

THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



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new faces**
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Military discipline

Army Capt. Jean K. Georges
HHC Commander, 525th MP Battalion

Military discipline is a state of order and obedience existing within a command. It involves the ready subordination of the individual will for the good of the unit. Military discipline is an extension and specialized application of discipline. It demands habitual, but reasoned, obedience that preserves initiative. It should function unfalteringly even in the absence of the commander. Discipline is created within a command by instilling a sense of confidence and responsibility in each Trooper.

Discipline is one of the core values of the military. Every Trooper, officer or enlisted, is evaluated on discipline: mental discipline to make good sound decisions, physical discipline to endure the strain of long hours of hard work, social discipline to live and behave according to the standards of the community, and self-discipline to grow pride and confidence in a unit.

A lot of people who enlist in the military do not understand the importance of the step they take. They do not understand that civilian life, and its rules, the life they used to live, is left behind. Beginning with basic training, they learn the new discipline, the military discipline, and not everybody is able to comprehend its importance.

It is urgent for Troopers to know that discipline in the military is important because without discipline mission accomplishment and the Trooper's welfare are at risk. In the civilian world, a lack of discipline may cause some discomfort, or maybe some problems with the law. In the military, poor discipline could result in the unnecessary loss of Troopers' lives; a cost too high to pay. As disciplined Troopers, you place the unit's mission above your personal welfare. It simply means you understand your task and obey orders, because your fellow Troopers and leaders depend on you to do so.

The purpose of discipline is to ensure Troopers are well trained, so they carry out orders quickly and intelligently under the most difficult conditions. For example, ensuring Troopers wear their physical fitness or duty uniforms properly, following orders, drill and ceremonies, or completing all tasks and doing them correctly are part of military discipline. Disciplined Troopers will save lives in combat and peacetime. Furthermore, discipline in your daily routine, like saluting, police calls, punctuality and physical training, leads to discipline in the difficult tasks like safeguarding enemy combatants or advancing under fire. That is why the military insists on training to standards.

We are Troopers 24/7 for as long as we are in the military. The role of a Trooper to maintain discipline in a unit can not be taken lightly. ☆



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Air Force Senior Airman William Shadd (left) and Air Force Staff Sgt. Cory Hodge, with the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, repair a power source at Camp Justice, July 29. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kellie Bliss

BACK COVER:

The sun sets over Guantanamo Bay, July 27. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua R. Nistas

CORRECTION:

Last week The Wire printed that Army Capt. Lionel Eddy was a member of the 525th Military Police Battalion. He is with the 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Virgin Islands Army National Guard.

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New BEEF team arrives



Air Force Col. William Danskine (left), 612th Theater Operations Group Commander, passes Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffery Garland, incoming BEEF commander, the guidon during a change of command ceremony, July 28. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

**Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Shane Arrington**
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Joint Task Force Guantanamo's 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron recently held a change of command. Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffery Garland, incoming BEEF commander and his crew of Airmen from the Arizona Air National Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing, replaced Air Force Lt. Col. David Kennard, outgoing commander, and Airmen from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Civil Engineering Squadron and the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron, July 29.

Garland said when the squadron first found out they were coming to GTMO, they didn't know what to expect, but after a little research they discovered it had more to offer than just a detainee facility.

"We're happy to be here," Garland said. "Obviously the mission comes first, but also building a little bond within [the unit] will be nice. This is our first time deploying together as a unit."

While their primary responsibility is to support military commissions and maintain Camp Justice, the BEEF also spreads its services across the base. In such a joint environment, these Airmen from Arizona may soon find themselves working alongside Soldiers and Sailors from JTF

Engineering and Navy Seabees.

"The [previous unit] did a fantastic job and we're just hoping to follow in their footsteps a little bit," Garland said. "Basically, we're team players; we're here for the entire base. We're going to do everything we can to help out and do our part in this overall mission."

Since this is their first time deploying as a unit, Garland said he plans on not only bettering the JTF mission, but also the unit cohesiveness and relationships of his Airmen.

With a ramp-up in commissions in the last six months, the 186th and 102nd took charge. Kennard said it was a bittersweet feeling turning over command of the 474th. He said he is glad to be going home, but there are things he will be sad to leave behind.

"It's hard leaving command and leaving the good people here you've worked with," Kennard said. "[We're] proud of the mission, proud of the work we've done,

and, you know, it is kind of hard to let go of that and leave."

Kennard also agreed that deployments are great ways for units to get closer. He said most change of commands are sad in the fact that the commander has to leave their people behind, but deploying in units means everyone comes together as a team and leaves as a better team, having grown stronger through working together so far away from home. ☆



Army Master Sgt. Sheryl Mason, assistant inspector general, conducts online research while Army Col. Doris J. Acevedo, command inspector general, looks on, July 26. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Spc. Juanita Philip



Assist, teach, train

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For too many personnel at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, just the thought of an Inspector General investigation is an intimidating prospect. In actuality, the IG's office represents something that is entirely different.

The IG office staff of three people handle cases for all JTF-GTMO service members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, as well as their family members.

Army Master Sgt. Sheryl Mason, assistant IG, summed it up with her explanation of what the IG's office does. "Our mission is four-fold; we conduct inspections, perform investigations, offer assistance, and teach and train," she said.

She elaborated on what the office here at JTF-GTMO mostly does.

"Here we mainly assist, and in assisting people, we end up training them," Mason said. "We tell them what publications are out there for the questions that they might have."

A large amount of the workload that the office staff handles has to do with Guard and Reserve units here with issues that mostly originate in their home state. Assistance from the IG's office goes a long way in that regard.

"The bulk of what we handle is assistance cases. We deal with pay, bonuses, mostly for Guard and Reserve units, and promotions," said Army Col. Doris J. Acevedo, command

inspector general. It is not often that an investigation is required. "Investigations are very few."

Sometimes the chain-of-command tries to help Troopers when the unit has exhausted ways to resolve the issue; they recommend IG assistance to Troopers, explained Acevedo.

"Some actions require the state or territory to do something," Acevedo said. "Sometimes they are not responsive when they receive calls from the unit deployed here until the IG steps in and it is expedited."

When a Trooper's issue is resolved, he or she often shares that experience with other Troopers. This is something that works in favor of the IG.

"Word of mouth gets out. If one of us works on a case, and the outcome helps a [Trooper], they will tell their friends," Mason said.

Acevedo echoed that sentiment when she said, "If we help a Trooper, they usually spread the word to the other Troops that the IG does work, and they help show [Troopers] the policies that are in place are for their benefit," she said.

Many service members contact the office to simply see if they are the right people to help them or for a nudge in the right direction.

"We have many people who just come for information, because they are not sure if their case would qualify for the IG to investigate," Acevedo said. "We welcome that, and if it does not qualify we will direct

that person to whoever would be more appropriate. I want people to know that they are welcome to come here even if they are unsure."

Many Troopers who seek out this office request anonymity, depending on their issue.

"Sometimes we take cases anonymously if they don't want their names released," Acevedo said.

On occasion, providing assistance can be complicated if the client requests confidentiality.

"Depending on what the issue is, it may be more difficult for us to help them," Acevedo said. "For example, if it is a pay issue without the name and social security numbers it is much harder to resolve."

While the IG office strives to assist in anyway possible, sometimes that is impossible.

"We are not always able to help everyone in the way that they want to be helped," Acevedo said. "At times, a client will come in with a preconceived notion of how they want the case resolved. Sometimes we have to tell them that the regulations state this and what they are requesting is otherwise, and we go by what the regulations state."

"One thing that is important for people to know is that we report directly to the JTF commander," Acevedo said. "We are his eyes and ears, and if there is something affecting the Troops, that we see is important and would be in his hands to solve, we give him the information so he is aware of what is going on." 🇺🇸



**Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
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Wanting to rip my eyes out after watching “Knight and Day,” I was reluctant to watch another spy movie. At the conclusion of watching “Killers,” however, I didn’t feel like tearing flesh from my body, which I’m sure my body is thankful for. In fact, “Killers” is a pretty nifty movie. A perfect combination of intrigue and romantic comedy and plenty of eye candy for both sexes, “Killers” is one everybody can enjoy.

The movie brings together the main characters in France, where Jen (Katherine Heigl) is vacationing with her parents (Tom Selleck and Catherine O’Hara) and Spencer (Ashton Kutcher) works as an American assassin. They meet on an elevator where, to the ladies in the audience’s delight, Spencer is shirtless. Jen is instantly attracted, and after seeing her golden curls and model body, so is Spencer. Once they get off the elevator they find themselves going in the same direction. Along the way they discover their attraction runs deeper than the physical. After a date, that

unbeknownst to Jen is far from normal, the movie rushes ahead three years to find the happy couple married in suburban bliss.

It turns out getting out of the spy community to settle down isn’t that easy, and Spencer’s decision to live the quiet life, is finally catching up to him. The morning after a birthday bash thrown in his honor, a friend who is passed out on the couch from the night before tries to kill Spencer. Spencer, proving he is not rusty, wards off this attacker, but it is not the last time he has to protect himself before the day is done.

Of course, with all the attempted killings, Spencer finally has to fill Jen in on his shady past. As expected, finding out her husband used to kill people for a living does not sit too well. She takes the typical movie spouse route of pretending it is not true and being mad while her life is in danger. Fortunately, that does not last long and when she hops on board the killing train, they make an awesome comedic team.

I’m not saying Jen does not continue to find ways to nag Spencer, because she does, but her complaining comes to a short halt when she thinks of the reason she may be taking everything as crazily as she is. While urinating on a stick, trying to find out if they are bringing new life in the

world, Spencer is outside fighting off the latest assassin trying to end his life. It turns out Spencer succeeds on both accounts; he wins his fight and created life.

This knowledge creates a whole new set of problems for the couple running for their lives, and Jen finds herself wondering if she wants her ex-assassin husband to be a part of this child’s life at all.

After more running and more fighting off killers, Spencer finally works out the mystery of who is trying to kill him. The revelation comes as a shock, seeing as it is someone they both know very well, but in the end it all works out – I mean, this is a romantic comedy after all.

“Killers” is not the world’s greatest spy/action movie, nor the greatest romantic comedy, but it is a nice combination of both. It will make you scream “sweet” and it will make you laugh. Most movies of this type are enjoyed more by one gender than the other, but “Killers” has a little something for everyone. ☆

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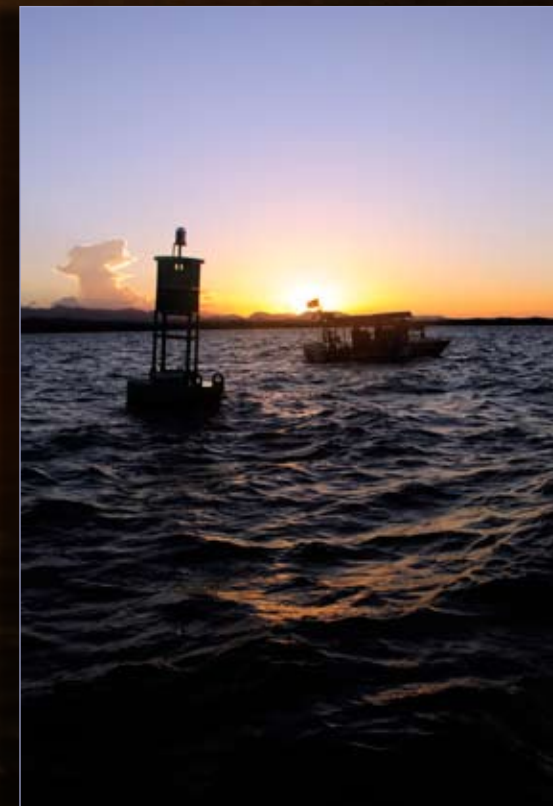
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A Coast Guard vessel patrols Guantanamo Bay at sunset, July 27. Maritime Safety and Security Team 91104, from Galveston, Texas, is deployed to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to perform maritime anti-terrorism and force protection duties for Joint Task Force Guantanamo.



JTF Guantanamo photos by
Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class
Joshua R. Nistas

Patrolling the water



Girl Scouts bring taste of home



Sailors with the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion wait at a bus stop after receiving Girl Scout cookies at the end of a long day, July 27. NEGB was among the many different units at JTF-GTMO that received Girl Scout cookies donated by the Mints for Military program. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

July 20, a flight carrying more than 11,000 pounds of homeland goodness landed in Guantanamo Bay.

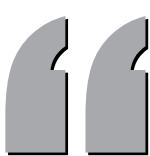
Donated by the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast, Fla., it took several workers, pallets and forklifts to unload the 1,550 cases of Girl Scouts cookies.

“When we have our cookie sales in January through March, we set up booths, as well as go door-to-door with distribution cards,” said Janette Tuttle, a representative of the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast, Fla. “We have a slot called Mints for the Military.”

This slot allows people to elect to buy a box of cookies for military members, which are then shipped to serving members serving at a duty station abroad.

Once the cookies landed in GTMO, they were offloaded and stored until July 26.

Once July 26 arrived, the Girl Scouts of Guantanamo Bay presented Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson, commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, and Navy Capt. Steven H. Blaisdell, commander of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, with two boxes



We all have a sweet tooth. These cookies are just like a piece of home for these Troops here.

– Army Maj. Thomas L. Tuttle

of cookies to commence the week of distribution of the baked goods.

A representative from each unit throughout GTMO made their way to W.T. Sampson Elementary School and picked up a predetermined number of boxes, enough for each service member in their unit to have three boxes.

“We all have a sweet tooth,” said Army Maj. Thomas L. Tuttle, the alternate contracting officer’s representative for the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command. “These cookies are just like a piece of home for the Troops here.”

Bringing these cookies here really shows the troops that there are people back in the United States who really care, Tuttle added.

These cookies are a tremendous morale builder, Harbeson said.

“You see these cookies, and it just reminds you of home,” Harbeson added. “It’s tough being away for a year, or longer, and just to have this as a memory of home and bring back good memories, is a great morale booster.”

Providing a little piece of home can be therapeutic, especially when assigned to a stressful task or mission. The Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast, Fla., have helped Troops here more than they know. 🍪

Honoring Coast Guard history

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.
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On Aug. 4, 1790, Congress authorized the building of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, and to prevent smuggling. It was known as the Revenue Marine and Revenue Cutter Service.

The Revenue Cutter Service maintained a constant presence in the oceans throughout the world, aiding in the growth of the nation.

The expansion of the nation called for a merging of the Revenue Cutter Service and the Life-Saving Service in 1915, which gave birth to what we now know as the U.S. Coast Guard.

Throughout its existence, the Coast Guard has remained *Semper Paratus*, or "Always Ready," by continually taking on added responsibilities and carrying out an array of military and civil tasks.

This lineage of hard work brings a sense of pride to all Coast Guardsmen serving for this country.

"Being a part of the Coast Guard really gives me a sense of pride," said Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Specialist 1st Class Kenneth Clifford, assistant engineering petty officer for Maritime Security and Safety Team 91104. "We do so much with a fourth of the people that any other service possesses."

A hardworking service, the Coast Guard honors and celebrates

its traditions every year when Aug. 4 rolls around.

"My most memorable Coast Guard birthday celebration was my first one," Clifford said. "Just seeing all those ranks together in one room really showed the camaraderie we had, and the importance of the Coast Guard to us."

Taking a day out of the year to dedicate to the history of your service allows reflection upon the accomplishments it has achieved.

"The Coast Guard birthday is a way to celebrate tradition and remember the hard work we have done," said Coast Guard Machinery Technician Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer Eric Boyd, the engineering petty officer for MSST 91104.

Typically a military birthday celebration is a formal one consisting of members of all ranks donning their dress uniform, but improvisation is needed at times.

With MSST 91104 deployed GTMO, they cannot have a typical birthday celebration, Clifford said. Instead, they came together as a family to barbecue, play some volleyball and relax.

Since its inception, the Coast Guard has established itself as a branch of service that is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Coast Guardsmen throughout the world will continue to keep tradition alive by remembering what Coast Guardsmen have done in the past and emulate those examples in future endeavors. ★



STAY SAFE WHILE IN THE WATER

Swimming in an open body of water is different from swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other conditions in the open water. If you find yourself caught in a current, do not panic and do not fight the current. Swim with the current, gradually making your way back to shore as you do.

Buddy up! Always swim with a buddy, whether you are in a pool or the open ocean. When people swim together, they can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency.

Get skilled! It is good to be prepared. Learning some life-saving skills, such as CPR and rescue techniques can help save a life.

Know your limits! If you are not a good swimmer or are just learning to swim, do not go in water that is so deep you can not touch the bottom.

Please see the important insert for areas to avoid when swimming or snorkeling.



Guarding the gate

Army Sgt. John Richards, with the Rhode Island Army National Guard's 115th Military Police Company, deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, waits for oncoming traffic to come through Roosevelt Gate, July 23. The 115th MP Co. is here on a year-long deployment providing external security at JTF-GTMO. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kellie Bliss

Boots on the Ground

by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kellie Bliss

August is American Adventure Month. What is your dream adventure?

Army Sgt.
Brooke Guidebeck



"To get my cosmetology license, go to Paris or Milan and style runway models' hair."

Navy Petty Officer 2nd
Class Matthew Bairey



"I'd like to actually accomplish what God set out for me to do in this life."

Air Force MSgt.
Bruce Angulo



"I'd like to take another trip to Hawaii with my wife for a second honeymoon."

Coast Guard Electronic
Technician 1st Class
Clayton Childs



"I want to participate in the Alaskan Iron Dog Race for the challenge of the cold, distance and endurance."



Embrace your age

Navy Lt. Anthony T. Carr
NEGB Command Chaplain

While most cultures revere and honor their elderly, Americans celebrate youth. When I was a pastor, I went to nursing homes every week. In some nursing homes, it was a place where the elderly were discarded and ignored. I was blessed to have known all four of my grandparents. Three of them lived to see their mid 90s. I learned so much from their wisdom, humor and unconditional love.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Abraham and Sarah had their child of promise at the ages 100 and 90, respectively. Moses was called by God at the age of 80 and then wandered in the desert for 40 years. One of the signs of favor with God was long life. The oldest person in the Bible, Methuselah, died when he was 969. In the Christian Scriptures, the elderly Simeon was blessed to live

long enough to hold the savior in his arms. Elizabeth and Zechariah, who thought the days of children were behind them, were blessed by becoming the not-so-young parents of John the Baptist.

Of course, age is relative – when I was seven, I thought 15 was old; when I was 15, I thought 30 was old ... at this rate, I am afraid to think anyone is old. When I was in my 20s, I just wanted to be done with school. In my 30s, I went through this stage of getting wrinkles and acne at the same time. Now, I just try to prevent hair from growing on places on my face besides the top of my head. I remember the long gas lines in the '70s. I remember the yellow ribbons tied to trees during the American Hostage Crisis in Iran. I remember the Challenger blowing up and the Berlin Wall coming down. I watched in horror as the twin towers fell in New York City. I remember my teachers crying the day John Lennon was killed; I had a zipper jacket, a

glitter glove and a pretty awesome pair of parachute pants. I remember when Morgan Freeman was on the Electric Company, Adam West was Batman and Saturday Night Live was really funny.

I mention this because instead of being afraid of age, we should embrace it. We should learn from the people with more experiences, and hopefully more wisdom.

I love being free from trends, peer pressure and excessive testosterone. There is nothing more pathetic than someone who is 40 and acts 20. There is nothing sadder than seeing the mistakes someone is about to make and being helpless to stop them. There is nothing nobler than sitting at a VFW meeting and sharing war stories with Korean and Vietnam War vets.

Find a mentor and learn from their experience. And if immaturity or addiction is preventing you from emotional, spiritual or professional growth, please get help from a chaplain, JSMART or Fleet and Family Services. ☆

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass
Tues. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
Church of Christ
Sunday 10 a.m.
Chapel Annex
Room 17

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Cristo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project
Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Navy Builder 2nd Class Jason Moore, a construction worker with Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 25, smooths out the concrete floor of a newly constructed building, Aug. 3. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.



Navy Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Sean Hill, a member of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, works out at G.J. Denich Gym, Aug. 3. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Shane Arrington



Around the
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Air Force Tech Sgt. Brian Alexander (left) and Air Force Tech Sgt. Scott Dean, with the 474th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, inspect and clean herbicide tanks at Camp Justice, July 29. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kellie Bliss