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You, the JTF Trooper

Welcome to GTMO members of the Puerto Rico National Guard

By Army Command Sgt. Maj. Avery K. Jones

525 Military Police Battalion

It seems like just yesterday, I was arriving at the Guantanamo Bay airstrip wondering what this place was all about. I asked myself if I was going to witness history here. Where would I sleep and eat? After a short ride across the bay by way of the ferry and a stop at McCalla hanger, I came upon an American icon - McDonald's! I knew at that moment this was not a hardship tour. The only thing hard about being at GTMO is being away from your family and the comforts of home. I would like to take this time to welcome members of the Puerto Rico National Guard and to give everyone a few things to think about as we look forward to the next 12 months at GTMO. Challenge yourself, be creative, take care of your Troops, and be physically and mentally focused. Lt. Col. Wozniak, often says, "No Soldier can have a bad day at work while dealing with detainees." We must be focused each and every day and that is a challenge within itself.

I challenge you to leave here a better Soldier and person. Everyday you should think about how you can be better than you were the day before. One way of doing this is by improving yourself as a Soldier – taking college courses, enrolling in correspondence courses or just getting better at doing your job. It's also important to improve your personal life; this could be your marriage, your financial well being or a relationship with a family member. Deployments are outstanding opportunities for you to learn and try new things. Find different things to do – fishing, biking, running, or weightlifting. This will require some creativity on your part. At times you are going to need to be innovative, you won't have all the tools and supplies you are used to, you need to think outside of the box. Remember, just



because others are out drinking does not mean you need to be.

Be physically and mentally tough everyday. Know when you have reached your limits. Most injuries and mishaps happen when you're fatigued. Watch your buddies for signs of fatigue; we need to look out for each other. Be available and willing to listen to your fellow Trooper's concerns. Get used to those living and working with you because they will be your family for the next 12 months. Also, be aware of other frustration levels which intensify during deployments. Sometimes all you need to do is ask the question, "Are you okay?" One of the most important keys to a successful deployment is keeping your family informed. Your family is your support system and this deployment is just as hard on them as it is on you.

Remember, challenge yourself everyday, become a better Soldier, person, be physically and mentally tough, think outside the box, and take care of each other. Once again welcome to GTMO and I look forward to working with you over the next year. I hope these recommendations will help you and make your deployment a success. ■

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Commissions

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

Guantanamo Bay was busy this week as Joint Task Force Troopers had their hands full with Military Commissions. Civilian media from the U.S. and abroad as well as representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were invited to observe the proceedings in order to maintain transparency in JTF operations.

JTF Troopers supported the mission in several ways including security operations and media escort duties.

Some Troopers were responsible for the safety and security of the courthouse and the participants while Troopers from the public affairs office facilitated media visits. The Joint Visitors' Bureau was responsible for the care of NGOs.

"These are the first proceedings under the Military Commissions Act with the Military Commissions Act as the foundation," said Army Maj. Elizabeth Kubala, Judge Advocate General spokesperson for the Office of Military Commissions.

"It's a transparent and legitimate system to try enemy combatants for violations of law," she said. "Military commissions have historically been used to prosecute enemy combatants who violate the laws of war, to include the Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War II."

There are three important attributes of the Military Commissions Act, said Kubala.

1. It provides expanded rights to the accused;
2. The accused must be present, they cannot be excluded;
3. There is a robust appellate."

In a conventional war, a government has no responsibility to turn over prisoners of war (POW) until the end of the war. In the Global War On Terror (GWOT), our enemies are not an organized military and cannot be classified as POWs. However, the President has stated that the United States has no desire to detain enemy combatants longer than necessary. Those detainees not charged with war crimes under the Military Commissions Act are reviewed annually for release or transfer. Since



Guantanamo opened in 2002, more detainees have been transferred out of Guantanamo than remain here.

The Military Commissions Act provides detained enemy combatants with legal due process to decide whether they will be released or detained further.

"The Department of Defense intends to ensure the military commission proceedings are as transparent as possible, within the bounds of operations security and safety," said Kubala. ■



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

Army Maj. Elizabeth Kubala, JAG spokesperson for the Office of Military Commissions, gives the visiting civilian media a brief on the events of the day. The media was invited as part of an effort to maintain continued transparency in the proceedings.

Security bulletin: Counter-Elicitation

By **Frank Perkins**

JTF-GTMO Special Security Office

Elicitation is a commonly used and often highly effective intelligence gathering technique to subtly collect information through face-to-face interaction. Use counter-elicitation in expanding your professional and personal horizons, being mindful not to draw special attention to yourself when meeting new people. A guarded demeanor may actually set you apart and could highlight you as someone of particular importance should you come in contact with a foreign intelligence officer. An obvious and clumsy avoidance of where you work and what you do will seem strange and could draw unwanted attention to you.

Give forethought to what you will say when or if your employment or personal questions come up in conversation.

Be ready to tactfully deflect questions that are intrusive or too probing regarding your job, private life, or co-workers. A few helpful hints are:

- Produce a real or created distraction such as a refreshment or restroom break.
- Acknowledge and repeat the “already known” public information, especially referring directly to press reporting. Do not refer to official classified or unclassified US government information.
- Change the topic of the conversation.
- Reply to prying questions with questions of your own. Taking

the offensive will increase the tendency to offer quid pro quo. Refusals to honor quid pro quo will often end the conversation, as the collector will view it as a one-way exchange.

- Make the elicitor feel unsettled with responses such as “Why do you ask?”
- Anticipate what information, based on your organization and mission, may be of interest and understand what is sensitive and what is not.
- If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, walk away if practicable.
- Limit your intake of alcohol.
- Report the incident immediately to your security managers or federal law enforcement office.

Mission First- Security Always! ■

Network News

Your DoD E-mail Address: For Official Use Only

By **Air Force 1st Lt. Jim Northamer**

JTF-GTMO Information Assurance Office

One of the fundamental rules governing Department of Defense networks is that they are to be used for official government business only. While most people clearly understand and abide by this rule, many often overlook the applicability of this rule to their e-mail accounts. Government e-mail accounts can also only be used for official government business. There are countless examples of how people can use their official e-mails for unofficial purposes, but from an Information Assurance perspective, one of the biggest concerns is when individuals register their official e-mail address on a non-official website or mailing list, especially a commercial one.

Registering your official .mil e-mail address with a commercial website creates many vulnerabilities to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay networks.

These commercial websites often use their e-mail lists to send out correspondence and commercial solicitations. Seemingly innocent e-mail from one of these websites could contain a *virus*, a *Trojan Horse* or other *malware* that could be installed on the DoD computer from which the e-mail is opened.

The e-mail could also contain embedded links to websites that contain malware. This obviously threatens the security of our DoD networks. Additionally, once a valid DoD e-mail address is registered with a non-DoD entity, controlling what is sent to that address is impossible.

You can help protect our networks by ensuring you use your network account and DoD e-mail address for official government business only. While it may be tempting to register your DoD e-mail address with a commercial website, it is illegal to do so, due to the risk this poses to DoD networks. If you want to register an e-mail address with a non-official website or mailing list, the best thing to do is to use a personal one.

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 or ext. 3333. ■

Military honors women's history month

By Army Sgt. Amber Robinson

Task Force Spartan Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Women serving in the U.S. military have come a long way since the years of World War II, when American women began serving more formally in their country's military.

“Women have fought in battles ever since battles have been fought,” said Sgt. 1st Class Lori Kobylanski, equal opportunity advisor for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. “Unfortunately they have had to do so illegally. The battlefield has always been male dominated. If women wanted to fight beside men they had to do so in disguise or by chance. Women would dress as men to fight, or women responsible for bringing Soldiers water or food would pick up a weapon and fight.”

During the 1940s, women began integrating themselves into the armed services formally when the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and Women Appointed for Volunteer Emergency Service were founded, allowing women to serve in a military manner.

The WACC and WAVES allowed women to contribute to the fight, mostly in a medical capacity. It was not until 1973, when the draft for the Vietnam War ended, that women were

allowed to fall into the ranks alongside men. Today, more than 229,000 women serve on active duty.

As Operation Enduring Freedom stretches into another year, women serving in all armed forces continue to break barriers on the battlefield. In a predominantly male institution, the women of the military have worked hard to earn the respect of their male counterparts.

Adaptability has played a huge role in that.

“Men and women each lead differently,” said 1st Lt. Lori Instahl, platoon leader for 3rd Platoon, 585th Engineer Company, based in Fort Lewis, Wash. “Leading a mostly male platoon, I have adapted my leadership techniques to that fact.”

Although military women have strived to become more resilient and embrace their strength, they also bring compassion to the fight. Humanitarian assistance missions and medical work on the battlefield are special occasions in which the compassionate edge of a female is key, according to Kobylanski.

“We can be tough and we can maintain a strong standard,” said Kobylanski. “But it doesn't negate the fact that we are still women. We bring our own special strengths into combat.”

Past stereotypes have suggested that women could not stand up to the rigors of combat. Female Soldiers far and wide have been breaking that mold for many years.

“As women, we deal with people underestimating our strength,” said Instahl. “We have to work hard to illustrate how capable we are. I love to run and workout - physical strength always wins instant credibility. You also have to illustrate a desire to really get in there with your troops and get your hands dirty. As long as you are trying hard and are always willing to learn, that is half of any battle.”

Women's History Month spotlights the efforts of strong women throughout history. These strong individuals serve as role models, their examples mentoring the women of today.

“It's nice to have a moment set aside for women,” said Sgt. Amanda Marion, a medic for C Company, 710th Brigade Support Battalion. “Many women have worked hard to help give us the freedom to attain our goals. Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton, two of the first and most influential Army nurses, serve as my personal role models.”

“Twenty years ago there were not a lot of women in the Army who could help mentor you,” said Instahl. “The percentage of women in the Army is at an all-time high and still rising. If you have questions, there are plenty of women you can turn to now for answers.”

The percentage of women in the military has risen from 1.6 percent in 1973 to 10.8 percent today.

“Women have been breaking barriers in the military for years,” said Kobylanski. “And they will continue to break those barriers.” ■



Extension available to file 2006 taxes

By Army Spc. Jason Kaneshiro

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

The winter snows have melted and the days are getting longer and warmer. There may not be snow here at Guantanamo Bay, but the other signs of spring are everywhere. The iguanas come out to play, the rains get more frequent and the Cuban land crabs return. Then the realization hits you in the face like 25 pounds of wet clay; you may owe the government money!

Like a GTMO special barreling down John Paul Jones Hill, the deadline for filing your taxes is fast approaching. April 17 is the deadline for filing 2006 taxes, but like the emergency brake that keeps the car from

coasting too fast, there is hope for Joint Task Force Troopers.

Military personnel stationed overseas are given an automatic two month extension to file their taxes. Good news for the busy JTF Trooper. The new deadline would then be June 15. This deadline is for filing only. If you owe the internal revenue service any taxes, it must still be paid by the April 17 deadline. While you will not incur any penalties for not paying by the April 17 deadline, you will be charged interest on any unpaid taxes.

Troopers can also request an additional 4-month extension to file their taxes. Other exceptions and extensions are available to those who have

recently served in a combat zone. More information on taxation can be found in Title 26 of the United States Code, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Part 1, Section 1... or you could make your way to the JTF Legal Office. Save yourself the headache of navigating your way through the legal labyrinth of tax codes on your own. The highly trained staff there will help you with any of your tax-time concerns through April 13 for regular appointments. They can be reached at ext. 3454. The Navy Legal Service Office is also available and will remain open for regular appointments until April 13. They can be reached at ext. 4692. ■

It's about sharing: new NEX video return policy

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Randall

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

It's time to get serious about returning rental movies, games and equipment. The number of people not returning movies is increasing. The Navy Exchange has a good product for us to enjoy. Unfortunately, many go without because of the few who cannot remember to return rentals on time.

A new policy has been implemented in order to remedy this dilemma. Customers will now be charged the current value of any items damaged, lost, or not returned. A late fee for the number of days the rental was in the customer's possession (the lesser of \$25.00 or 10 day's rental fee) will also be charged.

The NEX will give the renter as much notice as possible. A courtesy call will be made to the customer when the item is not returned within five days. After 14 days a letter will be sent to the customer. When the 30 day mark has been reached, the customer's credit card will be automatically charged for the price of the item plus the \$25.00 late fee.

In the event the customer does not have a credit card on file, his/her command will be contacted, check writing privileges will be revoked, and wages eventually garnished.

We can all do our part. Returning items on time will insure there are enough rentals for everyone to share. ■



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Wattenworth

The 2007

The 2007 NAVFAC/CEC/Seabee Annual Ball was held last week at the Windjammer. In attendance for the celebration were Civil Engineer Corps Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics Vice Admiral Michael K. Loose and Joint Task Force Commander Harry B. Harris Jr. Members of the Naval Construction Battalion Unit 133 enjoyed steak and shrimp dinners followed by a cake cutting ceremony honoring the most senior and junior members of the battalion. After door prizes were awarded, the members danced to the music of "Random Tuesday."

Photos by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Watterworth



Mrs. Iliana Pagan sings the National Anthem during the Parade of the Colors at 2007 Seabee Annual Ball held at the Windjammer last week.



Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics Vice Adm Michael K. Loose chats with Lcdr. Eileen D'Andrea (CEC) and her sons as they take a break from the evenings schedule for a photo.



Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics Navy Vice Adm. Michael K. Loose accepts a flag box from Navy Cdr. Jeffrey M. Johnston Civil Engineer Corp (CEC) President.



Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCW) John Inglis, Capt. William Vaughan (CEC), and Navy Chief Petty Officer (SCW) Darryl Irvin gather for a photo at the Windjammer to celebrate the 165th year of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

07 Seabee Ball



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Rachael Thompson dances with her daughter to the music of "Random Tuesday" during the 2007 annual Seabee Ball held last week at the Windjammer.



Joint Task Force Headquarters, Headquarters Company Army Sgt. Maj. John Jenson and Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCW) John Inglis at the recent celebration of the 140th year of the Navy Civil Engineering Corps.



Fraudulent telephone tax refunds, abusive Roth IRAs top off 2007 “Dirty Dozen” tax scams

From the Internal Revenue Service

www.irs.gov

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service identified 12 of the most blatant scams affecting American taxpayers and warned people not to fall for schemes peddled by scamsters.

This year the “Dirty Dozen” highlights five new scams that IRS auditors and criminal investigators have uncovered. Topping off the list are fraudulent refunds being claimed in connection with the special Telephone Excise Tax Refund available to most taxpayers this filing season. The IRS is actively investigating instances of this scam involving tax preparers who are preparing inflated refund requests.

Also new to the Dirty Dozen this year are abuses pertaining to Roth IRAs, the American Indian Employment Credit, domestic shell corporations and structured entities. “Taxpayers shouldn’t let their guard down,” IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. “Don’t get taken by scam artists making outrageous promises. If you use a tax professional, pick someone who is reputable. Taxpayers should remember they are ultimately responsible for what is on their tax return even if some unscrupulous preparers have steered them in the wrong direction.”

Involvement in tax schemes leads to problems for scam artists and taxpayers. Tax return preparers and promoters risk significant penalties, interest and possible criminal prosecution.

The IRS urges taxpayers to avoid these common schemes:

1. Telephone Excise Tax Refund Abuses: Early filings show some individual taxpayers have requested large and apparently improper amounts for the special telephone tax refund. In some cases, taxpayers appear to be requesting a refund of the entire amount of their phone bills, rather than just the three-percent tax on long-distance and bundled service to which they are entitled. Some tax preparers are helping their clients file apparently improper requests. The IRS is investigating potential abuses in this area and will take prompt action against taxpayers who claim improper refund amounts and against the return preparers who help them.

2. Abusive Roth IRAs: Taxpayers should be wary of advisers who encourage them to shift under-valued property to Roth Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs). In one variation, a promoter has the taxpayer move under-valued common stock into a Roth IRA, circumventing the annual maximum contribution limit and allowing otherwise taxable income to go untaxed.

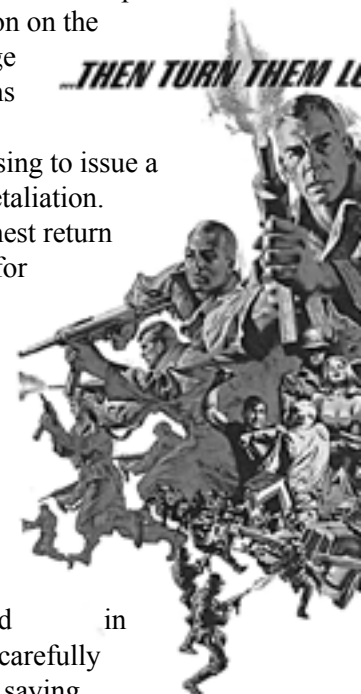
3. Phishing is a technique used by identity thieves to acquire personal financial data in order to gain access

to the financial accounts of unsuspecting consumers, run up charges on their credit cards or apply for loans in their names. These Internet-based criminals pose as representatives of a financial institution — or sometimes the IRS itself — and send out fictitious e-mail correspondence in an attempt to trick consumers into disclosing private information. A typical e-mail notifies a taxpayer of an outstanding refund and urges the taxpayer to click on a hyperlink and visit an official-looking Web site. The Web site then solicits a social security and credit card number. It is important to note the IRS does not use e-mail to initiate contact with taxpayers about issues related to their accounts. If a taxpayer has any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, the taxpayer should call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

4. Disguised Corporate Ownership: Domestic shell corporations and other entities are being formed and operated in certain states for the purpose of disguising the ownership of the business or financial activity. Once formed, these anonymous entities can be, and are being, used to facilitate underreporting of income, non-filing of tax returns, listed transactions, money laundering, financial crimes and possibly terrorist financing. The IRS is working with state authorities to identify these entities and to bring their owners into compliance.

5. Zero Wages: In this scam, which first appeared in the Dirty Dozen in 2006, a Form 4852 (Substitute Form W-2) or a “corrected” Form 1099 showing zero or little income is submitted with a federal tax return. The taxpayer may include a statement rebutting wages and taxes reported by the payer to the IRS. An explanation on the Form 4852 may cite statutory language behind Internal Revenue Code sections 3401 and 3121 or may include some reference to the paying company refusing to issue a corrected Form W-2 for fear of IRS retaliation.

6. Return Preparer Fraud: Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their schemes. Such preparers make their money by skimming a portion of their clients’ refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds. Some preparers promote filing fraudulent claims for refunds on items such as fuel tax credits to recover taxes paid in prior years. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the old saying



goes, “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.” Remember that no matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy. Since 2002, the courts have issued injunctions ordering dozens of individuals to cease preparing returns, and the Department of Justice has filed complaints against dozens of others. During fiscal year 2006, 109 tax return preparers were convicted of tax crimes and sentenced to an average of 18 months in prison.

7. American Indian Employment Credit: Taxpayers submit returns and claims reducing taxable income by substantial amounts citing an American Indian employment or treaty credit. Although there is an Indian Employment Credit available for businesses that employ Native Americans or their spouses, there is no provision for its use by employees. In a somewhat similar scam, unscrupulous promoters have informed Native Americans that they are not subject to federal income taxation. The promoters solicit individual Indians to file Form W-8 BEN seeking relief from all withholding of federal taxation. A recent “phishing” variation has promoters using false IRS letterheads to solicit personal financial information that they claim the IRS needs in order to process their “non-tax” status.

8. Trust Misuse: For years unscrupulous promoters have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits. There are currently more than 150 active abusive trust investigations underway and 49 injunctions have been obtained against promoters since 2001. As with other arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into a trust.

9. Structured Entity Credits: Promoters of this newly identified scheme are setting up partnerships to own and sell state conservation easement credits, federal rehabilitation credits and other credits. The purported credits are the only assets owned by the partnership and once the credits are fully used, an investor receives a K-1 indicating the initial investment is a total loss, which is then deducted on the investor’s individual tax return. Forming such an entity is not a viable business purpose. In other words, the investments are not valid, and the losses are not deductible.

10. Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions:

The IRS continues to observe the use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation. This can occur when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt

supporting organization or donor-advised fund but maintains control over the assets or income. Contributions of non-cash assets continue to be an area of abuse, especially with regard to overvaluation of contributed property. In addition, the IRS is noticing the return of private tuition payments being disguised as charitable contributions to religious organizations.

11. Form 843 Tax Abatement: This scam rests on faulty interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. It involves the filer requesting abatement of previously assessed tax using Form 843. Many using this scam have not previously filed tax returns and the tax they are trying to have abated has been assessed by the IRS through the Substitute for Return Program. The filer uses the Form 843 to list reasons for the request. Often, one of the reasons is: “Failed to properly compute and/or calculate IRC Sec 83-Property Transferred in Connection with Performance of Service.”

12. Frivolous Arguments: Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; wages are not income; filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don’t believe these or other similar claims. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

IRS Still Watches Scams That Fall Off the List

Five of last year’s Dirty Dozen tax scams rotated off the list for 2007. While the IRS has seen a decline in the occurrence of some of these scams — abusive credit counseling agencies, for example — other problems, such as offshore abusive transactions continue to be an area of particular concern for the agency. The absence of a particular scheme from the Dirty Dozen should not be taken as an indication that the IRS is unaware of it or not taking steps to counter it.

How to Report Suspected Tax Fraud Activity

Suspected tax fraud can be reported to the IRS using IRS Form 3949-A, Information Referral. Form 3949-A is available for download from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov, or by mail by calling 1-800-829-3676. The completed form or a letter detailing the alleged fraudulent activity should be addressed to the Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888. The mailing should include specific information about who is being reported, the activity being reported, how the activity became known, when the alleged violation took place, the amount of money involved and any other information that might be helpful in an investigation. The person filing the report is not required to self-identify, although it is helpful to do so. The identity of the person filing the report can be kept confidential. The person may also be entitled to a reward. ■

DOOSE ON THE NAZIS!



Reunion Issue #6

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

Many troops, family members and friends think that once a deployed trooper returns home everything returns to normal automatically. It is as though people think that something “magical” happens to all of us once we leave the area of operation and walk through our front door. Change is something we all often seek to avoid, but none of us can prevent or ignore. Change is the only constant “absolute” in life.

In reunion briefings, Troopers have actually stated that they didn’t think their children will have changed during a deployment. Many of us believe that the roles and responsibilities we controlled will be ours to resume upon our return. The changes that different experiences in life create within us, our friends and our family are usually permanent. It is reasonable to expect that our children will not remain as infants, our spouses will become more independent, and our friends may have changed their habits or even moved and left no forwarding address.

Still, life goes on and we may be pleased and pleasantly surprised by the changes that have occurred. If we think about what the other person has experienced and the challenges that they have met, we will be better

prepared to accept why they have changed. Anger and surprise can be our automatic feelings, but we have to keep these feelings under control. Emotional overreaction to change does not allow us to positively adjust and adapt to what can never be the same as it was before we deployed.

Seek professional and sympathetic support if you are having a difficult time adjusting to your stateside life through your chaplain and family readiness and support programs and staff. ■

SURVIVING SEPARATION

By Army Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel Jones

JTF Command Chaplain

This week’s action item is:

Action Item #6 – See things from the other person’s point of view.

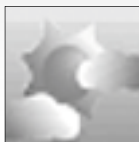
You, your family and friends have experienced the separation differently. It takes time and patience to help each other understand the different experiences and problems it created. ■

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast provided by www.weather.com

Saturday, Mar. 31

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80’s, and lows in the upper 60’s.



Partly Cloudy

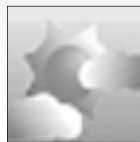
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.

Sunset: 7:15 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Sunday, Apr. 1

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80’s, and lows in the upper 60’s.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.

Sunset: 7:15 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%

Monday, Apr. 2

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80’s, and lows in the low 70’s.



Partly Cloudy

Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.

Sunset: 7:15 p.m.

Chance of Rain: 20%



MOVIE REVIEW CORNER

This week's movie review of "Epic Movie" by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Andersen

Remember when over-the-top slapstick spoof comedies were original and funny? *Airplane*, the *Naked Gun* movies and *Top Secret* had clever gags that you hadn't seen done a hundred times before. It seems the days of quality parody films are over.

Epic Movie tried to be funny by throwing random characters from big movies in to wink at the camera and say "hey, we're making fun of this movie now." Not only that, but if you liked *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, you won't like this movie.

Four orphans end up in Narnia (or Gnarnia) where the creatures are homosexual and out to get the kids. Even the lion, Also, who is a parody of Aslan (who represents Jesus Christ in C.S. Lewis' novels), participates in sexual acts with the orphans.

Even that I could overlook if the movie was even slightly funny. It isn't. But I guess I shouldn't expect much from the people who brought us such classics as *Date Movie*. There was a real winner.

If you think fake cameos by impersonated movie characters, urine jokes and homosexual mythological creatures equal a classic comedy, this is the movie for you.

This genre is in desperate need of help. I give *Epic Movie* one star. I'd rather step in a bear trap than watch this one again. ■

- Epic Movie -

Rating: ★★★★★

Rated: PG13

Duration: 86 minutes

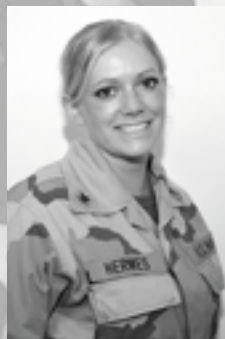
Boots on the Ground:

"What do you want to be doing in five years?"



"Pursuing my bachelors degree in computer science."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Lane



"Have my B.A. in psychology and then start working on my masters."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Heather Hermes



"Graduating from Emory College with a degree in clinical psychology."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Quinton Harris



"Be with my family on a daily basis and be healthy."

-Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Rayford Sweats

EATING BANANAS IN THE DARK

By Army Chaplain (Col.) Ray Bailey

U.S. Army Chaplain

Communication between spouses, parent and child, or even between co-workers can be hazardous to your health. It seems we all mean to say the right thing at the right time but somehow it doesn't quite happen the way we plan. We say one thing and find out it was taken a whole different way, and most likely the wrong way. Anger and hurt feelings ensue and we wonder why they marched off in a huff. "All I said was...!"

We say things with love, honesty, compassion, and even carefully chosen words when we know the topic is sensitive and we still mess up. "No, that dress doesn't make you look fat." "So, I am fat!" Does that sound familiar? The listener can take just an inflexion of a word or an ill chosen word and that is the end of that good moment and the beginning of some bad moments. It's like trying to eat a banana in the dark.

Two brothers were riding a train for the first time. They had brought along a bag of bananas for lunch. Just as one bit into his banana, the train entered a tunnel under a mountain.

In the darkness was overheard, "Did you take a bite of your banana?"

"No."

"Well, don't. I did and I just went blind."

To put your mind at ease about this dilemma, there is not a lot you can do except use common sense. Everyone has the same problem. All of us have been on both sides of the conversation when it went bad. We need to be more sensitive about what we say and how we hear what is said and the intent. We need to make judgements based on the person and not necessarily on their words.

I wonder how our Lord would react if he responded literally on what was said to him in our prayers? Who has not been angry at the Origin-of-Life?

If He can understand and forgive, then why can't we as mere mortals?

Sometimes the banana will hit the mouth just right but many times it will just poke you in the eye. The important thing is once you hit the eye, you now know where the mouth is. ■



CAMP AMERICA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday	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
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Soul Survivor	Camp America North Pavilion

NAVAL BASE CHAPEL

Sunday	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
Monday	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
	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Service	Main Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Gospel	Room 13
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Family Home Evening	Room 8
Mon. to Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Daily Mass	Main Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Islamic Prayer	Sanctuary C
Saturday	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

THE JTF TROOPERS



YOUR
FACE
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By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Randall

JTF-GTMO Public Affairs Office

15 Minutes of Fame is regularly dedicated to our peers who have the widespread reputation of being favorable characters. They are Troopers we look up to and strive to pattern ourselves after.

There are many here at GTMO that stand out as extraordinary Troopers. We have heroes, superb athletes and intellectuals extraordinaire.

For that reason, this week's 15 Minutes of Fame ... is you, the Troopers who make up the JTF (Joint Task Force). The military of today is heading towards inter-service cooperation that is unparalleled in all history. Instead of being rivals, we put our efforts together to reach a common goal. We have Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy all working here together to protect our country, and keep the world safe for democracy.

It has often been said that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. This chain here is very strong. You are all doing a sometimes thankless and unpopular job for your fellow Americans, but because of your efforts this world is a much safer place.

Whether you man a weapon, protect the harbor or answer a phone, you can be proud of yourself for being a part of this unique mission.

Today when you look in the mirror, please be sure to say thank you as you give yourself a pat on the back. ■

Know anyone worthy of being our next featured Trooper in our "15 Minutes of Fame" column? Give the staff of *The Wire* a call at ext. 3593.

AROUND THE JTF



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Watterworth

Army Staff Sgt. Carmelo Esquilin, assistant to the Joint Task Force Chaplain, looks up from his work checking sound for the weekend services.



Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Timm Duckworth

The "Mayor of Hollywood" Johnny Grant presents a Walk of Fame Star recognition to the "Mayor of GTMO" MWR Director Craig Basel during the first ever GTMO Independent Film Festival at the Windjammer Club.



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Singer/Songwriter Kimberly Faith Jones performs an original song at the Windjammer Club.



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GTMO Fire Department Captain Richard Roberts gives directions to firefighter Coutney Graham during a response to a fire alarm in Camp America housing area.