:30	:50
TK 4	:12	:32	:52
JAS	:13	:33	:53
TK 3	:14	:34	:54
TK 2	:15	:35	:55
TK 1	:16	:36	:56
West Iguana	:18	:38	:58
Windjammer / Gym	:21	:41	:01
Gold Hill Galley	:24	:44	:04
NEX	:26	:46	:16
96 Man Camp	:31	:51	:11
NEX	:33	:53	:13
Gold Hill Galley	:37	:57	:17
Windjammer / Gym	:36	:56	:16
West Iguana	:39	:59	:19
TK 1	:40	:00	:20
TK 2	:43	:03	:23
TK 3	:45	:05	:25
TK 4	:47	:07	:27
KB 373	:50	:10	:30
Camp Delta 1	:54	:14	:32
IOF	:54	:14	:34
NEX Trailer	:57	:17	:37
Gazebo	:58	:18	:38
Camp America	:00	:20	:40



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