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Orion Reaches Summit of 'Empire Peak'

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM – The New York Army National Guard's 27th Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade completed its *last combat dress rehearsal* this August with the largest military exercise of its kind in recent State history.

The operation simulated the mobilization and deployment of the Orion's combat forces from almost 30 communities statewide to a combat theater. The annual training was a full-scale replication of the even more challenging deployment next year to the Army's premier Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

"We successfully executed every major muscle movement we planned," said Lt. Col. Walter Burt, the brigade operations officer. "This included our Intermediate Support Base operations, our air landing operations with C-130s, and a first for the Army National Guard—a battalion night air assault via Blackhawk helicopters," said Burt. "And, don't forget we also successfully completed a 72 mile ground assault convoy."

Other Empire Peak successes for the 27th included parachute bundle resupply operations for three separate airdrops from a C-130. An artillery battery from the 1st Battalion 156th Field Artillery was slung by Blackhawks into the field, and another battery was airlifted in aboard C130s. Burt said that the brigade's casualty evacuation plan worked very well. Success at the JRTC next year will be based on how the brigade's various combat systems operate—personnel, medical, logistics, operations and more.

Now, the brigade will concentrate on fine-tuning and minor improvements, Burt added. "Our primary training focus for the rest of this year will be on conducting a standard defense," he said. With Empire Peak as the last



First Lt. George Rodriguez, commander of Bravo Company, 2d Battalion, 108th Infantry directs his platoons during a battalion movement to contact during Empire Peak. Radio operators (left) Spec. Marcus Slick and (right) Spec. Jason Rathburn provide communications to the platoons. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

major scrimmage, the brigade now prepares for next year's championship game at the JRTC.

JRTC: the Super Bowl of combat training

Like all other Army combat brigades, enhanced brigades receive evaluations through rotations to the JRTC. The training center provides a realistic low-intensity combat situation, which the Army uses to test infantry brigades. Troops will encounter intense combat operations against a professional opposing force, guerrilla tactics, interactions with "friendly" and potentially hostile civilians and the presence of civilian news media on the battlefield.

The brigade's scenario for this year's exercise, dubbed Empire Peak, revolved around a show of force operation in the fictional country of Cortina. Its aggressive neighbor, Atlantica, was encroaching upon territory through guerrilla warfare and threatening invasion. The 27th Brigade mission was to deploy to Cortina and deter hostile Atlantican forces, defeat any Atlantican attacks across the international border, and provide a stable environment for the Cortinian government and military to restore order in the countryside. It was a scenario that encompasses military operations other than war (MOOTW) and offensive as well as defensive combat operations.

Supporting the 27th Brigade were soldiers from throughout the Army: Active soldiers from Fort Drum's own 10th Mountain Division, Army National Guard combat, combat support and combat service support units, and Army Reserve Civil Affairs and medical units. Troops came from Virginia, Connecticut, Illinois, South

Dakota, New Jersey, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New York.

The New York National Guard headquarters in Latham assembled a Joint Staff Task Force (JSTF) to support the operation for this year at Griffiss and Fort Drum, and will deploy next year to Fort Polk. In addition to the JSTF, many other units of the NY Army National Guard participated in the exercise.

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Guard Notes

Appropriation Act Signed, Pay to Rise 3.7 Percent

WASHINGTON, DC (Armed Forces Press Service) — President Clinton signed the fiscal 2001 Defense Appropriations Act, paving the way for a 3.7 percent pay raise for service members Jan. 1.

The \$288 billion budget is an increase of \$18 billion over last year and about \$3.5 billion more than the president requested. The act provides \$75.8 billion to pay 1.382 million active duty personnel and 866,934 reserve component members.

In addition, the Army will receive \$1.6 billion to transform itself. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki called for the creation of 4,000-member quick strike brigades that can be deployed anywhere in the world in 96 hours. The act fully funds one such brigade and will equip a second brigade in 2001. The Army also gets money to develop a lightweight "future combat system" vehicle.

Air Force procurement includes \$2.1 billion for 10 F-22 fighters, \$400 million for five F-15 fighters, \$2.8 billion for C-17 airlifters and \$380 million for C-135 modifications.

The Fiscal 2001 Defense Authorization Bill is still being worked on. The authorization bill allows DoD to spend money. The appropriation act actually provides the funds. DoD officials said they expect Congress to finish this bill in September.

DoD to Survey Guard Members, Spouses

WASHINGTON, DC — Between August and November 2000, the Department of Defense (DoD) will conduct its first comprehensive satisfaction surveys of military Reserve force personnel and their spouses in eight years. A survey questionnaire is being mailed to 75,000 Reserve and National Guard members. A different questionnaire is being sent to 43,000 spouses.

"The surveys are an important tool because, in recent years, the increased use of the National Guard and Reserve has resulted in many of these personnel spending more time away from their families and full-time civilian employment," said Charles L. Cragin, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "They also face the real possibility of being called to active duty for extended periods, creating some unique quality-of-life concerns."

The surveys will gather information on a wide range of programs, policies and issues affecting Reserve forces members and spouses. Survey responses will provide a comprehensive look at morale, civilian work, economic issues, military training, military benefits and programs, mobilizations and deployments, plans to leave or continue in the military, and member and family characteristics.

The member questionnaire will be mailed at random to drilling reservists, individual mobilization augmentees, (IMAs) and full-time support personnel. Spouses of members were selected separately from members—sampling of individuals rather than couples. Consequently, a spouse could be sampled whether or not the member is.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) will use the findings from these surveys to address reservists' concerns and inform officials about unit and family readiness issues, military job satisfaction and mobilization experiences. Survey results will be published and available on the World Wide Web by the spring of 2001.

Firestone Tire Recall Includes Military Exchange

DALLAS — Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps exchange customers can swap Firestone tires affected by the recently announced recall campaign at local military exchanges or local corporate-owned dealers.

Bridgestone/Firestone will replace free an estimated 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT all-terrain tires, company officials have announced. Officials of all the military exchange services said their stores would take back eligible customers' recalled Firestone tires, regardless of the original purchase location.

Military customers at any AAFES Autopride Car Care facility are authorized credit equal to the AAFES retail price of a recalled tire. The credit may be applied to a new Firestone tire of their choice or any other brand. The customer pays the difference the sale price of the replacement tire, or tires, exceeds the credit. Likewise, AAFES will refund the difference if the customer buys a cheaper tire.

Customers with technical questions are encouraged to contact Firestone directly at (800) 465-1904 or www.bridgestone-firestone.com.

The voluntary recall is limited to one size of three styles sold by the exchanges, and no others are eligible for automatic adjustment or replacement by Bridgestone/Firestone or AAFES. Working with Ford, Bridgestone/Firestone so far has pinpointed the following tires for recall:

- o Firestone Radial ATX; ATX II P235/75R15, all dot codes.
 - o Firestone Radial ATX II P235/75R15 XL, all dot codes.
 - o Wilderness ATP235/75R15 and P235/75R15 XL; only codes beginning with "VD."
- (Based on an Army and Air Force Exchange Service news release.)

TAG Talk

The Myth of the Weekend Warrior: Gone Forever

As you check out this latest issue of Guard Times you'd be hard pressed not to notice the amazing array of stories our Army and Air National Guard and state military forces for New York are involved in locally, nationally and globally. Our Guard members are in many ways a seamless extension of the nation's defense in the performance of their combat skills training and mobilization readiness.

Indeed, as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Charles L. Cragin, points out elsewhere, "The bottom line is that we cannot go to war, enforce a peace agreement, or undertake prolonged humanitarian missions anywhere in the world today without calling on the Guard and Reserve. The fact remains that we are deeply dependent upon the core competencies embedded in the Guard and Reserve, and we will continue to call on them to make critical contributions to missions and operations around the world."

As any member of a line unit knows true for some time, and as Secretary Cragin concludes, the notion of the "Weekend Warrior" is gone. There may have been some substance to that appellation in the 1960s and 70s, when the Guard and reserve were deep standby forces. If the Guard was called to active duty it was primarily as "the force of last resort." That was then.

This is now. Scan this issue and you'll read about the accomplishments of our National Guard, NY Guard, and Naval Militia members who seemingly make their presence felt in local communities throughout New York State and simultaneously in every agency in the Department of Defense. The commitment of every member of the state's military force is evident in these achievements:

—The Army Guard's 27th Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade completing its final rehearsals this August at Fort Drum, dubbed EMPIRE PEAK 2000, in intense preparation for next year's deployment to the Army's premier Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana. The operation simulated the mobilization and deployment of the Orion's combat forces. It drew units from almost 30 communities statewide to a combat theater in the largest in-state training exercise for the Army Guard since Operation SENTRY CASTLE '81.

—The Air Guard continues to reinforce its global peacekeeping presence and vigorous mission support to gaining commands of the US Air Force, as the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) annual deployments take shape. Air wings from around the state are reinforcing USAF operations domestically and abroad (Southwest Asia and Western Europe) today almost on a



Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore, V
The Adjutant General

routine basis. Nowhere has this gained as much attention as the focus on our 106th Air Rescue Wing and the 109th Airlift Wing. With the help of Hollywood, now all Americans can see the impact of their National Guard on their lives.

—Creative and well-executed GuardHELP community support projects make a difference, including an environmentally sensitive undertaking the Army Guard just completed along the Bronx River in New York. Joining with the Partnership for Parks, the City Parks Foundation and the NY City Department of Parks and Recreation, our 206th Combat Support Battalion, 145th Maintenance Company and 102nd Maintenance Company removed 20 junk cars from the riverbed. No longer will the abandoned vehicles pose an obstacle to local kids who frequently canoe and fish in the river, much more detract from its natural beauty and other recreational potential.

—A salute to women aviators at the Griffiss-based Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS), where an all-female operations crew was ceremoniously placed on duty Aug. 12. The special occasion was to mark the 80th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution which provided women's voting rights, the genesis for which occurred at Seneca Falls, about 100 miles west of Rome.

—Employers, those most valuable commodities in Guard members' lives, had a chance view first hand citizen-soldier training as the Army Guard's 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry, hosted a visit to Fort Drum in July. The bosses, lifted to the site by a C-130 Hercules, got a "hands on" chance to observe M1 tank firing at Drum's newly refurbished Range 23. This follows earlier boss lifts the past summer by the Air Guard's 109th and 107th Wings from Scotia and Niagara Falls respectively.

Yes, the myth of the "Weekend Warrior" is gone. Today, if the truth is to be known to the American public, the news media and those of us in and out of government, today's brand of Guard and reserve members might more aptly be called "Ready Warriors." Certainly they are. Now more than ever, we have to be.

Defense Leader's Commentary: The Guard and Reserve Contract Has Changed

By Charles L. Cragin

Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

WASHINGTONDC—With western portions of the nation facing the worst fire season in a decade, desperate fire crews have had to call on America's military—active duty, National Guard and Reserve—to help douse nature's fury and control the flames.

While many Americans might appreciate the role played by the National Guard in assisting with natural disasters here at home, they might also be surprised by the news that the Guard and Reserve are today helping put out fires of another sort in some of the most farflung regions of the globe. From the Balkans to the Middle East, from Central America to the Korean Peninsula, reservists are playing an increasingly important role in defending American security. This is a radical departure from past practice—one that I have regarded with a positive mixture of pride and professional scrutiny.

During my 33 years in the Naval Reserve, my fellow reservists and I knew one thing was certain: Unless there was a major military event or some cataclysmic crisis, we would not be called up. The reserve was precisely that: It was reserved for use in a major war. Today, however, that premise has utterly changed. With this change has come an unheralded, but decisive, change in the contract between America and those who serve in reserve.

The old Cold War commitment for reservists, which called for duty on one weekend a month and two weeks each summer, is largely a thing of the past. Many of today's Guard and Reserve personnel are often serving far in excess of this. Indeed, in many Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units, reservists are serving eight to 12 days a month every month, year round. Similar situations exist in many other reserve units in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Reservists today perform many vital functions, from aerial refueling to military police, from civil affairs to medical support. The bottom line is that we cannot go to war, enforce a peace agreement or undertake prolonged humanitarian missions anywhere in the world today without calling on the Guard and Reserve. The fact remains that we are deeply dependent upon the core competencies embedded in the Guard and Reserve, and we will continue to call on them to make critical contributions to missions and operations around the world.

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A little history helps illustrate the point. During the Gulf War, the nation called over a quarter million reservists and guardsmen to active duty, many for six months or more. They were instrumental in ensuring our victory in Desert Storm, and their demonstrated success in answering the nation's call formed a watershed in our approach to the use of reserve forces.

This trend accelerated in the mid-1990s and continues today in the Balkans, where more than 20,000 reservists have been called involuntarily to duty in Bosnia and where another 20,000 have served as volunteers. Some 6,000 have

been called for duty in Kosovo—they, too, have been joined by large numbers of volunteers.

Currently in Bosnia, U.S. and other multinational forces are being led by the 49th Division of the Texas Army National Guard. This marks the first time since the Korean War that active duty units have been commanded by a National Guard general officer. And this is not a one-time fix or a short-term solution: The 49th will be followed in later rotations by the 28th and 29th Divisions from the Pennsylvania Guard and Virginia Guard, respectively. Over the past few years, we have also called some 2,000 reservists for continuing operations in Southwest Asia, where they are working to enforce the no-fly zones over Iraq and contain Saddam Hussein.

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In recent years, and despite having to perform more missions in more places with fewer people, the Department of Defense has had considerable success in working to sustain readiness, improve pay and benefits, enhance health care and retirement, support new recruiting efforts, and improve the quality of life of our military members, active and reserve. We have also responded as new threats have emerged, from cyber attacks to terrorism, and we are successfully integrating our reserve forces into the emerging missions of the 21st century.



The Honorable Charles L. Cragin, the Principal Deputy UnderSecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Courtesy Defense Dept. Photo.

The scope, magnitude and duration of the contributions being made by reserve and Guard members serve to underscore their enduring value in today's world. The role of our reserve forces is changing, those changes are influencing policy in important ways, and they tell us new things about the future direction of the nation's military. They also

help highlight the changing contract between reservists and the nation they serve.

The men and women of the Guard and Reserve are not "weekend warriors" anymore—and their increased contributions demand that we work harder to take care of them, their families and their civilian employers.

NYARNG Pushing Year-end Strength Goal

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM—The New York Army National Guard is pulling out all the stops in the remaining weeks of fiscal year 2000 to reach a year-end strength goal imposed by National Guard Bureau.

In July, Maj. Gen. Michael R. Van Patten, the commanding general issued a letter to the field asking for help from the membership to attract potential recruits. As an added incentive, the general has offered Army Achievement Medals and up to 15 points for enlisted promotion packets to soldiers who bring in new enlistments.

"I need your help now," wrote the general. "Talk to your friends, your family and your co-workers about the benefits and comradery of the National Guard. It's a great organization because of people like you," he wrote.

The general's appeal seems to be working. Buoyed by increased numbers of referrals, recruiters are working at full steam to bring the state's strength figure to a total of 11,950 by the end of September. Meeting the strength goal is vital to the state because of its potential impact on the future.

"The strength goal is where NGB feels we as a state force need to be at in the big scheme of things," said State Command Sergeant Major Don Brawley. "At the

end of the fiscal year (September 30), only those states that meet their strength goal will be allowed to expand or maintain the forces they are presently assigned," he explained.

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"We know now that only about 25 to 30 percent of states will probably make their mission, and we will be one of them," said Brawley. He describes the present national recruiting market as among the most difficult seen in recent times in light of the economy and other factors. Brawley has reason to be confident in New York. "We are known as an innovation state and a doer when it comes to recruiting and retaining. Other states continue to look to us for new ideas and concepts," he said.

When all is said and done, New York's leadership is determined that the state will reach the "green" of success and not be marked "red" for coming up short. "When we meet this goal, we will be in a position of strength to bargain with NGB for the future. And, that's exactly where we need to be," said Brawley.

Sights and Sounds of Rainbow Tank Gunnery

Story and Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

RANGE 23, FORT DRUM—There is nothing quite like the sights, sounds and smells of summer at Fort Drum. The heat, humidity and dust hanging in the air, the acrid aroma of cordite and diesel fuel, the crack of a tank's main gun and the staccato of machinegun fire and the ever present squealing and creaking of tracks. Yes, its summer at Fort Drum, and once again, the NY Army National Guard has returned for training.

Almost as soon as the July 4th holiday was over, members of the 42nd Infantry Division began arriving on post to begin Annual Training. Very soon, nearly four hundred members of the Western New York-based 1st Battalion 127th Armor and Headquarters, Third Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division and attachments had established residence at Range 23. Tank gunnery is their purpose and qualifying tank crews through the Army's Tank Table VIII is the goal.

When the 127th is finished with its training, NY's other Third Brigade armor unit arrives for its training, the 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry. Before July is over, more than 50 four-member tank crews will have fired hundreds of expensive 105mm training rounds and thousands of machinegun bullets into wooden targets at the post's most modern range.

Range 23 opened last year to the delight of tankers and their commanders. To them it's the "Cadillac" of ranges, a veritable master gunner's paradise. The complex includes a fenced motor park and maintenance garage, designated bivouac, ammunition and refueling areas, a large tower with two-floor observation and sophisticated range management suite, and a spacious firing range with reliable pop up and moving targets. In addition, the range configuration enables two tanks to negotiate the firing course simultaneously. Even though only one tank is allowed to fire an engagement at a time while the other crew waits, the overall pace of the training is quick. There is no rushing around. Everything is done cautiously and deliberately.



Sgt. First Class Patrick Kelly (left) of the Headquarters Company maintenance section reviews a fault listed on a DA Form 2404 for Spec. Robert Merry, a turret mechanic assigned to the NY National Guard Mobilization and Training Equipment Site at Fort



Sgt. Patrick Meek of Company B, 1st Battalion, 127th Armor ground guides his M1 Tank from the ammunition point on Range 23.

"This is a great range, better than Fort Knox's," said Maj. Keith Wrisley, the 127th's Battalion commander. "And, the range support staff are very supportive and helpful," he added. His entire battalion came to fire. Due to difficulties last year at Fort Knox

Knox's simulators as planned. Then, they came here to shoot," he said. The battalion's goal is to qualify 33 crews.

"Tank Table VIII has six day time engagements and four night time engagements," said Capt. Dave Dunkle, assistant battalion



M1 Tank of Company B, 1st Battalion, 127th Armor engages a target from the hull down position at Range 23 during the day phase of Tank Table VII. Below, another tank fires from the same position during night fire.

ranges, some of his crews couldn't complete gunnery training. He arranged for those crews to come back to Drum to make up for last year.

"We usually have two companies doing gunnery and the other two companies doing maneuver training in any given year. But last year was not a good gunnery year

for Companies B and C because Fort Knox kept having trouble with its range and weather conditions and support staff. They kept shutting down the range on us and it kept us from completing the night phases. So, I brought those crews back here to Drum in a long drill status tacked onto the battalion's Annual Training period so they could fire and get back into sync," said Maj. Wrisley. "Those crews completed maneuver training in Fort

operations officer. "To qualify, tank crews must obtain satisfactory on at least seven engagements and achieve a combined minimum score of 700 points." Army guidelines authorize two alternate engagements if needed, explained Dunkle.



Table VIII tests a crew's ability to acquire and engage targets effectively under simulated combat conditions. Each engagement reproduces an expected firing situation a crew could face, and includes en-



gagements from both a fixed defensive position as well as firing on the move at multiple targets. There are stationary targets and targets which move. There are even engagements requiring the crew to wear protective masks. Scores are assigned to reflect the crews proficiency in spotting the target, rapidly engaging and hitting it using appropriate crew procedures. To be effective the crew, including tank commander, gunner, loader and driver, must work as a team.

"Our biggest challenge is keeping our tanks and optical systems fully operational through a firing run," said Dunkle, who added that NY's M1 Abrams are among the oldest in the Army system. "Just last night we had a tank getting ready to make a run and all of a sudden the thermal sight just went blank and the crew could no longer see anything. Every one of our tanks has some problem with it. It is really tough to try to train this way," he said.

New York began converting to the M1 Abrams back in 1992. At that time it began getting M1s from the Army's inventories of those vehicles previously used by active duty units. These tanks are among the oldest ever produced and date back to the early 1980s. At least one tank still sports a label inside the driver's compartment identifying it as an "XM1"—a vehicle from the initial experimental production series!

To keep the tanks moving and shooting, the 127th depends on its crews and its own maintenance personnel. It also depends on extra help from mechanics and support staff of the Guard's 342nd Forward Support Battalion, 50th Main Support Battalion and technicians from the New York Army National Guard's Fort Drum-based Mobiliza-

tion and Training Equipment Site. Members of these organizations were on hand and kept very busy. It is all part of an annual ritual at Fort Drum when the Guard comes back to train.

Cav Hosts Employers, Recruits at Fort Drum Training

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM – The New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry hosted an Annual Training visit to Fort Drum in July for civilian employers and Guard recruits from the Capital District and the Newburgh area.

A New York Air National Guard crew from the 109th Airlift Wing flew the employers and recruits up aboard a C-130 Hercules for a day on Fort Drum's Range 23. M1 tank crews of Companies B and C fired gunnery qualification tables and Company D conducted maneuver training during their 15 day Annual Training at the North Country post. The 101st has subordinate companies based on Staten Island, Newburgh, Troy and Hoosick Falls. Civilian employers were invited to visit the training by their citizen soldier-employees as part of an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Boss Lift."

In addition to the employers, several new members of the 101st waiting to attend Basic Training went along to visit their new unit at field training. The young people recently joined the Guard to take advantage of NY's improved Tuition Incentive benefit program. Guard members can now attend the state's public colleges and universities tuition free immediately upon joining the Guard or get financial assistance to attend any of the state's private schools up to the public school tuition rate.



Employers and recruits see an M1 tank up close and personal during the 101 Cavalry BOSSLIFT. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

"I'm going to get experience as a mechanic from the National Guard while I go to school for it," said Mike Fordley, who joined Company C in Hoosick Falls to become a tracked vehicle

mechanic after graduating from high school in June. The visit to Fort Drum reinforced his decision to join, Fordley said, besides "...The Guard is giving me money to go to college."

"They took us inside the tanks. Showed us what it is like in the turret. I've never seen anything like it," Luke Carpentier told a TV news crew from Watertown from inside the tower over looking Range 23. "I think its cool," he said while watching another M1 charge down the course, firing on the move.

During the flight to and from Fort Drum, the employers and new recruits got special treatment from the Air Guard crew. Capt. Dave Panavera invited the guests to take turns riding strapped in up in the cockpit for the various planned take offs and landings between home base, Newburgh and Fort Drum. The trip was the first time recruits Fordley and Carpentier had flown in an aircraft. Getting to ride up front only added to their overall excitement level.

"I really enjoyed this trip," said Neal Robertson, a supervisor with Owens Corning Corporation. "Most people have no idea what military training is like and all the things that go into it. I was impressed by what I saw. You really should do more of these (trips for employers)," he said. "Seeing is believing. I believe in what you guys are doing."

Boxing Soldier Wins Again

New IBF Champion is a NY National Guard Troop

US Olympic Boxing Team in 1984. In 1997, he won both the World Boxing Organization's Middle Weight Title and the World Boxing Congress Light Heavy Weight Title. He is an undefeated professional fighter.

But life outside of the ring is even more important to the young fighter from the Bronx. He balances his athletic career with a civilian job, a part time military avocation and volunteer work with youth in the community. For him, life is about setting worth while goals and achieving them – one after another.

He joined the NY Army National Guard nine years ago and presently serves in the 145th Maintenance Company based in the Bronx. The former infantry soldier has maintained an excellent attendance and duty performance record for Guard drills and training even while pursuing his boxing career. He transferred to a maintenance unit last year to follow a renewed interest in

being a mechanic, something he grew up doing with his father. When he is not with the Guard he works as a manager in a Midas Muffler shop in New Jersey just across the Hudson River from his New York City birthplace.

Although he is a professional boxer as well as a soldier, street fighting is something Morales doesn't condone. For several years he has been working as a volunteer with the city public schools and the police department. He has used his boxing fame and boundless energy to bring anti violence and anti drug messages to young people in the Bronx and Queens neighborhoods where he once resided. He led after school exercise programs to help young people learn how to channel their

energies, frustrations and destructive tendencies away from violence, drugs and crime towards physical fitness, helping others and staying in school to finish their education. Even as this article is being written, Morales is meeting Mayor Rudolf Giuliani and will be working with the Mayor's office on drug abuse awareness for his future participation in yet another program.

Morales embraces his Guard involvement with as much passion as he brings to his boxing career and youth efforts. "I love doing this," he said. "I like new challenges. In the Guard, I see a lot and learn a lot. The training and experience has helped me in my civilian life," he added.

"I enjoy spending time with the others in my unit. We built our own family there. We all know our job. We feel good when we complete a mission together," he said. "I don't hold back.

The guys know I am there for them and we all have to work together. That's important to me."

Morales sees the Guard as a possible solution to many of the problems that young people face, especially people he sees everyday in the boroughs of New York City. "I see many kids who are ...lost. I see others who have jobs that are going no where. I tell them they should join the Guard like I did. We all have to have some-

thing to fall back on. I tell them if they join they can get help to go to school. I really think the Guard can be a solution to their personal problems in life. They need a chance. I think the Guard can give that to them," he said.



By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
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LONDON, ENGLAND – With a strong left hook to his opponent's temple at 2 minutes and 17 seconds into the second round, Jose' Luis Rivera-Morales became the new International Boxing Federation Light Heavy-Weight Champion by knocking out Montel "Iceman" Griffin.

The fight was held in London, England on August 12. Specialist Morales's professional fight record is now 36-0 and he is ranked 25th by the World Boxing Conference in his weight class. That's right. The champ is a soldier.

Now Morales is setting his sights on Roy Jones, Jr. who holds five titles in the cruiser-weight division, the next weight class up from light heavy weight. A victory over Jones in a pay-per-view broadcast match could bring Morales millions. It's a challenge that he is relishing even as reflects on his most recent victory.

Over the years Morales has earned an impressive amateur and professional boxing record. He won Golden Gloves titles in the greater New York City area and was also on the



Jose' Luis Rivera-Morales poses with NY State Governor George Pataki (above left) and Bronx River Park youth volunteers at the recent GuardHELP event. Morales, an IBF Light/Heavy weight boxing champion, is also a maintenance specialist in the 145th Maintenance Company in the Bronx. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

Vipers Strike at Empire Peak

By Spc. Peter K. Towse
138th MPAD

FORT DRUM -- The ground trembled as 34 tons of steel made its way through the tall grass leaving only a thick trail of mud behind as the 31st Cavalry forged their way into the most recent assembly area.

Many states including Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and New York supplied units to make up the 31st Cavalry, also called the Vipers, for operation Empire Peak here at Fort Drum.

"I am learning something new every day," said Pfc. Brandon C. White an infantryman from New York with the 27th Brigade. "We are working together as one team even though we are from different states."

The training and mission of the 31st Cavalry is in preparation for JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) in the year 2001. The Vipers provide the heavy team or armored force for the light infan-



An M3 Bradley (Top Right) and an M1A1 Abrams (Above) move throughout the Fort Drum training areas for the 27th Brigade final dress rehearsal for the Joint Readiness Training Center. The exercise, called Empire Peak, involved the Alabama heavy team to provide armor support to the light infantry task force. Photos by Spec. James Sylvester.

try brigade task force. The Vipers have the most firepower throughout the task force, but the overall mission was one for peace.

"Our mission here is as a peace-keeping force in Cortina," said Spc. Christian Bulouck a driver of the M1-A1 tank from Calera, Alabama. "The training is great and we are all getting along."

The Alabama heavy armor team consists of many M1-A1 tanks, Bradley tanks, and M1064 mortar carriers.

"There has been no enemy contact as of yet," said Capt. James W. McGlaughn, commander of the Vipers in their first week of operations. "We are here to protect Cortina, and, so far, we are doing a good job. The morale is high and the training is excellent."

Medics at the ISB

By Spec. Peter K. Towse
138th MPAD

GRIFFISS INDUSTRIAL PARK, ROME -- With normally a crew of 200, the 118th Medical unit from New Haven, CT has their hands full here with a staff of only 20.

The 118th deployed to the ISB (Intermediate Staging Base) here at the former Griffiss Air Force Base to give medical assistance for the 4,100 soldiers deployed for the 27th Brigade's Annual Training Exercise Empire Peak.

"We have an outstanding staff of PA's (physician assistants), nurses and combat medics," said Corp. Kenneth L. Bell, a combat medic for the 118th.

"We have five examination rooms, one trauma center and are capable of handling over 100 patients at a time," Bell said. "All emergencies that we cannot handle here, are sent to Fort Drum. The patients are transported by military or civilian ambulance and even military helicopters."



Medical evacuation in the ISB. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg

Fort Drum is also capable of handling all X-rays, dental and eye exams.

"Everything is working smoothly," said 2nd Lt. David M. Lang, a PA for the 118th. "We have trained for mass casualties with 200 people involved. We have a small staff, but I feel confident that we are ready for deployment."

Working 20-hour days is not uncommon among the medics. "I usually end up sleeping here," said Sgt. Delores A. Burpee, a combat medic for the 118th. "The accommodations are excellent and I get to take a shower everyday."

"We are keeping busy with mostly dehydration and allergies," Burpee said. "So far, we are doing well and hanging in there."

"In spite of the long days and a staff of only 20, the 118th Medical unit is working hard to keep the soldiers of the ISB in working order," she said.

Public Affairs Adds Battlefield Media to Brigade Training

By Spec Diane Filak
138th MPAD

FORT DRUM -- The 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) assisted in training soldiers on how to deal with the media during operation Empire Peak.

Members of the 138th MPAD, First Lt. Al Cruz, Spec. Peter Towse, and Spec. James Sylvester acted as civilian media to test the reactions of 27th Brigade troops.

The training included interviewing officers and enlisted, taking pictures and video of the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB) operations. The training replicated the media on the battlefield operations at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA. The role-players assumed identities of news organizations familiar to most troops, such as CNN or

ABC News. Dressed in civilian clothes and wearing official "Cortinian" press passes, the 138th moved about the ISB asking questions, taking pictures and shooting video.

"Photography is not as easy as people might think," said Spec. Sylvester, a photojournalist with the 138th. "Getting the proper angle at the right moment can take some time. The right picture can be a story of its own."

"A good interview depends on the person, the more open they are, the better the story," said Spec. Towse. "I try to help the subject relax before the interview begins."

Once at Fort Drum (Cortina), the role-players attempted to cover brigade combat operations.



"A number of soldiers did not want to speak to the media," said Towse. "Dealing with the press is not something that the military is up to speed on. Our mission here is to train the troops regarding their media responsibilities."

Army doctrine urges commanders to seek opportunities for media coverage and take the initiative when the media comes calling. "A controlled situation will bring positive results," said Lt. Cruz. "Otherwise the public winds up with a distorted view of the operation."

Editor's note: Spec. Filak also served as a role-player media representative.

Army Aviation Rises 'Above the Peak'

By Capt. Robert Giordano
HQ, 53rd Troop Command

FORT DRUM - On August 16th at 2300 hours, three hundred and forty troops from the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, 27th Brigade, boarded "Liberty Element," the call sign for eight Blackhawks from New York and three CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the Connecticut Army National Guard. The mission to execute a battalion size air assault operation onto landing zone Fred and Mike and then to conduct movement to contact against Atlantican forces. This meant the task force was taking the initiative and moving to the offense.

"This major night troop movement succeeded in transporting a large number of forces from the Intermediate Staging Area (ISB) into the battlefield, and made New York's 3d Battalion, 142d Aviation Regiment the first National Guard helicopter battalion to execute a nighttime battalion air assault," said Brig. Gen. Dale Barber, the proud Commander of the 53rd Troop Command.

Over the last year and a half the 3-142d Aviation has made an impressive transition from a support battalion to an assault battalion. Alpha Company Commander, Captain Jeff Baker describes the actual flying skills as similar, however their new mission and Battle Focus has modified how they support their customer, (now infantry leaders at all levels) and enhanced their already sharp tactical skills. Instead of solely transporting cargo and providing lift capability to Support units, the battalion is now conducting Reconnaissance and Sur-

ment from the 10th Mountain Division. The battalion provided OH-58D Kiowa Warrior armed reconnaissance helicopters, Connecticut's Company G, 104th Aviation provided CH-47 troop carriers, South Dakota added Blackhawk crews for medical evacuation and Vermont provided a UH-60 Blackhawk for visiting dignitaries. Lt Col. Michael Swezey, Battalion Commander of the 142d said that coordination amongst different units is always good training and the dedicated professionals of his battalion excelled at it.

Infantry troops often express wonder regarding aviation operations and ask why can't get a ride on those helicopters -



A UH-60 from "Task Force Liberty" makes its final approach to a Landing Zone (LZ) on Fort Drum. The aviation task force, led by the 42nd Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade Headquarters, included aircraft and aircrews from more than three states as well as the Active Army's 10th Mountain Division's 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.



In addition, after every five hours of flying each Blackhawk must undergo a maintenance service.

What this all meant was that 1st Lieutenant Rodriguez and 1st Sergeant Brian Light's B Company 2d Battalion, 108th Infantry spent a great deal of time just looking at helicopters. But leaders felt, this time was well invested for the most important of reasons: safety.

There were many "firsts" at Empire Peak this year largely due to the vision of key leaders and the drive and determination from the participating troops. As the members of Liberty Element look back at their sizeable contribution to Empire Peak, they have a lot to be proud of.



Artillery Tubes from the 1st Battalion, 156th Field Artillery receive a lift to the battlefield from Connecticut's Company G, 104th Aviation CH-47 Chinook Helicopters. Photo by Spec. Diane Filak.

veillance (R/S), casualty evacuation, enhanced troop movement, nighttime air assaults, acting as the taskforces 911 transport as well as transporting cargo and providing lift capability. In addition to over 4,400 troops at Empire Peak the 142d worked along side the Active Army's 1st Battalion (Attack Helicopter) 10th Aviation Regi-

"they're just sitting over there."

At Empire Peak the Battalion deployed a total of 16 Blackhawk helicopters; twelve from the Latham flight facility and four more from Long Island. Of these, two were on constant standby as the task force "911" or Downed Aircraft, Response Team (DART). Others were dedicated just for daytime missions or solely for nighttime missions (most, but not all pilots, were "goggle qualified" for night operations).

Also, according to Federal Aviation standards and Army guidelines, crews also have a specified limit to the number of hours they can safely fly during a 24 hour period.



Above Left: UH-60 pilots from "Task Force Liberty" performed a multitude of missions during the 27th Brigade annual training, from combat assaults to logistical resupply and casualty evacuation. Photo Above: Aircrews from 3d Battalion, 142d Aviation and Company G, 104th Aviation conduct the Aircrew Mission Briefing (AMB) for the 27th Brigade's night air assault. The mission, flown from Griffis Industrial Park to Fort Drum, provided the first-ever battalion sized air assault conducted using night vision goggles. Photos by Capt. Robert Giordano.

History Channel Documents Air Guard Rescues

By Staff Sgt. Martin Bannan
109th Airlift Wing

GLENVILLE—Culminating a year of unprecedented media attention, the NY Air National Guard was featured on A&E Network's History Channel in a segment of a documentary series, Search and Rescue. Produced and narrated by veteran actor and filmmaker Monte Markham, the segment illustrates the 109th Airlift Wing's polar mission and recounts its historic 1999 South Pole rescue.

Markham explained that he felt so good about the 109th segment that he had to have it either begin or end his series. He chose to make it the finale. "We knew it had great production value. It's a strong show that contains the best elements of Search and Rescue, isolation and risk. I compare



Pararescue Jumpers (PJs) of the 106th Air Wing. File Photo.

it to going into outer space." The final episode also features a story about a recent rescue operation conducted by New York Air National Guard's 106th Air Rescue Wing.

His interest in featuring the Air Guard resulted from a conversation with Lt. Col. Anthony Cristiano, community liaison officer for the 106th Rescue Squadron in Westhampton Beach. Markham had finished filming The Killer Storm, a documentary about the 1991 Halloween Gale dramatized in the movie, The Perfect Storm. In it, he recounts the 106th's Air Rescue Wing's daring controlled helicopter ditching during an ill-fated rescue mission in that cataclysm.

"After finishing Killer Storm, we called Col. Cristiano about working with us on future shows," Markham said. "He told us to call the 109th."

Markham called New York Air National Guard Headquarters in Latham where Public Affairs Officer Maj. Robert Bullock provided information as well as a flight to Greenland for a glimpse of the 109th's polar survival training ("Kool School"). "We always get calls looking to do stories about us," Maj. Bullock said. "The mission now has an international profile. People throughout the world want to know more about landing ski planes on the ice, and we are the only ones who can talk about it."

The narrative begins with historical and geographic background about Antarctica before introducing viewers to the 109th. Highlights include filmed interviews with former Wing Commander Col. Graham Pritchard, former Vice Commander Col. Edward Fleming and Rescue Pilot Maj. George McAllister. Footage captures "Kool School" training as well as scenes aboard one of the wing's C-130s.

"I particularly wanted to identify the risks involved and show how crew members improvise when things go wrong," Markham said. He added that Col. Fleming helped him



A 109th Airlift Wing C-130 in Antarctica during last October's South Pole Rescue. File Photo.

greatly with this important element of the story. Filming began in May with a visit to the base before flying to Greenland. "When shooting news and documentaries, every mission presents its own challenge," Maj. Bullock explained. "While we do all we can to help the media capture our story, bad flying weather and schedule constraints force us many times to change plans."

This was the case the first day Markham's crew began filming on the Greenland ice cap. After setting up and getting acclimated, they were ready to shoot. Then came the weather report.

With a storm blowing their way, the planes had to head back. Everyone hastily packed up and left. "Luckily, we got back and did better than expected, even capturing an extra hour of filming," Maj. Bullock said. "When things work this well, it's because the whole unit pitches in to make it happen."

With hours of footage and a clearer understanding of our mission, Markham found himself trying to tackle a larger story. "I originally planned for a quarter-hour segment, but had to expand it to 25 minutes," he said. "I now want to someday do a full two-hour show devoted entirely to the 109th's Antarctica Mission."

The segment culminates with last year's rescue of Dr. Jerri Nielsen from the South Pole. Dr. Nielsen, a physician with the National Science Foundation, was stranded there after diagnosing herself with breast cancer the previous June. "I was amazed at the enormity of the mission," Markham said. "In spite of all the risk and difficulty, everything seemed well planned and precise. The 109th has an amazing make-up of people working in the world's harshest regions. They're not your father's National Guard."

All Women Air Defense Crew Celebrates Women's Rights Anniversary

Guard Times Staff

ROME -- Eighty years ago this month, the efforts of a group of women in Seneca Falls, New York, culminated in the ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. To celebrate the event, on the 12th of August the Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) in Rome, NY had on duty an operations crew comprised totally of women. It is a first in the history of the Air Force and Air National Guard.

It is fitting that this occurred less than 100 miles away from Seneca Falls. The Northeast Air Defense Sector is part of First Air Force and is responsible for the air sovereignty and air defense of the northeastern United States. Their area of responsibility stretches from Virginia to Maine and across to North Dakota.

Col Robert Marr, Commander of NEADS felt this was the right time for such an event. "Quite simply, this is the right thing to do! This event shows that in our field of air defense and command and control, we have been able to successfully reduce, if not

eliminate, barriers that had blocked women. More importantly, it shows simply that the performance standards are equal for all NEADS people."

Chief Master Sergeant Marcia Kenney, Operations Superintendent at the SAOC echoes Col Marr's enthusiasm for the event. "It's amazing that, first of all, we have enough females in such a critical field to fill every position on the Operations floor for an 8 hour period. Secondly, right from the top of our chain of command, we had the blessing and support to go ahead with this. We normally think of men when we think of terms such as "defense" and "air sovereignty"—even the term "military". Well, on this day we had an all-female cadre responsible for the air sovereignty of the Northeastern United States. What an honor!"

Today, women's roles have expanded to all echelons of military service to include command. The 14 women on crew at NEADS this August are a reflection of women throughout the military. They represent all

facets of the local area and are not only military members but also mothers, wives and active members of the community.

The crew was comprised of the following individuals: Maj. Elise Hereth, Mission Crew Commander; Master Sgt. Juanita Sheppard, Mission Crew Commander Technician; Chief Master Sgt. Marcia Kenney, Emergency Actions Coordinator; Major Dawne Deskins, Senior Director; Staff Sergeant Laura Swartout, Senior Director Technician; Canadian Forces Capt. Tiffany Shelley, Weapons Director; Technical Sergeant Maureen Dooley, Weapons Director Technician; Master Sergeant Jennifer Carle and Staff Sgt. Leah Richmond, Identification Technicians; Staff Sgt. Gina Beattie, Air Surveillance Technician; Technical Sgt.



The NEADS all-women operations crew. Courtesy Photo.

Shelley Watson, Data Quality Monitor; Staff Sgt. Karen Kent, Interface Control Coordinator; and Senior Airmen Stacia Rountree and Bonnie Bosworth.

"Today, here we are, with the defense of the entire Northeastern sector of the United States of America resting, with confidence, on the job expertise of a handful of women who do the job as well as it can be done," Chief Kenney said. "We've come a long, long way, and it's very rewarding to be a part of that."

109th Plane Takes International Top Honors

City of Amsterdam returns from Royal International Tattoo with Best of Show Trophy

By Staff Sgt. Martin Bannan
109th Air Wing

GLENVILLE -- As the C-130 *City of Amsterdam* made her final homeward-bound approach on July 25, more than 100 people gathered on the flight line to greet those on board. It had only been six months since she returned crippled after a rough ice landing in Antarctica. Now, she came home in glory. When the engines ceased and the door swung open, jubilant airmen poured out carrying the 109th's newest prize, The Concours d'Elegance Trophy for Best of Show at the Royal International Air Tattoo 2000 held July 21 through 23 in Cottesmore, England.

The air tattoo showcases aircraft from around the world while offering competitive events between selected types, each year. This year, heavy-lift cargo planes, including the C-130 Hercules, 141 Starlifter and C-17 Globemasters competed. Twelve judges, from various countries, tallied scores after making a thorough inspection of each plane's exterior. All judges, including one retired U.S. Air Force colonel, were former military aviators.

Out of dozens of airplanes from 30 countries, the 109th took top honors for the best looking and cleanest one in the show.

"We won because we gave attention to detail," boasted Aircraft Mechanic Supervisor Senior Master Sgt. William Hanrahan. "There wasn't a spot on the plane we missed."

The outcome was an unprecedented score of 117 out of a possible 120 points. "That's the highest score ever attained in this competition," Crew Chief Tech. Sgt. Brian Bik proudly proclaimed. The 109th also won the award in 1994; the last time the Hercules was eligible to compete.

"The Concourse d'Elegance Trophy is one of the most coveted and prestigious maintenance awards in the world," 109th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Max Della Pia said. "The air crews who fly our aircraft can, and do, attest to the superior quality of maintenance we have at the 109th. Yet, we do not thank them for their efforts nearly enough. It is heart warming to see the maintenance team get this international recognition for what we have known all along—We have the best maintainers in the world!!"

While 25 people from the base flew to England to attend the air tattoo, Hanrahan stresses that credit for winning belongs to everyone in maintenance and all sections on base that helped. "Ten days went into preparing for this, with five of them solely devoted to painting, cleaning, and polishing the plane," he said. "Twenty people stayed late and even gave up their weekend to add elbow grease to the project."

Some volunteers pushed the envelope even further. Senior Airman Kelly Williams, a sheet metal worker here, stayed after work alone two nights painting the plane's number one engine. "I had to wait until everyone was gone before I could get started as the vapors from the paint are quite harsh," she said. "It's a tedious job because you have to cover each inlet and all of the propellers with masking tape and paper before you begin."

Actually, all prepping for competition is painstaking work requiring an eye for detail, Bik explains. "There are areas on the plane so difficult to get at that we took them apart and cleaned them with tooth brushes."



Triumphant unit members pose together holding their trophy in front of the best looking airplane at this year's Royal International Tattoo. Courtesy photo by Master Sgt. Willie Gizara

After clearing the grease and grime, it's time for paint touch ups. "We used artist's brushes to cover every nick, scrape and rivet head", explained Tech. Sgt. Michael Trefzger, a flight line expeditor here. "I even recreated the stenciling by hand."

Final preparations were spent waxing. "I think waxing takes the most effort," Bik said. "It's a lot of wax and a lot of time. We apply it by hand and rub it in with rags. Then, we buff the plane for three days to get it gleaming. When

we land in England we clean the plane again and wax some more."

The plane had come a long way to reach this moment. Last February, it sustained damage to its wheel pods after landing on rough ice in Antarctica. "Our sheet metal workers spent six months putting the wheels back into shape," Trefzger said. "They deserve a big applause."

When she taxied in at Cottesmore, *The City of Amsterdam* looked spiffy enough, but more work was needed. On the way over, the plane picked up some unlucky bugs that buzzed in its path as well as more soot. "One reason we did so well is because we took time to clean and wax the plane again after we arrived," Hanrahan said. "Other outfits simply parked their plane and got out."

During the show, spectators and participants marveled at the award-winning C-130. "They asked the same questions," Trefzger recalled. "How do you land with those skis? What is the plane's combat roll? It was a great cultural exchange."

Such success not only brings home trophies and bragging rights, it restores confidence in our aircraft and its caretakers.

"I could sense they would return as winners even before they left for England," recalled maintenance's best customer, Operations Group Commander Lt. Col. Brian Gomula. "The aircraft maintenance staff here is the best. That makes me feel real good, not only for me and my pilots, but for everyone in the unit as well."

Year of the Family — Literally!

By Staff Sgt. Tracy Maynard
107th Air Refueling Wing

NIAGARA FALLS -- Member's of the 107th Air Refueling Wing are not only telling their friends about the unit, but they're telling family members as well.

"In the four years I've been recruiting, I haven't seen as much family participation as I have in this past year," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Lange, 107th ARW recruiter. So far this year, 12 family members have signed on with the unit. According to Lange, the average amount of family recruits in one year, is two to three people.

Lange attributes part of the unit growth, family members and others to the college tuition assistance offered by the New York National Guard.

"I believe people believe in the Guard program. It's no longer a stepping stone, but an escalator. Get on and ride it to the top," said Lange. "It's also a way to keep families together."

Senior Airman Ryan Hopper, 107th Civil Engineer Squadron, said the reason he came back to Western New York, after serving a four-year active-duty tour in the Air Force, was because he has family here. And by joining the unit, he had a good opportunity to go to school without going into debt. "I like the benefits toward school," Hopper said,

"plus, it's additional time in the military. It's the only part-time job you can get a retirement from."

Hopper's father, Master Sgt. Jay Hopper, 136th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, said his son joined the unit because of the financial benefits, as well as the educational ones. He said his son knew he would get money from his GI Bill, he would get guard drill pay, and he wouldn't have to go into too much debt while attending college. In addition, the fact that his Air Force Specialty Code is one that is currently considered a critical career field meant he would get a kicker bonus as well.

After almost nine years off of active duty and a short stay in the 914th Airlift Wing, Staff Sgt. Dan Fox, 107th Logistics Squadron, decided to join the Air National Guard for the retirement benefits, according to his sister-in-law, Tech. Sgt. Virginia Ballester, medical administrator for the 107th Medical Squadron. Fox, who is away in Maryland at technical school is due back to the unit in December.

So, whether it's for the tuition benefits, added income or retirement benefits, several family members have found their own reasons for joining the Air National Guard, giving the Air National Guard's "Year of the Family" a whole new meaning!

City Troops Conduct River Cleanup

GuardHELP mission helps City restore Bronx River's potential

By Scott Sandman
Guard Times Staff

THE BRONX— While most New Yorkers never notice it meandering alongside parkways, past factories and under bridges, to many local residents the Bronx River is a strip of green oasis in a concrete desert. The problem is that too many people over the years have used the river as an abandoned vehicle dumping ground, severely detracting from the river's natural beauty and limiting its recreational potential.

The Partnership for Parks, an initiative of the City Parks Foundation and the NY City Dept. of Parks and Recreation, has done much to clean up the river. Over the past year, the Partnership coordinated two "River Blockage Removal" projects from which 27 cars and 80 tons of trash were pulled from the river. Still, they had a problem. Steep banks and soft terrain in a stretch of the river between 174th and 177th streets made removal of some 20 abandoned cars all but impossible with conventional civilian equipment.

Enter the NY National Guard. In the latest installment of Governor Pataki's GuardHELP community support program, troops from the Bronx and Brooklyn performed training as they removed about 20 junk vehicles which posed an obstacle and a danger to local kids who frequently canoe and fish in that section of river.

Late in August, troops from the New York Army National Guard's Headquarters 206th Combat Support Battalion and the 145th and 102nd Maintenance

Companies used HEMTT wreckers and an all-terrain forklift to drag the junk cars from the river and load them onto a civilian contractor's flatbed truck. Fighting rainy weather and rising tides, the soldiers used canoes to reach and rig several cars that were totally submerged.

Governor Pataki took a personal interest in the project, travelling to the site on August 28th to present the first editions of the newly minted Governor's Coin to the troops. In addition, the Governor was joined by State Senator Guy Veleva and Assemblyman Ruben Diaz, and New York City Parks Commissioner Henry Stern for a press conference at the site, which was covered by nearly all major New York City media outlets. Governor Pataki, NY National Guard State Commander in Chief said "This is precisely the kind of project we envisioned when we launched GuardHELP in 1998. The soldiers gain both an important training opportunity and the chance to make a positive contribution to their city, and the people of New York get a cleaner, safer Bronx River to enjoy for years to come."



One of the 24 abandoned vehicles pulled from the Bronx River reaches shore. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani agreed, stating through a news release "This partnership between the City and the NY National Guard is a 'win/win' situation for all. Today we are taking another step toward restoring New York and its environs to their original beauty, and improving New Yorkers' quality of life."

"It went great," said Capt. Craig Williams, the commander of the 102nd Maintenance Company and officer in charge at the scene. "It was something different for troops to do and they felt good doing it," he said. Williams said the mission was not as easy as it first sounded. "It was a lot of work. We worked 14 to 15 hour days, and when we got

home we were beat. You had to get into the water to rig the cables. It was pretty tough lying on your stomach in a canoe so you could lean out to hook on a half-submerged wreck. We had to watch safety carefully, but in the end we all enjoyed the mission. It was good training," he added.



Governor George Pataki presents a Governor's coin to members of the 102d Maintenance Company during the river cleanup. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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Soldiers from the 102d Maintenance Company use canoes to secure abandoned vehicles in the Bronx River to remove them from the nearly 12 foot deep water. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

GuardHELP Goes 'Purple'

Army, Air Guardsmen Join Naval Reserve in Demolition

Guard Times Staff

SCHENECTADY – To the delight of local residents, members of the NY Army National Guard, Air National Guard and US Naval Reserve joined forces to rid the City of Schenectady of a dangerous eyesore.

This August, members of the New York Army National Guard's 204th Engineer Battalion, the Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing and US Navy's 133d Naval Mobile Construction Battalion demolished an abandoned Quonset hut adjacent to the Schenectady Museum.

The 21-foot high, 142-foot by 40-foot Quonset hut had stood on what is now Museum property on the corner of Nott Terrace and Lewis Place for decades. The building was reportedly used at one time to store trucks and equipment belonging to a now-defunct ice cream plant, but had long outlived its usefulness.

The rusting hulk's decayed, dilapidated condition had rendered it both a blight on the downtown landscape and a potential hazard to local children.

The multi-force joint "purple" detail included over 25 soldiers, airmen and sailors who worked for three days to strip the tin plating from the exterior of the structure, collapse the interior steel skeleton and cut the pieces into transportable scrap material.

In addition to the support of the local community, the troops gained valuable training with various equipment including five-ton trucks, loaders, torches and "sawz-alls."

The land freed up by the demolition project will be used to create much-needed parking for a nearby museum and county employees.



Soldiers, airmen, and sailors make quick work during the demolition and removal of an abandoned Quonset hut in Schenectady. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

Firehawks Land in New York

With Congressional Help, New York Slated for Newest Fire Fighting Weapon



By Scott Sandman
Guard Times Staff

WEST POINT – As wildfires ravaged the western US this summer, New Yorkers got some welcome news. The New York Army National Guard will receive two state-of-the-art helicopter firefighting platforms to battle wildfires across the state thanks to a \$3 million appropriation secured by US Rep. Sue Kelly (R-Katonah).

The funding, included in the FY 2001 Defense Appropriations bill will be used to purchase a pair of Sikorsky S-70A 1000-gallon "Firehawk" water tank systems. Kelly, whose 19th Congressional District includes the West Point reservation, fought for and won the appropriation based on a request from Gov. George E. Pataki.

On July 24, Kelly joined aviators from the New York National Guard, as well as representatives of the United State Military Academy, local fire fighting agencies and Sikorsky Aircraft at the West Point reservation for a demonstration of the Firehawk's capabilities. A crew from the Oregon Army National Guard put their UH-60 Firehawk, the only one currently in operation, through its paces drawing and deploying water from the Hudson River adjacent to West Point's North Dock, which served as an observation point.

"the Firehawk system will allow our crews to get more water to the fire faster, more accurately, and more reliably"

"The Guard's excellent performance fighting last year's West Point fires showed what a tremendous asset helicopter support can be for containing and extinguishing forest fires. This equipment will greatly enhance the Guard's ability to provide this much needed support to localities throughout the state, including the West Point reservation," said Kelly.

According to Lt. Col. Dave Sheppard, NYARNG's State Aviation Officer, the Firehawk, which consists of a securely mounted 1000-gallon belly tank, a powerful vacuum



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Photos Above and at Right: US Rep. Sue Kelly (R-Katonah) joins representatives of the NY Army National Guard and the US Military Academy, local firefighting agencies and the Sikorsky Aircraft Company for a demonstration of the UH-60 Firehawk water tank system. The helicopter can place 1,000 gallons of water onto forest fires in rapid succession with out using a slingload. The Military Academy was the site of devastating wild fires last summer and the Army and Air National Guard provided helicopter aerial support to extinguish the fires in the lower Hudson Valley. Photos by Scott Sandman.

pump and a retractable snorkel, will drastically cut turnaround time between the water source and drop zone. The Firehawk can draw 1000 gallons of water into its tank in about 60 seconds, and unlike the 660-gallon buckets now in use, does not swing freely under the aircraft, allowing for greater airspeed and more precise drops, Sheppard said.

"Compared to the slingloaded waterbuckets we use now, the Firehawk system will allow our crews to get more water to the fire faster, more accurately, and more reliably. While we've done a good job with the equipment we have now, this cutting edge technology will allow us to provide even better support to the citizens living near a forest fire site, and the firefighters on the ground," said Sheppard.

Over the last five years, Governor Pataki has activated Army and Air National Guard aviators to fight forest fires in the Long Island Pine Barrens, the Adirondacks, Rotterdam and at West Point. Guard aviators dropped about 500,000 gallons of water on last summer's West Point blaze.

It is anticipated that the new Firehawks will be on station at Latham's Army Aviation Support Facility #3 within the next two years.



27th Brigade Climbs to Summit

All of New York State Supports JRTC Final Dress Rehearsal



A howitzer and mover from Battery A, 1st Battalion 156th Field Artillery backs up the ramp of a Louisiana Air National Guard C-130 for air movement to Fort Drum. Photo by Spec. Peter Towse.

Providing the BTF higher headquarters was the Division Headquarters of the 42nd Infantry from Troy while the Rainbow's 1st Battalion 69th Infantry (Mechanized) from New York City provided the enemy, or opposing force (OPFOR).

Captain Robert Stabb, commander of the Brigade's Headquarters Company, noted that the entire task force when seen in its entirety, changed the perspective of many Brigade soldiers. "Look at what we've done here. We've got infantry, tanks, artillery, aviation, and all sorts of

support soldiers all on the same team," he said. "When the Colonel (Robert Schnurr, the 27th Brigade Commander) tells our soldiers that we're part of a bigger organization, these guys can look around now and actually see it."

The Army's Return to Griffiss Air Force Base

Empire Peak began in early August as support elements from Connecticut's 143d Area Support Group worked with civilian contractors to establish the brigade's staging base at the former Griffiss Air Force Base, near Rome. Fest (circus-type) tents, shower facilities, dining facilities, aircraft parking areas, convoy parking and maintenance sections, even a traveling Army & Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) shoppette were all available to Brigade soldiers.

By August 12th, the main body of 27th Brigade soldiers and equipment began arriving by bus, military convoys and aircraft. Once established in the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB), the brigade immediately began to draw equipment, ammunition, and conduct rehearsals for the combat operations some 70 miles to the north.

The Griffiss Industrial Park site was chosen as the location for the Brigade's ISB because it closely matched the facilities, and conditions that the troops are expected to face at Fort Polk. The Griffiss ISB is even the right road distance from the brigade's objective in the Fort Drum training areas. This enabled the brigade to realistically practice its initial night air insertion to the objective and then perform the follow on day ground assault convoys that are a part of the scenario.



The crew of a 105mm howitzer from Battery C, 1st Battalion 156th Field Artillery conducts the live-fire training during Empire Peak. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

As leaders conducted mission planning and squads and platoons traveled to Fort Drum for live-fire exercises, the realism of the exercise began to sink in for the troops. Soon local "civilians" arrived at Griffiss as part of the scenario to protest the US presence in Cortina right at the main entrance to the ISB.

"For many of our guys, there's no real institutional knowledge about the JRTC," said Master Sgt. Lance Robson, from the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry Headquarters Company. While active duty units often rotate to the JRTC each year, National Guard rotations are far less frequent. That makes the preparatory training even more important. "Annual Training like this is our best way to train soldiers to operate in a realistic environment," he said.

Realistic Training the Center of Empire Peak

And the exercise was as realistic as Annual Training could get. Using the Multiple Integrated Laser Engage-



A soldier from the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry ground guides a headquarters vehicle inside the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB). Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.



Military Police members of the 143d MP Company from Hartford, CT restricts "civilian" demonstrators from interfering with operations in the ISB. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

of New York's 'EMPIRE PEAK'

ment System (MILES), all the soldiers in the Empire Peak had the ability to kill and be killed. MILES adds additional realism to the combat training because it forces the entire combat service support system to work through the problems of casualties and equipment losses.

Wounded soldiers or damaged vehicles in combat required real evacuation to the support area for medical treatment or simulated battle damage repair. This provided real-world stressors on battle staffs and support units to track combat losses and plan for replacement operations.

Behind the scenes of the entire exercise were the observer-controller trainers from Fort Drum's 2d Brigade, 78th Division (Training Support). Operating with nearly every



squad or section on the battlefield, these subject matter experts provided the mentoring and feedback for leaders and soldiers to adapt and learn from the training experience.

Launching the Attack

Within days, the brigade was poised to strike north. Using both ground assault convoys and C-130 aircraft from the New York and Louisiana Air National Guard, soldiers and equipment began building up a logistics base in the disputed zone. Convoys departed the ISB for the 70 mile drive every fifteen minutes and still the movement took two days to close more than 3,000 soldiers and vehicles from their staging base to the combat area of operation.

To throw the enemy off balance, the brigade launched a first in NY Army National Guard history: an infantry battalion night air assault. Employing night vision goggles, UH-60 Blackhawks of the 3d Battalion, 142d Aviation and CH-47 Chinooks from Golf Company, 104th Aviation Regiment transported soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry into the heart of the disputed area. The preparations for the night operation resulted from nearly a full year of unit level night vision goggle training. Aircraft transported more than 300 infantry soldiers and their equipment between midnight and 0400 to rapidly secure the local area before daybreak.

Less than a week into Empire Peak, the Brigade Task Force had secured the region's critical sites and established liaison and coordination with the local Cortinian authorities. On the battlefield were more than 50 members of the National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division and 105th Military

Photo below left: Troopers from Echo Troop, 101 Cavalry team up with Echo Troop, 31st Cavalry to provide route security and reconnaissance as Team Viper for the brigade task force. See related story on page six. Photo by Spec. James Sylvester. At right, soldiers from the 2d Battalion, 108th Infantry move to new company positions during the battalion's show-of-force operation at Fort Drum. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.



Police Companies role-playing civilians on the battlefield. The MPs from the 105th provided a unique opportunity for Empire Peak training in applying many of their lessons and observations learned from their own nine-month deployment to Bosnia this past year.

The entire urban training site at Fort Drum housed everything a Cortinian might expect in a small village. From the mayor's office to the local sheriff to the village church, cantina, and small business owner, a variety of civil-military challenges were presented to the infantry battalions securing the area. Interactions ranged from mild to violent, providing the Brigade Task Force with protests, requests for assistance, and opportunities to gather intelligence.

Of course, not all engagements went well for the friendly forces. "The OPFOR provided some harrowing challenges to the Brigade Task Force", noted one of the observer-controllers from the 2-78th. "Five OPFOR soldiers managed to enter the BSA (Brigade Support Area) and wrecked havoc for a short while until they were all killed," he said. "They managed to turn a machine gun position around and used it to fire into the area. Nearly every weapon in the BSA was fired in that time, including a UH-60 circling overhead. Even after the OPFOR were killed, the firing continued for a good fifteen minutes."

The challenges for sustaining operations for the BTF on such a large scale require innovative methods to supply logistics to the field. One of the more unique training opportunities was Rapid Ground Refueling, where a C-130 aircraft pumped fuel directly from its tanks to a ground tanker vehicle so that fuel can be delivered in bulk anywhere a C-130 can land. Operations like this, a first for the 427th Support Battalion, will be critical to the logistics success next year at Fort Polk.

"For most of us, RGR (Rapid Ground Refueling) is just currency training of the aircrews," said Sgt. Robert D. Bardash, KC-130 Loadmaster from VMGR 452, Marine Corps Reserve. "The real benefit is for the Guard folks right here."

In just two weeks of annual training, more than 5,000 total soldiers took part in Empire Peak's demanding operations, giving all the members of the 27th Brigade and the supporting units from the 53rd Troop Command, 42nd Infantry Division, and all the slice elements from around the country a new perspective on task force operations.

"Some of the guys are telling me that this is the best training we've ever had," remarked Capt. Stabb towards the end of the exercise. "Like the JRTC, just going through the training and coordination is a major success for the soldiers. We're going into the rotation next year better prepared than we could expect."



Members of the 427 Engineer Company emplace obstacles for an infantry check point. Photo by Spec. James Sylvester.

Engineers Repair / Improve West Point Training Facilities

NY Guard Public Affairs Staff

US MILITARY ACADEMY -- Eighteen members of the New York Guard's 102nd Engineer Battalion from Binghamton again performed their annual training at the U.S. Military Academy continuing a series of projects to repair and upgrade some of the institution's training areas.

The Guard members continued working on a major project at the Camp Shea Training Area begun last year; the construction of Military Operational Urban Training (MOUT) buildings. Construction work on the second and third buildings of the four planned buildings also continued this year.

With this years' work installing doors, window frames and shutters plus some necessary painting and other interior work completed, building two was completed. The third building is in the early stages of construction with the foundation laid and some of the concrete work completed.

The site is an urban assault training facility, and although only a portion of the facility is complete, plans are underway to begin using the finished building for mock urban fight scenarios and medical evacuation training.

Another project undertaken this year this year was the construction of new stairs to the range control tower on the Tube-Launched Optically-Tracked Wire-Guided (TOW) Missile range, replacing the existing stairway which was declared unsafe and therefore, rendered the range unusable.

Many of the training areas at the Military Academy are used for more than Cadet training. When not needed for the Cadets they are made available to Active Army, Army National Guard and Reserve units to help meet their training needs.

The construction projects consist of all project planning including preparation of blueprints, and construction plan,

preparation of equipment and materials list and all labor. Material are furnished and delivered to meet the construction schedule.

This years projects saved the taxpayers over \$29,000 in labor as well as restoring a vital training area. In past years New York Guardsmen have completed other tasks including the repair and refurbishment of some of the Academy's rifle ranges.



Engineers from the NY Guard's 102d Battalion conduct project improvements to the US Military Academy at West Point, NY. The construction, part of the unit's Annual Training, provided construction of buildings for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) and construction of new stairs to the range control tower on the Tube-Launched Optically-Tracked Wire-Guided (TOW) Missile range. The range improvements will benefit West Point Cadets as well as Reserve and National Guard members who routinely use the Military Academy training areas and ranges for weapons qualification training. Photos courtesy of the NY Guard.



NY Guard Takes Emergency Response Training Into 21st Century

NY Guard Public Affairs Staff

CAMP SMITH— Pleasant sunny weather greeted over 300 New York Guard members as they arrived at Camp Smith, New York State's Military Training Center, as they reported on August 20th to begin Annual Training.

Each year New York Guard personnel report for a week-long period of classroom and field training in those tasks and skills needed to prepare them to perform their primary

mission of supporting the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia and State Emergency Management Office during emergencies or other times as needed.

The programs presented during Annual Training 2000 (AT-2000) are coordinated by New York Guard's Training Command. This year specialized training was conducted in such diverse areas as Family Assistance, Internal Security, Computer Skills, First Aid, Woodland Search and Rescue, Radio Communications, and Terrorism/Counterterrorism Orientations. In addition to these subjects Basic Enlisted, Basic and Advanced NCO training, Basic Officer, Advanced Officer and Staff training classes were held.

AT-2000 saw the completion of training for four Guard personnel who completed the requirements for commissioning in the New York Guards Officer Candidate (OCS) program and the beginning of training for the 2001 OCS class. The four successful candidates were promoted to Second Lieutenant at ceremonies held on the final day of AT-2000.

Building on last year's successes, the New York Guard again hosted a program of continuing legal education during Annual Training. Designed to assist attorneys in fulfilling the newly mandated Continuing Legal Education

requirement of 25 credits every two years for all attorneys admitted to practice in New York State. This two day program was available to all attorneys especially those who are members of the Army and Air National Guard, Naval Militia or New York Guard. An invitation to attend was also extended to members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard who are stationed in New York.

The faculty for this year's program consisted of Judges, litigation and arbitration specialists, an editor of a legal digest, and lawyers specializing in legal malpractice and legal ethics. Over 100 lawyers took advantage of this opportunity to complete half of the biannual requirement. Subjects covered during this year's training were Trusts and Estates, Legal Ethics, Guardianship Trust Needs, Commercial Real Estate Skills, Contempt, Attorney/Client Privileges and Legal Malpractice.

The final activities of AT-2000 consisted of a parade and review on the Camp Smith Parade Field. The Reviewing Officer for this year was Major General Archie J. Berberian II, Commander of the New York Air National Guard. In his remarks, Major General Berberian touched on the increasing roles for the New York Guard in recent years and thanked the members for their service.

Following the parade over three hundred members joined their families, retired personnel and guests for a barbecue and picnic.



The senior staff of the NY Guard conducts a Review of Troops for Major General Archie J. Berberian II, Commander of the New York Air National Guard. NY Guard Courtesy Photo.

Naval Militia Sets Sail with OPSAIL 2000

By Captain Willard F. Lochridge, IV
New York Naval Militia

The International Naval Review and Operation Sail 2000 was hosted this past July in New York Harbor. This ten day event provides a spectacular parade of ships. This event was an International gathering of sailors and spectators alike. Over 200 New York Naval Militia personnel took part either in their respective reserve units or as volunteer liaison officers. This is a story of one of those liaison officers.

ABOARD THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BAROQUE EAGLE -- Dressed in my Marine Corps uniform with my NY Naval Militia badge attached, I was loaded down with two sea bags as I finally arrived at Sandy Hook to board my vessel. There were about a hundred Eagle guests on



board with us including our own Adjutant General, Major General John H. Fenimore, V. We were now all on board for the Parade of Sail into New York Harbor.

Shortly afterwards the Liaison officers were introduced to Captain Ivan Luke, Commanding Officer of the Eagle. Captain Luke invited us to the bridge where we were able to quickly brief him about our assignment simply stated, our job as liaison officers to the Eagle was to be its "Mother Goose". Anything the captain, officers, crew, or cadets needed while in New York City we would acquire. One of the hottest items we had with us were cellular telephones provided by NYNEX with unlimited free usage. The cadets and crew literally used them 24-

hours a day. It was a dark night but crystal clear. Above us was a most spectacular sight to behold with millions of stars peeking through over 21,000 square feet of canvas, and over five miles of rigging which supported Eagle's three masts.

At precisely 0800 hours all Tall Ships began lifting anchor which is easier said than done. Aboard the Eagle a wench is used that pulls one chain link at a time out of the water. This is more efficient than using a capstan, which requires a couple of dozen men to turn a spoke wheel round, and round.

After about 30 minutes we broke free, and headed off toward the City under auxiliary power. Shortly thereafter, the cadets and crew climbed the rigging and went out on the yardarms to set sails.



Over 200 members of the NY Naval Militia participated in Operation Sail 2000 in New York City Harbor this July as liaison volunteers or US Coast Guard crew members on board their respective vessels. Photos courtesy of the Department of Defense Office of Reserve Affairs.



Below on the deck teams cadets, crew and guest who wished to help began hauling numerous lines. The Eagle has over 20 miles of line broken down into 190 individual lines that are used when setting or dousing the sails. She has 22 sails that can drive her up to 17 knots. The 1,000 HP auxiliary Caterpillar diesel on board can only push her to 10.5 knots.

By 0945, at a speed of 6 knots, we passed under the Verrazano Bridge. As lead ship in the parade it presented a mystical moment when one looked aft as tall ship after tall ship, each under full sail, came out of the foggy haze. We passed the reviewing ship the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy CV-67, and the Statue of Liberty. Proceeding up the Hudson thousands of private craft followed our way. To our immediate front, New York City fireboats pumped red, white and blue water from their water cannons. Crowds cheered and waved from both sides of the river hundreds of thousands of people everywhere.

At 79th Street, twelve other tall ships and we turned about in order to catch the slack tide in the East River where we were to be birthed. Arriving at Manhattan's South Street Seaport we needed tugboat assistance to bring us along side the dock. Thousands of people greeted us as we tied up. Now, Lt. Cdr. Haunss and I started our work. There were port papers to present, police coordination with the NYPD for crowd control and security, METRO tickets for all hands (215 officers, crewmen and cadets), theater tickets, baseball schedules, bus transportation to nightly events, trash and black-water removal, procuring tug-

boats and a harbor pilot, Etc. Over the two days while we were docked at the Seaport, we entertained over 13,700 people who came aboard for public visits.

On the night of July 5, as I was preparing to leave ship -our duty as liaison officers was completed and the Eagle was going to sea on the morning of the 6th for training exercises -the XO, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Bell, informed me that the Captain, crew and cadets wanted to know if I could join them to go to sea. I was overwhelmed with this opportunity and graciously accepted the invitation.

The next morning at 0800 hours found me onboard standing at rest during the morning company briefing given by Captain Luke. During the brief, Captain Luke gave us a high compliment when he said, "The New York Naval Militia has set the example for all others to follow". Captain Lochridge will be joining us for the trip up to New London..."with an official Eagle ball cap with my rank pinned on. It was a very special moment for me, one which I shall never forget.

The United States Coast Guard's history goes back 210 years. Its Unofficial motto is: "you have to go out, but you don't have to come back." Over these years few people may realize that there were thousands of crewman and aviators who did not come back. Their heritage of lifesaving and combat is perhaps a "silent service" whose duty, honor, and devotion to our country stands them in imminent risk somewhere everyday so that others may live. These men and women are for all of us, "Semper Paradis" (Always Ready). I salute them all, and thank them for allowing me to share a bit of ocean time with them.

Editor's Note: Captain Lockredge is the Operations Officer, for NY Naval Militia's Region I. He is a Silver Star award recipient for actions during his tour in the Vietnam War.

"You Can Always Push Yourself A Little Farther"

By Master Sgt. Jeannine Mannarino
138th MPAD

MIDDLE GROVE, NY – Corps of Cadet Sergeant Brian G. Cellery may suffer from pain and migraine headaches, but you'd never know it by the way he always pushes himself to the extreme.

"There are times when we have to put some limits on what he does for health and safety reasons. But, he never complains, even when he's in pain, he just keeps going. I don't think he's even told any of the kids about his cancer," said Major John Sacca.

Cellery was diagnosed at the age of one with Bilateral Retinoblastoma, which means he has malignant (cancerous) tumors in both retinas. The retina is the thin nerve tissue that lines the back of the eye that senses light and forms images. Over the years he's had cataract surgery in his left eye with extensive radiation therapy and a prosthetic eye placed in his right socket. Fortunately, because of the surgery he has 20/80 sight with his glasses.

This past July, Cellery joined 106 other cadets from all over the capital region; Saratoga, Gloversville, Schenectady, Albany and Glens Falls at the Boy Scouts of America's Camp Boyshaven, Middle Grove for a five day summer camp. The cadets spent the week hiking, swimming, marching, how to use a bow and arrow and how to tie knots to cross over a stream using one to three ropes. The cadet's ages 12-17 not only experienced adventures of the great outdoors they learned social skills, leadership skills and self-discipline. In the evenings the cadets sat around a campfire and mingled, and when they had social time they competed in baseball and basketball.

"I'm probably the most gung-ho person here at summer camp," Cellery said. "I've always wanted to join the military. If I could, I would go to the Naval Academy," he shares. However, within the very same breath he sadly dropped his head "but because of my vision I'm pretty sure I don't meet the requirements."

Although Cellery's vision may have some limitations his brilliant smile, inner strengths and resiliency to overcome his condition seems to be limitless. Last year, Cellery searched for a military type of organization or youth group to belong too. His journey ended when his guidance counselor from Albany High School told him about the Corps of Cadets program. "I really tried hard to get into an ROTC program, but at the time there were none available to me, then I tried the Boy Scouts but that wasn't for me. I wanted a military type of training." Cellery approached Staff Sergeant Bill Stapf, Corps of Cadets unit administrator about the program and Stapf gave him information about the program and he attended the next drill. "Even though I was a month behind the other kids in the Entry Level Training I've tried my hardest to catch up."

Cellery's enthusiasm for belonging to the Corps of Cadets carries over into his leadership abilities, having just joined in October 99' he's extremely proud that he's already moved up to a Sergeant's position. "When I notice a new cadet I try to explain to him or her that it's important to do what they're suppose to do and when someone's goofing off it only ruins it for the rest of us." Cellery said. Goofing off is something he won't stand for. "When I joined this program I really liked the military training that was going on and then a lot of the older cadets graduated from the program and a group of unruly new cadets came in. I wasn't really happy about that but now some of them are getting better and their starting to try to find their spot within the regiment." said the 16-year-old.

"I don't think he's even told any of the kids about his cancer"

"Brian's an outstanding cadet, he's always the first one out there motivating the other cadets to do their best. Although sometimes being a cadet can be difficult for Cellery because he has to use the other kids as his eyes," says Staff Sergeant Bill Stapf, Corps of Cadets unit administrator. For instance when the command "fall in" is given its expected for two-three seconds all havoc breaks loose as the cadets scramble to the forming area to line up on the individual's next to them and assume the position of attention. But for Cellery to rush to his position when he has extremely low peripheral vision and little to no depth



perception it can be extremely challenging. Cellery was able to resolve his dilemma by having his fellow cadets guide him into his proper spot. Sacca, New York Guardsman said, "Cellery always tries to do everything that his fellow cadets do. Although there are times when he will come and tell us he needs to take a break and he'll just go



Corps of Cadets Sergeant Brian G. Cellery tackles the hurdles of the Physical Fitness Challenge at Annual Training summer camp held at the Boy Scouts of America Boyshaven Camp in Middle Grove, NY this past July. Cadet Cellery is diagnosed with Bilateral Retinoblastoma, which means he has malignant (cancerous) tumors in both retinas. With corrective glasses, his vision is only 20/80 with minimal depth perception or peripheral vision. The opportunity to join the corps of cadets was a personal achievement for the 16-year-old. "I'm probably the most gung-ho person here at summer camp," Cellery said. "I've always wanted to join the military." Photos by Master Sgt. Jeannine Mannarino.

sit down for a while." But he always tries to do whatever he can to stick with the rest of the kids.

During the Physical Fitness Challenge cadets squatted around Cellery and they cheered him on to do more push-ups in the competition. Cellery pressed out 48 push-ups, which he really wasn't happy with, but he swore the next time around he will do more. "I've learned one thing since I've joined the Corps of Cadets you can always push yourself a little further." Cellery said.

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The New York National Guard Corps of Cadets program is an after-school drug prevention program that began in 1991. The cadets age 12-17 assemble one night a week for three hours in a structured meeting. For more information regarding the Corps of Cadets program 1-518-344-2053.

'Regional' Summer Training a Hit for Corps of Cadets

Photos and Story by Counterdrug Program Staff

GLENVILLE-- The Counterdrug Program's Corps of Cadets program went "regional" this year... and proved a hit with more than 250 young men and women who participated. Cadets liked the fact that use of Camp Smith, Fort Drum, Camp Boy Haven (a Boy Scout property in Saratoga County) and the Chestnut Ridge Park/Connecticut Street Armory in Buffalo more time for Annual Training events ranging from building rope bridges to Drill and Ceremony competitions.

The Counterdrug Program plans a cycle of alternate "regional" ATs, close to home station for the 30-plus Corps of Cadets regiments, and joint AT's at Fort Drum. Colonel James Lamback observed that the plan will conserve resources, reduce travel

an event Cadets found challenging. Athletic fields saw service for impromptu sports and for conduct of "the President's Physical Fitness Challenge" while an archery range taught cadets that Robin Hood and William Tell must have put in a lot of practice to reach their "marksman" status. Counterdrug Headquarters' Capt. Alec Lange, who planned and coordinated the Boy Haven program, heaped praise on cadre NCOs and Regimental Administrators for setting the standard for a regional Annual Training.

Camp Smith hosted the Mid-Hudson, New York City and Long Island regiments in early July. Its facilities and those made available by the U.S. Military Academy at nearby West Point gave metropolitan area



Tom Meier, and Capt. Mary Hennessey shared duties organizing the program

Central Region, including Syracuse, Binghamton, Fort Drum and Utica, held its AT at Fort Drum. With fewer cadets present, some noted, the Central Region regiments had more time for regional activities than when the entire Corps is present. As at Camp Smith, the rappel towers stretch the cadets' recognition of their abilities. The post's

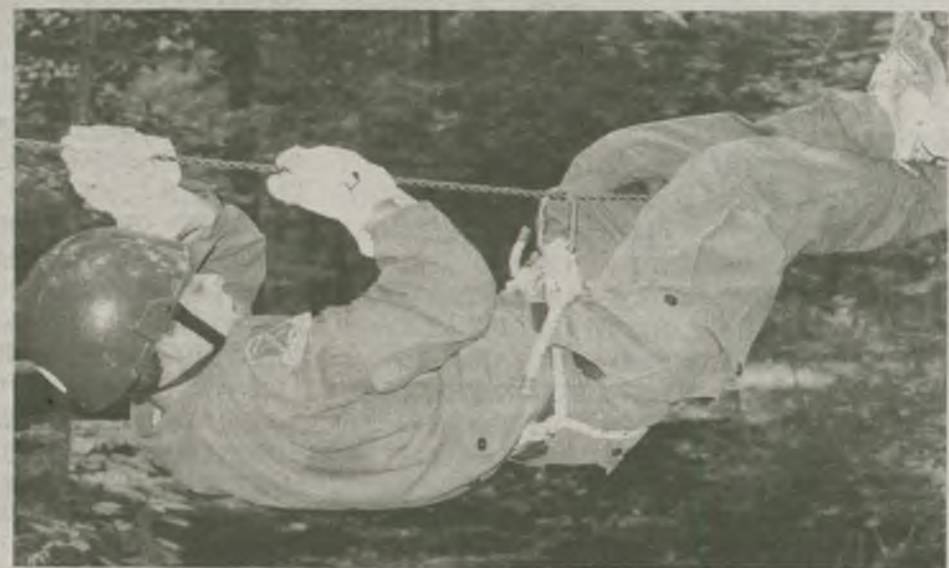
the Connecticut Street Armory in late July. Participants included cadets from the Corps' newest regiment, Jamestown's 127th Regiment, as well as units from Buffalo and Rochester. Capt. Mike Imaga cited the park's "outstanding land navigation and real-world rappelling facilities — a gorge..." while noting the armory offered a alternate site when bad weather pushed track and field events inside.

times for the cadets, cadre and families who participate, and permit cadre to expand the range of activities and training conducted during AT.

Camp Boy Haven hosted cadets from the NorthEast Region, including regiments from Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls and Gloversville. Cadre and Counterdrug staff helped the Boy Scout Regional Council get the site ready for summer scout activities — cleaning buildings and conducting a heavy-duty police call of the property. In exchange, the Scouts allowed the Corps to use the camp for the last week of June. Major General Archie Berberian, who is also prominent in the Boy Scout movement, observed the results and AT activities June 27th. General Berberian praised the shared effort and use as an model of cooperation.

The Boy Haven pond was a favorite site for cadets, not only for swimming, but as part of a nature education program. A creek nearby provided the venue for building and utilizing single and multi-rope bridges,

cadets opportunities for rappelling, physical fitness activities and drug resistance awareness training. Cadets also visited historic sites in the Hudson Valley and went on a boat ride. The three region's commanders, Lt. Col. Ray Doyle, Major



basketball facilities got a serious workout, too. Regional Commander, Major Gary Yaple, praised Fort Drum's support for the event at a time when the post was stretched thin by deployments.

Western Region decentralized its regionalized Annual Training program, dividing events between Chestnut Ridge Park and

Editor's Note: Photos for this article were downloaded from the Corps of Cadets web site.

More information and photograph captions for the Corps of Cadets may be found at www.counterdrug.com, the web site for the New York National Guard Counterdrug Program.

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 LOUIS R. GIARDINA 29TH PERS SERVICE DET
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 SEAN R. GOODRIDGE DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF
 DANIEL L. GRIFFITH DET 1 COB 427TH SPT BN
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 CLIVE J. HARRIS BTRY A 1-258TH FA
 DENNIS L. HEMMINGWAY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DAVID JONES BATTERY B 1-258TH FA
 FRANKLIN L. JONES JR HHC 427TH SPT BN
 LISA A. JOSEPH DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO
 SEVA KABISCHER HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 STEPHEN S. KIEBZAK COB 1-108TH INF
 STEPHEN T. KITCHEN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 PARILL J. KLEIN COD(-) 2-108 INF
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 GAMALIER MENDEZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 HENRY E. MIGLIANTI COD(-) 2-108 INF
 ROBERT R. MURPHY HHC 2 BN 108 INF
 LIONEL E. PEARTO DET 1 STARC-NY 53TRPCMD
 RONALD P. STABLER CO A(-) 152D ENGINEER BN
 ROBERT L. STOCKWELL HHD STARC(-) NYARNG
 DIANE TELESFORD 10TH TRANS (HWY REG PT)
 VALDO K. VAHER HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 MARTIN B. VARGAS 1569TH TRANS CO(-)
 ROLAND O. VILLACRES HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 JASON M. ZELLER 2D CSD (RAID)
 TRINETTE ZIZZO HHC AVN BDE 42 INDIV

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 HENRY BROOKS HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
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 DAVID DOTTIN BATTERY A 1-258TH FA
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 JOEL A. BERRIOS BATTERY B 1-258TH FA
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 CARL R. BLACKMAN HHD STARC(-) NYARNG
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 STACEY L. BROWN 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET
 YOLANDA BROWN DET 1 COC 342D FWD SPT BN
 JOSEPH K. BRUSE HABER COB 1-108TH INF
 CHARLES C. CADET HHB 1-258TH FA
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 ALICIA V. CAPITO DET 1 COC 342D FWD SPT BN
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 DANNY CASTELLANO DET 1 COC 204TH EN BN
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 BOUAKETH CHANTHAVISOUK HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 A CHAPILLIQUENGALLARDO HHC 1-69TH INF (M)
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 JENNIFER L. CHRISTIANSEN DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 ANTHONY L. CLAUDIO HHB 1-258TH FA
 LAURA M. COLE DET 6 STARC-NY MED DET
 PATRICK A. CONTRERAS DET 2 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 JONATHAN W. COONS COB 1-108TH INF
 NILSA CORA 133D MAINTENANCE CO
 COREY J. CRANE COB 1-108TH INF
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 JAMES F. FELLER DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARMOR
 ARTHUR FELTON BATTERY B 1-258TH FA
 DAVID FERNANDEZ HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
 MIGUELA FERNANDEZ JR COC(-) 204TH ENGR BN
 RAFAEL A. FERNANDEZ SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA
 JOHN P. FIALLOS HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
 JEREMY G. FIELDS HHC 3D BDE 42 ID
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 JEANINE E. FINCK HHC 427TH SPT BN
 ALEXANDRA FRANCOIS DET 1 COC 342D FWD SPT BN
 RAYMOND T. FRAWLEY III CO A(-) 1-108TH INF
 GARY S. FREEDMAN COD 1-127TH ARMOR
 CARLOS R. GARCIA DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF
 HENRY GARCIA SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA
 RAY A. GARCIA HHC 427TH SPT BN
 JASON M. GIUDICI 14TH FINANCE DET
 DAVID M. GLIDDEN COB 1-108TH INF
 GERMAN E. GONZALEZ CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY
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MARC E. HANER	COB 1-108TH INF	NJERI K. SHIELDS	DET 1 COC 342DFWDSPT BN	IRMA E. ELDOKSH	COB (-) 427TH SPT BN
JASON P. HANSBURY	COD 1-105 INF	JESSE D. SIEMON	COD 1-108TH INF	MATTHEW C. ESTES	BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
WING S. HAR	COC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	DAVID A. SIMMONS JR	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	MAXIMO D. FERNANDEZ	DET 1 COC 204TH EN BN
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CHAD W. HAUSER	COB (-) 427TH SPT BN	SHAKEEMSLOWE	DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO	JONATHAN J. FREUND	COD 1-108TH INF
MICHAEL HENRY	CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY	SHEKEMA D. SMALLWOOD	DET 1 COC 204TH EN BN	JOSE R. GALARZA	HHC 3DBDE 42ID
DAVID C. HITCHCOCK	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN	COLIN A. SMITH	COC (-) 204TH ENGR BN	BRETT J. GOHEEN	105 MP CO (-)
AMY L. HUGHES	DET 7 STARC (1BN 53RD TC)	DARRYL E. SMITH JR	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN	MIKE E. GOMAN	CO A (-) 2 BN 108 INF
JOHN E. HUMPHREYS	DET 1 COC 427TH SPT BN	KEITH SMITH	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	HECTOR O.	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
WINSTON G. HURST	DET 1 COC 342DFWDSPT BN	ROGER K. SMITH JR	COB 1-127TH ARMOR	WAYLON K. GOODING	DET 1 107TH MP CO
CHRISTOPHER I. JOHNSON	HHB 1-258TH FA	ELI A. SOLIS	SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA	MICHAEL M. HARDY	COB 642D SUPPORT BN
TARIF D. JOHNSON	COB (-) 427TH SPT BN	AARON W. SPALLINA	DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARMOR	CHARLES M. HARGROVE JR	COD 1-142 AVIATION
ANDREW R. JOYCE	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	SUMMER L. STARKE	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN	CLEED L. HARRIS JR	145TH MAINTENANCE CO
JOHN W. KELLER	COB 1-108TH INF	GEORGE V. STEBBINS	DET 1 COB 204 EN BN	JAMAR J. HARRISON	DET 1 107TH MP CO
BRIAN K. KITTLE	DET 1 COB 204 EN BN	PIERRE F. SUPREME	SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA	KAREN C. HAYNES	DET 2 COB 50TH MSB
STEVEN J. KLOTZBACH	COC 152D ENGINEER BN	STEPHEN M. TEETER	COB (-) 427TH SPT BN	THOMAS A. HAZARD	COD 1-101ST CAVALRY
THEODORE J. KOLLMAR	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN	RAYMOND TSANG	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	BRIAN D. HERBIG	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
KRISTEN N. KONIGHT	1569TH TRANS CO (-)	MICHAELA. VANITALLIE	COB 1-108TH INF	BRANDON L. HEWITT	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
KEVIN K. KREMPA	HHC 3DBDE 42ID	BERNARD C. WALKER	1569TH TRANS CO (-)	RAYMOND O. HILL JR	HHC 1-105TH INF
MICHAEL P. LEHMAN	COC 152D ENGINEER BN	JOSHUA J. WAMBACK	HHC 3DBDE 42ID	JEFFREY JACKSON	DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO
SHAUN M. LEHNERT	HHD STARC (-) NY ARNG	LEWIS K. WATERHOUSE II	COD 1-142 AVIATION	KYLE A. JACKSON	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
ANGE E. LHERISSON	DET 1 COC 342DFWDSPT BN	JASON M. WIECHEC	DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARMOR	TANJAMEKIA J. JAMISON	133D MAINTENANCE CO
SI C. LIANG	CO A 642D SUPPORT BN	ARETHA A. WILLIS	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN	ADAM P. JONES	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
RYAN M. LIBERTY	COB (-) 2 BN 108 INF	ELIJAH J. YOUNG	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	ANTHONY A. JONES	227TH MICO
ANDREW K. LONG SR	COD 1-142 AVIATION			KELLY M. KENYON	DET 1 COC 427TH SPT BN
OSVALDO LOPEZ	COC 230TH SIGNAL BN			GEORGÉ A. KLEMISH	HHC 1-105TH INF
ONIX N. LUGO	HHB 1-258TH FA			MEHDI A. KOHANBANI	227TH MICO
FILIBERT A. LUNA	DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO			WILLIAM E. KUHN II	COD 1-108TH INF
ALFRED J. LUTTMAN JR	DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF			PETER T. LARKIN	107TH MP CO (-)
DUNCAN J. MACKAY	COB 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			SCOTT H. LARSEN	DET 2 COB 50TH MSB
APRIL D. MADDOX	DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF			DAVID C. LEE	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
DAVID J. MAIOLO	COC 152D ENGINEER BN			ANTONIO R. LIPSCOMB	CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN
JAHAYRA MARTINEZ	7TH FINANCE DET			CRAIG LOPEZ	BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
MARY E. MARTINEZ	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE			PANAUPI LOUIS	DET 1 COC 204TH EN BN
PATRICK J. MCCABE	DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF			HENRIETTA E. LUTTERODT	DET 2 COB 50TH MSB
PAUL G. MCCrackEN	COC 152D ENGINEER BN			SHANNON R. LYON	COB (-) 204 ENGR (CBTHVY)
SARA M. MENDZEF	HHC 427TH SPT BN			SCOTT C. MACK	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN
JOSEPH A. MENESES III	133D MAINTENANCE CO			DANIEL C. MARCELLUS	COC (-) 2 BN 108 INF
GEOFFREY E. MILLARD	COC 152D ENGINEER BN			NICHOLE M. MARINACCIO	HHC 1-142D AVIATION
THOMAS J. MILLIMAN JR	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN			SEAN M. MARKHAM	CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
ARTIS R. MINER JR	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			KATIE R. MARRARA	HHC 3DBDE 42ID
PHILIP H. MOCNIAK	DET 1 HHC 4-127TH ARMOR			NARCISCO MARTE	COB 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
PEDRO H. MOJICA	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			MICHAEL S. MASON	COB (-) 2 BN 108 INF
CARLOS E. MORALES	HHC 107TH SUPPORT GROUP			MARK J. MASSARO	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
JOHN D. MORGANTI	COB (-) 427TH SPT BN			MARK P. MASTROIANNI JR	4TH PERS SVC DET
ELIJAH MUHAMMAD	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			ALTON G. MATTHEWS	BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
MAYRA S. NIETO	HHD 206 CORPS SPT BN			ROWAN E.	719 TRANS (MDM TRK CGO)
ANDREW J. NILES	SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA			CALEB K. MCCONNELL	COD 1-108TH INF
FELIPENUNEZ	SERVICE BTRY 1-258TH FA			JOHN L. MCFIELD	COB 230TH SIGNAL BN
JASON I. OLMO	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			LEROY I. MCLEAN	DET 1 107TH MP CO
DWAINE K. OSBORNE	7TH FINANCE DET			SEAN P. MEEHAN	COD (-) 2-108 INF
PATRICK J. OSIKA	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN			JAVIER MERCADO	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
JEROME M. PALMER	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN			LEROY J. MUCCI	COB 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
EDWARD K. PARK	CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY			JAMIKA E. MURRAY	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN
TAYLOR A. PARKER	HHC 42 INDIV (-)			MARIONELSON COE	1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
JAMES PATTERSON	DET 1 COC 204TH EN BN			BRIAN A. NETZEL II	COD 1-142 AVIATION
JOSEPH H. PERRY	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			STEPHEN D. OBIT	COD (-) 2-108 INF
RIAN A. PHIDD	DET 1 COC 342DFWDSPT BN			ALAN J. OVEREND	HHC 427TH SPT BN
JASON D. RATHBUN	DET 1 COB 2 BN 108 INF			CHRISTIAN S. PAGAN	HHC 1-105TH INF
MICHAEL T. RENWICK	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE			CARLOS R. PAIZ JR	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
JOHN V. REYNOLDS	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN			RICHARD A. PAPPERT	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
ISABEL RODRIGUEZ	BATTERY B 1-258TH FA			MAURICIO R.	DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO
VICTOR M. ROSADO JR	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)			PETER C. PELITERA	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
CHRISTOPHER S. ROSELLE	COC (-) 427TH SPT BN			JOHN E. PEREZ	COD 1-101ST CAVALRY
ADAM ROSS	HHB 1-258TH FA			CRAIG J. POTTER	DET 1 CO A 1 BN 105 INF
DAVID B. RUDERFER	CO A 642D SUPPORT BN			THOMAS D. PUSHIC	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
WILLIAM M. SALVI	4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET			JOHN J. PYSKA II	CO A (-) 152D ENGINEER BN
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JOSHUA A. SCHREER	DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO			GREGORY A. QUINN	DET 1 HHS 1-156TH FA

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ADAM G. ANDERSON	CO A 1-127TH ARMOR
SHEPHERD W. ANDERSON	145TH MAINTENANCE CO
JOHN E. BABCOCK JR	HHC 1-105TH INF
MALVYN J. BACOTT JR	HHD 342DFWDSPT BN
AMBER M. BARTON	HHC 42 INDIV (-)
KENNETHE BASSARATH	10TH TRANS (HWY REG PT)
CHRISTOPHER D. BEAVER	BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
JONATHAN R. BECKER	COC (-) 2 BN 108 INF
NYRISHA A. BECKMAN	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
ABIGAIL M. BODDY	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
TABITHA M. BOROWSKY	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
MICHAELA BOUGHTON	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
MICHAEL P. BOWIE	DET 1 COC 2 BN 108 INF
JEREMY O. BROOKS	BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
CALVIN L. BROWN	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
GREGORY J. BURKE	COB (-) 1 BN 105TH INF
NICHOLAS A. CABRERA	COD 1-108TH INF
JUSTO CARRION	CO A 342DFWDSPT BN
JOHN CASIANO	27TH SPT CTR (CORPS RAOC)
MICHAEL R. CASTER	DET 2 COC 1-108TH INF
ANDREW C. COLBY	COB 1-127TH ARMOR
SHAWN E. COLE	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
GARY COLEMAN	BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
JOHN M. COLLINS	COD 1-108TH INF
FRANCISCO J. COLON	HHC 107TH SUPPORT GROUP
NIKKI D. COOPER	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
EUGENE L. CORBETT	BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
WILFREDO I. CORDOVA	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
GARRY R. CORDY	COB 1-101ST CAVALRY
MARK R. CRANDALL	HHC 3-142D AVIATION
ANTONIO CRUZ	COB 642D SUPPORT BN
JOSE E. CRUZ JR	145TH MAINTENANCE CO
ANDREW A. DAS	COB (-) 1 BN 105TH INF
JOSEPH M. DEDRICK	BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
ANSELMOE DELACRUZ	BATTERY A 1-258TH FA
KEITH R. DEMONSTOY	COD 1-108TH INF
DANIEL DIPIETRO	133D MAINTENANCE CO
JUAN C. DISEN	7TH FINANCE DET
MARCOS A. DONES	133D MAINTENANCE CO
JONATHAN C. DORNBUSH	COC 230TH SIGNAL BN

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 ZACHARY M. ROBERTSON HHB 1-258TH FA
 CHRISTOPHER D. ROCK COB (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 KEVIN L. ROGERS JR COD 1-108TH INF
 GARY T. SALVATORE 107TH MP CO (-)
 MARK S. SHAUT DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
 EDISON A. SIRETT DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF
 JASON D. SLATE COB 342D FWD SPT BN
 DUSTIN J. SMITH COB (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 JASON M. SMITH COB 1-108TH INF
 KENNETH D. STERLING HHC 427TH SPT BN
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 CASANDRA M. STONE COB (-) 204 ENGR (CBTHVY)
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 DANIEL J. SWIFT COA (-) 1 BN 105 INF
 KEVIN J. SWINT COE 3-142DAVIATION
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 ANDREAS P. THID BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
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 ZAERIN C. TREACY COC 1-101ST CAVALRY
 TERENCE R. TYSON DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
 RACHEL M. UNDERWOOD 642D MI BN
 CHRISTOPHER E. VANENBURG COC 1-69TH INF (M)
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 JEFFREY B. VECERE HHD ENGINEER BDE 42ID
 JOSE C. VELEZ DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
 JUAN U. VELEZ RODRIGUEZ DET 1 107TH MP CO
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 CHARLES E. WAHL HHS (-) 1-156 FA
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 ADAM L. WALKO 642D MIBN
 JULIE WALLACE 37TH FINANCE DET
 TAMMY M. WEAVER 107TH MP CO (-)
 JASON L. WINCHESTER COB 1-127TH ARMOR
 ALAN E. WITHEROW DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
 BRIAN D. WRIGHT BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
 MARK E. YOUNT II COA (-) 1-108TH INF
 JOSHUA D. ZIMMERMANN COC 1-101ST CAVALRY

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 PHILIP J. BARR II COB 1-108TH INF
 DONALD M. BASSO DET 1 442D MP
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 STEPHEN J. BENT HHS (-) 1-156 FA
 ANGELA M. BORDACK HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
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 LOUIS M. BURGIO COB 1-108TH INF
 STEVEN J. BYERWALTERS COD 1-105 INF
 LEO N. CAPRIA III COD (-) 2-108 INF
 VERNAL F. CARPENTER COB 1-127TH ARMOR
 DAVID J. CASEY HHC 1-105TH INF
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 COLIN L. CLEMENTS H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
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 JAMIE L. DUDLEY BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
 FRANK N. EHLERS HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
 LATISHA E. FIELDS H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 NICHOLAS L. FOELS COB 1-108TH INF
 ERIN L. FOLEY HHC 1-142DAVIATION
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 ROGER K. FREEMAN COB 342D FWD SPT BN
 CARLOS A. GARCIA JR HHB 1-258TH FA
 JOHN R. GILBERT III HHC 3-142DAVIATION
 JOSE O. GOMEZ COC (-) 204TH ENGR BN
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 CHRISTOPHER J. HRONCICH HHS (-) 1-156 FA
 ARRON A. INWOOD COA 1-127TH ARMOR
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 CHRISTOPHER R. JONES 102D MAINTENANCE CO
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The Face of the 'Enemy'



An unidentified soldier from the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment portrays the opposing enemy force or OPFOR during the 27th Brigade exercise Empire Peak. The unit will also deploy soldiers to Fort Polk next summer to augment the OPFOR at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Photo by Spec. Peter Towse.

National Guard Bureau Spotlights Family Readiness

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

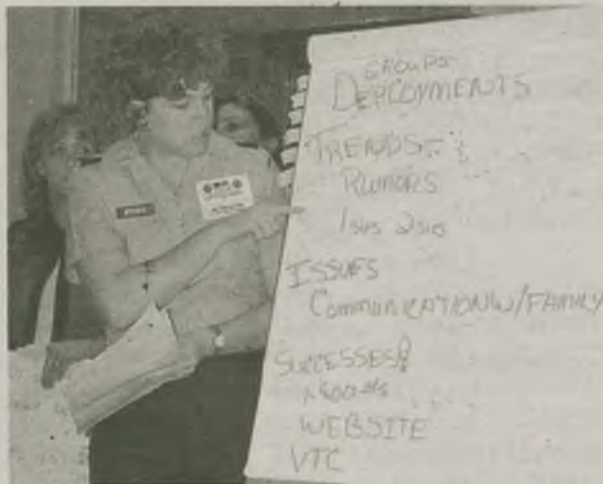
PHOENIX, Arizona, Aug. 22, 2000 — National Guard families these days face the same issues as their active duty counterparts—high optempo, frequent deployments, feelings of isolation—and need the same command support, representatives said here.

More than 100 National Guard family program coordinators, retention office managers, volunteers and community managers met here Aug. 21 to discuss family readiness issues.

“Deployment brings about certain stresses,” said Dorothy J. Ogilvy-Lee, chief of National Guard Bureau’s Family Program. “It can bring about a great deal of instability. We can fix most of that. We can prevent situations from becoming problems. That’s why we have family programs.”

Since the post-Cold War drawdown and the nation’s increased use of its reserve components, the need for family support has changed significantly, Ogilvy-Lee said. “Today’s deployments present ‘a much different picture,’” she said. Whole units deploy in some cases while only individual members deploy in others. Guardsmen may be away from home anywhere from two weeks up to a year, including training and overseas missions.

“If you’re running a household with two parents and one is gone, the entire dynamics of that family change,” Ogilvy-



Staff Sgt. Trina Wycoff, New Hampshire National Guard family program coordinator, points out trends and issues affecting Guard families during at the National Guard Family Program Workshop in Phoenix, Ariz. Photo by Linda D. Kozaryn.

Lee said. The ‘home-alone’ spouse may be used to having someone else there to help with decisions, or even make

decisions, she noted. Some mothers have a difficult time dealing with newborn babies by themselves.

“It’s even more so for children of a single parent,” she said. “So it’s not business as usual when a service member is deployed.”

Family programs are like “preventive medicine,” Ogilvy-Lee said. “We’re trying to do the inoculations so families don’t catch the disease. We know how to do that and we do it well, but we do need the resources and the support to do it.

Commanders need to be sensitive to what troops and families are going through during deployments, she said. Units that take care of their people and families are more likely to retain their members. “These deployments can be a win-win situation for everybody, if people are supported during the deployment. When the commander shows that they care, that’s really all people want.”

The same holds true for families that can call spouses of other unit members or people ready to help them at the state headquarters or armory.

Family program coordinators are now finding new ways to keep families in touch. “Technology is giving us a lot more tools than we had before,” Ogilvy-Lee said. “We’re looking at Web-based chat rooms, telephone trees, e-mail, video teleconferencing and distance learning networks.”

Wonder What Your Employer Thinks about the Guard? Results of Reserve Employer Study Compiled

Courtesy of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON, DC — The vast majority of American employers have a favorable attitude toward their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. That is according to a survey conducted by the Department of Defense (DoD) between October 1999 and January 2000.

The 1999 Reserve Employer Survey is based on telephone interviews conducted with 2,037 large and small employers nationwide. Larger firms were defined as those having 50 or more employees; smaller firms were those with fewer than 50 employees. The overall response rate was 45 percent.

“We are pleased that the survey yielded positive results,” said Charles L. Cragin, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. “Employers appear to be coping with absences due to military obligations, although some concern was expressed about the increased workload that results for other employees during prolonged absences.”

Although the vast majority of employers expressed a favorable attitude toward the reserve components, only six percent of all businesses in the country employ reservists. In addition, employers appear generally indifferent to the Reserve status of their job applicants.

“The survey revealed a general lack of knowledge about the Guard and Reserve,” Cragin said. “More work will be needed to increase awareness and knowledge. Our ultimate goal is to help the department build better relationships between employers and their reservist-employees and gain a better understanding of the impact of military service on civilian employers.”

Two sources of employers were used—a nationally representative list of U.S. employers, taken from the Dun and Bradstreet Market Identifiers Lists, and a second list of employers provided by each of the seven military reserve components (RC).

In surveying businesses that employ reservists, every effort was made to conduct the interview with someone who directly supervised reservist-employees. Of those interviewed:

96 percent were satisfied with their reservist-employees; 93 percent expressed a favorable attitude toward RC service; 92 percent have flexible policies to accommodate absences; 86 percent said reservist-employees are good team players; 27 percent have special pay programs for Reservist-employees.

While 90 percent of those interviewed felt that their reservist-employees keep them adequately informed about their military obligations, the survey also found that the higher the employee’s level of military participation, the more likely the employer was to report not having received adequate notice.

Overall, a majority of employers indicated that absences due to military obligations were too long. Nearly one-half felt that absences over 14 days caused problems, while 80 percent were affected by absences of more than 30 days. Not surprisingly, the impact was greater on small businesses, with the most serious effect said to have been the increased workload on co-workers.

While more than three-quarters of employers were supportive of drills, annual training and absences to defend other countries or meet domestic emergencies, only 45 percent were supportive of employees who volunteered for additional duty, training, or professional development. More than one-third felt that increased reliance on the Reserve components will cause problems in the workplace in the future.

When problems did occur, respondents reported that 70 percent of the time problems have been resolved between the employee and the employer, without reference to outside employer support mechanisms. However, 44 percent of the larger companies in the survey report having contacted Reserve commanders to resolve a problem. Large companies were much more likely to choose this approach than smaller companies.

All other things being equal, 18 percent of companies who employ reservists indicated having a preference for recruit-

ing and hiring members who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

When employers were asked how we might improve communication and help alleviate problems in the workplace, the top three responses were: (1) be provided a copy of the members orders; (2) receive official notification from the military service; and (3) have longer notification times.

An information packet and toll-free number for employers, along with routine briefings from local commanders, were among other suggestions. More than 70 percent of employers surveyed would like the flexibility to reschedule military duties around business requirements. Less than 20 percent thought financial reimbursements or assistance in finding replacements for job vacancies would be of great value.

The survey indicates a fairly high degree of awareness concerning laws that protect the civilian jobs of reservists, regardless of whether or not employers had experienced problems related to military service. Even among those employers who had no reservist-employees, more than 40 percent were aware of such laws. Larger companies were more knowledgeable than smaller ones.

Although awareness about laws designed to protect reservists appears to be relatively widespread, the same cannot be said about overall awareness of the DoD employer support programs. Only one in five employers of reservists indicated awareness of such programs, and only 11 percent of those employers with no reservist-employees were aware of DoD efforts to nurture and sustain employer support through programs like Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

“These results, albeit based on a limited survey, suggest that the department still has much work to do in improving its outreach to the business community,” Cragin said. “Our plan now is to further refine the survey instruments and to establish a database of employers of reservists. We will also conduct surveys annually, so that we can track changes over time.”

Enlisted Association Charts Year's Progress

By Staff Sgt. Corine Lombardo
Guard Times Staff

BISMARCK, ND — Twenty members of the Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard (EANYNG) represented NY at the 29th Annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Conference.

In addition to addressing national issues facing EANGUS, much of the New Yorker's discussions focused on the upcoming 2002 National Conference scheduled for Niagara Falls. It is anticipated New York will host over 2,500 delegates, auxiliary members and families as they formulate plans and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life, services and benefits for the National Guard.

During the August 21-24 conference in Bismark, 43 recommendations were considered by the EANGUS resolution committee, with 25 presented and passed by the 29th General Session. The measures enacted include legislation to equalize the flight incentive entitlement for all air crew personnel of the US military forces, including Guard and Reserve; establish protection for students called up to serve in support of federal missions; proposed elimination of Controlled Grade Promotion Restrictions; and establishment of an immediate annuity retirement system for Guard and Reserve members upon obtaining 20 years of credited service.

Additional resolutions include increasing the annual limit on days of inactive duty training creditable toward reserve retirement and convincing national legislators to encourage tax incentives for employers of Reserve Component members.

The Enlisted Association is also urging Congress to provide statutory authority and adequate funding and to establish a floor strength at 23,500 Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) members, and a federal Technician end strength of 25,500 in FY 2001. Full-time support personnel funding has decreased since 1996, while AGR and technician resources continually stretch thin to meet increasing operational and maintenance requirements. Association members feel strongly that "this critical shortfall must be addressed now to preclude further degradation of operational readiness" according to Delano Kerby, National Enlisted Association President.

Other initiatives include a By Laws adoption of the Junior Enlisted council as a standing committee of EANGUS. The proposed Junior Enlisted council was created and spearheaded by Spec. Mandy Van Pelt of the NY Army National Guards 142nd Aviation Brigade, Islip, Long Island. This initiative will provide a continuous voice for all junior enlisted members of the Army and Air National Guard.

Maj. Gen. Jack H. Fenimore V, the NY State Adjutant General accompanied the 20 enlisted representatives and reminded attendees that he has witnessed many positive changes for New York's enlisted members, specifically the state-funded college tuition program adopted in New York. "Passage of the bill would not have been possible had it not been for the determination of the EANYNG and the support provided by EANGUS. This program has increased the quality and quantity of Guard enlistments," stated Fenimore, adding "current grade average for non-Guard students is 2.7. Guard members scores are 3.2." The Association is also responsible for helping keep force structure in NY.

The Enlisted Association, conceived in 1970 by a group of senior enlisted National Guard soldiers, is dedicated to promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of Guard members.

The Enlisted Association is working to develop new and better ways to recruit new members and retain young troops. It is continually addressing issues such as military pay, commissary privileges, retirement benefits and re-enforcing the full time force. For more information contact the state Association President, Staff Sergeant Corine Lombardo at (518) 370-1538. Questions pertaining to membership may also be directed to Cmd. Sgt. Major Bob VanPelt at (518) 352-7384.

Guard Trivia Questions Answered

LATHAM -- Here are the answers to the New York National Guard Trivia Quiz for questions 26 through 37. The remainder of the history trivia will be published in our fall issue.

26. The U. S. Coast Guard, Chase Manhattan Bank, and New York City's oldest continuously published newspaper all were established by the former NY Artillery officer Alexander Hamilton.

27. The oldest unit in the Regular Army is Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; originally of the NY Provincial Company of Artillery, Alexander Hamilton, commanding. It is one of only two batteries in the modern Army to retain the letter "D" as unit designator, the other being Harry S. Truman's Missouri National Guard battery command from WWI.

28. The oldest unit in the US Air Force is the 102d Air Rescue Squadron of the 106th Air Rescue Wing, NYANG at Westhampton Beach, Long Island, originally established in 1915 as the 1st Aero Company of the NY National Guard.

29. Sergeant Thomas Baker of the 105th Infantry's last request on Saipan in July 1944 was for a cigarette, a full clip of pistol ammunition and one round for the chamber. Wounded during the largest "banzai" attack of the war, he was unwilling to let any more comrades risk carrying him up to safety. Baker was last seen smoking his cigarette propped up against a tree. The next morning he was found dead with an empty pistol and eight dead Japanese soldiers around him. In November of 1999, Sgt. Baker was re-interred at the Stillwater National Cemetery.

30. The other New York soldier who fought his greatest battle propped up against a tree was Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer at the Battle of Oriskany in 1777. Severely wounded after British, Indian, and Loyalist forces ambushed his command by during its relief of Fort Stanwix, Herkimer refused evacuation, telling his staff "I will face the enemy." Resting against a tree trunk, he calmly smoked his pipe and directed his forces during the daylong battle in what has been referred

to as the bloodiest of the American Revolution. Herkimer's wound was fatal within days of the battle, but Fort Stanwix repelled the British attack.

31. Brig. General Daniel Butterfield, a former NY National Guard officer during the Civil War, wrote the bugle call "Taps" in 1862.

32. "Robber Baron" Wall Street financier "Jubilee Jim" Fisk attempted to corner the nation's gold market in 1872, nearly shutting down the U.S. economy. He and his partners almost pulled it off until President Grant enlisted the aid of banker J.P. Morgan in stemming the financial panic. Fisk was for many years the commanding colonel of the 9th Regiment of the NY National Guard.

33. The New York National Guard helped bring modern art to the state with the Armory Show, the first major exhibition of French Impressionists in the U.S., held at the Lexington Ave. Armory in 1913.

34. One of the first internationally recognized American authors was NY Militia officer Major Washington Irving, Aide de Camp to the Governor during the War of 1812.

35. Lieutenant J.M. Breese, an engineering officer aboard the US Navy's flying boat NC-4, flew "first across" the Atlantic Ocean in 1919. Although Charles Lindbergh made the first nonstop solo flight in 1927, Naval Militia officer Breese was part of the first flight across the Atlantic.

36. The New York State privateer Captain S.C. Reid, on board the General Armstrong, fought a pitched sea and land battle against the Royal Navy in the Azores in late 1814. The need to make repairs prevented the British from linking up near New Orleans until after General Andrew Jackson was able to fortify his positions, helping to win the Battle of New Orleans.

37. Bolling Field, near Washington DC, named for Colonel Raynal C. Bolling, former commander of the 1st Aero Company, NYNG, who was killed in France in 1917 while on special assignment for the War Department, is the major Air Force base is named for a NY National Guard officer.

Reenlistment Under the Camouflage



FORT DRUM -- Sgt. James Kent of B Company, 342nd Forward Support Battalion takes time from the Rainbow Division's Third Brigade Annual Training this July for his Oath of Reenlistment from the NY Army National Guard Commander Major General Michael Van Patten. Photo by Capt. Kelly Hilland.

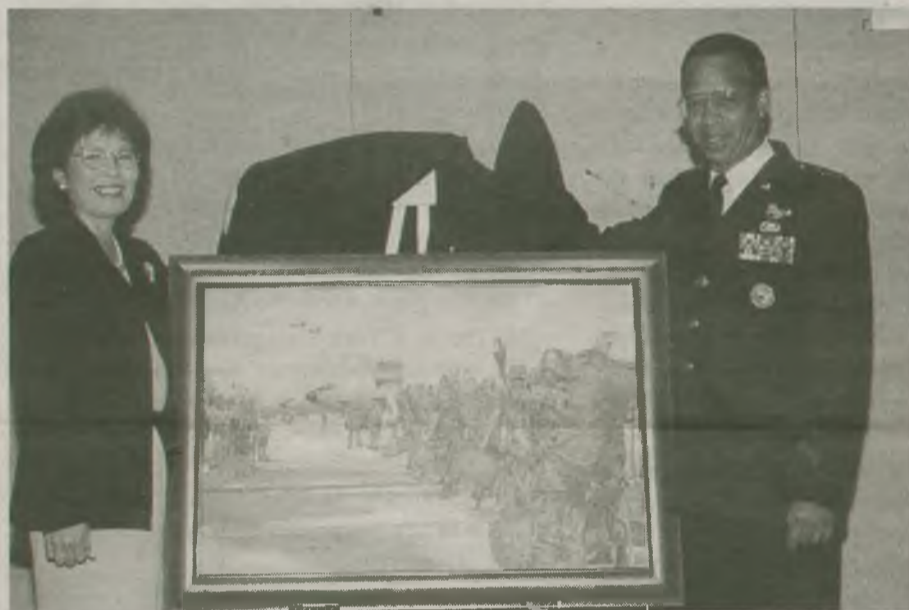
Army 'First Lady' Speaks to Family Program

by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Army News Service, Aug. 1, 2000)—Soldiering is an affair of the heart, and caring for the families of part-time as well as of full-time soldiers lies at the core of this nation's busy and unified military force. The first lady of the Army delivered that message to 500 National Guard Family Program advocates in this city of country music on July's final Sunday.

"The well-being of the Army is intrinsically linked to the readiness of the force," said Patricia Shinseki, citing a recent Army War College study requested by her husband of 35 years, Gen. Eric Shinseki, the Army's Chief of Staff.

And the former high school science teacher, who has two grown children and two grandchildren, praised National Guard generals, family program coordinators and volunteers attending the Guard's 12th National Family Workshop for supporting that state of readiness.



The Army's First Lady, Mrs. Patricia Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki, receives a commemorative print from Lt. General Russell Davis, Chief of National Guard Bureau honoring Reserve and National Guard members and their families for their sacrifice during federal mobilizations such as Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Stabilization Force (SFOR) operations in Bosnia. Depicted in the print are family members seeing off soldiers during deployment, a scene repeated more and more frequently for the National Guard and Reserve. Mrs. Shinseki delivered a message of family support to the National Guard's Family Workshop this July. Courtesy Photo.

"We are bound by a common purpose. That is to prepare families so they are ready to manage the demands of military life," Mrs. Shinseki said.

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"In the 10 years since Desert Storm, we have made considerable progress in the development of family readiness," she added. "I believe that the systems we have in place today that support family readiness are no longer an option, but a requirement."

The recent workshop highlighted the National Guard's Year of the Family. It was held nearly 10 years after the Persian Gulf War that is considered the baptism of fire for the Guard's Family Program established in January 1986.

The National Guard set up 471 Family Assistance Centers beginning in August 1990 and served more than 257,000 family members from all services before the troops returned from Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991.

"This is top-level recognition for the critical work of our family programs, especially for the volunteers and state coordinators," said Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, chief of the National Guard Bureau's Family Program based in Arlington, Va. "Mrs. Shinseki's presence validates our role in the Total Force."

Arranging for medical care, cutting firewood, and helping families obtain military ID cards and secure low-interest loans while their citizen-soldiers are serving far from home are among the things the family workers do.

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Mrs. Shinseki's visit reflected the support that Gen. Shinseki has shown Army National Guard soldiers during his 13 months as Army Chief of Staff.

He visited members of the 49th Armored Division from Texas at Fort Polk, La., while training for duty in Bosnia. He has seen thousands of citizen-soldiers with South Carolina's 218th Brigade Combat Team, now part of the Army's 24th Infantry Division, training at Ft. Irwin, Calif.

Mrs. Shinseki made it clear in Tennessee that she understands National Guard families.

"The most successful family readiness programs are tailored to the needs of individual units," Mrs. Shinseki said. "You face many challenges: such as geographical dispersion, juggling the requirements of your civilian and your military careers, and not having nicely packaged installations of services available.

Guard family programs have met these challenges head on. And my compliments to you. The work, however, must go on, Mrs. Shinseki cautioned.

"Vietnam is history, but Bosnia, Kosovo, the Sinai, Saudi and the other missions that we may yet encounter are not," she said. "Desert Storm marked a significant turning point in the course of military history. As we have seen since, the nearly 300-percent increase in missions has increased the pace and requirements being placed upon the military and our families.

"The reality is, it takes the entire force-active, National Guard and Reserve-to keep up with this mission load," Mrs. Shinseki pointed out. That requires a concerted effort to keep all family programs strong to help one another.

"It's knowing with certainty that in the very darkest moments, service members and their families will reach out and help one another without hesitation," she said. "We can count on this. We are a family, aren't we?"

"Thanks so much for the generous gifts of time, hard work, dedication and commitment," she concluded. "It's truly an honor and a privilege to walk along side of you."

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