



Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen

Lt. Col Fletcher Crews, ARFOR Commander, dons his black beret during a ceremony Jan. 4 in the base theater.

## ARFOR troops don black beret

By Spc. Jon Christoffersen  
*Iguana Editor*

Jan. 4, Army Forces, Joint Task Force - Bravo, joined with most of the Army by changing their standard head gear from the camouflaged battle dress uniform cap to the black beret.

The decision for the Army to switch to the black beret as standard head gear was made by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki. Before switching head gear, Shinseki wrote the following explaining the decision to make the change. The following was released Nov. 11, 2000.

"The Army must change to maintain its relevance to the evolving strategic environment. To provide our nation strategic options for mastering the complexity of that environment, The Army committed, in its vision a year ago, that 'as technology allows, we will begin to erase the distinctions between heavy and light forces.' In the United States Army, the beret has become a symbol of excellence of our specialty units. Soldiers of the Special Forces, our airborne units, and the Ranger Regiment have long demonstrated such excellence through their legendary accomplishments and unmatched capabilities. Their deployability, versatility, and agility are due, in part, to their organizational structure and equipment. But more significant is their adaptiveness, which keeps them ready to take on any mission, anytime, anyplace.

Today, the distinctive emblem of these units is the wear of the beret. But, over the past 50 years, berets have been worn by a variety of Army formations—airborne, armor, cavalry, infantry, ranger, Special Forces, and others. The black beret was being worn by formations Army-wide; when it was approved by the Army for wear by the Ranger Regiment in 1975. Today, it remains one of our symbols of excellence in The Army as re-

flected by its wear in the Ranger Regiment.

We are transforming today's most powerful Army in the world from a Cold War Legacy Force to an objective force with early entry capabilities that can operate jointly, without access to fixed forward bases, and still have the power to slug it out and win campaigns decisively (Intent, June 1999). This transformation will correct the condition in today's legacy force where our heavy forces are too heavy, and our light forces lack staying power. To master this strategic transition and to establish the parameters for decisiveness in the 21st century, The Army must become adaptive to be strategically responsive and dominant across the entire spectrum of military operations.

To symbolize The Army's commitment to transforming itself into the objective force, The Army will adopt the black beret for wear Army-wide. It is not about increasing recruiting; we achieved our recruiting target of 180,000 recruits last year—without a beret. It is not about retention; for the second year in a row, we exceeded our reenlistment goal by a wide margin—without a beret. It is not about morale; soldiers are ready today to go into harm's way. It is about our excellence as soldiers, our unity as a force, and our values as an institution.

Effective June 14 2001, the first Army birthday in the new millennium, the black beret will become standard wear in The Army—active and reserve components. Sergeant Major of the Army Tilley will lead the effort to craft implementing guidelines, including indoctrination standards that all soldiers will meet before they are authorized to wear the beret. Special operations and airborne units will retain their distinctive berets.

Soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formation. We will march into the next millennium as The Army—the strategic joint force of choice for the 21st century.

## Army Special Forces sergeant killed in action in Afghanistan

By Jim Garamone  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON, — The Department of Defense announced today that Army Special Forces Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 31, of San Antonio, Texas, was killed in action in Afghanistan as the result of enemy fire.

A Central Intelligence Agency employee was seriously wounded in the same incident and was evacuated by helicopter. CIA officials said his condition is serious, but he is expected to live.

The Green Beret was part of a team coordinating

with local tribal elements in the vicinity of Gardez-Khost. He was to "facilitate cooperation between our forces in the region and the local tribal elements," Army Gen. Tommy Franks said during a news conference in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 4.

Details on the incident are not yet available. "What I know is there was an exchange of small arms fire and that this American serviceman was doing his job ... and I think anything else I say at this point would be speculative," said Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command.

The general said the death of the soldier - the first military loss to hostile fire in the campaign - reminds him "of the cost that these great young people pay."

Afghanistan is still a very dangerous area, he noted. "I am thankful every day that we have not lost more people than we have lost in this fight," he said. "I will tell you when we have lost someone, it touches my command and all of us very deeply."

A CIA employee - John Michael Spann - was killed during the Taliban prison uprising in November. Five U.S. service members were injured in a "friendly fire" incident near Mazar-e Sharif Nov. 25.

Three U.S. service members were killed and 19 injured in another friendly fire incident near Kandahar Dec. 5. Another U.S. soldier was wounded by gunfire Dec. 4. Two soldiers were also killed in a helicopter crash in Pakistan Oct. 19.

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## Commanders Corner

# Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld reviews challenges of '01

By **Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — “What a difference three months makes,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters at a press conference here today.

Rumsfeld reviewed 2001 during the briefing. He said the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon that killed 184 people was the “toughest moment.”

“On Sept. 11, the Pentagon and the Trade Towers were burning, the Taliban were in power, and Afghanistan was a reasonably safe haven for terrorists,” Rumsfeld said. “Today, the fires are finally out, the Taliban have been driven from power, their leaders are on the run and, thanks to so many nations’ efforts - and the extraordinary men and women of the defense establishment and the armed forces and the coalition forces - Americans are celebrating this holiday season as they were meant to, in freedom.” Rumsfeld said DoD has much work still to do, and this is not limited to the war on terrorism.

He reiterated the Bush administration’s effort to transform the DoD and the military to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

During 2001, President Bush asked DoD to review the nation’s defense strategy, to take a fresh look at missile defense, to examine the number of offensive nuclear weapons and “to find ways to encourage a culture



**Donald H. Rumsfeld**

new force-sizing model for the military. “We put aside the threat-based model of the past and adopted a capabilities-based approach - one that focuses less on who might threaten us or where, and more on how we might be threatened and what capabilities we will need to deter and defend against those threats,” Rumsfeld said.

He said that even before the Sept. 11 attacks, DoD had put more emphasis on homeland security. Specifically, DoD is preparing for the full-range of asymmetric threats that face the nation. DoD is also measuring risks in a different way. Immediate threats must be

of creativity and intelligent risk-taking” at the Defense Department.

“I think we’ve made progress in each of these areas, but there is no question in my mind but that we have more to do,” Rumsfeld said.

The secretary said DoD used the Quadrennial Defense Review to produce a new defense strategy for the United States and also produced a

measured against the risks of overusing the people of the department, of not modernizing and of not transforming. “So that as we prepare for near-term threats, we do not cheat the future or the people who risk their lives to secure that future for us,” he said.

Rumsfeld said service members received a substantial pay raise in 2001, and DoD was able to secure money to upgrade housing, health care and other facilities.

DoD refashioned missile defense from one constrained by the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty to one that “is broad-based and designed to test the widest range of promising technologies,” he said.

The Bush administration also has promised to cut offensive nuclear warheads from the 6,000 in the stockpile today to between 1,700 and 2,200.

He said the year also contained some disappointments. The confirmation process for administration officials is uncertainly and slow, he said.

The budget process is not working well, he said. “People need to have some sense of what the future will hold and what they can do. And to keep shifting these numbers around and altering things the way we are because the way the process worked this year is really unfortunate and certainly not good management.”

Finally, Rumsfeld said, DoD does not have “the freedom to manage the department effectively, so that we can really unleash a culture of innovation and begin turning waste into weapons.” Continuing work on these and other problems will be priorities for 2002, he noted.

## Chaplain’s Corner

# The penalty has been paid, sacrifice brings peace with God

By **Chaplain (Capt.) Earl Vanderhoff**  
JTF-Bravo Chaplain

Guilt is an oppressive inner burden that drags us down and stifles joy. It’s a sense of heart that stems from actual wrongs committed. Conscience hurts. We lie. We commit adultery. Guilt rises. It may only be temporary.

We bury the bad feelings with excuses. We harden ourselves against these ugly pangs. Yet, when we are alone with our own thoughts, guilt once again rears its head. This guilt is a consequence of sin.

The plain truth is that a right understanding of sin lies at the root of all saving Christianity. Without it such doctrines as justification, conversion and sanc-

tification are “words and names” which convey no meaning to the mind.

The first thing, therefore, that God does when he makes anyone a new creature in Christ is to send light into his heart and show him that he is a guilty sinner. The material creation in Genesis began with “light,” and so also does the spiritual creation. God “shines into our hearts” by the work of the Holy Spirit and then spiritual life begins (2 Cor. 4:6).

Dim or indistinct views of sin are the origin of most of the errors, heresies and false doctrines of the present day.

If an individual does not realize the dangerous nature of his or her soul’s disease, it is no wonder if they are content with false or imperfect remedies.

I believe that one of the chief neglects of the contemporary church has been, and is, clearer, fuller teaching about sin.

Sin, is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God, given as a rule to the reasonable creature. I say, furthermore, that “a sin,” to speak more particularly, consists in doing, saying, thinking or imagining anything that is not in perfect conformity with the mind and law of God. “Sin,” in short as the Scripture says, is “the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

Jesus Christ suffered and died as a perfect sacrifice for sins. This sacrifice pays the penalty due for very specific sins. This sacrifice brings peace with God. It removes guilt. It is good news.

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# Safety never goes out of season

## Hot, juicy hamburger served with a side order of safety

By Tech. Sgt. Troy Wright  
Soto Cano Fire Department

### Whenever you grill, think safety first.

Be sure there is adequate ventilation to remove carbon monoxide formed by the fire. Grilling outdoors is always the safest. Never grill in an enclosed area and always keep your grill at least 10 feet from any structure.

To light the fire easily and safely, follow these directions on choosing, stacking and lighting briquettes.

- Place grill away from dry grass, bushes, and the house and out of the wind if possible. Never leave unattended once coals are ignited.

- Line the grill with heavy-duty foil. It reflects heat which speeds cooking and makes cleanup a snap. If the grill bottom has vents, puncture foil so air can circulate.

- Set out a single layer of briquettes extending about an inch beyond the food. On a cold day you will need more briquettes to offset lower outside temperatures. If you are grilling fatty meats like hamburger, use fewer briquettes to keep the fire cool and reduce flare-ups. Use more briquettes when grilling lean meats or poultry. Experiment with different brands - some briquettes are easier to light, and give off more heat, price is often an indication of quality.

- To get the fire started, push the briquettes into a pyramid.

- Use a charcoal lighter to start the fire, choosing from liquid, solid or jelly types; or use a UL listed electric starter. Follow manufacturer's directions to the letter. Let the liquid type soak into the briquettes for a minute or so before lighting the fire.

- Never use gasoline, alcohol or other highly volatile fluids, they are extremely dangerous.

- Let briquettes burn till they are covered with a layer of gray ash (seen in daylight) or are glowing red (at night). This will take 20 to 40 minutes.

Controlling the cooking temperatures and containing flare-ups is easy with these basic tips.

- Spread hot briquettes in a single layer and place food on the rack.

- To put out flare-ups caused by spattering fat, raise the rack and spread out coals. If you must douse the flames with water, remove food from grill then squirt water or fire from plastic pump-spray bottle - good to keep on hand because you aim at the flare-up, not the entire fire.

- After barbecuing, be sure to extinguish coals thoroughly. If grill has vents to regulate charcoal temperature, closing them will reduce oxygen and help extinguish coals.

- Special barbecuing accessories really help you cook like a pro: long handled tongs (one for handling the food, a second for the coals), pancake turner, two tined fork, mitts, water-filled pump spray bottle for dousing flare-ups.



## Safety is big business for NCOs

By Tech Sgt. Troy Wright  
Soto Cano Fire Department

As NCOs, we must see that our soldiers and airman stay alive and uninjured while preparing to accomplish our JTF-Bravo mission. We must train our new members to follow correct procedures, retrain those who don't and enforce the use of proper procedures in every task.

As we train, we teach correct procedures and relentlessly enforce their use. We are constantly aware that such things as boredom, routine training, and laziness can lead our members to take shortcuts that could result in accidents.

Our business is to keep our soldiers and airman alive, and able to accomplish our mission. Only through positive action can we do this. Too many times, we let safety training become a mundane subject taught with little enthusiasm.

We must look at reality. Accidents will continue as long as NCOs consider safety as one more required class to teach during mandatory training time. We need to take the time to convey to our personnel real-

istic hazards that are potentially harmful or fatal. Everyone has experienced an unfortunate situation at one time or another that may have resulted in loss of life or serious injury of another military member, friend, or relative. As unfortunate as they may be, use them as a foundation for future prevention measures and teach our most valuable commodity, the JTF-B member, the importance of safe, precautionary methods of performing our duties.

NCOs must address safety daily in a no compromise manner, teach members to perform to standard, and check and correct any deficiencies found. All NCOs must accept that it is our job to supervise our personnel to safely accomplish our mission. We have a responsibility to the stripes we wear. If a soldier or airman sees an NCO who doesn't perform to standard, whose fault is it if that soldier or airman has an accident? The NCO stands responsible.

Safety is not a careless turn of events. It is hard work, dedication, performance to standard, and a sincere belief that accidents don't just happen but are caused by things that are allowed to continue uncorrected. We NCOs must take charge, because safety is NCO business.

## Extension cord safety

Because of its universal nature, the use of extension cords is an issue that needs clarification and guidelines in determining the permissibility of its usage.

The National Electrical Code does not refer to extension cords specifically, but does assign the concept other names where appropriate specifications are outlined. As commonly used, extension cords are alluded to in the NEC in an oblique manner where their use is either in violation of, or in compliance with one or more stated NEC standards. The NEC standards may be summed up in a general way by saying that the use of an extension cord represents a conflict with the code because it serves as a substitute for a receptacle that should be located near the appliance or equipment.

Listed below is a guideline which can be applied to the use of extension cords and their related equipment.

- Extension cords shall be used only as temporary extensions for portable equipment. These devices may be acceptable in applications where they supply equipment not routinely used in an area where permanently wired receptacles are not available or installed. Cords shall be unplugged when not in use and never left plugged in while unattended.

- Extension cords and their plugs shall be of a type suitable for the application, location and conditions under which they are to be used.

- All cords and plugs should be maintained in a safe condition. Splices are prohibited. Worn out cords should be replaced.

- This equipment must not be draped near open flames nor used in areas where chemical or other physical damage may be a danger, nor wet locations which increase the potential shock hazard.

## Why wear seatbelts?

Many states now have laws requiring drivers and passengers alike to wear seatbelts or pay a stiff price. Sadly, many people still resist using seat belts and pay an even stiffer price - their lives. If you're still unconvinced that seat belts can mean the difference between life and death in an auto accident, take a moment to consider the following information.

### The Excuses

- "I can't move with those belts on - they're so uncomfortable!"

- "It's better to be thrown out of the car than be trapped in by a seatbelt."

- "I only drive around town; how can I get hurt going 25 miles per hour?"

- "I'm a good driver. I've never had an accident."

### The Answers

- The fact is newer seatbelt design allows for total freedom of motion while driving. The latching device that secures the belt only goes into effect when the car jolts abruptly, as in an accident.

- People who are thrown from cars are 25 times more likely to be killed than if they had been held securely in their seats. Further, in the unlikely event your car catches fire or is submerged, seatbelts can keep you from getting "knocked out" and greatly improve your chances of escape.

- The majority of all car accidents occur within 25 miles of home - and 80 percent of all serious injuries and fatalities occur in cars going 40 miles per hour or slower.

- You may be a good driver, but there are situations beyond your control such as weather and road conditions — not to mention other drivers — that can affect your safety. Drive preventively and use your seatbelt.

# In Remembrance

## Memorials, plaques, art work dot the Soto Cano la

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IN MEMORY OF  
OUR FRIEND AND COMRADE-IN ARMS  
BG  
DANILO CARVAJAL MOLINA  
COMMANDER 10TH INFANTRY BATTALION  
LIAISON OFFICER  
JOINT TASK FORCE—BRAVO 1984  
SHOT DOWN AND KILLED  
BY EL SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS  
19 DECEMBER 1991

Rising up from the ground, the nearly six feet of painted-white concrete has gone unnoticed by many. Being not for a two-foot squared plaque that adorns its face, most would never have noticed it -- nor understood its meaning. However, its significance is marked as a tribute to an acclaimed leader in the Honduras military, and at Soto Cano.

Honduran Gen. Danilo Carvajal Molina was shot down and killed by El Salvadoran guerrillas Dec. 19, 1991. This memorial has stood for nearly as long to recognize his importance and pay homage to a fellow member of the profession at arms.

A highly respected and valuable member of the Honduran armed forces, Carvajal served as served as the JTF-Bravo liaison officer in 1984. Working his way through the ranks, his final duty was the Honduran commander of the 10th Infantry Battalion.

Often times in our busy schedule, we fail to recognize the achievement and sacrifices of others. The monument is located next to the Alpha area, to the east of the parking lot and adjacent to the JTF-Bravo command sergeant major's home.

# Membrance

*andscape paying tribute to those who have passed*



A white cross along a perimeter fence, and a plaque in the Joint Security Forces headquarter building's foyer serve to memorialize Army Staff Sgt. Randall J. Harris after his death at Soto Cano Air Base June 13, 1987.

While Harris was on military police patrol duty, he was shot three times by a Honduran security policeman who was attempting to desert the Honduran military with a stolen M-16 rifle. The incident occurred about one-half mile north of the main gate along the fence line.

Ironically, the incident occurred on the date of his ninth anniversary of joining the military. The 34-year-old Harris was assigned to the 978th Military Police Company at Fort Bliss, Texas and was on deployment orders to support Joint Task Force - Bravo.



The 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment has erected a memorial wall to recognize fallen aviators that have been assigned to Soto Cano over the years. The commemorative plaques and leather flight patches adorn a wall in the Lizard Lounge with a brief account of name, date and location of each fateful incident. Honoring each member by naming a building after each of them is a practice that lives on in the aviation community.



# Afghans, Marines gather for dual flag raising ceremony

By Sgt. Andrew D. Pomykal  
Marine Corps News

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — It is hard to look around the grounds of the international airport here and not see an American flag snapping in the brisk breeze.

Another pair of flags was ceremoniously raised here Jan. 1 as a poignant display of strengthened U.S. and Afghan relations.

Afghanistan's national flag was raised simultaneously alongside "Old Glory" for the first time since 1989 on Afghan soil.

"Peace, unity and friendship," said Kandahar's Governor Gul Agha Shirzai, referring to the colors flying high, while shaking the hand of Brig. Gen. James N. Mattis, commanding general of Joint Task Force 58.

It was Shirzai's fighters who battled the Taliban and seized the airport here that is now serving as an operating base for more than 10 multi-national military forces. Shirzai, while talking to news correspondents here, also mentioned continuing the coordinated effort by the Northern Alliance and U.S. troops to quell the Al-Qaeda regime and rid the world of terrorism.

"This symbolic gesture solidifies the close, working relationship we have established with the Afghans here," noted

Mattis. "Shirzai has extended a warm greeting to the Marines. This is their airport and we'll turn it over to them when we leave this country."

"The two countries are coming together to end this war," said Lance Cpl. Avias T. Jones of New Roads, La., one of the Marines on the historic flag raising detail.

"We've come a long way and have gained a greater understanding of the Afghan people," he said. "I now have a good feeling about them."

"It was definitely an honor to be one of the first Marines to have raised both flags here at the airport," said Lance Cpl. Patrick J. Myers of North Port, Fla. "I felt proud." This marked the second ceremonial flag raising here.

Marines from both the 15th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units raised a flag that was flown by New York firefighters over the World Trade Center ruins here before Christmas to both honor the country and pay tribute to those who perished in the tragic events of September 11.

The East Coast leathernecks of the 26th MEU will soon return to sea and the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group after being relieved by U.S. Army units at Kandahar and will stand ready for whatever the president has in store for the them, said Mattis.

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**Brig. Gen. James N. Mattis**  
Commanding general,  
Joint Task Force 58.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Marcus L. Miller

United States Marines raised the American flag along with the Afghan flag in a ceremony held at Kandahar airport Jan. 1.

## New TV series features fighter pilots

By Staff Sgt. Dan Neely  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The Navy had its phenomenal big-screen hit with "Top Gun." Now it is the Air Force's turn — at least on the small screens of America.

After nearly two years of serving as a filming location, the mission here is about to fly with full afterburners into the living rooms of nearly 16 million television viewers across America.

CBS recently signed on for eight one-hour episodes of the reality-based series "American Fighter Pilot." The series follows the on- and off-duty lives of three Tyndall students as they train to become F-15 pilots. Scheduled for an early February launch, the series also features in-depth interviews with the instructor pilots and academic instructors who trained the trio of Air Force 1st Lt. Todd "Merkin" Giggy and Capts. Marcus "Patch" Gregory and Mike "Getsno" Love.

Ironically, "Top Gun" director Tony Scott is producing the CBS series. Documentary filmmakers Jesse Negron and Brian Gadinski, the first producer of the series "America's Most Wanted," are executive producers on the project. Fully supported by the Air Force, Air Education and Training Command and the 325th Fighter Wing, Negron spent 18 months at Tyndall, shadowing the aspiring fighter pilots around the clock. To get the necessary aerial footage, Negron and his production crews were granted access to film from the back seat of numerous Tyndall F-15s and affixed cameras to others to

capture hours of aerial combat training sessions.

But the filming did not end there. Besides from-the-cockpit shooting, the aspiring Eagle pilots were followed everywhere, from their homes and churches to local businesses, in a maximum effort to get inside the training, culture and lifestyles of fighter pilots.

"I believe the USAF is in uncharted territory when it comes to 'American Fighter Pilot,'" said Air Force Lt. Col. David Freaney, 1st Fighter Squadron commander. The colonel was operations officer at Tyndall's 95th Fighter Squadron when the three Air Force officers were students in the F-15 basic course.

"It gives us an unprecedented chance to tell the Air Force story in our own way," Freaney said. "The public will get an unimpeded view of our world. There's going to be a huge recruiting value associated with this production."

Freaney, who will figure prominently in the series because of his experience with the featured student pilots, predicts the TV series will be a hands-down winner.

"My goal has always been to give the American public a truthful account of what it takes to graduate from the F-15 basic course," he said. "The timing is perfect. Take a little patriotic spirit, combine that with the rise of reality TV, and throw in some of the best flying scenes that have ever been documented, and you have a can't-lose formula for success."

To date, producers have shot more than 350 hours of interviews and background footage at and around Tyndall.

## Airborne troops deploying to Afghanistan

By Jim Garamore  
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — "A couple of hundred" soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are already on the ground in Kandahar, Afghanistan, to replace Marines, who have been there since late November.

The Fort Campbell, Ky., soldiers will perform many of the same duties as the Marines. The soldiers' missions include maintaining a presence, operating the airfield, coordinating with the Afghan interim government, humanitarian organizations, and running the detention facilities.

Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke said eventually more than 1,000 soldiers will be based in Kandahar.

Pentagon officials said the Marines are an expeditionary force. They are meant to enter an area, take it, and then leave. The Army is configured to occupy an area for longer periods of time. "And that's what the 101st will do," officials said.

News reports out of the area said Marine forces are hunting Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar. "The U.S. forces in Afghanistan continue to be focused on our primary objectives," Clarke said. "That is to pursue and get the Taliban and Al Qaeda leadership." She was following a long-standing Pentagon policy of not talking about ongoing operations. Clarke said U.S. forces are working closely with and consulting with the Afghan interim government.

## BRIEFS

### Billy Blanks wants you

Now that the holidays are over, for many of us it's time to get back in shape and/or shed those unwanted holiday pounds. So why not do Tae-Bo.

MWR offers Tae-Bo Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. in the recreation center, (classes can also start later as needed). Depending on the size of the group classes can also be held outside to the parking lot.

This class is fun, designed for beginners, easily done in large groups and best of all, it is free. So let MWR and the Tae-Bo instructor Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Stoute help keep JTF-Bravo in shape.

### Screen doors

Screen doors are in the process of being removed from billeting rooms. The purpose for this is to cut costs associated with repair and maintenance.

All doors that are non-functioning and/or are in need of repair are going to be removed. If the occupant wants to maintain the door in operation condition, or as the military way states: "The door can be used as the manufacturer intended," meaning it is intact, no holes in the screen it doesn't flap in the wind, etc ... If your door doesn't fit this description, it will be removed. On the brighter side, if you want to keep your screen door, and you are willing to maintain it, you can get the materials from the self-help store. They have supplies of screen, grommet materials and the tools to change/perform the work. The self-help crew can even show you how to install/repair your door. Again, if your door is not functional, it will be removed. If you have any questions, please contact BCE Senior Master Sgt. Richard Forbrich at ext. 4143.

### Self Help Center

Located next to the Self Service Supply Center in building G-04.

The self help center is open Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Come and meet the friendly, bilingual staff, who will be glad to give you any assistance you may need.

The center offers minor construction materials, tools and safety equipment for the maintenance and beautification of your living and work area. If you need extra/special tools different from what the center has on display, please notify us during the week. We will be glad to place your order. The center also carries pesticides for controlling insects and rodents.

Simply bring your Identification Card and attend a safety briefings when checking out power equipment.

For more information, contact José Reyes help center supervisor at ext. 4139.

# MWR TRIPS

For more information, call MWR at ext. 4268/4458 or stop by the the Recreation Center.

## Certification in Utila

Jan. 11 to 14, 18 to 21 and 25 to 28

MWR hosts diving trips to Utila, Bay Islands for those who want to dive, snorkel or complete or continue dive certification at the Bay Islands College of Diving - Utila's only five-star PADI school.

Two hotel packages are available. Lodging ranges from \$12 to \$45 per night with single and double occupancy as well as meal packages available. Fun dives are \$15, and the open water certification course, which begins with academic training at Soto Cano, costs \$150. The school also offers an advanced open water certification course for \$150. Airfare from Tegucigalpa to Utila is \$116 per person. Prices do not include taxes, tips or incidentals.

## San Pedro Sula

Jan. 18 to 20

San Pedro Sula is considered the industrial city within Honduras, has five-star Honduran hotels and nice shopping centers. Tourists staying in the city can take a day trip to Copan Ruins or visit any of the other approved cities in the area. Hotel rooms range from \$50 to \$90 per night per room and meals are not included.

## Valley of the Angels

Jan. 13, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 27

MWR sponsors a variety of shopping trips to various locations and provides the transportation. Trips depart contracting parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

## Copan Ruins

Jan. 11 to 13 and 18 to 21

The Copan Ruins have been the major source of information regarding the ancient Mayan civilization and has also been referred to as the most artistically advanced of all the Mayan cities. MWR can put you in touch with four different hotels that host several different activities. Lodging ranges from \$32 to \$60 per night with single and double occupancy available. Prices do not include taxes, tips or incidentals.

## Lake Yojoa/Waterfalls

Every Saturday and Sunday

Enjoy a day or weekend riding a boat around Lake Yojoa or visiting the waterfalls.

MWR owns the boats. Servicemembers need to pay for boat fuel. Waterfalls are located 45 minutes from Lake Yojoa.

Day trip participants will need to choose between the lake and waterfalls. MWR provides the transportation. Overnight lodging packages starting at 200 Lempiras per person per night are available through tours and travel. Prices do not include taxes, tips or incidentals.

## Siguetepeque trip

Jan. 12, 19 and 21.

Come with MWR for the Siguetepeque shopping trip. This is a great opportunity to do some souvenir shopping in markets and along the road.

The trips depart from the contracting parking lot at 8 a.m. the day of the trips. Contact MWR at ext. 4368 for more information.



### Basic Scuba Diving Training

Are you interested in being scuba certified? Don't wait until the last minute.

Come to the MWR tours and travel office to sign up and for details.

### Horseback riding tour

MWR is offering a horseback riding tour at Estanzuela in Marcala Jan 12, 19 and 26.

The cost is \$40 per person which covers the cost of breakfast, lunch and horse and guide.

Remember to bring your swim suit.

For more information contact MWR at ext. 4268.

### Cigar Factory Tour

MWR is offering a trip to the Denali cigar factory Jan. 12, 21 and 26.

In Honduras, tobacco is cultivated mainly in the area of Copán, Santa Barbara, and El Paraíso.

A large amount of the tobacco produced in the country is exported, the rest is used here in Honduras for the fabrication of cigarettes and cigars.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn

### ***A tribute to air forces ...***

The military attache of the Republic of Columbia, Air Defense Col. Marco Tulio Obando, spoke with the Honduran Air Force Academy Commander Lt. Col. Jose Israel Navarro Carrasco regarding a desire to give a very special gift representing the friendship between the two countries air forces in 1987.

Obando sculptured as a hobby and was an acclaimed artist with works at the Inter American Cultural Center of Tegucigalpa. A work of his "Icaro," now stands near the main gate of Soto Cano.

The sculpture is based on Greek mythology and depicts Icarus, the son of Daedalus. Icarus' notoriety in Greek mythology stems from the father and son's attempt to escape the island of Crete by air. Daedalus fashioned the wings from feathers, wax and twine for their flighty escape. Not heeding his fathers advice, Icarus flew too close to the sun and melted the wax that was holding his feathers together. Unable to effectively fly, Icarus crashed into the Mediterranean Sea and drowned.

The statue was dedicated October 1987, with the following Winston Churchill quote recited: "For good or bad, air power today is the supreme expression of military power, and the navies and armies, although necessary, should accept a subordinate place. This is a memorable event in the march of man."

The plaque affixed to the base of the statue states, "El primer hombre que quiso volar" that translates to, "The first man that wanted to fly."



Photo by Spc. Jon Christoffersen

### ***P-A-R-T-Y? Because I've got to mister ...***

The evening of Dec. 31, members of JTF-Bravo gathered at The Oasis to celebrate the start of 2002. Music, dancing and libations were all part of the party. Door prizes were also part of the night. The winners of the prizes were;

- Paul Boley - Honduwail Fashions
- Toby Pete - Continental Airlines
- Jeff Morgan - Princess Hotel, San Pedro Sula
- Heriberto Santiago - Pura Vida Hotel, Roatan
- Charles Field - Caryl Watterson Pottery
- Thomas William - McDaniels
- Tracy Roberts - Dave's
- Kevin Glancy - TV/VCR
- Kevin Carter - American Airlines
- Janet Sanz - Ziadie - Plaza Copan Hotel, Copan
- Andretta Dennis - AAFES Patio Set
- Emily Dierhka - Mr T's Souvenir
- Susan Emerson - Celio's