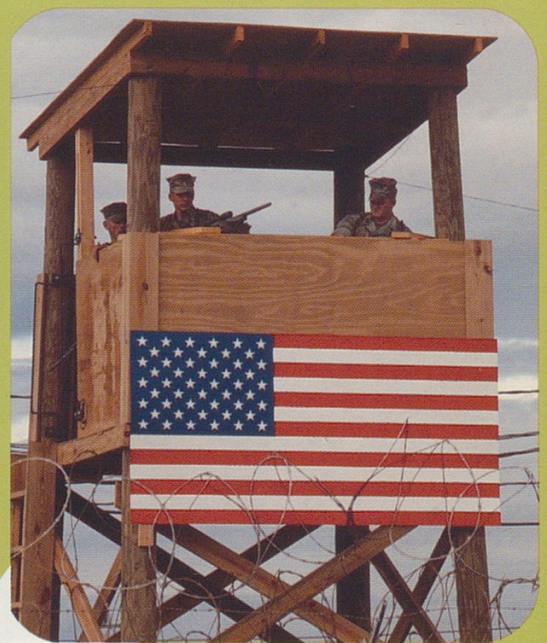


President Bush names Tom Ridge the Department of Homeland Security Adviser. The new department is intended to analyze threats and guard U.S. borders, airports, and infrastructure. It will also coordinate responses to national emergencies.



Hundreds of suspected and known terrorists are arrested worldwide. The Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Station in Cuba held more than 500 al-Qaeda and Taliban prisoners.



The Transportation Security Administration coordinates airport security measures including checked baggage screening, strict security checkpoints and random searches.

# THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Over the course of the year, the world's attention focused on a chain of tumultuous terrorist events. In Afghanistan, the Taliban regime fell from power as U.S. troops crippled the al-Qaeda network and cleared caves in search of Osama bin Laden. World-wide, civilians and military personnel fell victim to terrorist bombs and acts of hatred. On the home front, "bioterrorism" became a common term after it was revealed that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was producing biological weapons. Hussein's defiance of United Nation's imposed sanctions prompted the United States to

seek world support of military action against Iraq. Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization wrestled over conflicting opinions on the issue, while North Korean leader Kim Jong Il threatened to deploy nuclear weapons if Iraq was attacked. As tensions rose among political leaders, the world watched and waited to see what the next chapter in "The War on Terrorism" would bring.