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THE COLONEL'S CORNER



kind of leader to pat himself on the back. He's ready, though, to get started and help do great things with the CDTF.

Below, is COL Cleveland's letter to the Task Force so we may get to know him.

-TSgt Stephen J Girolami

Counter Drug Task Force,

October saw a few changes to the Counterdrug Task Forces' structure. The CDTF said "fair thee well" to several members as they were deployed over seas, TDY for an extended amount of time, or personnel switching places within the Task Force itself. One of the major changes was the welcoming of the new Counterdrug Coordinator, Colonel Carlton Cleveland. A respectable man with a quiet disposition but the knack for leadership. He's been with the Task Force for just over a month but has already figured out how the CDTF operates and is impressed and ready to take the reigns. COL Cleveland's resume is quite impressive but he is not the

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received as I transitioned into the Task Force. As many of you have heard me say, I was not very familiar with Counter Drug when I arrived. Other than some Guard Times articles, seeing the Task Force listed with LEAs in media releases and knowing some Soldiers on ADOS with the program, I did not know what the Task Force did on a daily basis.

Now that I know, I could not be more impressed with the work that all of you do. Every day you are all contributing to the ongoing war on drugs and keeping the citizens of New York safe. The accolades and requests for additional support from LEAs and CBOs speak for

themselves. You provide a service that those organizations cannot provide organically and they are much better for your efforts and involvement.

The PAO has asked me to provide answers to some personal questions, and as I am uncomfortable talking about myself I have delayed my responses, but following is some personal information.

I grew up in Mount Vision, New York and attended Laurens Central School with a graduating class of 22. I currently reside in Oneonta with my wife Michelle and daughters Catie, age 14, and Megan, age 12. Catie competes in horse riding competitions and in April attended a National Championship in Lexington, Kentucky. Out of 14,000 riders nationwide she was one of 200 to qualify for the Championship after finishing first in NY and first in the region. The region consists of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Megan was a standout gymnast until she grew five inches last spring to 5 foot 5 inches, as an 11 year old, ending her gymnastics career. She is now doing very well playing basketball in two leagues, both of

which I coach, scoring 24 points in a game last week while playing every position on the team.

We root for the NY Yankees and have attended quite a few of their games. We've also attended NY Knicks games and have tickets for a game later this year. When I'm not at work, attending a practice or a competition for one of the girls, I can be found working around the house, hiking or managing my parent's farm. Most people would call this work, but I find it very enjoyable cutting trees, clearing land, developing conservation and environmental programs and working on the machinery.

Thanks again for all that you do. Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones and best wishes for the New Year. Please remember to keep those that are deployed in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you,
Carlton Cleveland

~COL Carlton Cleveland

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THE CSM'S: LISTEN UP!



Greetings NY Counterdrug,

I still cannot believe the holiday season is upon us, but here we are. I would like to start by wishing you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

Both work and military obligations have a tendency of slowing down around the

holidays as folks take time away to spend with family and friends. It can be a good time to take a knee for a moment, catch your breath, and reflect on the past year and what lies ahead. Did you accomplish everything you set out to do? Don't hesitate to set some goals for the upcoming year.

We have several members of our team currently deployed or getting ready to go out the door. Let's not forget about our brothers and sisters and keep them in your thoughts and prayers during the holiday season.

I wish you all the best. Stay safe and keep up the great work!

~CSM Joseph Freyn

Safe Words from the Safety Officer



chances of suffering a loss this Holiday season.

If you are doing the **Holiday cooking**, remember to always turn handles on pots and pans inward on the stove top (burns), do not leave cooking unattended (fire), do not overeat (too much food can cause you to sleep through football games!), and lastly, test your smoke detectors.

Please take safety seriously when **hosting a celebration**. Ensure **designated drivers** are available. Offer a place to stay if necessary. Pro-

vide plenty of food so the guest will not drink as much. Don't offer too many drinks. Provide for smokers and loose ashes. Provide non-alcoholic drink choices.

Decorating is a lot of fun if you think safety first. Always inspect cords for fraying and loose connections. Use outdoor-certified extension cords (some are inside only!) Use grounded extension cords in all locations. Use the right tools (e.g. don't use a chair when a ladder is needed) Do not use real candles on the tree. If you use a real

tree keep the water level full and check the tree for dryness. Place candles away from curtains or other flammables. Unplug your decorations/lights when you go to bed. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Poisonous decorative plants. Poinsettias, Holly, and Mistletoe are pet and child hazards. Also, you should remember to child-proof your decorations!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Stay safe!

~CW2 Michelle Hart

Security & Support / LUH 72a Lakota



With FY 17 in full swing, I would like to focus the field on future aviation requests for this FY. As in past years, our "bread and butter" season has been and will usually be 3rd and 4th quarter flying with MJ Recon and Eradication as our primary undertaking. Between now and then, we can also sup-

port other limited missions such as Aerial Recon, Surveillance and/or Observation. want it. With the nature of a surveillance Mission usually being over a long duration, it has been my experience that an airplane (C-26) usually fits into that "mission" better than a helicopter (LUH).

as possible, and pass them to me (J3-AVN) as soon as possible. Together, we can discuss any and all factors and try to get the best available asset to support your agency's request.

Many factors make the airplane a better overall choice but the primary one is the overhead, or "on-station" time which

Best wishes for a Great Holiday season to you and your families!

~CW2 Phillip Napolitano



port other limited missions such as Aerial Recon, Surveillance and/or Observation.

With that being said, I want everyone to always consider utilizing aviation for a surveillance mission, but understand that due to many factors outside of our control in CD, we may not always get what we want when we

directly relates to fuel endurance. The airplane can stay aloft about twice as long as the helicopter (before needing refuel) making it a more formidable asset for a surveillance that may take an undetermined amount of time. My recommendation to all analysts in the field is to get as many mission details as possible up front, as early



Deployed Counterdrug Members Update

THIS past October saw a few of the NYNG CDTF members deploy to various areas in the Middle East. SGT Pamela Palmer, SGT Carissa Lombardo and SPC Kyle Gbaya were deployed to Kuwait while TSgt Stephanie Perkins and SSgt Sarah Ledger were sent to the United Arab Emirates.

Most members have been preparing for months to go while one individual was called up and within 30 days, was out the door.

All members are doing well but obviously miss their families back here at home.

Being away from home though, doesn't mean that there aren't any new adventures to experience. From seeing the sites of the larger cities to camels in a field to trying new cuisine, all are staying positive with their deployments and making the best of it.

TSgt Stephanie Perkins reported that working and sleeping in a cycle is "what's happening". TSgt Perkins worked side-by-side with SSgt Sarah Ledger before being repositioned as

the fitness center's NCOIC where she's stationed.

A highlight to running the fitness center is meeting the people that use the facility. Chef Robert Irvin was on base to show support for our military personnel and worked out at the center that TSgt Perkins runs.

The local fare has also been experience. Perkins explains, "I work hand and hand with the other country nationals so we eat legit curry.

Well I do. Ledger eats peanut butter and jelly sandwiches pretty much every day", (something Ledger adamantly denies). The local fare is really good. I went to a Lebanese restaurant that is near by and it was really good!" Perkins continues, "They use this spice called Za'atar. I need to ship some home so I can cook with it."

Some honors that were bestowed upon the TSgt for her superb customer service were to be coined by the Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter and the CENT-

COM Commander, General Joseph Votel. Perks (as she is affectionately known as) pointed out that "things aren't too bad. The Thanksgiving dinner wasn't too bad. In fact, it was great! the eggnog and deviled eggs were the items that made me happiest." she goes on to say, "a negative to the meal was the apple pie. It's definitely different and **nothing** like MSgt Marlene Frankovic's apple pie!"

SSgt Sarah Ledger is also making the best of her situation. The SSgt was also presented a coin from the Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter and met Chef Robert Irvin. She has also tried to experience everything she can while being there. From a sunset safari trip to riding a camel, TSgt Ledger is enjoying her time away if she can't be with family and friends. She is also working long hard hours, 12 hour shifts with a day off. SSgt Ledger described working Thanksgiving, "Thanksgiving was chaotic, I got into work at 0600hrs then we lost

power at 0620hrs!!! We had all of our turkeys, hams and roasts in the oven. We ended up having to transport our entire Thanksgiving feast from the flight line kitchen to the main DFAC. It was a hectic, nonstop, 12 hour shift. And today of all days! Of course it had to happen on Thanksgiving!! One to remember that's for sure, and surprise-surprise, I ate a salad with a couple slices of turkey for dinner", Ledger laughs and continues, "but I must say, we sure did pull together as a team to ensure everyone got their meals AND with a smile!"



ABOVE: TSgt Stephanie Perkins and SSgt Sarah Ledger take a selfie together while awaiting clearance to deliver ice to VIPs this past October. The two sergeants were working together for about a month before TSgt Perkins was reassigned to a different facility. Both have already been recognized for their outstanding customer service and are a credit to their unit, the NYNG CDTF, NY Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force.

Deployed Counterdrug Members Update Continued...



LEFT: TSgt Stephanie Perkins poses for a photograph with Television Chef, Robert Irvin at the fitness center she is the NCOIC for.

BELOW: Both pictures show Chef Robert Irvin sitting on TSgt Perkins' lap during a "meet and greet" with US military service members.



ABOVE: SSgt Sarah Ledger with TV Chef, Robert Irvin, when he was visiting US military members in October.



LEFT: SSgt Ledger with a cohort wearing hajibs while on a tour.

BELOW: A belly dancer performs for the tour that SSgt Ledger participated in.



LEFT: SSgt Ledger (front hump) taking a camel ride with MSgt Nicole Dellarocco (of the 109th AW) on some down time.



BELOW: The Grand Mosque. SSgt Ledger described the building as, "breath taking".



ABOVE: SSgt Ledger (with flight kitchen, facility manager, TSgt LeTora Williams from Holloman AFB) prepping for lunch to serve the personnel on base.



LEFT: SSgt Ledger convinced the driver of a tour she was on a jump with her in a picture. The driver was showing the tour the sand dunes, as well as, driving up and down them.



*** All photos were provided for.

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Deployed Counterdrug Members Update Continued...

From a different part of the Middle East, the CDTF has two more members serving together. SGT Carissa Lombardo and SPC Kyle Gbaya are in the same intel unit and deployed together. They both traveled down to Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA and



ABOVE: SGT Carissa Lombardo and SPC Kyle Gbaya photographed at SGT Lombardo's birthday get together at Ft. Indiantown Gap just before deployment.

then onto Ft. Hood, TX for Pre Mob Training. After that, 'a jump over the pond'.

SGT Lombardo reports that herself and SPC Gbaya are fine and doing well. Long, hard hours keep both of them busy but they also have time to themselves. She explains, "The intel world is keeping us extremely busy! We are looking forward to

having a day "off" on Sunday, the 25th (Christmas day)." SGT Lombardo goes on to say, "we'll be going off post as a section... to feel like a human



ABOVE: SPC Gbaya jogging during a DANCON (Danish event) Ruck March.

again & take a breather from the bad guys."

Both soldiers miss family and friends but their spirits are high. Lombardo exclaims "We definitely miss NYC pizza!" but they're working hard to keep their minds off home by, "a lot of CrossFit, 5k runs," as Lombardo explains, "I'm facilitating 'The Hayward Series', which is our unit's OPD. I will also help pilot a 'Women's Leadership Series' for the female leaders (COs and NCOs) in my unit."

Lombardo continued by giving an update on how

SPC Gbaya is doing. "He's doing very well. In his spare time, he plays on the



ABOVE: SGT Lombardo (pictured with her OIC) at the beginning of the DANCON Ruck March.

unit's football team as well as taking on-line courses working towards his degree." If that isn't enough, he's also training for the 'German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge' (GAFPB) in a few months.

SGT Lombardo concluded by saying, "I miss Manhattan and my Counterdrug team!"

The deployment experience is very different for SGT Pamela Palmer and she didn't share much information due to OPSEC. Palmer shared her feelings though, and very candidly by explaining, "It is very difficult coming here as a

single deplorer and joining a unit where you don't know anybody. I have been here just a little over 4 weeks and still feel like an outsider but I'm ok with that. I just do my work and look forward to coming home." SGT Palmer continued by saying, "I really miss home and my family, it is very disappointing to be away from my son during his senior year knowing within a month of my return, he will be going away to California for college." She also made sure to exclaim, "I truly miss the work and the people I served with at Counterdrug." SGT Palmer is hoping to rejoin the team when she returns next year and stated, "I hope everyone there is doing well and having a wonderful holiday season. Please tell everyone that I am thinking of them and that I am so very pleased that I got the chance to work with such wonderful people.

Well, from all of us in the NY Counterdrug family, we wish you all well and for your safe return. Happy holidays to you all and thank you for your service.

BELOW: A camel, photographed by SGT Pam Palmer.



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Operation Deep Freeze: New York Counterdrug Airman Migrates South and Back

SSgt Sean Chester of J-3 returned from his 8th Season of Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) in Aircraft Maintenance for the 109th Air Wing.

SSgt Chester has been a member of the 109th Airlift Wing, Stratton Air National Guard Base for just over a decade. On October 18th, he started his annual journey to the southernmost part of the world. Each year, he participates in the wing's annual support of Operation Deep Freeze, the military's component of the U.S. Antarctic Program that is managed by the National Science Foundation.

For most of this season, SSgt Chester worked in Christchurch, New Zealand – the last stop before McMurdo Station, Antarctica. While there, Secretary of State, John Kerry



ABOVE: US Air Force aircraft at Christchurch Airport, NZ. This is the jet that transported Secretary of State, John Kerry. The secretary's final destination was the South Pole. *

arrived at the airport in Christchurch, NZ. Mr. Kerry was on his way down to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, as he was making a PR trip to the pole. SSgt Chester also experienced his first earthquake. He witnessed

buildings crumbling and roads buckling. He said, "it was crazy!"



ABOVE: Buckling of a country-side highway near Christchurch, NZ. *

Throughout a season, which runs from October to the end of February, a total of six LC-130s and 500 personnel are expected to deploy, with about 300 to 350 missions planned. About 120 Airmen will be TDY on the ice at any given time. The unique capabilities of the ski-equipped

LC-130 aircraft make it the only one of its kind in the U.S. military, able to land on snow and ice.

The primary mission of the 109th AW is to provide airlift within Antarctica, flying to various remote locations from McMurdo Station. Crews will transport scientists, support, fuel, supplies, medical supplies and more throughout the season.

The 109th Airlift Wing has been supporting the National Science Foundation's South Pole research since 1988. Since 1999, the unit has been the sole provider of this type of airlift to the NSF and U.S. Antarctic research efforts.

BELOW: SSgt Sean Chester poses on the sign at McMurdo Station just before an "ugly-sweater" party. During the summer season, McMurdo can reach 35- 40 degrees F. *



ABOVE: SSgt Sean Chester stands next to the 'Geographic' South Pole of the planet Earth. At this point, on the Antarctic continent, every you look... is North! The 109th AW routinely supplies the South Pole Station (NPS) with fuel and other necessities (and some luxuries) during the southern hemisphere's summer months. Even though the pole is in its summer season, temperatures can still dip well below -50 degrees F. At these temperatures, the LC-130s keep their engines running (while unloading the station's supplies) so the aircraft doesn't freeze. Another fun fact: while the LC is on the ground (ice cap), contrails still form behind the aircraft due to the extreme elevation of the ice cap's elevation. *

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Agencies Looking to NY for Partnership and Information Sharing



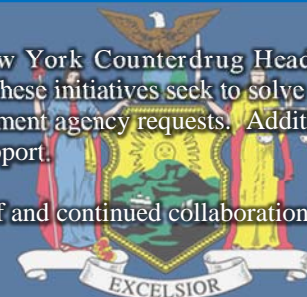
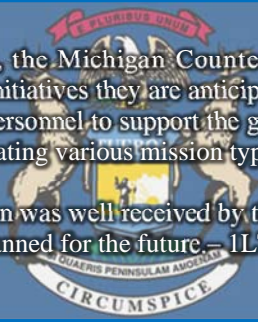
November 2nd, The directors of all the New York State Crime Analysis Centers (CAC) visited the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (NYNG CDTF) Headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the Directors the full capabilities of the Task Force from analytical coverage to equipment support. Some of the key areas of discussion was the training opportunities that are available to the CDTF Analysts that could be leveraged by the resident analysts at the CACs.

The group also discussed the skill sets that could be developed for future opportunities as the narcotics threat continues to evolve in the state. This included Counter Threat Finance and Cyber Exploitation.– 1LT Darren Hagan



November 28th, the Michigan Counterdrug Task Force visited New York Counterdrug Headquarters to present several initiatives they are anticipating to implement in FY17. These initiatives seek to solve the issues of having limited personnel to support the growing demand of law enforcement agency requests. Additionally, their efforts are integrating various mission types with real-time analytical support.

Their presentation was well received by the New York Counterdrug staff and continued collaboration between the two states are planned for the future.– 1LT Darren Hagan



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NEW DIGS FOR THE NORTHEAST REGION

The Northeast Region of the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force has a new home. The region's admin office packed up and moved out of the Navy OSS in Glenville, NY and traveled up Rt 50 to the antique but refurbished armory in Saratoga, NY. It didn't take long for the region to make themselves at home as they continued normal operations during the hectic move and down a person due to a deployment.

The armory houses the New York Military Museum and Veterans Research Center on the first floor. There are many interesting displays and artifacts at the museum depicting many situations that members of military, from NY State, had to endure.

The address to the armory and NE's admin office is: 61 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.



ABOVE: Captain Adam Rinaldi, newly appointed Commander of the North East Region, addresses NE Counterdrug personnel while, newly appointed CDC, COL Carlton Cleveland looks on. COL Cleveland wanted to visit the armory to introduce himself to region members and listen in to Capt Rinaldi's presentation.

LEFT: The Saratoga Armory in Saratoga Springs, NY, houses the New York Military Museum and Veterans Research Center and North East Region of the NYNG CDTF. Depicted is the side of the armory building with a WWII era, M4 Sherman tank set as a static display.

Cards of "Thanks to Vets" from Local Area Pre-School

The pre-school children at Sunshine Kids Daycare in Amsterdam, NY were very thankful to their veterans this year. Everyone in the class made a gratitude card for local area military personnel to show just how much they appreciate and thank them for their service.

RIGHT: Members of the CDTF North East Region display the cards that were made for them in honor of Veterans' Day.



NOVEMBER 13th, members of the NYNG CDTF and the 109th AW volunteered to pack holiday boxes, distribute hot lunches and relocate and hand out holiday toys and trinkets, that were donated to needy families in the

Schenectady area for a few hours. The program is run by the Salvation Army and supported by local guardsmen every year.

RIGHT: CW2 Michele Hart and members of the 109th AW pose for a group photo just before serving hot meals to needy families.



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Establishment Hosts Annual Breakfast for Local Veterans and Currently Serving Military Members

NOVEMBER 10th, the Glen Sanders Mansion hosted its annual breakfast to honor local vets and currently serving military members for Veteran's Day. Several members of the NYNG CDTF (HQ and NE) were in attendance to honor and be honored by city, county and state officials. Among the guests and staff were State Senator James Tedisco, who was there as a server and NYS Deputy Adjutant General, Brigadier General Timothy Labarge, who was the key note speaker.

The morning began with a coffee hour that included fruit and many different kinds of bakery goods. The breakfast plate was overflowing with food.

During the ceremony, the 109th AW's color guard provided the posting of colors and the National Anthem was performed to perfection.

Honorees stood when their respected service song was played and the sponsors were recognized.

Stories were shared, salutations were given and breakfast was served, all for our veterans who've paved the way for the rest of us to honorably serve in their stead.

Thank you to our Vets!



ABOVE and LEFT: Donuts and Danishes and Muffins? OH MY! The coffee hour bounty that was laid out for veterans. The breakfast tables were also adorned with artwork, thanking our vets, from local area schools.

RIGHT: members of NYNG CDTF HQ and NE regions were available to share in the honors at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY on November 10th. Pictured here are SMSgt Pete Latniak, SSG Kelvin Taylor, SSG James Peck, Lt Col Nicholas Dean, CW2 Phillip Napolitano, SMSgt Michael Decker, ILT Alissa Kupinski, Lt Col Peter Keegan (the new Deputy J3 at DMNA), and SRA Joshua Speziale. Also in attendance were Capt Adam Rinaldi (not shown) and WO1 Fianna Sogomonyan (shown in the below image).



BELOW: WO1 F. Sogomonyan smiles for the camera while waiting for breakfast to be served.



BELOW: SMSgt P. Latniak, SRA J. Speziale, and Capt A. Rinaldi stand as the United States Air Force song, the "Air Force Song" or affectionately called "Off We Go" is played just before breakfast is served. Members were honored and recognized as they stood during their respected branch of service song was played. Many members stood for multiple songs so signify their service to multiple branches over their career.



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The Return of J8



At the beginning of FY15 the J1 (Personnel) and J8 sections (finance) of Counterdrug headquarters combined and J8 was dropped. Around the same time TSgt Duncan Newberry transferred to the Army, became SSG Newberry and left the program. Now a little over two years later, the two have returned together. There have been many changes at headquarters since the two were last here, there have in fact been many changes in the J1/8 office. Capt Rinaldi is now the Northeast regional coordinator, TSgt Perkins is deployed, and MSgt Frankovic is in the Northeast region again. Currently, the section is made up of Officer Candidate (OC) Newberry, TSgt Kristen Blais (Roberts), who has had a few stints on the Counterdrug finance team, and SrA Jennatte Berger, who joined the program in February of last year.

Since his departure, OC Newberry has been to Army basic

training and is currently attending state officer candidate school (OCS) at Camp Smith with the RTI. It's been a long journey the OC reports, "I was supposed to go to basic training in January of 2015 and to federal OCS immediately following graduation." OC Newberry continued to explain, "which would have had me commissioning around June of 2015. Due to paperwork delays, I didn't end up going to OCS until August 17, 2016; almost 7 years to the day from when I went to Air Force basic training." He also lost



THIS PHOTO: Officer Candidate Duncan Newberry as a SrA in the Air Guard during the 2010 CDTF annual conference

his slot to go to Federal OCS because he didn't leave in January and the slot was given to someone else. OC Newberry was told he would have to do the State program making his new commissioning date sometime in August of 2017. "It will be worth it in the long run," the OC remarked, "I never thought I would go to basic training again much less basic training as an E-6. I may be the only person in history to go

to two basic trainings and have a hurricane during both of them." OC Newberry further reflects on his experience, "At Fort Jackson, we actually had MRE's for every meal for a month due to the lack of potable water to cook with in the dining facility. I can't tell you how nice it was to just have a warm normal meal afterwards; it really makes you appreciate things a little bit more." Due to the timing of his return, he had to wait for the new OCS class to start this coming July so he has returned to the CDTF in the mean time.

"I think we are having a pretty smooth transition so far, SrA Berger is extremely intelligent and has been a great resource on where the program budget currently is, and TSgt Blais

has been fantastic in every regard." OC Newberry comments, "Everyone at headquarters, the wing (109th AW) as well as DMNA, have been great welcoming me back and it feels like I'm picking up where I left." He continues, "We are looking forward to the future, in February, we have MSG John Molesky joining the team; he has been at NGB for quite some time as a member of their

finance team and as the Northeast NGB coordinator." the OC exclaimed and continued, "I don't know him personally but every person I have talked to has had nothing but great things to say about the Master Sergeant. I'm really excited for this opportunity as well as for the future of the program in general, our funding has increased dramatically since I was here last and our future continues to look bright.



ABOVE: SrA Jennatte Berger

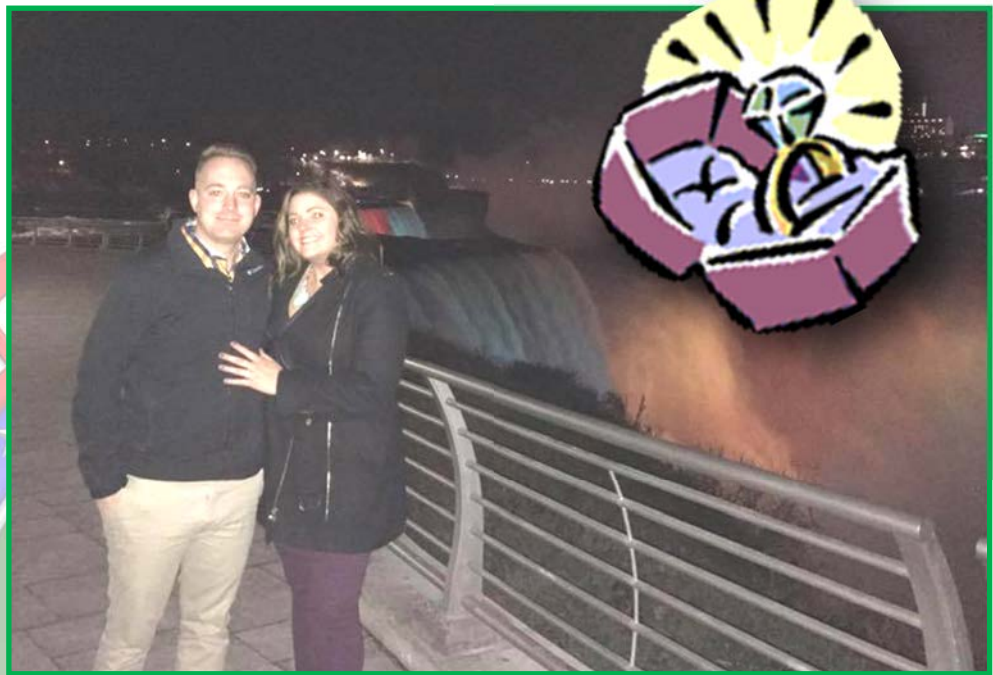
BELOW: TSgt Kristen Blais



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The NYNG CDTF Congratulations Page!

Congratulations to SrA Bryan Kane and his new fiancée, Liza Cochran at Niagara Falls on the 23rd of November. Plans for the wedding are still being made so, at the moment, there isn't a set date yet.



RIGHT: SrA Kane and Miss Cochran the on night of the proposal. In the background are the falls at Niagara.

A New Member to the Counterdrug Family!

NYC Region has a new addition to the family. Sophia Claire Wu was born to Mr. and Mrs. Corey Wu on 20 November, 2016. Sophia Claire was born at 0334hrs and weighed 6.1lbs.

Both Mommy and baby are doing well. Congratulations TSgt Wu on the new addition to your family.



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Prescription Medication Drop Box Program

Another success story coming from Western Region. Word continues to spread about the Prescription Medication Drop Boxes and the installation sites continues to grow.

On 25 October, SSG Justin Chernogorec was at the unveiling in Olean, NY to represent the CDTF as the mayor, Bill Aiello, read a statement.

Rachel Linderman, Coordinator of Healthy

Cattaraugus County Coalitio and the Council on Addiction Recovery Services Inc. (CAREs), Capt. Michael Marsfelder, and Police Chief, Jeff Rowley, both of the Olean PD, were also available for the event.

Mayor Aiello thanked SSG Chernogorec for his hard work and dedication as well as, expressed how happy he was to finally have a box installed.



ABOVE: SSG Justin Chernogorec stands with Rachel Linderman, Capt. Michael Marsfelder and Mayor Bill Aiello as they pose next to the newly installed drop box at the Olean Municipal Building in Olean, NY.

Banner of Truth

Coming soon to all the regions!

A new banner has been designed to replace the two out of date banners that are collecting dust in the supply cage at CDTF HQ.

The banner touches on every aspect of what the CDTF does on a daily basis.

From Aviation and Criminal Analysts to Civil Operations and the CDU, the design

covers everything involved with the CDTF and shares a few key points of each section.

The idea behind the banner's production was to offer each region a prop to take to conferences with LEAs or Coalitions to give them the overall sense of what the CDTF has to offer.

After they are completed, the banners will be distributed among the regions.

RIGHT: a depiction of the banner in its middle stage of designing. The representation is very close to the final design that was give the "OK" to proceed with.



The banner is meant to another tool to represent the major points of what the NYNG CDTF has to offer LEAs and Coalitions.

Work on the design had begun at the beginning of this past August but the design idea was originally discussed in the middle of February, 2016.





SARC Page

Capt Ashley Fitzgibbon is the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for New York State. Her office is located at the Joint Force Head Quarters in Latham, NY and she can be reached at any time, day or night, rain (snow) or shine, with the phone number listed below. If you need help, do not hesitate to call. She will be your voice!

New York National Guard
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS - NY
 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
 24 / 7 Sexual Assault Helpline
518.339.7586

JFHQ SARC
 Capt Ashley FitzGibbon
 (518)786-4733

<p>UNRESTRICTED REPORTING Allows a service member who was sexually assaulted to report the assault and receive support, advocacy, medical treatment, and counseling... with a law enforcement investigation and Command involvement.</p>	<p>RESTRICTED REPORTING Allows a service member who was sexually assaulted to confidentially report the assault and receive support, advocacy, medical treatment, and counseling... without a law enforcement investigation or Command involvement.</p>
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EITHER WAY - FIRST TALK WITH YOUR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM!

DoD Safe Helpline 877.995.5247 / safehelpline.org
24 / 7 Secure. Worldwide. Confidential

And Lastly...

**ON BEHALF OF COL CLEVELAND AND THE
STAFF AT HQ, HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

*Merry
Christmas*

&

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



J3-CD HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL OFFICES



Western Region
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