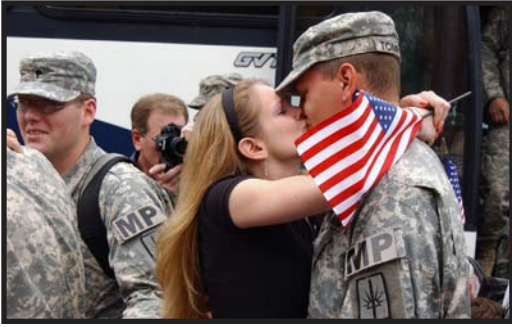


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109th Airlift Wing returns to South Pole for another season of support for the National Science Foundation

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Airmen from the 109th Airlift Wing Maintenance Squadron attach Jet Assisted Take Off (JATO) bottles to an LC-130 Hercules "skibird" on the flight line at Kangerlussuaq Airport, Greenland. A thrust of JATO provides a few extra knots of speed to pull the aircraft's nose up from skiways on the Greenland ice sheet. The only other aircraft in the world using JATO is the Navy Blue Angels's C-130, *Fat Albert*, which performs rocket take offs at air shows. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike R. Smith, National Guard Bureau).

From the leadership

“These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

—Thomas Paine, “The Crisis”
December 23, 1776.

This was the patriot sentiment in our country 231 years ago and in many respects it is the same today.

We’re a nation threatened by terrorism and extremists in the midst of a long war that has become increasingly difficult. At the same time those of us who wear our country’s uniform continue to answer our State and Nations call.

But even in difficult times New York’s Military Forces have an obligation to prepare to meet our federal, state, and community duties. That means providing trained, ready forces no matter what.

I am happy to report that in the area of my greatest concern—increasing our strength to

maintain those trained, ready forces—we have done just that. We have found the “winter soldiers” we need to remain a strong and capable force for good.

The Army National Guard has made a very big turn around and met our strength goal of 9,600 members we set at the beginning of fiscal 2007. We’ve added more than a battalion’s worth of Soldiers and bounced back from our low point of 8,972 members in June of 2006.

The Air National Guard, which historically has had less trouble keeping its ranks full, has grown its strength by a couple of percentage points, coming closer to the 97 percent strength our Air Guard needs to remain strong and viable.

At the same time our New York Guard, the states volunteer militia, is reorganizing itself and becoming a more relevant force while the New York Naval Militia continues to be innovative and become an important homeland security force on our lakes, rivers and harbors, as well as a source for emergency forces.

Not only have New York’s Military Forces continued to gain ground in strength, but we are making a lot of positive organizational improvements to better serve our members

and their families. I feel there is a tremendous amount of energy that has been generated this past year and feel that bodes well for further accomplishments.

I want to say to each Soldier, Airman, Sailor and Marine, thank you for being a member of our military forces. Thank you for what you are doing for our state and nation and doing it at a critical time in our country’s history. It is a significant sacrifice that is being made and you are doing it, you are stepping up, you are the best of what we have to offer.

You have a choice. You don’t have to be doing this but you have elected to stay in uniform or get in uniform at a critical time. That is one of the reasons I am still serving. Walking away from this effort now, while you still have something to contribute, just feels wrong.

I ask our veterans to stay because we need you. We are recruiting new American Soldiers into our ranks and we need our veterans; our experienced veterans, to put their arms around these young American patriots and help them; integrate them into our efforts; and continue to make our military force the greatest on the face of the earth.

When Thomas Paine wrote about times that



Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto

try men’s souls, the American experiment in Independence was at its lowest point.

Our Army had been beaten and chased by the British. But the winter Soldiers who remained with George Washington rallied to win victories at Trenton and Princeton that put the American quest for liberty back on track.

As Paine so aptly put it: “...he that stands by (his country) now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

That’s not a bad thing. □

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VA’s Suicide Hot Line Begins Operations

WASHINGTON (Department of Veterans Affairs News Release) – To ensure veterans with emotional crises have round-the-clock access to trained professionals, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun operation of a national suicide prevention hot line for veterans.

“Veterans need to know these VA professionals are literally a phone call away,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson said. “All service members who experience the stresses of combat can have wounds on their minds as well as their bodies. Veterans should see mental health services as another benefit they have earned, which the men and women of VA are honored to provide.”

The toll-free hot line number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255). VA’s hot line will be staffed by mental health professionals in Canandaigua, N.Y. To operate the national hot line, VA is partnering with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

“The hot line will put veterans in touch – any time of the day or night, any day of the week, from anywhere in the country – with trained, caring professionals who can help,” added Nicholson. “This is another example of the VA’s commitment to provide world-class health care for our nation’s veterans, especially combat veterans newly returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.”

This year, the Department will spend about \$3 billion for mental health. More than 9,000 mental health professionals, backed up by primary care physicians and other health professionals in every VA medical center and outpatient clinic, provide mental health care to about 1 million veterans each year. □

Air Force fitness test now pass, fail

WASHINGTON (Armed Forces Press Network) -- Air Force officials announced on Aug. 21 a change to physical fitness test standards for all Airmen. The “marginal” category has been eliminated, and the test will now be either pass or fail.

Previously, Airmen who scored below 70 on the fitness test failed, and those who scored between 70 and 74.9 received a marginal rating, while Airmen who scored 75 or above passed. With the change, a score below 75 is considered failing, and Airmen will have to retest within 90 days.

“The change was made to support a defined standard for fitness testing,” said Maj. Dana Whelan, the chief of health promotion operations at Bolling Air Force Base in the District of Columbia. “With the implementation of the new officer and enlisted performance reports, we needed to define a score that qualifies as meeting standards. Furthermore, Airmen who scored in the (marginal) range were not where the Air Force needed them to be (physically), and were still required to attend a healthy living workshop and retake the test to score 75 or above.”

The fitness test change comes just weeks after the implementation of the new performance reports. □

New VA Veterans’ Centers coming to NY

WASHINGTON - The VA Vet Center program is expanding to four new communities in New York State over the next two years. These facilities are a resource for veterans returning from the Global War on Terror and their families.

“Our Vet Centers lead the world in helping combat veterans successfully readjust to life at home,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. “It’s an important service which combat veterans have earned. VA continues to expand into more communities with our Vet Centers to bring our services closer to the veterans who need them.”

The new centers will be located in Binghamton, Middletown, Watertown and a yet-to-be determined site in Nassau County. They add to the facilities in Albany, Babylon, Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Manhattan, Rochester, Staten Island, Syracuse, White Plains and Woodhaven.

All the Vet Centers are community-based. They provide counseling on mental health and employment, plus services on family issues, education, bereavement and outreach to combat veterans and their families. They are staffed by small teams of counselors and other specialists, many of whom are combat veterans themselves.

The Vet Center program was established by Congress in 1979 in recognition that a significant number of Vietnam veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Today, all veterans who served in combat are eligible for care at a VA Center at no cost, as are their families for military-related issues.

The centers are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. More information is available at www1.va.gov. □

National Guard chief pays visit to Empire Shield Soldiers

Story by Eric Durr
Guard Times Staff

NEW YORK - New York's use of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in a full-time Homeland Security role is a model for what the Guard should be doing around the country, Lt. Gen. Steven Blum said following a New York City visit on Sept. 17.

New York's Division of Military and Naval Affairs has had a force of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, along with members of the Naval Militia and all-volunteer New York Guard, doing security duties in a state active duty status since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

The force size has contracted and grown depending on security alerts, but now consists of about 500 members on duty at New York City's airports and train stations and at upstate New York nuclear power plants.

The next step, New York Adjutant General Joseph Taluto told Blum during his New York City trip, is to turn Joint Task Force Empire Shield into an operational force. This means giving the force its own state-purchased equipment and giving task force members the ability to serve as first responders during New York City emergencies, Taluto explained.

He came to New York City to get at what the New York National Guard is doing in the Homeland Defense arena for the state, Blum said.

Capabilities the New York National Guard is acquiring include a night-vision television camera which can be mounted to an OH-58 to feed real-time on site images back to state and New York City disaster preparedness officials.

The state is also exploring acquiring wireless devices with Global Positioning Systems that can be used to track the location of National Guard elements on duty in New York City and provide real-time data to the task force commander, Taluto told Blum.

New York is standing up a new Civil Support Team, charged with identifying radiological, chemical, and biological threats, that will be focused on New York City. The New



Lieutenant General Steven Blum meets Spc. Atasha Gurahoo while she performs her Homeland Security mission at LaGuardia Airport. Photo by Sgt. Peter Ross, 442nd Military Police Company.

York National Guard will also stand-up a chemical company in New York City that provides additional capabilities, Taluto said.

New York State relies on National Guard forces—which include the state's Military Emergency Boat Service and an already active Civil Support Team to detect chemical and radiological threats—to support the state's police and fire departments, Michael Balboni, the state's Deputy Secretary for Public Safety told Blum. The National Guard serves a variety of customers, said Balboni.

Turning the existing administrative task force organization into an operational force would reduce the Guard's response time substantially when responding to state emergencies in New York City, Blum said. The direction New York is going is the right one, he said. It is a model that other states and territories can follow, he added.

Blum and Taluto visited New York National Guard Soldiers on security duty at LaGuardia International Airport, and at the PATH terminal at the site of the World Trade Center. Blum visited Joint Task Force Empire Shield Headquarters at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. and observed demonstrations of emergency command post tents and chemical decontamination facilities.

The two generals also met with the New York City Office of Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Bruno. They discussed the ways the National Guard can assist the city in emergencies and toured the city's emergency command post. □

Chaplain's Commentary:

Soldiering: A Virtuous Way of Life Worth Living and Dying For

By Major (CH) Allen Ferry
Joint Forces Headquarters



It was just over ninety years ago that the "Rainbow" Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division slugged their way to fame in the fields and forests of France during the

First World War. The Soldiers who volunteered, both young and old, for the expeditionary forces came from throughout the nation. Many of the recruits were new immigrants having recently come to America. They came to our country knowing of its reputation for liberty, economic opportunity and justice. They were willing to take up arms against those who would threaten such a life. They wanted a future based on decency and individual freedom.

The ideals and virtues for which they fought were not common. Many had just left homes and families in situations under tyranny and oppressive regimes. What they found on the shores of America was not to be taken for granted.

Some of the Irish Soldiers in the regiments raised for the expeditionary force refused to fight side-by-side with the English who had a history of oppressing Ireland. They would fight for liberty but not for tyranny. These Soldiers understood what their new country had afforded them, a

chance to be free and self-determining.

No one expressed this better than Chaplain (Father) Francis Duffy who recognized and shared that the rights given to these Soldiers and embodied in their new country were God given. That each man, woman and child were an important part of a greater creation finding its voice in the American dream.

For Father Duffy the fight for what is right, just and true was the battle for life. It would determine if one could live life as God had intended. He viewed, as do many today, that the chance to live a life without prejudice or the fear of reprisal to be worth fighting and dying for. He believed that one day of freedom was worth the fight and if need be, dying for.

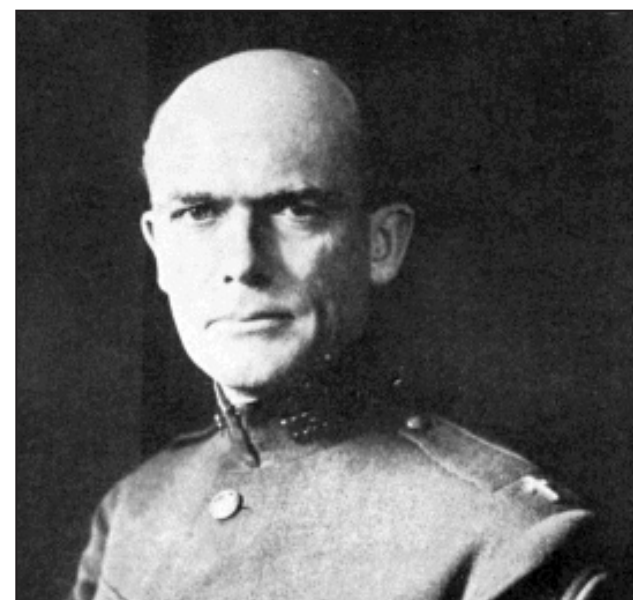
As Soldiers or Airmen, we often get asked the question of why we serve in the military or what is this all about. Sometimes the struggles and deployments can seem daunting to understand. I believe we must keep to the basics. We need to remember that we live in a country that though flawed, still affords us a life and a chance to live that life well. It is easy to take things for granted and we know that many do. I know I do too.

Let us remember that for many generations Soldiers have asked the same questions and come to the same conclusions as we do, life is what you make it from the gifts God has given you. What we do with that life in faith and what we forge with courage, compassion and commitment make all the difference in the world and to the world.

The mission of the old "Fighting 69th," the 42nd "Rainbow Division," 27th "O'Ryan's Roughnecks" or the 7th Regiment "Silk Stocking Soldiers" has not changed in more than

100 years of service. The mission is still to maintain solid virtuous Soldiers and Airmen who know the value of life and peaceful existence and are willing to lead the fight to secure it. □

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Chaplain Francis Duffy of the famed "Fighting 69th" Infantry Regiment and 42nd Rainbow Division. Photo courtesy of State Chaplains Office.



Fanfare in a small NY town

727th Military Police Detachment home after 15 month deployment

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone

Guard Times Staff

Poughkeepsie – Sirens wailed and families shouted cheers at the sight of the chartered bus that brought 40 Soldiers of the 727th Military Police Liaison Detachment home on Aug. 31.

The 727th, a Law and Order MP detachment that supports higher headquarters, returned to their home armory after being deployed to the Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, Iraq for about one year. The Soldiers spent three months training before their deployment.

“It was a very long year and lots of hours spent training and working, but we knew that what we were there doing was making a difference,” said Capt. Robert Lange, commander, 727th Military Police Liaison Detachment. “After we arrived and got our bearing on the mission, we were confident in our abilities to get the job done.”

The 727th mobilized in June of 2006 to Fort Dix, where the military police Soldiers spent three months training to collectively perform their law and order mission.

Some of their other missions included tasking four Soldiers to support the Multi National Corps-Iraq Commander’s personnel security detachment, providing the MNC-I’s customs manager and one allocating senior Military

Police Investigator to the Corps Forensic Lab. That lab was dubbed “CSI Baghdad.”

The unit supervised and executed law and order road patrols and force protection missions on the Victory Base Complex that facilitates more than 50,000 coalition personnel.

“It was a great deployment overall and that meant a lot because our Soldiers were working in an environment that they had never worked in before,” said Master Sgt. Marco Salcedo, senior NCO, 727th Military Police Liaison Detachment.

Before being officially released from their federal mobilization the 727th was addressed by Dutchess County Executive Bill Steinhous. Steinhous was presented with the Dutchess County flag that he had sent to the 727th while they were serving in Iraq. The flag flew over the units Victory Base headquarters.

“It is my privilege to return the county flag in good condition, just a little dirtier.” Said Lange as he handed it to Steinhous.

In September of 2006 the unit deployed to the Central Command area of operations in Iraq, conducting a two-week theater immersion training and equipment staging in Kuwait. The Soldiers arrived later that month at the Victory Base Complex, Baghdad. □



Photo above: Soldiers and families are reunited after the 727th Military Police Detachment’s return to their Poughkeepsie armory, having served 15 months on active duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Left: Staff Sgt. Philip Kandl is greeted by Mr. Bill Steinhous and other members of the Dutchess County Executive’s office during the unit’s welcome home ceremony.

272nd Military Police troops return from Iraq

NYARNG unit managed detainee populations in Baghdad

Story by Master Sgt. Fred Burke
272nd Military Police Liaison Detachment

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Members of the New York Army National Guard's 272nd Military Police Brigade Liaison Detachment returned from a year-long tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Aug.

The 272nd spent the past year managing a unique population of people – those being held as threats to the security and stability of the Iraqi Government and its people.

In Baghdad, the 272nd served as part of the 6,000-member 16th MP Brigade/Task Force 134 for Detainee Operations. It's a versatile, flexible unit that exists to augment the operations of a Military Police brigade. The task force expands the planning, coordination, and command and control capabilities of the brigade for the unique role of detainee operations.

The commander of the detachment, Lt. Col. James Pabis of Saratoga Springs, led the group throughout the course of the unit's mobilization, deployment and return home to New York.

The detachment came together as a true reflection of New York State. Unit members hail from communities throughout the state, from Long Island to Buffalo and all the places in-between. "Everyone came together as a team over the last year and got it done," said Pabis.

Preparation for their one-year deployment began 15 months ago in June, 2006. The unit spent three months in the summer heat at Fort Bliss, Texas learning the skills and tactics they would need for Iraq.

Tracking, managing and releasing the theater detainee population on a daily basis was the detachment's main focus. The 272nd moved detainees for court appearances, medical requirements and other special requirements as needed. The unit also categorized detainees in order to streamline processing them through the system. It worked to release detainees who met the criteria, and facilitated their final releases.

The unit also provided subject matter expertise in multiple areas of detainee operations for the rest of the military police brigade. A medical service officer worked with medical



Military Police personnel provide security checks of detainees at an undisclosed facility in Iraq. Members of the New York Army National Guard's 272nd Military Police Detachment recently returned from their year-long deployment to Iraq performing similar missions. Courtesy photo.

units in monitoring all detainee medical issues. An engineer managed all the facilities and their engineering projects for expansions and repairs. A transportation officer facilitated all detainee movements, both ground and air. A legal officer provided important legal support for detainee operations at the facility level. And a logistics officer managed detainee property from entry through exit from the system.

The secret to the unit's success - constant communication and the coming together to form a cohesive team - isn't really a secret, said Pabis. They are the foundation of nearly all successful Army National Guard units. "It's all about vision, mission and setting and managing goals," Pabis added.

The liaison detachment from New York met and exceeded all the requirements set by the Multinational Forces in Iraq. The MPs managed an enormous increase in the detainee population during the Coalition's surge of forces and operations throughout the Iraqi capital, a city of more than six million residents. Baghdad is frequently cited as the strategic key to neutralizing the insurgency and setting the conditions for Iraqi political progress.

Nearly all members of the detachment qualified for the Combat Action Badge during the unit deployment for incidents of direct combat against insurgent forces.

In recognition of the achievements of the liaison detachment, the 16th Military Police Brigade presented wartime decorations to the New York National Guardsmen as a testament to their collective success. These decorations include the Bronze Star for Pabis, Capt. Richard Lamarre,

Capt. Charles Horn, Capt. Sara Mumford, 1st Lt. Morna Davis, 1st Lt. Jun Lee, Master Sgt. Fred Burke, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas House, and Spc. Timothy Baburchak. Additionally, the Army Commendation Medal was presented to Capt. Jane Altochodavis and the Joint Service Commendation Medals to Sgt. Jessica Abramowski and Spc. Etop Ekanem.

"It's easy when you're blessed with great people," said Pabis. □

NYS Commander-in-Chief expresses support for upcoming 27th Brigade Combat Team deployment



Governor Eliot Spitzer stands in front of the 27th BCT's headquarters in Syracuse to announce the official mobilization of the brigade and to express his support, July 31. The brigade is bound for Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom and has been utilizing extended annual training at Fort Drum in preparation for their deployment. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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Carson training hones Chinook unit's skills



Story courtesy of 5th Armored Brigade Public Affairs

FORT CARSON, Colo. - Sixty New York Army National Guard Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment now deployed in Afghanistan honed their skills in the rugged, high-altitude landscape of southern Colorado before heading for the war zone. Fort Carson was an ideal training site for the members of the Rochester-based CH-47 Chinook detachment because it closely resembles the terrain the aviation Soldiers are now operating in. The detachment, part of the 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade, mobilized in May and deployed to Afghanistan in September.

“Our primary purpose on the battle field is to transport troops and equipment around the battlefield,” said Capt. William Hummer, 126th Avn. Regt. commander.

Once overseas, aerial gunnery will become very important to this heavy helicopter unit.

“The only means of defense we have are the M240 machine guns. It’s very

important that our door gunners get used to flying with the weapons,” said Hummer.

And for the gunners, it’s all about accuracy and diligence. “It’s a hostile environment,” said Chief Warrant Officer Frank Rotella, pilot, 126th Avn. Regt..

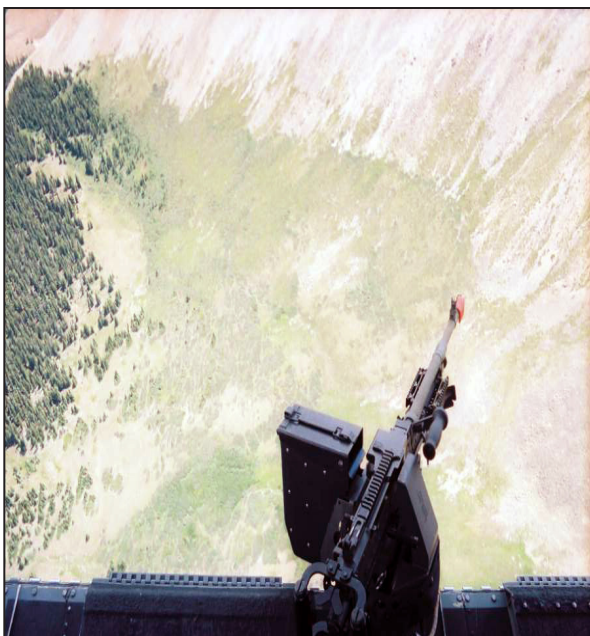
For the past forty days they’ve been flying around the mountains near Colorado Springs.

“We’re flying in an environment where the aircraft doesn’t have the power that it has at sea level,” Hummer said.

Having finished their training time here at Fort Carson in late Aug., they will be ready for what lies ahead in Afghanistan.

“We’re in the National Guard, we’re here because we chose to be, We’ll do the job and all of us will come back safe.” said Rotella.

The detachment, part of the 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade mobilized in May and deployed to Afghanistan in September. □



Top photo: New York Army National Guardsmen from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment Soldiers train to deliver supplies with their CH-47 Chinook helicopters during sling-load training with the 5th Armored Brigade, Fort Carson, Colo. Photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa M. Litchfield, 5th Armored Brigade Public Affairs. Photo above: An unmanned M240 machine gun sits on the tailgate of the 126th’s Chinook during maneuvers over the southern Colorado landscape. Photo by Command Sgt. Maj. Robert VanPelt



Through all types of inclement weather at Fort Carson, the Rochester-based Aviators of New York’s “Empire Blizzard” 126th Avn. Regt. continued to train in standard-load sling-loading and transporting supplies in preparation for the units first overseas deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo by Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Van Pelt, N.Y. State Command Sergeant Major.



Senior NCO's complete SGM Academy

New York National Guard senior Noncommissioned Officers from Class #32 of the U.S. Army Sergeants' Major Academy held their graduation on June 15, 2007 at the El Paso Civic Center in El Paso, Texas. These Soldiers completed a 27 month nonresident program which culminated with a two week resident phase at the Academy located on Biggs Army Airfield adjacent to Fort Bliss. While at the Academy the students were required to present research papers, give oral presentations and participate in a CPX exercise. Once these requirements were completed, the Soldiers attended their graduation which completed their Noncommissioned Officer Education. Joining the Soldiers for their graduation and dinner were Col. Peter Sammarco, Deputy Commander, 53rd Troop Command, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt, NYARNG State Command Sergeant Major and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Wicks, Command Sergeant Major, 53rd Troop Command. In addition, Sgt. Maj. Rene Rivera from the Joint

Forces HQ was invited to be a guest instructor for this years' class.

Front Row (left to right): Col. Peter Sammarco, Master Sgt. Michael Hartzel, 1st Sgt. David Bimber, Sgt. Maj. Chris Parker, Command Sgt. Maj. Chris Imbarrato, Master Sgt. Larry Johnson, Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Serrano and Sgt. Maj. Rene Rivera.

Back Row (left to right): Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt, Sgt. Maj. Tom Ciampolillo, Sgt. Maj. David Gilkey, Sgt. Maj. Hugh Blake, Sgt. Maj. Albert Blais, Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Wicks, Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge Vasquez and Sgt. Maj. Andrew DePalo.

Missing from photo: Command Sgt. Maj. Corey Cush, Command Sgt. Maj. Basilio Colon and Master Sgt. Carl Dornbush.

Courtesy photo.

Playing for the Rainbow

ALBANY--The 34 Citizen-Soldiers of the Rainbow Division Band, based at Camp Smith Training Site, conducted their collective annual training as community concerts in Hudson, Schenectady, Lake George, Troy, Albany and Glens Falls, New York, Aug. 13-16.

"This is just one small way that we can give something back to the communities across the state that support their National Guard," said Chief Warrant Officer Mark Kimes, commander of the unit.

The concert series provided community performances in Hudson, Schenectady, Lake George, Troy, Albany and Glens Falls. The band performed a wide range of musical numbers, ranging from classical pieces such as the Carmen suite, a waltz by Johan Strauss, a musical tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen entitled "of honor and valor eternal," as well as a composite tribute to Walt Disney music.

"On an hour or hour and a half concert, you have about eight or nine hours for moving, setup and getting ready to go," he said at the Capital Park performance in Albany. "Prior to that, you have about five or six hours of rehearsal time. So you are looking at 15 hours to make an hour of music," explained 1st Sgt. Leslie Saroka.

Members of the division band mobilized and deployed for service in Iraq from 2004 to late 2005 as part of the 42nd Infantry Division's support to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deployment marked the first time a National Guard band deployed to a theater of combat since the Korean War.

The Soldier/musicians of the band performed security duties at Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit, Iraq while supporting musical performances across the entire division area of operations. □



Striking up the band during a summer concert series is Chief Warrant Officer Mark Kimes conducts members of the 42nd Infantry Division Band during the unit's concert series in the State Capitol in Albany on August 16. Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg, 42nd ID Public Affairs Office.

Accident claims highly regarded Rainbow Soldier

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

Guard Times Staff

TROY – Sergeant Taylor Parker, age 26, a member of the division's G-1 personnel section, died late Saturday evening (Sept. 23) when his car veered off the road as he drove home from an enlisted dining-in sponsored by his unit, the Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division.

Following the death pronouncement, his parents authorized the donation of internal organs in the interest of helping others.

Earlier that day, a painting commemorating the 42nd Division's service in Iraq, and featuring Parker, was unveiled at the division's Troy, N.Y., headquarters. Sgt. Parker was selected as a model for the artist in recognition of his duty performance in Iraq.

His funeral drew officers and enlisted personnel from across the state and at least two Task Force Liberty Guard Soldiers from Minnesota made the trip.

The 42nd's Chief of Staff, Col. Carl Pfeiffer referred to him as his "battle buddy", praising him for his dedication, superior performance and total commitment to the team and mission. Parker's immediate supervisor, Sgt. Maj. John Willsey, described him as a "second son" and that he was vital to getting work done in the G-1 personnel office.

The son of a retired New York Army National Guard officer, Taylor Parker enlisted in the Guard on May 11, 1998, and was assigned as an Administrative Specialist with the 42nd Headquarters based in Troy. He graduated from basic training that summer and completed his military specialty training in 2000.

Parker was called to active duty in May 2004 for Iraq as the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1 42nd Infantry Division. He was recognized by the 18th (XVIII) Airborne Commander for his work in processing Task Force Liberty Extension of Active Duty orders. Parker was labeled as the best Soldier in theater for his work. After returning home in November 2005 he continued to work in the G1 section on awards and decorations through December 2005 when he was officially released from active duty.

He returned to work in the G1 and was promoted to Sergeant on Aug. 25, 2006 and



Army National Guard Sergeant, Taylor Parker, a member of the 42nd Infantry Division's G-1 personnel section man's an M-240B machine-gun during pre-deployment training at Fort Drum in 2004. Parker died in an automobile accident on Sept. 23, 2007. Photo courtesy of 42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.

entered the Active Guard and Reserve program.

Parker's awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal - Second Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal - Second Award, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. □



Guard provides presidential honors to Chester Arthur

New York Army National Guard Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. F. David Sheppard and Cpt. (CH) Glen Lightfoot render honors to President Chester A. Arthur at Albany Rural Cemetery on the 178th anniversary of his birthday Oct. 5. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone. □



Air Guard honors local military supporters

Lieutenant Colonel George Alston, training officer for the New York Air National Guard's 109th Operations Group, presents a flag flown in Afghanistan to Roger Hannay, chairman of the Schenectady Military Affairs Council during a dinner for National Guard members hosted by the Freedom Alliance, Inc. a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization.

The flag was presented to Hannay, president of Hannay Inc. Reels, a Westerlo, N.Y. manufacturing company, in appreciation for the council's support for the 109th Airlift Wing and Stratton Air National Guard Base.

With Hannay is Schenectady Chamber of Commerce President Charles Steiner who is also a member of the Schenectady Military Affairs Council.

The Freedom Alliance hosted 75 members of the Guard to a dinner in September to thank them for their service. The group presented a check for \$1,000 to the Company C, 108th Infantry Family Readiness Group. Courtesy Photo. □

First Army infuses Counterinsurgency Operations into Theater Immersion Training for deploying Guard members

By Karen Bradshaw

First U.S. Army Public Affairs



Newly recruited members of the only mechanized division in the Iraqi Army are practicing combat lifesaver skills. The culmination of training was individual testing the next day with 28 of 33 Iraqi Soldiers obtaining a first-time GO," said Col. Francis V. Sherman, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, First Army Division West Headquarters, during his embed phase of the COIN Academy course. (U.S. Army photo)

FORT GILLAM, Ga. – Soldiers deploying overseas in current operations either in Iraq or Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, the Philippines or elsewhere in the world must be skilled in the art of counterinsurgency. First Army trainers are ensuring that deploying National Guard and Army Reserve leaders and Soldiers understand the doctrine and strategies before their boots hit the ground in Iraq.

Soldiers have to know that insurgents want to influence politics and gain power by creating chaos and unrest in the population and swaying public opinion to drive a wedge between the people and the government.

Counterinsurgency doctrine includes driving a wedge between the insurgents and the people by building trust in coalition forces and the legitimate Iraqi government.

In the past year, more than 80 First Army Soldiers have graduated from the Army's Counterinsurgency Center for Excellence (COIN FE) at Taji, Iraq.

Known as the COIN Academy in short-hand lingo, the school teaches an intense one-week classroom course of Iraqi history, cultures, customs of the various regions, counterinsurgency planning, techniques and applications. After the classroom training First Army students entered a practical phase where they embedded in coalition units living alongside Iraqi security forces in a teaching, coaching, mentoring mode that included patrols and other operations.

"We learned to inject leadership skills and confidence in the Iraqis, coaching and influencing them to step-up to the plate to handle their own missions," said Maj. Justin Fiew, recent COIN CFE graduate and S-3, First Army, 205th Infantry Brigade, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

"Our First Army brigade and battalion commanders and senior trainers are putting counterinsurgency skills into action as they train their own units and, in turn, train mobilized National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers," said

Larry Bergeson, First Army COIN program manager.

"We are already injecting counterinsurgency strategies into First Army's realistic and demanding Theater Immersion training for our deploying Soldiers at Ft. Dix, N.J.," said Col. Michael Miklos, commander of First Army's 72nd Field Artillery Brigade. "In fact, COIN is the framework for all training at Ft. Dix."

Gen. Petraeus, the senior American commander in Iraq who spoke at the COIN Academy and said, "Our focus on securing the population means that U.S. and coalition forces cannot commute to the fight. You must live in the area of operations 24/7."

Further he tells troops, "I count on each of you to embrace the warrior-builder-diplomat spirit as we grapple with the demands that securing the population

and helping it rebuild will require."

"Because the counterinsurgency campaign is a mix of offensive, defensive and stability operations, leaders at all levels must learn to adjust their approach constantly," said Lt. Col. Robert Felland, First Army, 205th Infantry Brigade and recent First Army liaison officer who served for six months at the COIN academy.

"By inserting counterinsurgency events into Theater Immersion training, the lessons become transparent to Soldiers. Learning in a hands-on environment through scenario driven events, Soldiers take away a better

understanding of COIN principles," said Maj. Chuck Russell, battalion executive officer for First Army's 2/337th Battalion, 205th Infantry Brigade at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Insurgents frequently change their tactics and methods, so staying operationally current is vital when training Soldiers like they will fight as mandated by First Army commander, Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré.

Insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan were not the wars for which we were best prepared in 2001; however they are the wars we are fighting... and are the kind of wars we must master.

(Military Review, Jan-Feb 2006), General David Petraeus, commander Multi-National Force-Iraq.

First Army planners keep training viable and up-to-date by studying after action reviews and digesting the steady stream of data fed from First Army liaison officers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Battle updates are swiftly translated into operational techniques, tactics and procedures for the mobilization station training lanes so National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers can train like they will fight.

Since 9-11, First Army has mobilized, trained and deployed more than 460,000 National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers for the war on terror. □



During his embed phase at the COIN Academy, Maj. Justin Fiew, First Army, 205th Infantry Brigade, Camp Atterbury, Ind., stands with a school principal and an official from the Iraqi Ministry of Education at the doorway of a mud-hut school that was being improved by an Army civil affairs. (U.S. Army photo)

NEADS controllers assist in fighter response to air space violations

Story by Brooke Davis
NEADS Public Affairs



U.S. Airforce members working at the Northeast Air Defense Sector perform their command and control mission in order to prevent air attacks against the U.S. by responding to unknown, unwanted and unauthorized air activity approaching and operating within U.S. sovereign airspace

ROME- When a small civilian aircraft strayed into the restricted airspace over Washington, D.C. on Aug. 1, the citizen-Airmen of the Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) played a key role in intercepting the stray aircraft and escorting it out of the region.

The Joint Force members of NEADS assisted in controlling two Air Force F-16 fighters, under the direction of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), on a mission to intercept a small Cessna aircraft in the National Capital Region Air Defense Identification Zone, or ADIZ, at approximately 12:30 p.m. EST that day.

The civilian aircraft entered the ADIZ from the north and was headed south.

After the intercept, the civilian pilot re-established communications with local Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers and vacated the ADIZ heading west. As instructed by the air traffic controllers, the pilot then landed at Frederick Municipal Airport in Frederick, Md.

The fighters did not expend any flares--which they carry to attract an aircraft pilots attention-- during the intercept and returned to base after the civilian aircraft landed.

The Northeast Air Defense Sector, a New York Air National Guard unit that includes both Active Duty Air Force Soldiers and Canadian personnel, plays an important role in performing NORAD's mission.

NEADS, in close collaboration with the Continental U.S. NORAD Region and law enforcement partners, serves as a preventive measure against any and all possible air attacks against the United States by responding to unknown, unwanted and unauthorized air activity approaching and operating within U.S. sovereign airspace.

The unit provides aerospace and maritime warning for North America and may be required to also monitor, shadow, or divert from unauthorized U.S. flight paths and airspace, direct- to- land and/or destroy potential aerial platforms deemed to be a potential threat to North America.

Supporting the Continental U.S. NORAD Region's homeland defense mission, NEADS assists in providing air sovereignty by executing counter-air operations over the entire eastern U.S., directing the employment of 94 aerospace sensors, eight fighter-wing alert locations, Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, a Battle Control Center (BCC) and Joint Force air defense artillery assets to defend 1 million square miles over land and sea, 16 major cities and adjacent seas. □

Local ceremony commemorates U.S. Air Force's 60 years of excellence

Story by Brooke Davis
NEADS Public Affairs

ROME -- Northeast Air Defense Sector and Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate teamed-up to commemorate the Air Force's 60th Anniversary here Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

The ceremony also included a historic squadron from the former Griffiss Air Force Base. Veterans from the 465th Fighter Interceptor Squadron reunited for the first time in 50 years to visit Griffiss. During the Cold War era, the 465th Fighter Interceptor Squadron performed a critical first-line defense for the North American Air Defense Command.

The 465th FIS was one of many squadrons created and positioned to be first-line defenders, and their F-89 Scorpion jet, developed and produced by Northrop, was configured with weapons and radar to rapidly climb to 40,000 feet to locate, identify and destroy an aggressor in any kind of weather conditions, said Mr. Tony Kimball, 465th FIS reunion organizer and veteran.

During the event, New York State Senator Joseph Griffo presented a citation to honor the Air Force's 60th Anniversary, AFRL's 10-year anniversary and the 50-year reunion of veterans from the 465th FIS.

The ceremony came to a conclusion after the National Anthem and a flyover provided by the 158th Fighter Wing from the Vermont Air National Guard.

Additional features of the day included static displays and lunch. There was an A-10 from the 104th Fighter Wing located at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass., a C-130 from the 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Air Reserve Station and a U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from the USCG Detroit Air Station on display for event attendees to view. Col. Clark Speicher, NEADS commander, commemorated the rich New York Air National Guard heritage during his speech. "While the Air National Guard is a product of the Cold War era, National Guard aviation traces its lineage back to 1915 when the state of New York established the first official Guard flying unit," said Colonel Speicher.

"Today the lineage of that unit is carried by New York State's 102nd Rescue Squadron. NEADS is proud to carry on the tradition of excellence that was established by those that came before us."

The overall unit mission at NEADS is to provide air sovereignty and execute counter-air operations over the eastern United States in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Homeland Defense Missions. □



Air Force 60th Anniversary attendees check out the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft static display from the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass, Sept. 18. Members from the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate, Northeast Air Defense Sector and returning 465th Fighter Interceptor Squadron veterans commemorated their heritage during the event. The commemorative events were held at the AFRL hangar located at Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome, N.Y. Photo by Master Sgt. Carlos Castro.

ARCTIC AIR MOVES NORTH AND SOUTH



109th Air Wing supports far reaching science missions

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Mike R. Smith
National Guard Bureau

CAMP SUMMIT, Greenland - The 109th Airlift Wing LC-130 Hercules, one of the world's largest cargo aircraft with skis, touched down 10,600 feet above sea level onto the frozen ice sheet here July 24 continuing an airlift mission that serves as the only supply line for the National Science Foundation.

After circling the Arctic outpost to view the airfield's conditions, the aircraft landed inside a row of bamboo poles with black nylon flags that marked a "skiway" and gently slid to a stop like an overloaded dump truck hydroplaning down an icy highway.

The 109th offloaded nearly 30,000 pounds of cargo: 2,100 gallons of fuel, three pallets of supplies and 13 passengers.

The wing's airlift missions in Greenland are not only essential to the scientists stationed there, but also for Arctic training on the ice sheet, a key readiness factor for airlift missions for the U. S. Antarctic Program at the south pole, where a demanding schedule and deadly environment leave little opportunity for training.

With these missions, plus roles in natural disaster relief and deployments in a global war on terror, the wing has groomed itself an Air National Guard unit with a fulltime schedule. They have earned five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards for their efforts and received a grade of excellent on their last Air Force Operational Readiness Inspection.

Between late March and mid-August the wing deploys several aircraft and nearly 60 Airmen to an operations center and flight line at Greenland's Kangerlussuaq Airport. They rotate in on five-day deployments with everything that encompasses a functioning wing.

From there, the wing dispatches flights and trains aircrews in polar airlifts. They use a training "skiway" called "Raven," where they conduct aircrew upgrades and check rides on the LC-130s as well as practice air drops.

"This week is a combination of training at Raven where we are conducting several airlift missions in support of the NSF," said Lt. Col. Mark Doll, aircraft commander.

Doll is also the chief pilot for the wing's 139th Airlift Squadron and evaluates and instructs "skibird" pilots.

The Air National Guard members "serve pole-to-pole." Airlifts for the NSF are a seasonal mission that alternates between summers inside the Arctic Circle with the austral summer of the Antarctic Circle and their better known airlift missions in Antarctica, which occur from October to February.

There are a host of small- and large-scale science projects that occur here including studies on glacial melting and possible environmental impacts with far-reaching effects for the planet.

Despite a clear sky and their success in landing at Camp Summit, the aircrew said returning home is often the larger challenge with skibird missions.

"There are days when the snow's so bad that physics takes over, and you can't take off no matter what you do," Doll said. "When temperatures are relatively warm, often in July, the snow gets soft and sticky, which creates drag on the aircraft's Teflon-coated skis. The drag can keep the aircraft from gaining enough ground-speed to takeoff.

Their last resort is the Jet Assisted Takeoff (JATO) bottles bolted to the side of the fuselage. A thrust of JATO is an extra push that can provide a few extra knots of skiway speed to pull the aircraft's nose up.

Maintenance personnel work under the weather at Kangerlussuaq's flight line. Loadmasters work in direct contact with logistics contractors for the NSF to handle odd-sized cargo including ice core samples, delicate scientific equipment and supplies.

Loading and unloading cargo out on the ice sheet has its own challenges. The forklifts roll across the packed snow on treads, and they don't have traditional cargo loaders. "We have a sled that we slide across the snow, and it has one level," said Senior Airmen Corey Grey. "We align it by raising and lowering the skis, then we winch the load on and off."

With aircraft engines running, flight engineers offload fuel that powers the scientists' equipment at remote camps. Outside, the arctic brew of engine exhaust and high altitude air can cause blackouts, so they breathe through oxygen masks.

"The exhaust, burns your eyes, and you are already at 10,000 feet, so think about breathing in exhaust at 10,000 feet, you're going to get quite dizzy and disoriented," said Audrey. "We have to be able to react in an emergency."

Not everyone from the wing's more than 1,200 Airmen experience the rigors of a Greenland deployment. Deployments are limited to essential personnel, like Grey, a young-faced aircraft loadmaster, who has made the trip seven times. "Last time I was up here we took ice core samples back to the states," Grey said. "It required a 'cold-deck' flight, so we kept [the cargo bay] at a really low



Master Sergeant Ray Boyea from the 109th Airlift Wing Aerial Port Squadron moves cargo July 26 on the flight line at Kangerlussuaq Airport.

temperature, but it's nice to be part of something like that and help the research."

As polar airlifters, if they don't get it right, they said it can be weeks before the schedule and weather conditions permit another flight. "We are impacting the science and the infrastructure given whatever that flight may be," said Stockard. "I believe whatever science you do is important whether you get the right answer or not - it's money and time well spent to further our knowledge." □

Aviation Soldiers leap into pre-



Story and photos Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone
42nd Combat Aviation Brigade

“There were training days where Soldiers were doing tasks that were not typically what they were used to doing, but they were doing a great job.”

Capt. Michael Audette, commander, HHC, 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade and TF Eagle Training Officer-In-Charge

FORT DRUM – Fast-paced training scenarios, overseen by combat veterans, took the Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation back to the basics during their Annual Training in September.

The aviation Soldiers focused on basic combat skills, and not flight operations, as they prepared for a possible deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“It’s a rare occasion when an assault helicopter battalion attends an annual training without bringing any of its helicopters,” said Lt. Col. Albert Ricci, the battalion commander. “It was back to the basics and they performed superbly!”

The change in the unit’s training tempo is embodied in a National Guard Bureau approved training plan that focuses on utilizing National Guard annual training time to get deploying units validated on basic Warrior Tasks and battle drills.

As the Army implements the design for 12-month deployments of Army Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers, much greater emphasis is placed on accomplishing pre-mobilization tasks before leaving for active duty.

“The 142nd Assault Helicopter Battalion (AHB) completed a very successful annual training event in preparation for its potential mobilization next year, said Ricci, “Completing these required training tasks before entering the theater will allow the Soldiers to spend less time at a pre-mobilization station and more time supporting the war-fighting effort,” Ricci explained.

The types of training conducted at Fort Drum included all the basic Warrior Tasks and critical pre-deployment training requirements.

Deployment training head-first



Tasks ranged from movement techniques, first aid, combat lifesaver training, land navigation, Humvee rollover training, dealing with civilians on the battlefield, individual combat skills and nuclear, biological and chemical preparedness and response.

“The necessity to complete Warrior Tasks, Battle Drills, and theater immersion training in 2007 will allow the unit to focus on aviation operations and weapons qualification during the 2008 Annual Training,” continued Ricci.

The uniqueness of the new contingency plan is that it allows other National Guardsmen who have already returned from a deployment to help train and validate National Guard units preparing to deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq, for many Soldiers, it is their first OIF or OEF deployment.

This prompted New York’s 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters to form a battalion-level temporary organization known as the Training and Evaluation Battalion (TEBn).

The TEBn is staffed by previously deployed Soldiers from across the division.

“The organization formed primarily for the annual training periods in June and October for the 27th Brigade Combat Team’s (BCT) deployment to Afghanistan to begin their tour-of-duty supporting Task Force Phoenix.” Said Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg, 42nd ID Public Affairs Officer. “Eventually, leaders and staff members from the 27th BCT partnered with the division in order to conduct better and more effective training for Task Force Phoenix Soldiers who have so much to do and never enough time to do it.”

The 3-142nd AHB took advantage of the TEBn by scheduling their unit annual training time in September, giving the TEBn members an additional New York Army National Guard unit to support. □

“The training instructors studied very hard in order to give the Soldiers the maximum effect of training. It was also given in a manner where Soldiers would retain it.”

Staff Sergeant V.C. Conyers, HHC, 42nd Combat Aviation Brigade and Task Force Eagle First-Aid Training Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge

Adding additional skill sets to the all-volunteer NY Guard

Story by Spc. Chris Ferraro

56th Brigade, NY Guard

LATHAM – Two members of the NY Guard's 56th Brigade recently completed training as Emergency Management Specialists, adding additional skill sets to the all-volunteer NY Guard.

Spc. David Tsang and Sgt. Chris Ferraro of the brigade received qualification in the Military Emergency Management Specialist in July. They join 18 other members of the New York Guard that hold this credential, including Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Stephen A. Bucaria.

The Military Emergency Management Specialist credential, or MEMS, was created by the State Guard Association of the United States. MEMS provides personnel with the emergency training needed to bridge the gap between traditional military operations and the requirements to provide those military assets to civil authorities during disasters. This mission, known as provision of aid to Civil Authorities and Humanitarian Support to State and local government agencies, is just one of the missions of the New York Guard and most State Defense Forces.

The post September 11 and Hurricane Katrina world has seen an increased need for state and federal military forces to be able respond to various types of disasters at home. Domestic disasters are always led by civil authorities and the military must adjust to its role within this scheme. Soldiers with the MEMS credentials are trained to organize the military's response to best fit the needs of civil authorities. Such duties could cover anything from logistics to operations and MEMS certified personnel have the training and knowledge to function in such an environment.

The MEMS program was created by Lt. Col. George Heart of the Washington State Guard and the State Guard Association of the United States. He believes this program is a way to improve State Guards' usefulness during any crisis.

"It was [becoming] clear that there was a need for emergency management within the State Defense Forces... Right after 9/11 I realized this program could have a big impact. We instituted three levels, practicums. We've made it very flexible for states' needs."

A quick glance at the required course load shows just how useful this training can be. In order to be certified a Basic level Military Emergency Management Specialist, personnel must complete a minimum of 125 certified contact training hours in six courses of study. These courses are taken through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. The curriculum covers the Incident Command System used by FEMA and

all State governments to respond to disasters, Emergency Operations Center, Disaster Basics, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the National Response Plan (NRP). Upon completion of Basic MEMS certification these personnel are qualified to staff a local, county, or State Emergency Operations Centers during a disaster. The NY Guard's 56th Brigade currently has two members who are certified to perform this role.

Personnel wishing to continue this professional education pursue Senior and Master MEMS certifications through the MEMS Command and Staff College. These certifications require the student to take on a more rigorous course load that includes advanced FEMA classes in Emergency Planning, Decision Making, and Leadership. Additionally, students must take Emergency Response to Terrorism through the National Fire Academy and Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness through the Office of Domestic Preparedness (DHS). Senior level students must also complete a temporary assignment at a local or state Emergency Operation Center working in various phases of planning and operations.

Currently, 17 states have adopted MEMS as part of their standard training along with the US Naval Academy. Alabama's State Defense Force created a separate MEMS career track and the Texas State Guard adopted MEMS as required training for its medical personnel. In July, California's State Military Reserve made MEMS the core of their training. Illustrating the usefulness of such skills in Virginia, a MEMS certified servicemember spent 52 days on active duty performing key staff functions in the state's Emergency Operations Center.

As the State Defense Forces throughout the nation like the NY Guard continue to move towards disaster response roles and missions, MEMS training could become more valuable and such highly qualified personnel may likely find themselves in great demand. □



Breaking ground for state-of-the-art Army National Guard Readiness Center

PEEKSKILL - New York National Guard senior leaders join Peekskill area elected officials in breaking ground for the \$27.4 million Camp Smith Readiness Center being built in the Town of Cortlandt.

Turning the first shovels of dirt for the project are (from left) New York National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Robert VanPelt; Mr. Bradford Piggery, a representative for U.S. Rep. John Hall; Town of Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi; Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the Adjutant General of New York; and State Sen. Vincent Leibell.

The 92,000-square foot readiness center will take about 23 months to complete and employ an average of 100 construction workers during the project.

When finished, the building will house the headquarters of the 53rd Troop Command, Company C, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, and elements of Company B, 369th Sustainment Brigade, and the 1156th Engineer Company.



New York Guard Engineers tackle MOUT challenge

Story by Staff Sgt. Dave Konig

Photo by Master Sgt. George Lamboy
Headquarters, NY Guard

CAMP SMITH, Peekskill - The New York National Guard now has a brand new, maintenance free Military Operations over Urban Terrain (MOUT) site at Camp Smith courtesy of the mission-ready engineers of the 10th Brigade, New York Guard.

The six new structures, designed for urban combat training, give the state an added MOUT training option, in addition to the existing site at Ft Drum.

“To complete the mission, we had to overcome some major engineering challenges,” explained 10th Brigade commander Col. Brian Farley. “But, there’s an engineering solution for every problem.”

From March through June, thirty New York Guard soldiers spent their monthly weekend drills and a one-week annual training in July, erecting the structures at LZ Bald Spot in the hills, just north of Manitou Mountain.

Armed with saws, hammers, drills, and a positive, “can-do” attitude, the team – dubbed “Task Force 10” – was comprised of soldiers from the 10th Brigade’s 1st Battalion, 102nd Engineers, the 1st Bn, 2nd Regiment, the 1st Bn, 3rd Regt., the Headquarters Detachment and the Forward Medical Support Detachment.

“Everyone pitched in,” explained Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Smith, the mission Non-commissioned-officer-in-charge. “You see majors working alongside privates; all wielding hammers and nail guns – that’s the New York Guard, we all work together.”

Colonel Farley, Lt. Col. Kevin Lynch and Lt. Col. Benjamin Gardiner, commander of the 102nd Engineers, began the planning and training phase of the mission in Oct. 2006 at the Camp Smith Troop Labor Meeting.

Post commander, Col. Mark Warnecke, needed an engineering unit to construct the new MOUT site. The 10th Brigade’s reputation had preceded them; having successfully tackled engineering missions from rifle-range towers at West Point to gun pits and rapid runway repairs for C-130 airstrips at Fort Drum.

Mission success required the close cooperation between the Army National Guard and the New York Guard.

According to Gardiner, cooperation flourished throughout the mission. “All along the support and friendship we’ve had with the Camp Smith garrison has



From start to finish, NY Guardsmen from the 102nd Engineer Regiment, 1st Battalion, 10th Brigade based in Binghamton proudly raise the American flag on their nearly completed work on the new MOUT training site at Camp Smith. From left to right are Capt. Larry Rosencrans, Staff Sgt. Wayne Curry (on ladder) and Capt. Roger Hurlbut.

been phenomenal. Whatever equipment we’ve needed, they’ve provided. Whenever they had NYARNG personnel to spare, they sent them up the hill to work with us.”

TF-10 faced some unique engineering obstacles. The first challenge: traversing the difficult Camp Smith terrain.

“The MOUT structures at Fort Drum have solid concrete flooring, but at Drum the concrete mixers could drive right up the paved roads.” said Gardner. “When we first came up to Smith to recon the site, I took one look at the rough terrain of the Tank Trail and saw that it was a 25-percent grade incline – there’s no way a ready mix truck can get up here.”

“ In the New York Guard we do missions like this stateside, so that they can have the maximum time to train for their overseas mission. That’s why I joined the New York Guard.”

The solution? A small, portable cement mixer was used to pour each structure’s foundation constructed on 11 individual 18-by-18 inch concrete piers. This took more than 28-tons of concrete. Instead of a solid, concrete floor each MOUT structure has a compacted select granular crushed stone floor, which has the additional advantage of being maintenance free.

Another challenge was creating a building design that could be constructed during weekend drills, maximizing time management by incorporating pre-fabricated elements.

Most lumberyards cut wood into standardized eight-foot sections so the buildings were designed to be assembled utilizing pre-fabricated eight-foot modules, resulting in less cutting and less wasted materials.

Another design innovation was the use of pressure-treated 2-by-8 foot siding. “Completely maintenance free, the exteriors can withstand the elements for years and years – no need for painting.”

The six structures – five two-room buildings and one multi-room building, have break-away interior walls so they can be reconfigured, providing commanders with additional training options.

Construction progressed quickly, with the TF-10 Engineers broken up into smaller teams with morale-boosting monikers “The Flying Monkeys” and “The Gearshifters”.

Although, TF-10 also broke out paint brushes for some Camp Smith beautification. A fresh coat of paint for the post clinic and building 503 were an added part of the mission. Maj. John Neeley led the painting mission – a change of pace from his normal duties as the Officer-In-Charge of the New York Guard Search and Rescue program.

“I’m not usually crazy about painting,” he said, paint roller in hand, “but what satisfies me is while we are out here there’s an air assault school going on, young soldiers training up for their Afghanistan deployment. In the New York Guard we do missions like this stateside, so that they can have the maximum time to train for their overseas mission. That’s why I joined the New York Guard.” □

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ALFALLA JED ALEC 727TH MP DET
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BROWN BARTH ANDERS 827TH ENGR CO(-) HORIZ
BROWN ROYCE JENNIFER HSC 642ND SPT BN
CAPERS BRIAN SCOTT 133RD QM SP CO (-)
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DARGAN DAVID CHARLES HHC CBT AVN BDE 42ND IN DIV
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GRIER TIA MARIE NYARNG ELEMENT JFHQ
HOFFMAN MICHAEL ERIC 727TH MP DET
HURLBUT AMBER ANN 222ND MP CO (FWD)
JOHNSTON LISA HHC 369TH SUST BDE
LANGE KEVIN LOUIS 105TH MP CO
LESANE TYRENE TAREIK CO B 101ST SIG BN

MARRANO JEANNA M. 105TH MP CO
MCDONALD DAVINA MAE RECR & RET CMD
MEYERS GREGORY V. 442ND MP CO
MOYER CHARLES SCOTT 727TH MP DET
NELLENBACH BRADLEY S. DET 1 827TH EN CO HORIZ
OWENS NINA RENEE HHC 369TH SUST BDE
PETERSON DEBORAH M. HHC CBT AVN BDE 42ND IN DIV
PLA LUIS FRANCISCO HHD 104TH MP BN
REYNOSO JAMES STEVEN HQS 106 REGT (RTI) FWD 2
RODRIGUEZ SANTOS JUAN HHC 427 BSB
VAZQUEZ GILBERTO HHC 101ST SIG BN
WELCH MATTHEW JUSTIN CO C (-) 2-108TH INF

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ANDERSON DAVID ALLEN 102 MAINT CO
APUNTE SIMON ROBERT HHD 104TH MP BN
ASHFORD RICHARD CO A 2-108TH INF
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BARBER JOSEPH MARTIN JR 27TH INF (BCT)
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BIVINS ADAM TERRY 442ND MP CO
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CLARK ROBERT JAMES CO D 2-108TH INF
COE BRYAN MATTHEW CO D 2-108TH INF

HAMIC RONNIE DALE JR 107TH MP CO
HARPER TARIK OMAR CO C 101ST SIG BN
HECK ZOHARA 145TH MAINT CO
HERSCHA JOSHUA ALLEN CO D 2-108TH INF
HOWARD JEFFREY A. CO D 2-108TH INF
JOHNSON JAMAAL WILBUR 133RD QM SP CO (-)
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KIMBALL STEPHANIE M. 727TH MP DET L AND O REAR
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MORGAN PATRICK ALLEN 105TH MP CO
MURRAY CHRISTOPHER P. DET 1 CO B 1-69TH INF
NGUYEN THAI QUOC HHD 104TH MP BN
NOBLES STEVEN C. CO A 2-108TH INF
ODONOGHUE MATTHEW P. CO A 2-108TH INF
OKAYAMA SHUN TRP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
ORR WILLIAM DOUGLAS 222D MP CO (-)
POYNEER JOHN MICHAEL CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
RAMIREZ OTILIA DEL C. CO C 101ST SIG BN
ROLON JOSEPH GILBERT TRP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
RUNG JENNIFER S CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
RYAN SEAN DANIEL TRP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
SCHUE KYLE FRANKLYN 152ND ENGR SPT CO
SCOTT ISAAC R CO A 2-108TH INF
SEGLA AGOSSA DAMALIA CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
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SUTFIN JEREMY PAUL 222D MP CO (FWD)
THAYER AMANDA MARIE P. 107TH MP CO
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TRAVERS THOMAS V. CO B (-) 2-108TH INF
TUCKER CHRISTOPHER D. 222D MP CO (-)
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WILLIAMS PRECIOUS L. 27TH INF (BCT)
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WOLCOTT JUSTIN GARY TRP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
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BECKER WADE DANIEL TRP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
BENOIT MARK JOSEPH CO A 2-108TH INF
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CAMERON KIEL PATRICK CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
CHANDONA VICTOR JR CO C 101ST SIG BN
CHANITZ KYLE ROBERT CO D 2-108TH INF
CHOI WANSEOB CO A 2-108TH INF
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COLON HARRY ANTHONY 133RD QM SP CO (-)
CONLEY BRENDAN D. 102 MAINT CO
COOPER CARLEE LYNN 442ND MP CO
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CRONIN SEAN DANIEL 206TH MP CO
DECOOK DUSTIN M. HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
DOLAN MICHAEL P. TRP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
DONNELLY BRANDON J. 206TH MP CO
DOTEN TIMOTHY DENNIS CO B (-) 2-108TH INF
DOXSTADER DALE C. JR DET 1 827TH ENGR CO HORIZ
DUMOND HEATHER ANN 56TH PERSONNEL SER BN
EGAN JOSEPH EDWARD CO A 2-108TH INF
EPPRECHT KURTIS J. CO B (-) 2-108TH INF
ESTEVEZ ERIK MANUEL TRP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)



Promoting Soldiers

1st Lt. Richard Redmond, commander, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry presents new ranks to (from left) Spc. Matthew Zwinge from East Greenbush, Pfc. Timothy Doten from Mechanicville and Pfc. Forest Johnson from Salem on Aug. 19. Assisting the commander is 1st Sgt. Robert Kropp. The Soldiers mobilize late September 2007 as part of TF Phoenix in Afghanistan. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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DIAPIA JACKELINE CO C 101ST SIG BN
DIAZ ZELENE ELIZABETH CO B(-) 642ND SPT BN
DIBATTISTA FRANK DAVID CO C 101ST SIG BN
DINITTO NICKLAS ZIEBEKE 107TH MP CO
DORING JEFFREY MICHAEL CO D 3-142ND AVN
DOTSON RASHEEN DANYAA 133RD QM SP CO (-)
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SPC URTZ MICHAEL JON

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SPC DRAIN ROBERT BLAINE JR

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SPC SULLIVAN RYAN PATRICK

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MSG MARRA JOSEPH
MSG RAYMOND DONALD VINCENT

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SGT WUNDERS JAMES ROBERT

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SSG SHELTON DIANE C
SFC SPENCE ERROL A

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SPC JOHNSTONE FREDERICK JAMES
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SPC BACHER RICHARD LORD
SPC BURGESS WESLEY CHARLES
SPC BURNS PHILLIP WAYNE
SSG CLEVELAND STEPHEN JEREMY
SPC ELNISKI SEAN J
SPC ESTABROOKS TODD GERALD
SPC FLEENOR TODD DEAN
PFC HABERACKER JASON THOMAS
SPC HESS DANIEL DEAN
SGT KING KYLE ROBERT
SGT KOERS JUSTIN JOHAN
SPC KUTINSKY ADAM ROBERT
SGT MARCIANO CHRISTOPHER A
SGT MISKELL AWALE
SPC MORSE GEOFFREY HARRIS
SGT PISA BENJAMIN MATTHEW
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SPC SCOTT ISAAC R
SPC SCOTT SEAN GARDNER
SSG SMITH SEAN AMBROSE
SSG SPANTON MICHAEL LEE

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SPC BUCHANAN ANTHONY MICHAEL
SGT COON RYAN JON
PFC CREE STEVEN PETER
SGT HIBBARD STEVEN GEORGE
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SGT PEDERSEN RONALD JAMES
SPC POLLOCK DOUGLAS ROBERT
SPC ROBINSON TONY ALVONDA
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SPC HANSON RONALD DANIEL
SPC HEALY BRIAN JAMES
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DET 1 CO A 42D STB
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DET 1 HHC 2-108TH INFANTRY
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DET 1 HHC 42D STB
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SGT JOSEPH DARRYL KAREEM

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SGT BELK MICHAEL KYLEDE
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SGT DIMANCHE ERMENIS
SPC GREENE MARTHA
MSG HEROLD HUGO
SGT JOHNSTON LISA
SPC LOPEZ NICHOLAS ANGEL
SPC PEPPER ANTHONY
SPC SANTANA DAVID

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HQ 53D TRP CMD
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HQS 106 REGIMENT (RTI) FWD 2
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MSG SPISSO JOHN BAPTISTE

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 SGT DIANGE SCOTT JOSEPH
 SGT FARNAM TIMOTHY PATRICK
 SGT MURRAY SHAWN MICHAEL
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 SSG BARROWS ADOLPHUS JAMES
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 SGT ARGUELLO HOLGER ENRIQUE
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 SPC WETHERINGTON JAMES A

Unit vacancies mean new opportunities for Guard officers

By Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg
 42nd Infantry Division

TROY -- Ready for greater responsibility? Look at new opportunities for service with the 42nd Special Troops Battalion.

42nd Headquarters vacancies provide opportunities for advancement, new responsibilities and growth with the commander and staff of the 42nd Infantry Division.

With so many organizations across the N.Y. Army National Guard completing reorganization for the Army's modular design, the following is a snapshot of current opportunities for Army Guard officers for new responsibilities in the 42nd Special Troops Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division.

The battalion, with its headquarters

and signal network company in Troy, includes two tactical command posts in Buffalo and Staten Island.

For more information about potential job opportunities with the 42nd STB, contact MAJ Kaarlo Hietala, battalion executive officer at 285-5834.

Openings currently exist in the following ranks and branch positions:

DIV HQ's TROY			
LTC	02A00	LIAISON OFFICER	3
LTC	21B00	COMBAT ENGINEER	1
LTC	35D00	SSO	1
LTC	35D00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
LTC	35D00	COLLECTION MGMT CHIEF	1
LTC	35D00	CH ANAL & CTRL ELEMENT	1
LTC	40A00	SR SPACE OPS OFFICER	1
LTC	42B00	G1	1
LTC	45A00	DRM	1
LTC	70H67	MEDICAL OPERATIONS OFF	1
MAJ	02A00	INSPECTOR GENERAL	1
MAJ	03A00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
MAJ	13A00	LIAISON OFFICER	4
MAJ	13A00	FA INTELLIGENCE OFF	1
MAJ	14A00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
MAJ	15B00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
MAJ	15B00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
MAJ	15D00	AVIATION OFFICER	1
MAJ	21B00	PLANS OFFICER	1
MAJ	24A00	NETWORK ENGINEER	1
MAJ	27A00	CHIEF CRIMINAL LAW	1
MAJ	27A00	DEPUTY SJA	1
MAJ	30A00	IO PLANS	1
MAJ	31A00	PLANS OFFICER	1
MAJ	40A00	SPACE/CURRENT OPS/MAIN	1
MAJ	46A00	SECY GENERAL STAFF	1
MAJ	49A00	ANALYSIS OFFICER	2
MAJ	50A00	PLANS OFFICER	1
MAJ	56A00	ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN	1
MAJ	67J00	AEROMEDICAL EVAC OFF	1
MAJ	70E67	PATIENT ADMIN OFFICER	1
MAJ	70H67	MEDICAL OPERATIONS OFF	3
MAJ	70K67	HLTH SVC MAT OFF	1
MAJ	72D67	ENVIR SCIENCE OFFICER	1
MAJ	74B00	CHEMICAL OFFICER	1
MAJ	88A00	TRANSPORTATION OFF	1
MAJ	90A00	LOGISTICS OFFICER	1
MAJ	90A00	PLANS OFFICER	1
CW5	915E0	SPT OUTO MNT OFFICER	1
CW4	131A0	FA INTEL OFF	1
CW4	352N0	SIGINT ANALYST TECH	1
CW4	920B0	SUPPLY SYS TECH	1
CW3	131A0	FA INTEL OFF	1
CW3	215D0	GEOSPATIAL INFO TECH	1
CW3	250N0	NETWORK MGMT TECH	1
CW3	254A0	SIGNAL SYSTEMS TECH	1
CW3	351M0	HUMINT COLLECTION TECH	1
CW3	882A0	MOBILITY OFFICER	1
CW2	140A0	C2 SYS INTEGRATOR	1
CW2	350F0	ALL SOURCE INTEL TECH	1
CW2	350G0	IMAGERY INTEL TECH	1
CW2	352N0	SIGINT ANALYST TECH	1
CW2	353T0	IEW EQUIP TECH	1
Co. A TROY			
MAJ	53A00	IA OFFICER	1
CPT	24A00	SENIOR ENGINEER	1
CPT	25A00	DETACHMENT CDR	1
CPT	25A00	NETWORK INFO ASSUR	1
CW3	250N0	NETWORK MGMT TECH	1
CW3	251A0	INFO SYS TECH	1
CW3	948B0	EL SYS MNT WO	1
CW2	254A0	NETWORK SECURITY TECH	1
TAC 1 BUFFALO			
CPT	14A00	ASST OPERATIONS OFF	1
CPT	14B00	A2C2 AD OPS OFFICER	1
CPT	15B00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	2
CPT	25A00	NETWORKING OFFICER	1
CPT	30A00	OPSEC OFFICER	1
CPT	35D00	OPERATIONS OFFICER	1
CPT	65D00	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1
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Newest Guard troop takes NY over the top



The New York Army National Guard's newest member, Pfc. Keith Muniz, receives his oath of enlistment, Sept. 29 at the Niagara Falls Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). Muniz, from Fredonia, joined Company D, 427th Brigade Support Battalion as a Wheeled Vehicle Operator (88M). His enlistment puts the New York Army National Guard strength at 9,600 Soldiers - achieving The Adjutant General's strength objective for the 2007 fiscal year. With Pfc. Muniz are Sgt. Maj. Larry Linville (rear left) and Sgt. Clifford Withey from Buffalo's recruiting and retention command. The N.Y. Army National Guard finished the year with an end strength of 9,622. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class William Evoy.

MILPO Corner: Getting your Health Readiness Green

LATHAM -- Are you RED for your Post Deployment Health Reassessment?

Is your Army Knowledge Online (AKO) traffic light RED for My Medical Readiness?

Is AKO telling you to complete your Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA)?

Want to know how to fix all this yourself?

The Army's PDHRA seeks to identify proactively potential health issues before they become chronic conditions in our Soldiers. The PDHRA provides education, screening, assessment and access to care for a wide variety of questions and concerns that Soldiers may have about their health after they return from deployment. Soldiers who redeployed from a combat zone are eligible for the PDHRA after 90 days back home. Just follow these simple directions:

Option 1: Begin PDHRA online and complete it over the phone. You may complete the PDHRA online through AKO by going to <https://apps.mods.army.mil/mwde/secure/AKOForms.asp> and logging in with your AKO username and Password. You must then call 1-888-PDHRA-99 to discuss your responses with a healthcare provider.

Option 2: Complete the PDHRA entirely over the phone. If you do not have access to a computer or AKO, you may call 1-888-PDHRA-99 and complete the entire assessment over the phone.

Once complete, contact Spc. Eric Walker at the Health Services office of the Joint Forces Headquarters, to discuss other pay and health care benefits at (518) 272-6470 or email eric.r.walker@us.army.mil



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Hockey team members see how Air Guard gets it done

The 105th Airlift Wing in Newburgh hosted the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team on Sept. 24. The players were briefed by Stewart leadership and given a tour of the C-5A Galaxy and C-130E. The Penguins held an autograph session for Guardsmen and Marines after the tour. From left are Petyr Sykora, Gary Roberts, Colby Armstrong, Lt. Col. Ed Krafft and his son, Mark Recchi, and Mike Weaver. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael O'Halloran.

Guard Tuition Assistance and Online Training

By Robert Fay

Allied Schools

WASHINGTON-- Army National Guard Soldiers (ARNG) frequently delay or opt out of continuing civilian education during deployments that often last a year or more. With the emphasis on innovative training, unit readiness and professional education, Citizen Soldiers might choose not to seek civilian education opportunities.

Two important resources work hand-in-hand to help ARNG Soldiers pursue civilian career training while they continue to serve their country. The first resource, made possible by the Internet, is distance (online) education. For Guard Soldiers, this shouldn't be confused with the National Guard's distance learning network, which allows Soldiers to complete military occupation skills qualification (MOSQ) training in their home states. Instead, distance education means that ARNG Soldiers can take a 100% online civilian education course in something like real estate appraisal or home inspection, even while they're serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. All that is required is a computer and an Internet connection.

This option is proving popular with many Guard Soldiers who are trying to both serve their country, and also ensure they will have the enhanced skills to compete in the civilian job market when their deployment ends. A 2005 Department of the Army demographic study reported that 52% of ARNG Soldiers were married and 42% of them had children. Assuming these figures to be similar for 2007, it means that many ARNG Soldiers have families to care for and limited time for additional schooling. Opportunities for career-training help provide Soldiers a leg up in the competitive civilian job market.

How are enlisted Guard Soldiers supposed to find money for civilian job training? The good news is that they don't have to search far because Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) will pay up to 100% of an ARNG Soldier's tuition and fees for distance education. Guard Soldiers are advised, however, to apply as early in the fiscal year as they can; applications for FTA are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis and funds may run out.

Guard Soldiers are in an enviable position because the Army National Guard is the only service branch that normally allows Soldiers to draw from both the GI Bill and FTA simultaneously. This may allow Guard Soldiers to cover their education costs and obtain funding for expenses while taking courses. It's not uncommon for ARNG Soldiers to use it in conjunction with the GI Bill and Kicker Programs for maximum coverage.

Sadly, despite federal efforts to promote FTA benefits to ARNG Soldiers, many Guard Soldiers are either not aware of this benefit, or they choose not to enroll. To take advantage of FTA, an ARNG Soldier should contact an accredited online school, enroll in a course, fill out an Army National Guard Tuition Assistance form and then authorize it through his servicing education center or by his school's representative.

ARNG Soldiers benefit from 100% online courses because there is usually no set time schedule for finishing a course. And this is an extremely important consideration, because the operational tempo of many Guard units is at a fever pitch these days. With online education, the completion of readings, assignments and tests are entirely up to the individual Guard soldier. Many online schools also feature live student support so Soldiers can email or call education support representatives. Guard Soldiers can learn more about Federal Tuition Assistance at the National Guard's Virtual Armory site at www.virtual.armory.com/education.

Editor's Note: This article was contributed by Allied Schools, which is a Distance Education & Training Council (DETC) accredited school offering 100% online courses in real estate, the medical field and business. For more information about distance education, check out www.education4military.com or call (888) 501-5221 to speak with a Military Admissions Representative. □



Military Museum on 'The War'

The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Centers Director Michael Aikey discusses New York State's display of World War II artifacts and exhibits with WMHT Public Television producer Matt Ryan at the Saratoga Springs Military Museum July 25. The Capital District public television station airs the Ken Burns documentary "The War" this fall and wanted perspectives from the Military Museum on New York's preservation of World War II oral histories and artifacts. The seven-part series, directed and produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, tells the story of World War II through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women. WMHT started premiering series segments on Sept. 23. Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg.



Lending students a helping hand

Sergeants Robert Ashley and Keith Adams at Forward Maintenance Shop #16 in Latham, assist a student from the Albany County Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). The hearing impaired students enjoyed a summer-time field trip to the Latham facility to learn about military life. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone.



Naval Militia takes to water for Trojan Horse Exercise

A New York Naval Militia patrol boat approaches the United States Army Logistics Support Vessel (LSV) General Frank S. Besson, during Exercise Trojan Horse at the State University of New York Maritime College in New York City. The August exercise tested harbor security procedures at the college, and also included a test of the ability of vessels to evacuate the SUNY Maritime campus via watercraft. Students were moved to the Besson and then returned to the college by Naval Militia boats as part of the exercise. Twelve Naval Militia members and three boats took part in the four-day exercise. The Besson is one of eight Army Logistics Support Vessels that are the largest watercraft in the Army inventory. They can carry up to 2,000 tons of cargo. Photo By Lt. Col. Willard Lockridge, New York Naval Militia.



End to a long Air Guard career

Colonel Thomas J. Keough completed his 38-year military career with the New York Air National Guard on Thursday, June 28 when his final flight of a 107th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R tanker landed for the last time at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Colonel Keough is a Command Pilot for the 107th Air Refueling Wing and has served with the 107th since 1969 with more than 4,500 hours of military flight time. He has flown the T-37, T-38, T-33, F-101, F-4C/D, and F-16 aircraft during his four decades of service in the NY Air National Guard. He is currently an aircraft commander/instructor/evaluator in the KC-135R aircraft and serves as Vice-Commander for the Air Refueling Wing. Photo by Capt. Andrea Pitruzella.



Bosses see Refuel Wing operations

Ken Parfitt, (left) an engineering manager at Harris RF Communications in Rochester, a maker of military communications systems and his employee, Maj. Don Dever (center), speak with Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the Adjutant General, during Boss Day at the Niagara Air Force Reserve Station. The 107th Air Refueling Wing provided employers with familiarization of KC-135 aircraft refueling missions as part of the day's events.

Army tells families: We Hear You Loud and Clear

Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Army announced steps to improve support to families by funding Family Readiness Support Assistants down to battalion level for all deploying units across the Army.

Secretary of the Army, the Hon. Pete Geren ordered the immediate hiring of 703 additional Family Readiness Support Assistants for Active-duty units, 181 assistants for U.S. Army Reserve units, and 127 assistants Army National Guard units. Posted regionally at first, Reserve and Army Guard assistants will gradually grow to numbers to cover deploying battalions. Additionally, Geren and Gen. George Casey Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army, directed \$100 million to be immediately applied to Family readiness programs Army-wide.

The assigning of Family Readiness Support Assistants down to battalion level will now place key personnel closer to Families and communities. Family Readiness Support Assistants link family members with community-support agencies, such as Army Community Service and Chaplains. While job descriptions for most FRG Assistants are similar, commanders have the flexibility to tailor the duties for their needs to best affect family readiness. For instance, many Family Readiness Support Assistants develop and distribute unit newsletters or ensure telephone and E-mail trees are established, updated, and used so family members receive critical information in a timely manner.

This type of support is important in Army Reserve and Army National Guard units, where FRG Assistants become Families' links to "virtual installations" for support.

Information about Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs can be found at www.ArmyMWR.com, which also provides links to installation and installation MWR websites. For more information contact Army Public Affairs at (703)-692-5743 or U.S. Army Public Affairs at (703) 697-2564. □



Patriotic Day at the Dome

SYRACUSE - Soldiers of the 427th Brigade Special Troops Battalion (BSB) display the U.S. Flag during the patriotic day pre-game events at the Syracuse Carrier Dome on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Central NY Citizen Soldiers from the 27th Brigade Combat Team are preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan in 2008 as part of Task Force Phoenix, the senior headquarters for training Afghan army and national police forces. Col. Gary Yapple, Deputy Commander of the Syracuse-based 27th Brigade Combat Team presided over the coin toss as Syracuse University Athletics saluted the American armed forces during the Syracuse University football game against Illinois on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Carrier Dome. The "Fighting Illini" beat the Syracuse Orange, 41-20. U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Peter Towse. 42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

New York Guardsmen have Heart



NEW WINDSOR-Two New York Army National Guard Soldiers wounded in Iraq received their Purple Hearts Aug 7 at a ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the awards creation. Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, the Adj. Gen. of New York, presented Spc. Tim Pritchard, wounded outside Samarra, Aug 20, 2004 when an IED hit his vehicle and Spc. Aaron Moquin, wounded by misdirected counter battery fire on Apr. 6, 2004 outside Balad. Pritchard and Moquin are former members of 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry. Photo by Eric Durr, Guard Times Staff.

Soldier clarifies NYS tax benefit for troops

Dear Guard Times -

Be advised that your article on page 23 in the July-August 2007 issue concerning the exemption from NYS tax for Guard members on State Active Duty and/or Title 10 duty is somewhat misleading.

In order for the exemption to apply, the duty must be within the borders of New York State. The article does not make this distinction; implying that all Title 10/SAD duty is exempt from NYS tax.

Your readers should look up New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Memorandum N-06-9 from August 2006 (www.nystax.gov) for clarification.

Sincerely, Staff Sgt. Edward D. Kieda
249th Medical Company

For Our Guard Times Readers

This issue marks the end of nearly two decades of Guard Times production as the NYS Military Forces Newspaper. In the coming months, the Guard Times will be redesigned and produced as news magazine for the members of NYS Military Forces. Watch for our premiere issue in early 2008. Find current news and photos of the New York National Guard at www.dnna.state.ny.us.

Racing with the Rainbow

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Peter Towse
42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

- With the 42nd Infantry Division's patch emblazoned on its hood, the National Guard's race car finished eighth while competing in NASCAR's Busch Series Zippo 200 Race August 11.

Each time the National Guard-sponsored car races it bears the insignia of a local National Guard major command.

"It's definitely an honor to represent the men and women serving as members of the National Guard. They give the ultimate sacrifice without a second thought. I want to make them proud and I think the best way to do that is give my best every time I get in our race car."

Approximately fifty Guardsmen and women from across the state met with Mears, toured the pit and garage, met a variety of NASCAR drivers and watched the day's race from a designated VIP section of the Glen.

"We want to recognize and show appreciation for the selfless service of these Soldiers," said Sgt. Francisco Golon of the National Guard Bureau NASCAR Team. "If we had the opportunity to thank all 350,000 National Guard Soldiers by taking them to a NASCAR race, we would."

The Busch Series Zippo 200 on Aug. 11 and the Cup Series Centurion Boats race on Aug. 12 ran 200.9 and 220.1 miles respectively for each race. They were Mears' first race at Watkins Glen in New York and his first road race in the Busch series.

Mears and the National Guard car are currently in the top 20 of all NASCAR racers after 21 starts this season. He won his first NASCAR race in the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. He has also placed in the top five four times and in the top ten six times.

The 42nd Division has been part of the New York National Guard since 1947, following its redeployment from overseas in World War II.

Rainbow Division Soldiers were among the first military



Driver of the National Guard NASCAR number 5, Casey Mears, jumps into his car for the Busch Series Zippo 200 race, Aug. 11.

responders following the terror attacks in New York City on September 11th, 2001. As part of the New York National Guard response and recovery in New York City, thousands of division Soldiers served alongside New York's Finest and Bravest to assist with security, logistics, transportation and other essential emergency response needs.

The 42nd Division again made history in early 2004 when the division headquarters and units across the state mobilized for combat service in Iraq, the first National Guard division element to lead large-scale combat formations in the Army since the Korean War. The Rainbow Division led Task Force Liberty, the multinational division headquarters in North Central Iraq from February through November of 2005. □



Casey Mears awaits the start of the Busch Series Zippo 200 race in Watkins Glen International Speedway. Prior to the event, the National Guard car was painted with the 42nd Infantry Division's "Rainbow" logo in tribute to the historic Army National Guard unit.

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