

## Guantanamo Detainee Processes

### Detainee Administrative Review

**Definition/purpose:** Annual review to determine the need to continue the detention of an enemy combatant. The review includes an assessment of whether the enemy combatant poses a threat to the United States or its allies in the ongoing armed conflict against terrorist such as al Qaeda and its affiliates and supporters and whether there are other factors bearing on the need for continued detention (e.g., intelligence value). Based on that assessment, a review board will recommend whether an individual should be released, transferred or continue to be detained. This process will help ensure no one is detained any longer than is warranted, and that no one is released who remains a threat to our nation's security.

**Applies to:** All GTMO detainees **Link to fact sheet:** <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2004/nr20040623-0932.html>

**Responsibility:** Designated Civilian Official **PA Point of Contact:** OARDEC PAO, [Lt. Cmdr. Chito Pepler](#)  
703-695-3895

*OARDEC = Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatant*

### Combatant Status Review

**Definition/purpose:** A formal review of all the information related to a detainee to determine whether each person meets the criteria to be designated as an enemy combatant. (Enemy combatant is defined as an individual who was part of or supporting Taliban or al Qaeda forces, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners. This includes any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported hostilities in aid of enemy armed forces.)

**Applies to:** All GTMO detainees **Link to website:** [http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Combatant\\_Tribunals.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Combatant_Tribunals.html)

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### Military Commissions

**Definition/purpose:** Trials for war crimes violations by unlawful enemy combatants. Provides a fair, legitimate, and transparent process to ensure unlawful enemy combatants suspected of war crimes violations are prosecuted in accordance with the Military Commissions Act of 2006.

**Applies to:** Alien unlawful enemy combatants, as determined by a Combatant Status Review Tribunal or other competent tribunal established under the authority of the President or Secretary of Defense.

**Link to website:** <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/commissions.html>

**Responsibility:** Office of Military Commissions **PA Point of Contact:** OMC PAO, [Maj. Beth Kubala](#)  
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### Detainee Operations

**Definition/purpose:** - Detain enemy combatants to prevent combatants from continuing to fight against the U.S. and its allies. Includes a process to identify enemy combatants' threat and intelligence value.

**Applies to:** All GTMO detainees **Link to website:** <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/detainees.html>

**Responsibility:** JTF GTMO **PA Point of Contact:** [JTF GTMO Public Affairs](#) and [SouthCom Public Affairs](#)  
011-53-99-3021 305-437-1202

Process	Definition/purpose	Applies to	Responsibility	Public Affairs lead
<a href="#"><u>Admin Review</u></a>	Annual review to assess whether an individual should be released, transferred or should continue to be detained, based on threat or continued intelligence value.	All GTMO detainees.	Designated Civilian Official (Secretary of the Navy)	OARDEC PAO, <a href="#">Lt. Cmdr. Chito Pepler</a> 703-695-3895 <i>OARDEC = Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants</i>
<a href="#"><u>Combatant Status Review</u></a>	Determine whether a person meets the criteria to be designated as an enemy combatant. *	All GTMO detainees.	Designated Civilian Official (Secretary of the Navy)	OARDEC PAO, <a href="#">Lt. Cmdr. Chito Pepler</a> 703-695-3895
<a href="#"><u>Commissions</u></a>	Prosecute enemy combatants who violate the laws of war.	Non-U.S. citizens based upon the individual's participation in al Qaeda and acts of international terrorism.	Office of Military Commissions	OMC PAO, <a href="#">Maj. Beth Kubala</a> 703-699-2754
<a href="#"><u>Detainee Operations</u></a>	Detain enemy combatants to prevent them from continuing to fight against the U.S. and its allies.	All GTMO detainees.	JTF GTMO	<a href="#">JTF GTMO Public Affairs</a> 011-53-99-3021  <a href="#">SouthCom Public Affairs</a> 305-437-1202

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