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A and C Cos. 2-102nd: Flexibility is strength

By SGT Jolene Staker

Members of A and C Companies of the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor have faced a lot of unknowns for the JTF mission, but they focus on remaining flexible and doing what is required to perform the mission.

“We’re soldiers first so we adapt to what the mission is,” said 2LT Joseph Tipone, 1st platoon leader of C Co., 2-102nd Armor “We can adapt and overcome any problems that we have.”

Members of both companies are training to augment military police companies.

Any soldier who didn’t have a combat arms military occupation speciality (MOS) went through training to pick up the infantryman MOS.

All soldiers went through military police training at Fort Dix, N.J.

“Training at Fort Dix got us



Photo by SGT Jolene Staker

SPC Robert Indri, SPC Soutsakhone Sysouvang and SPC Richard Barbieri all of C Co., 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor in a John Deere Gator used inside Camp Delta to transport people and supplies.

prepared for our mission here,” said SSG Kelvin Taylor of A Co.

Soldiers also got hands-on

training during the left-seat/right-seat ride after arriving in Guantanamo.

“Between the training at Fort Dix and the left-seat/right-seat training here we are 100 percent ready,” said SPC Robert Indri of A Company.

In addition to training for a mission that is outside their MOS, members of 2-102nd Armor have experienced organizational changes.

The original A through D companies of the battalion were reorganized to develop four individual companies of equal strength for this mission.

SPC Soutsakhone Sysouvang, originally with the Headquarters Co. and now with Charlie Co. says he and his unit members have taken the changes in stride.

“As far as coming from different companies, that is part of being in the military,” said Sysouvang. “We’ve got to work and function together.”

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To the men and women of the 384th and 463rd Military Police companies:

The numerous duties and missions performed by you for JTF Guantanamo are earnestly appreciated, and your time and dedication will serve as tribute to your service here. We as leaders have demanded the most from you and you have given all. For that you should be proud. I, as commander, am very proud to have served with you on this joint task force team, and I thank you for your service and sacrifices.

Soon you will be home with families and friends and Guantanamo Bay will be a memory. To your families and your friends, I say thank you. Thanks for all the support they have given you. The time they made to write letters or send packages, and for all the prayers they've said. Thank you.

Take the good that you've learned here...and use it when mentoring and shaping the soldiers of our future. Thank you, good-bye and God Bless you.

To the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who have recently arrived aboard Guantanamo Bay:

Welcome to our joint task force team! You are actively involved in an important transition for Joint Task Force Guantanamo. This may be the single hardest time during your deployment. You are new to our environment and mission, but have been trained well by those you have replaced. Expect long hours and numerous demanding tasks. I have every confidence that you will give your best at all times and look forward to working with you.

MPs, you should expect to be significantly challenged in your roles here. We have an important detention mission in Guantanamo Bay and we have the highest standards. I demand professionalism and I will expect the highest from you.



**BG Jay Hood
Commander
JTF Guantanamo**

Being new to JTF Guantanamo, I ask that you remember these few things: Safety first! You're new to an environment that has many potential hazards, find out about these and counsel your troops on them. For example, make sure every person knows the meaning of each color of PT flag, what it means to them, and where the flags are flown; what plants and animals share the base with us, and how they should be treated; which beaches are off limits for swimmers and which require special gear; where to get medical aid and what locations are off-limits or restricted. I expect you to always put safety first and to keep things in positive perspective. Welcome aboard!

Honor Bound!



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Pumped and prepared: 783rd MP Bn. Det. joins team in OEF

By SPC Katherine L. Collins

As a new force in Operation Enduring Freedom, the 783rd Military Police Battalion (MP Bn.) Detachment (Det.) joins JTF Guantanamo as a unit of motivated and highly-skilled men and women, ready to serve their best in the United States' battle against terrorism.

Along with the battalion's headquarters and headquarters command, the Michigan Reserve unit replaces the 384th MP Bn., serving as the new Joint Detention Operation Group (JDOG).

In looking ahead to joining JTF Guantanamo, the unit formed the goals of "assisting the mission in whatever ways necessary, then returning home safe and stronger as a unit and individuals, and it professionally and personally prepared itself well to meet those goals," said MAJ Quentin Crank, JDOG S-3. "We will grow collectively and individually as this mission enhances our teamwork, skills and lives."

"In meeting our goals, we naturally expect to face challenges," commented SSG Glenn Jenkins. "One great challenge we'll face during our every day job is just



Photos by SPC Katherine L. Collins

(Above) Members of the 783rd MP Bn. Det. arrive on Guantanamo Bay's Winward side for the first time.

being able to successfully think quickly on our feet. We'll show our success too by at times using those unexpected challenges to further the mission."

"Still, other challenges will be more simple things like adjusting from a cold climate at home to a hot one here, to bigger ones like bringing the unit together for collective training, because they will be scattered here," added Crank. "In talking with many of our soldiers, however, you will see that high morale and strong knowledge of the job to be done are in place to aid us in each challenge we face," he said. "This is a definite benefit in attaining our goals."

"In deploying to Macedonia in 1994, I learned that deployments can be a life-learning experience," said SGT Dan Schlichting. "There I learned, for example, how service members pull together to accomplish a mission, as I saw many nations work as a team. I tell our soldiers to take advantage of the time here, looking for the positives they can personally gain, in addition to just knowing they are serving an important mission, because this will be a challenging time, especially being away from family," he said.

SFC Charles Johnson added, "My goal as an NCO is to help our soldiers return home from this deployment safe and as better people than when they left. As the battalion commander said. My personal goal is to get in shape."

PV2 Michael Dibble also commented, "The benefits I foresee gaining from this deployment are not only the satisfaction and pride in knowing we are helping to fight terrorism, but we will grow as a unit and individuals. We'll have the chance to meet and know all kinds of people and some of us will be able to save money too."

In an aim to maintain high morale, Johnson said he tells his soldiers, "This mission is just as important as the ones our fellow soldiers are serving in the Middle East. Be just as proud that you are playing a key role in fighting for freedom here as you would if you were fighting in Iraq or the surrounding area."

Crank explained how the unit readied itself for this mission through professional and personal preparation, saying, "At our mobilization station many soldiers identified the job-skill areas in which they needed to improve. They then took advantage of the training resources there to ready themselves to do the job successfully here. Personally, they looked ahead to their deployment, anticipating all they could walk away from it with, if they chose to take advantage of the opportunities."

Jahnke added that the unit's "diversity of knowledge, deployment experience and the members' intensive military and civilian training in their job fields, augmented by their in-depth training of basic soldier skills have also served to put the unit on the 'cutting edge.'" The soldiers are diversified on the civilian side. He also explained. "Some work in the penal system while others work in law enforcement, and we also have a large number who are students."



Photo by SPC Katherine Collins

Members of the 783rd MP Bn. Det. stand in formation during a welcome briefing by deputy JDOG commander, LTC Bryan Jahnke (right), on their first day in Guantanamo Bay.

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nally with Delta Co. and now with Charlie Co. said that members of all the companies had opportunities to be around each other and the reorganization was not hard.

“We’ve been around each other and we’ve gelled,” said Barbieri. “This wasn’t the hard part of the mission.”

Indri echoed, “The biggest challenge by far has been leaving my wife and baby-on-

the-way.”

A and B Co. members are focusing on how to get the mission done and how to get the most out of their time here.

“Our leadership emphasizes do the mission, take care of each other while we are here and make sure we get home as well as we came or better,” said SSG Myles Standish. “They also emphasize improving yourself mentally and physically by taking advantage of all the things that are here.”

Members of the 2-102nd Armor have a rich heritage of service, but they have not had any overseas deployments since World War II.

They are direct descendants of the famous “Essex Troop” of the New Jersey Calvary.

Members of A and C Cos. of the 2-102nd Armor come to Guantanamo with a rich heritage of military service, mission focus and flexibility.

CPT Dave Melendez, A Co. commander and S-3 assistant in charge of plans, challenges his soldiers to get in the mindset for the mission.

“Challenge them - challenge them to be soldiers and to do the right thing.”

And to encourage them that they are doing the right thing.

“They are doing the right thing by being here,” said Melendez. “The mission is something that is important to the war on terrorism.”

“The people who were here before us did an outstanding job and we are going to pick up where they off and continue doing a good job and do our part to make sure the mission carries on successfully,” said SGT Junior Anglon, of A Co.

“I’m ready to do what they tell me to do,” said Sysouvang.

“It’s always by the book, take of it and do it the right way,” say Barbieri.



Photos by SGT Jolene Staker

Counterclockwise left to right: PV2 Vincent Emperil, SGT Junior Anglon and SSG Kelvin Taylor all of A Co, 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor Division take advantage of the Camp Bulkeley Gym to work toward fitness goals.

“I spend most of my spare time in the gym,” said Anglon. “I’m always athletic, and my personal goal is to be as physically fit as possible.”



384th Military Police Battalion

“Equality and Justice”



The 384th Military Police Battalion was constituted October 28, 1944 as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company. It was activated November 3, 1944 in Requiell, France, and then inactivated November 30, 1946 in Austria. In 1947 it was allotted to the Organized Reserves on January 22nd and activated February 3, 1947 in Indianapolis, Ind. The Organized

Reserves were later redesignated as the Organized Reserve Corps and then redesignated as the Army Reserve on July 9, 1952. They were inactivated November 1, 1955 at Indianapolis and reactivated September 17, 1990 at Fort Wayne, Ind. They were headed for Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom until they were remissioned and sent to Fort Dix, N.J. to

train in support of Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

The distinctive unit insignia was approved on October 19, 1953. It was amended to revise the description on January 4, 1991, consisting of a shield blazoned vertically, on a fret or a fleur-de-lis of the like. Attached below the shield, a gold scroll is inscribed: “EQUALITY AND JUSTICE” in green letters. Green and yellow are the colors for the Military Police Corps. The fret is used as a symbol of security. The fleur-de-lis represents the organization’s service in France during World War II. The U.S. Army’s 384th Military Police Battalion was deployed at Mauthausen concentration camp in 1946. During 1999 the 384th MP Bn. spent two weeks of annual training at Fort McCoy, Wis. running an internment camp. They have currently been participating in numerous special missions in support of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, including assistance with various unit staff and supervisory positions. We bid a fond farewell and thank the 384th for their service to their country in the Global War on Terrorism.



Photo from The Wire Archive

SSG John Starks of the 384th MP Battalion gets refreshed after a douse of OC spray during MP training





To the soldiers of the 384th Military Police Battalion,

I thank each and every one of you for your valuable contribution to our mission here in Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay (GTMO), Cuba. Through the course of your work in sections throughout the Joint Task Force and the Joint Detention Operations Group, it did not go unnoticed that the performance each of you contributed was exemplary. You proved to be valuable team members. HHC 384th Military Police (MP) Battalion leaves its mark as being the longest deployed unit ever in Joint Task Force, GTMO.

Rest assured, this mission was well worth our while and will soon belong to our unit's proud history. When soldiers of the future read about the "Global War on Terrorism" they will see your names listed among those who served. I am sincerely proud of your efforts and the difference you have made. From our MPs serving in the wire, to the administration, to finance, and supply soldiers working with the different departments,

our accomplishments have been immeasurable.

I would like to thank all who have supported our efforts, particularly our families and employers back home; the Family Readiness Group; and our administration support from the Rear Detachment unit in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Without the vital support from our families back home, our soldiers could not have accomplished this mission.

Working with all of you was a pleasure and I certainly know why this organization has come to rely on the expertise each of you has demonstrated. On behalf of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 384th MP Battalion, I thank you for all your efforts and for the commitment each of you have shown as team members dedicated to this mission. I also want to personally express to you my appreciation for the positive outlook you all carried during this deployment. Congratulations on a job well done!

Honor Bound!



**HHC Company
Commander
CPT Michael F.
Rutherford**

To the soldiers of the 384th Military Police Battalion.

As we prepare to depart Guantanamo Bay and return to our families and loved ones, let us look back and reflect on what the 384th Military Police Battalion soldiers have accomplished since arriving. First and foremost, the soldiers took great strides in adjusting to constant changes, challenges, and learning experiences on arrival. Yet, our soldiers have excelled in operations of the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG), the Joint Task Force operations, NCOIC positions of special missions, graduating 29 newly promoted NCOs from the Primary Leadership Development Course, and 1 graduate of Battle Staff Training. The soldiers of the 384th MP Bn. should feel proud of their accomplishments and know that they truly have excelled as individual soldiers and as a battalion.

We have grown into better soldiers,

better leaders, and understand the dedication it takes to be successful in the Joint Task Force Guantanamo mission and the Nation's fight on global terrorism. To the soldier's families and loved ones who wait for our return, we thank you for your unending support through care packages, phone calls, and letters. As the first sergeant of the 384th MP Bn., I am proud of the soldiers who I have served and worked with such a high caliber of professionalism towards this mission. As we prepare to return home remember how we have all shed a few tears, raised tempers, helped each other in a time of need, but most importantly we have grown as a stronger unit of professional soldiers who have risen above the challenges and excelled together. Finally, to all the members of JTF and JDOG, I thank you for your professionalism, dedication, and unwavering support of the 384th MP Bn.

Honor Bound!



**HHC First Sergeant
SFC William Graham**

Sports highlights

Rush gives Lakers boost into NBA final

Compiled by SPC Rick Fahr

Who was the MVP of the NBA's Western Conference Final series-ender?

Nope, not **Shaquille O'Neal**. No, not **Kobe Bryant**. Not a chance, **Kevin Garnett**.

Kareem Rush.

His six three-pointers lifted the **Los Angeles Lakers** over the **Minnesota Timberwolves** in game six, 96-90, earning the team a berth in the championship series.

With baseball season nearing its halfway point, the hot topic of discussion isn't who's leading which division.

It's who's on the trading block?

Kansas City Royal Carlos Beltran leads that list, but he is by no means the only star likely to be looking for new digs soon. **Carlos Delgado**,

Rich Aurilia, **Freddy Garcia** and **Bret Boone** are among the names being thrown around as possible trade bait.

Fifty games into the season, the divisional leaders are familiar names. The **New York Yankees** and **Boston Red Sox** lead the American League East, while the **Anaheim Angels** are ruling the West. The **Chicago White Sox** are ahead in the Central. Over in the National League, the defending champs, the **Florida Marlins**, lead the East. Surprising **Cincinnati** is ahead in the Central, and the goofy West features a first-place tie between the **Los Angeles Dodgers** and the **San Diego Padres**.

As baseball is a game of numbers, a quick look at a few statistics provides an intriguing snapshot of the season. **Sean Casey** leads in hitting, posting a .394 batting average. **Albert**

Pujols has hit the most home-runs, although **Barry Bonds** is only one behind (with 87 fewer official at-bats). **Roger Clemens** remains a perfect 7-0 on the hill, and ageless **Tom Glavine** has posted a 6-3 mark with a 2.17 earned run average.

Jimmie Johnson defended his Coca-Cola 600 title in style, leading 334 of the race's 400 laps.

Johnson won last year's rain-shortened event and made a loud statement last weekend in Concord, N.H. He took the pole position and seldom looked back, becoming the first Nextel Cup driver to win from the pole this year. He closed the gap with series leader **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** to five points.

For all the runners who think they can post a pretty good time, consider that **Mau-**

rice Greene ran 100 meters in 9.78 seconds Monday in Stanford, Calif.

Read that again – 100 meters in 9.78 seconds.

Most of us can't pick a yogurt flavor in 9.78 seconds, but this guy can run the length of a football field.

ESPN is celebrating 25 years on the air by memorializing the greatest 100 sports moments of that period.

Michael Jordan's championship-clinching jump shot is surely on the list, as is Joe Carter's World Series-clinching homer of "Wild Thing" **Mitch Williams** and **Kerri Strug's** valiant Olympic moment.

Everybody has a favorite sports memory or memories. Which jump out at you?

Compiled from www.espn.com.

Some sports stars hold on to spotlight too long

By SPC Rick Fahr

As I get older -- for the record, I don't consider 33 over the hill quite yet -- I put more emphasis on experience than I used to.

So, as far as experience goes, Penn State's Joe Paterno is off the hizzel, as the kids would say.

He's been at the helm of "Linebacker U's" football program for going on 40 years. That's experience out the wazzoo.

That experience is what led PSU to give Paterno a four-year contract extension lately.

Am I applauding the move?

Not exactly.

In the harsh light of big-time collegiate athletics, Penn State is not exactly generating a lot of fear across the landscape.

Coming off a 3-9 season, the Nittany Lions are a whole lot closer to an athletic afterthought than the athletic powerhouse

FAHR GAME

that went undefeated in 1994. And last season was no fluke.

Paterno's detractors say the game has passed him by. Maybe it has.

Regardless, it's difficult to imagine Paterno resurrecting the program in the time he has left, and that's a shame.

It wasn't long ago that he stood atop the football mountain. Now, he's quickly come down to the ground in Happy Valley.

And he's not the only one.

Thinking about ESPN's 100 most memorable sports moments led me to think back to Michael Jordan's shot to win another world title. The image of Jordan's perfect shot would have been a fitting ending to an amazing career. But he couldn't stay retired. He came back, and some of the luster came off.

Or what about Emmitt Smith? In his prime, he was a great running back for the Dallas Cowboys. Past his prime, he was a liability for the hapless Arizona Cardinals.

Why is it that many athletes or coaches lack the internal alarm that tells them when it's time to hang up the cleats, glove or whistle?

It must have something to do with the ego that helped propel them to lofty heights in the first place.

Nonetheless, it's sad to see our sports heroes fail, especially when it's easy to see that the memories of their greatness are all that remain.

Has anyone ever walked away before that time came?

Jim Brown.

At the time he retired, he was the best football player on the planet. His reputation has only grown since he left the game. Maybe he was onto something there.

Naval Base and the JTF – symbiotic relationship

By SGT Jolene Staker

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba may be well known for the current detainee operations, but there is much more to this small naval base than meets the eye.

“When people first get here they have a ‘wild west’ look,” said Capt. Les McCoy, commander of Naval Base Guantanamo Bay. “They are either pleasantly surprised or utterly shocked.”

Even people who have been here for a while may not realize the behind the scenes work done and the publicized missions and responsibilities.

“What a lot of people don’t realize is that they are coming into a community,” said McCoy. “The community always has and will continue to support the JTF.”

There are a few things that McCoy would like to ask of JTF members.

Remember that while you may be on deployment away from your families, you are surrounded by families every day.

“Treat people with the same level of respect that you would in the town or city you are from,” said McCoy.

We have a large population of children -- more than people may realize, McCoy said.

JTF troopers need to watch their language and actions while out in the Naval Base community ensuring that they are good role models for the children.

“Get involved with the community,” said McCoy. “Realize they are waiting to embrace you.”

If you coach little league at home, coach little league here. If you work with the boy scouts at home, work with the Boy Scouts here. If you teach drama at home, volunteer at the school here, said McCoy.

“If you have anything the community can absorb we would love to have you involved. You bring a talent or specialty that we may not have since we are a small community,” said McCoy.

Share any talents that you have whether it be in the morale, welfare and recreation activities, school, church, library, local colleges or any other area in Guantanamo.

“This helps us,” said McCoy. “But it also helps you.”

Being an active part in the Guantanamo Bay community gives troopers an opportunity

to be around people and activities away from the camp.

“We opened up the new galley so that troopers did not have to stay in Camp America,” said McCoy. “If you want to come and go to the exchange and stay for a movie, you have a place to eat.”

Balancing the needs of the JTF with others on the naval base is a daunting task.

McCoy has many commands he monitors in Guantanamo. The JTF is the largest, but it is just one of the many responsibilities that McCoy monitors daily.

“Because our staff is so small -- trying to keep up with the JTF is a full-time job. It’s challenging,” said McCoy. “It’s been a real educational experience.”

McCoy is the only naval base person who is actually a member of the JTF.

“I am in a supporting role for the JTF,” said McCoy.

The JTF has also given support to Guantanamo Bay by giving it new life.

“Before 9/11 the base was staffed with enough people basically to keep the lights on,” said McCoy.

Guantanamo Bay has been the site of many migrant operations with the most recent being in October of 1996 and February of 1997. These two short events involved the interception of Chinese migrants being smuggled into the United States.

While there is not currently a large migrant operation, there is an ongoing migrant operation.

Those migrants who are deemed to have protective status live in Guantanamo until a third country will accept them.

Migrants get their immediate needs met as well as get jobs and work toward long-range goals.

“They all leave here with a savings account,” said McCoy.

Care for long-term Cuban residents is also McCoy’s responsibility.

“The generation is getting older and we are responsible for their well-being,” said McCoy.

Taking care of these residents is being accomplished by setting up group homes for their care.

Another unique thing that McCoy must balance with the JTF mission is the unique relationship with the Cuban military.

Guantanamo Bay is not only the oldest U.S. base located outside the United States, but it is also the only one in a country that does not have an open political relationship with the United States.

He meets with the Cuban general once a month to maintain working relations.

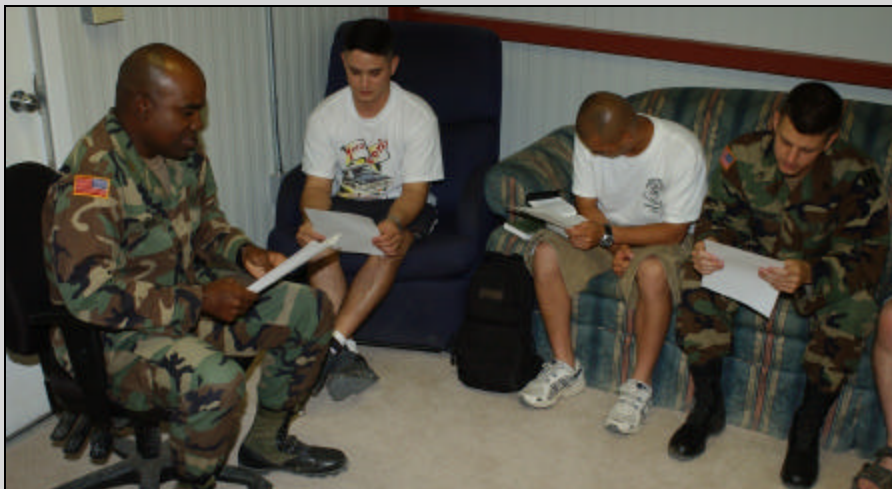
“We have a very cordial relationship,” said McCoy. “We respect one another and work together.”



BG Jay Hood (center) is assisted by (left) Naval Hospital Commander Capt. Steve Edmundson and (right) Naval Base Commander, Capt. Les McCoy during memorial day services at Cuzco Naval Base Memorial Cemetery.

Photo by CPT Tracy Saucy

Chaplain's Corner



Photos by SGT Jolene Staker

Alpha attendees find enrichment with others.

(Left to right) Chaplain Paul Minor leads Tuesday night's discussion for "A Life Worth Living" with Navy Petty Officer 1st Class David Flores from J-3 Plans, PFC Glenmark Navarro of the 491st Military Police Co., and SSG Aaron Champagne of J-4 Transportation. "A Life Worth Living" is a follow-up to the Alpha Bible study program that has been on Tuesday nights. Nickey Gumble leads participants through nine sessions that are designed to explain how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically and joyfully. Next week's topic will be on New Responsibilities.

Heavenly Bits and Pieces

By CH (MAJ) Daniel Odean

Shadows fall behind us when we walk toward the light.

Which direction are you headed? As we allow Him to, the Lord lifts us above the shadows of this world and helps us to see the issues of life from an eternal perspective.

Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28 NIV).

Give Him your heart as you turn to Him.

Vitamin C for the Soul

By CH (MAJ) Steven Herman

The following message once appeared on a church sign "Don't let worry kill you, let the church help!" These well intended words might have sent the wrong message to those passing by the church. Modern medical studies prove that worry and stress can shorten our lives, but how can the church help? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear...O you of little faith. . . .But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well." When we are stressed and worried about things it is time to exercise our faith, seek God, and believe that God will provide for all our needs, including those things that cause us the most concern. When we think there is no answer to our problems, God is the answer! When we believe in an awesome God who loves us and provides for us, we begin to feel a sense of peace instead of anxiety. May God's peace be with you today.

Chapel Services and Programs

Alpha Course

A discussion forum designed to answer questions about Christianity. Held at Camp America North, room L001, every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Soul Survivor

Listen to contemporary Christian music and dynamic preaching by CH Odean. Held at the Club Survivor deck every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Refreshments available also.

Thursday Ticket

Each week a contemporary movie is played and afterwards viewers discuss the morals and ethics shown in the film. Held at Camp America North, room L001, every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Padre's Corner

By CH (LCDR) James Dowds

"Just do it..."

There is a clear cultural message out there that tells us we don't need anything outside of ourselves to do what is right and to find happiness.

Last week, the churches that follow a common set of Bible Readings celebrated the Great Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was sent to Mary and the disciples, gathered in the upper room. We read that the doors were locked and that they were assembled in fear!

It is God's power that comes upon them and animates them in new and unexpected ways. This group of frightened disciples is transformed into enthusiastic and effective followers of the Risen Lord. What are your fears? What keeps you from living a happy and holy life? We do not need to "just do it..." We have an advocate, a power far beyond ours to help, assist, comfort, encourage us in all our endeavors.

We pray : "Come Holy Spirit!"

15 Minutes of Fame...

With SFC Douglas Patrick 384th Military Police Battalion

By SSG Patrick Cloward

SFC Douglas Patrick currently serves as one of the 384th Military Police Battalion's platoon sergeants. Most of his unit co-workers were attached to companies working in special missions during their time here. When they are finished, they are expected to return to their home base in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Q: What significant accomplishments do you feel you have achieved during your military career?

A: I've worked 11 years with the 384th. I was also an honor graduate at the Basic Non-commissioned Officer's Course. Even though I joined the Army Reserve to help me get through college, the most significant effect on me is working with the soldiers.

Q: What impresses you most about those you work with?

A: They take a licking and keep on ticking. These men are outstanding individuals. It was good to work with all the soldiers in the JTF. It has been the best. Highlights have been working with these soldiers. The true character of these soldiers is just great.

Q: Is there anyone you look up to as an example to follow?

A: MSG Terry Longsworth has been a guy I've worked with forever. He's really inspired me. I give kudos to a lot of soldiers. He works for the soldiers to help them and make their lives a little better. He cuts out the B.S. SSG Jim Inniger, SSG Chris Sewell, SGT Roderick and SSG Tony Stark. They are all outstanding individuals of leadership.

Q: What do you feel are some of the benefits of working in the 384th?

A: The best part is getting to travel a lot. I've been on missions to Europe and the Middle East.



Photo by SSG Patrick Cloward

SFC Douglas Patrick of the 384th MP serves as the platoon sergeant of last remaining platoon of 384th presently working on the blocks in Camp Delta. Army Reserve unit originates in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Q: What do you feel is your motivation to serve here at JTF Guantanamo?

A: I felt it was my duty. I knew guys whose families were in other wars. I was a history teacher at home. It was my way to give back to my country.

Q: What have been some interesting assignments you've done for the 384th?

A: We've done a lot of special honor guards and special missions throughout. I've hosted things with kids and recruiting.

Q: What do you feel is your philosophy of leadership?

A: I never ask a soldier to do something I won't do. I believe a person should always lead from the front. I will still ask a lot of them, but as long as we give to the soldiers, they'll do a lot for you.

Q: How has your civilian skills as a teacher benefited you here?

A: I definitely enjoy history and constitutional law. Working with people has taught me many interpersonal skills.

You're working with kids and that's a hand-in-hand relationship. Students are usually the same way. You'd be surprised at what people are capable of. There are things here that I use that I've learned in counseling and trying to help them with their education. So, I listen to them to better help myself to help the mission. The worst things we can do as leaders are ignore the people we're with.

Q: What have been some of the challenges you've experienced during your deployment here?

A: The biggest challenge is remaining positive and driven to take the initiative at all times I believe you should always take the initiative. I always tell my guys that their priorities should be your mission, your men and then yourself. Got to take care of those and then yourself is last. You make sure that's happening and you'll always be right.

Q: What have you learned about being a leader here?

A: If you see a gap in leadership you step in and fill it to the best that you can. Being flexible is a huge part of it.

Q: How has your family helped you during your time here?

A: Having the support of wife and family has always been good for me. She's always been the rock to help and one to help me overcome challenges.

Q: What do you plan on doing once you return home?

A: I plan to continue driving on and doing the best I can. Right now my focus is my family and continue civilian education and career. I'm two classes away from getting a master's degree in education. I also plan to keep in contact with some of the great people in the 384th and the JTF.

Q: What advice would you give to those replacing you in Rotation Five?

A: Be flexible and take care of each other.

The GTMO Guide: Answers to Your Questions

Who can help me? What's for lunch? What movie's playing? Where can I find that? How does this work?

Shutterbugs capture GTMO images



Out of 19 photos submitted, these three were judged as the best. Our thanks to BG Jay Hood, BG Martin Lucenti and MWR Director Craig Basel for volunteering as judges.

First place

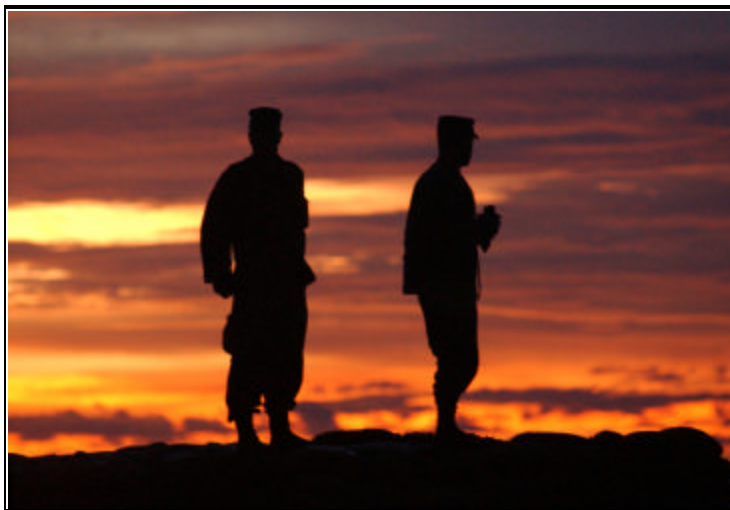
Photo by
SPC Tommi Meyer,
70th MPAD.

*Rounds fall from an automatic
weapon in the early morning of a
live-fire exercise.*

Second place

Photo by
SSG Patrick Cloward,
70th MPAD.

*Members of the 1-181st Infantry
Regt. observe activities during a
JTF GTMO live fire exercise in
October 2003*



Third place

Photo by
SPC David Duhart,
1-181st Inf. Regt.
*Windmill Beach basks in the
splendor of the setting sun on a
warm evening*



Your guide to ...

Movies

Downtown Lyceum

Fri., June 4

8 p.m. *Shrek 2*

PG - 105 min

10 p.m. *The Whole Ten Yards*

PG - 99 min

Sat., June 5

8 p.m. *Jersey Girl*

PG13 - 103 min

10 p.m. *Troy*

R - 165 min

Sun., June 6

8 p.m. *Hell Boy*

PG13 - 122 min

Mon., June 7

8 p.m. *The Girl Next Door*

R - 109 min

Tues., June 8

8 p.m. *Shrek 2*

PG - 105 min

Wed., June 9

*United States Army Soldier's
Show 9 p.m.*

Thurs., June 10

*United States Army Soldier's
Show 7 p.m.*

DRMO opening

June 8-18.

Call 4184

for more
information

Seeing IG involves simple processes

By LTC Anthony Deskis

Having a successful inspector general experience requires several steps:

■ **Give the chain of command a chance to solve the problem.**

The chain of command can solve most problems. A soldier's chaplain, congressman, or local IG can help on occasions, but they must ultimately work with the chain of command. If you have not informed the chain of command about your issue and given them a chance to work it, in most cases, the IG will simply refer you back to your chain of command. The IG is a kind of "court of last resort." If other remedies are available, use them first. If the proper system and/or the chain of command is not able to solve the problem, then the IG is probably appropriate.

■ **Level with the IG from the beginning because the IG will soon find out the "rest of the story."**

The IG and soldier waste a lot of time and effort when the IG only knows half of the story. Very often, soldiers only present the information that they feel is in their favor. The IG can only take action when they have all of the facts about a situation – the good, the bad,



and the ugly. Save us both some time and provide all of the facts, even the ones that you do not agree with or like.

■ **An IG is not a commander. An IG can only recommend, not order.**

Some soldiers get upset when nothing seems to happen as a result of their complaint. Keep in mind that the IG can advise a commander but cannot order action. Regulations obligate commanders to take action when standards are broken, or when a soldier has not been afforded due process. But if a commander has the authority to make the decision, and the decision does not violate a written procedural, legal, or ethical standard, the commander's choice may stand.

You may visit the IG office in Room 204 of the Commissions Building Monday – Saturday. The IG phone number is 5399. The Camp America IG office is in Building 7200 and is staffed Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. The Camp America Office phone is 3501. IG assistance is available anytime by appointment.

Reef Raiders Dive Club

Open Monday-Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Located at the bottom of Tozer Road,
off Sherman Avenue.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information,
call Mickey Leonard, 4017 or 5666.



		Catholic
		<i>Main Chapel</i>
Wed.	5 p.m.	Holy Hour and Rosary
	6:00-6:25 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	RCIA (Chaplain's office)
Sat.	4:15 p.m.	Confession
	5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Spanish Mass (Sanct. B)
M-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Cobre Chapel)
		<i>Camp America</i>
Sun.	5:30 p.m.	Episcopal Mass
	7:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass
		Protestant
		<i>Main Chapel</i>
Mon.	7 p.m.	Prayer Group Fellowship*
Wed.	7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study*
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Service/Sunday School
		* Fellowship Hall located in Chapel Complex
		<i>Camp America</i>
Tues.	7 p.m.	Alpha
Wed.	7 p.m.	Soul Survivor (Club Survivor)
Sun.	9 a.m.	Protestant
		New Life Fellowship
Sun.	1 p.m.	Service (Main Chapel)
		Pentecostal Gospel
Sun.	8 a.m.	Service (Sanc C)
	5 p.m.	Service (Sanc C)
		Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sun.	9 a.m.	Sanctuary A
		Islamic
Fri.	1 p.m.	Classroom 12, Cpl. Complex
		Jewish
		Call 2323 for more information
		Camp America Church Bus schedule:
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Tierra Kay
		The bus will return following worship.



Today: Lunch – Salisbury steak; Dinner – shrimp scampi.

Saturday: Lunch – creole pork chops; Dinner – beef reavioli.

Sunday: Lunch – chicken cordon bleu; Dinner – roast turkey.

Monday: Lunch – roast beef; Dinner – roast pork.

Tuesday: Lunch – baked chicken; Dinner – stuffed flounder.

Wednesday: Lunch – beef pot pie; Dinner – Oriental pepper steak.

Thursday: Lunch – baked chicken; Dinner – meat loaf.

Friday: Lunch – BBQ beef cubes; Dinner – crab legs.

