

TANGO LEADER

"Taking the Lead"

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Mission Statement: Provide safe, effective, efficient, and courteous customs inspection services of all DOD personnel, cargo, aircraft, vehicles and equipment to eliminate the flow of restricted or prohibited articles into the U.S. through DOD channels in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom.

Commanding Officer's Expectations

TigerSharks,

Congratulations on your completion of Phase I (Mobilization Processing). We are off to a great start and are currently ahead in our aggressive training schedule. Well Done! Phase II (Pre-deployment training) will again test our flexibility and patience, but we're up to the task. I'm impressed with the positive enthusiastic attitudes being displayed by the "TANGO" team. A high degree of professionalism and a friendly smile can get you a long way in this battalion. Keep Charging!

As we approach the training events in the next few weeks, let's stay focused on injury prevention and safety. Listen to your instructors, especially in Combat skills and weapons qualifications to achieve favorable results. Operational Risk Management (ORM) principals can be applied in about every situation (including Liberty) and sometimes can be as simple as calling a "training time out" if you observe an unsafe behavior or condition. Don't hesitate to "Tell the Chief" or

training supervisor. It's critical that all battalion members (the crew) finish Phase II in good health and injury free. We need everyone "ready" for deployment. Focus!

Don't forget your families back home. Communicate frequently with your loved ones and employers. They are interested in what you are doing to serve the Nation, our Navy and the Global War on Terrorism. They participate through you! Let them know how important the work is and why we are doing it. Watch dates for OPSEC but be specific in sharing the type of training you are receiving. Reassure them that you will be trained in everything you need to be "safe" in Kuwait/Iraq.

Again, I am glad you have become part of the "TANGO Tigersharks". As a part of this battalion, each and every crewmember plays a vitally important role. Keep "Taking the Lead" and I expect great things from all of you. Let's set the standard high for future battalions that they "wonder" how we did it!

Get ready to further accelerate your life by visiting exotic overseas locations at government expense with your hard working shipmates to complete a very important mission for our "combat teams". Get started on your personal goals for this deployment. If you are unsure how to get started "Ask your Chief".

By the way: Physical Training is for real! Get onboard... Set realistic but challenging goals. Work with our Corpsman to develop a fitness plan. Go Navy!



Command Master Chief's Column



TigerSharks,
Welcome to the entire Customs Tango TigerSharks Team. Attitude is everything and Taking the Lead is our Motto. Training is our primary focus at this point, but Safety is the Number 1 priority for everyone, so please make sure your shipmates are being safe at all times. Be patient as we move through the process, and prepare everyone for deployment. If you miss any part of your training, make sure that your Training Team Leader is aware, so we can get you through the training. Be courteous and professional in everything you do, and you will succeed.

As we approach the advancement exam,

please help your shipmates with studying and General Military Training. It will make a difference for them. We have a great mission that will set the standard for future Customs Teams. Being prepared is critical for each Sailor and their shipmates. Physical Fitness is a Navy Requirement that we welcome. We have some outstanding Sailors with us to assist you with your personal fitness, please utilize this resource and make sure you do not hurt yourself during the training. If you have injuries please make sure the Corpsman are informed.

I want to thank your families for their participation and support of you during your deployment, please make

sure you communicate with them, and provide the guidance and support they need while you are away.

The Buddy system is critical for safety and accountability for Tango Personnel, so please make sure you use it. If you have a concern or question, please utilize your chain of command to address the issue. Do not delay contacting us with any and all concerns. We cannot help you if we are not aware of the concerns.

Life IS Good



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OPS Corner

During your training time in Williamsburg, your Training Team Leader will be your go-to person for daily operations. Each team will have differing schedules, so it is important that you know what YOUR training team

is doing each day. YOU will determine the level of success of TANGO's training here by your individual commitment to being where you need to be and always on time. Let's do our best to prepare for a successful

customs mission, and thank you for your service!

LCDR Monaghan, Navy
Customs Battalion
TANGO Operations
Officer

Financial Fitness



Just as important as your physical and training “fitness” is your financial health. TANGO has designated Master Chief Jana Sorenson as the Command Financial

Officer and PS2 Michael Martin as the Command Financial Specialist. They will be available throughout the deployment to help you assess your financial “fitness” and to develop a

“training” plan to meet your financial goals. Feel free to contact either of them for assistance.

Slow internet connection?

Try renewing your IP:

- START
- RUN
- Type CMD
- Type
ipconfig/release
- Press Enter
- Type
ipconfig/flushdns
- Press Enter
- Type
ipconfig/renew
- Press Enter

LTJg Larsen, Navy
Customs Battalion
TANGO IT Officer

Information Technology Department

Internet connectivity at the GW is improving. Additional bandwidth will be added by Labor Day! However, you can help by being a courteous user. Don't download streaming audio or video. Don't share music and video files across the network. Gamers, don't put a game server on the hotel network. Considerate bandwidth use will allow everyone to access their

e-mail, NKO, MyPay and other important Internet resources. Thank you for your cooperation. Having trouble connecting? Try renewing your IP address! Click START -> RUN and type CMD to bring up a command prompt. Now type "ipconfig/release" -> ENTER. Clear your

DNS resolver cache by typing "ipconfig/flushdns" -> ENTER. Finally, type "ipconfig/renew" -> ENTER. The DHCP server will then assign you a fresh IP address, solving a common connectivity problem.



Health Promotion – “Critical Days of Summer”

As temperatures rise, more water intake is required to keep the body hydrated. Dehydration can lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke which can be fatal. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are characterized by pale, cool, moist skin, profuse sweating, headache, dizziness,

nausea and rapid pulse. Symptoms of heat stroke include an elevated body temperature greater than 104 degrees, flushed, hot, dry skin, difficulty breathing, hallucinations, confusion and an inability to sweat. Members who are taking antihistamines, diuretics (fluid pills) or other

meds for high blood pressure are at a greater risk for heat stroke. Pale yellow urine throughout the day is a sign of proper hydration. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks in hot and humid climates.

HM2 Coates, Corpsman
Navy Customs Battalion
TANGO

IMPORTANT TANGO DATES

30 Aug 2007 SHOTEX and PHOTOS

15 Sep 2007 Dining-In

Late SEPT 2007 Battalion Deploys.

Mid APR 08 Battalion returns.

Check out Customs Battalion TANGO Photos online at the Navy NewsStand

1. Go to:
<http://www.navy.mil>
2. Select "Navy NewsStand" from the menu column
3. Type "customs" in the Photo Search section (menu column on left)

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

There are many fun activities and great places to dine in the Williamsburg. Here are but a few. If you find another great restaurant or activity please let ENS Campbell know about it for entry into the next newsletter.

Go-Karts Plus Monday-Friday 1700-2300 Sat-Sun 1200-2300 Go-Karts, Mini-Golf, Arcades. www.gokartsplus.com

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf 1000-2200 daily on By-Pass Rd. Next to K-mart

Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum 1000-2300 daily. Discounts available online.

Little Maurizio's Italian American Grill Across the street from George Washington Inn. phone (757) 258-5300. 12" & 14" Pizzas, Italian Specialties Including: Pasta, Lasagna, Ravioli, NY Style Calzone & Stromboli.

South of the Border Mexican food. West on 143 (down the street from G.W. Inn) Wide Selection, reasonable prices.

Holiday Planning Committee We're looking for volunteers to help plan holiday functions for the deployment including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Super-bowl.

Intramural Sports Teams Now is the time to get active! We are seeking members to help co-ordinate an intramural league for the Battalion, there is nothing like a little friendly competition to drive you to be your best.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs Officer (LT Pierce) is looking for motivated Tigersharks to join the TANGO Cruisebook Committee. If you like taking photos of fellow sailors in action, writing stories or coming up with creative story lines, have a talent for graphic arts, or would like to help produce documentaries, please contact the PAO.

This is a great opportunity for you to have a major part in creating memories of your shipmates for many years to come.

Positions available are:

- Editor
- Writers
- Photographers
- Layout and Design
- Film crew
- Scripting
- Reporters/Interviewer

- Sound
- Musicians

Career Counselor Notes

Advancement Exam:

The Tango Advancement Exam is scheduled for Sept 9th at 0730. All personnel are strongly encouraged to contact their NOSC's and request that their personal Exam Worksheets be faxed to:

757-887-7742

Attn: NCC Kimberly Cedar

In addition, **advanced party** Tango personnel who are eligible to take the exam also need to request from their NOSC's that their transfer evals, their next previous years eval and also their exams (*if these are available*) are mailed to the following address:

Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group

Attn: NCC Kimberly Cedar

593 Mayfield St.

Williamsburg, Va. 23185

Main body Tango personnel who are eligible to take the exam must also request from their NOSC's their exams (*if available*), and their two previous evals (*transfer evals are not required*) be mailed to the address included above.

If problems are encountered and NOSC's are not willing or able to mail documents or fax worksheets, as described above, contact ITC Michael Taylor (*your ESO Career Counselor*).

Quarterly Awards:

Be aware that Tango will select it's 1st Sailor of the Quarter (E6), Junior Sailor of the Quarter (E5), and Bluejacket of the Quarter (E4) prior to our departure from Williamsburg. Nominees will be requested from Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Medical, Armory and Headquarters (*including Admin*) companies. These are due tentatively on Sept 15th, 2007.

Career Development Boards:

Career Development Boards are planned to begin as soon as possible "in country;" or after reaching our final destination. (*This is a change from previous plans*). All E-6 & below personnel will be scheduled.