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MPs Activated for Bosnia Peacekeeping Mission Another Army Guard Unit Heads to Europe

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

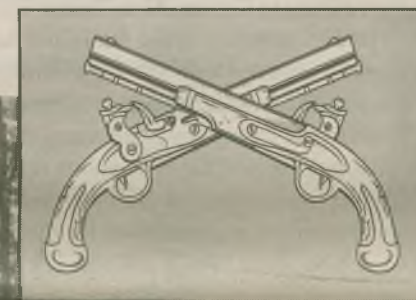
BUFFALO – For the fourth time, a New York Army National Guard unit has been activated for the NATO Peacekeeping Mission to Bosnia.

Governor George E. Pataki, state Commander-in-Chief announced the activation of the 105th Military Police Company in July.

About 170 members of the Buffalo and Rochester-based unit are the latest from New York State's military forces called to duty under a Presidential Selective Reserve Call-Up Order, for Operation Joint Forge. The unit completed 15 days of Annual Training at Fort Drum in July prior to federal activation at the end of the month. Following an emotional farewell with families at the Buffalo International Airport on August 1st, the unit entered active duty at Fort Benning, GA and then conducted two weeks of preparatory training at the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA.

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The unit deployed to Bosnia soon after returning to Fort Benning. The MPs are working with elements of the Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Bosnia's stabilization force, or SFOR, to continue to enforce the conditions of the Dayton Peace Accord. The deployment is expected to last up to 270 days.



Soldiers from the 105th Military Police Company prepare to move out from their assembly area during an evaluated training exercise at Fort Drum, in preparation for their overseas deployment to Bosnia. Photo by Capt. Robert Giordano

"Members of the New York Army National Guard continuing to make significant contributions to the ongoing multinational peacekeeping force in Bosnia," Governor Pataki said. "The selection of the 105th for deployment by the National Command Authority is yet another tribute to the readiness of New York's military forces to meet its federal defense role. We are proud of these soldiers and all the other

men and women of New York who have and continue to serve their country abroad in the cause of peace."

This marks the second National Guard federal activation for many members of the 105th. Many were previously activated in 1990 for the Persian Gulf War as members of the former 206th Military Police Company in Buffalo. Other New York Army National

Guard deployments to Bosnia include: the 1996 activation of the 133rd Maintenance Company from Peekskill and members of the Guard's chaplain corps; the 1997 activation of Detachment 1, 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation from Latham and Long Island; and the 1998 activation of the New York City-based 10th Transportation Detachment.

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Guard Notes

TAG Appointed to Reserve Policy Board

THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC—Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has announced the designation of Air National Guard Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore V as the Air National Guard member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, effective September 1, 1999.

The 24-member board was created by Congress in 1952.

Acting through the assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the board serves as the principal policy advisor to the secretary of Defense on military reserve force matters.

Members include the assistant secretary responsible for reserve affairs from each of the military departments, and active duty and reserve forces general and flag officers representing all Services, including the Coast Guard.

Fenimore currently serves as the Adjutant General, of New York, responsible for command, and control of all militia forces in the state of New York, including the New York National Guard.

His recent military experience includes service as assistant Adjutant General for Air, Headquarters, New York Air National Guard - Division of Military and Naval Affairs, and Commander, 106th Aerospace Recovery and Rescue Group, New York Air National Guard, Westhampton Beach.

Guard Supports Woodstock '99 Security Team

ROME— State military forces converged with more than 200,000 music fans for this summer's Woodstock '99 music festival on the site of the former Griffiss Air Force Base in Central New York.

The 115 members of the Army and Air Guard, Naval Militia and New York Guard worked closely with the New York State Police as part of the state's unified command for both command and control, and logistics contingencies. The music festival ran from July 22nd through July 25th.

Military support for Woodstock revolved around potential requirements for water supplies on the festival grounds, staff assistance to the state unified command post, and personnel augmentation for the State Police should the need arise.

With National Guard soldiers at local Utica armories training on scheduled drill that weekend, equipment and soldiers prepared for any contingency that might occur during the festival. The planning and coordination would pay off for the State on Sunday evening as festival attendees became disruptive, setting fires to various vendor booths. By late Sunday evening, an Army National Guard Company of Military Police had been recalled from their weekend drill and staged in support as State Police surged their trooper presence at the Airpark. Within hours the State Police had the grounds under control and the Guard presence became unnecessary.

Military Reception Held at Harlem Armory

NEW YORK CITY -- The New York National Guard provided assistance to the Annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Convention in New York city this summer.

Hundreds of military and civilian conference attendees were bused from the Hilton Hotel in midtown Manhattan, to the Fifth Avenue Armory in Harlem July 12th, for a military reception hosted by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the New York National Guard.

Each year, the NAACP holds a convention in a different US city, and this year the convention came to New York. A significant part of the convention is a NAACP military awards banquet, to recognize individual contributions to national defense by members of the minority community. Each year, a branch of the US armed forces provides support to the NAACP for the military portion of its program. This year, the Department of Defense selected the National Guard to provide the support.

Leutenant General Russell C. Davis, Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, DC requested administrative and logistical assistance from the New York National Guard. That also included the use of the historic Fifth Avenue Armory in Harlem for a military reception early in the week. The armory is the historic home of the famous "Harlem Hellfighters" of World War I fame.

General Davis and Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore, Adjutant General of New York hosted the event along with the 369th Veterans Association and 369th Historical Society. Units of the New York Army and Air National Guard helped support the festivities.

According to General Fenimore, the NAACP and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau were very pleased and grateful to the New York National Guard for helping to make the occasion a "wonderful" success.

TAG Talk

Force Protection Is Everyone's Responsibility

By Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore
The Adjutant General

One of the most important responsibilities of any military leader, whether Sergeant or General, is to do everything humanly possible to minimize injury or loss of life among that leader's soldiers, sailors, or airmen. Those being led have a right to expect nothing less.

Among the many serious threats faced by men and women of our armed forces (not to mention civilians traveling overseas), are a wide range of infectious diseases. Many occur naturally where the public health infrastructure is limited, and some are engineered to be used as weapons designed to disable or kill opposing forces.

If you are ever exposed to Anthrax, in combat overseas or responding to a terrorist attack in America, this vaccine will save your life

Regardless of their origin, experience tells us that our most reliable defense against these diseases has been vaccination. We get vaccinated against Flu, Plague, Tetanus, Yellow Fever, Cholera, Hepatitis, and others. Short-term side effects of these shots can include headaches, cold-like symptoms, or soreness in the arm for a day or two. Diphtheria (DPT) shots given to infants often cause discomfort and frequently induce a mild fever. But we would never think of denying a child their DPT vaccination simply because of that discomfort. We give the vaccination and endure the tears, because the alternative for that child could be death. The same principal applies to protecting ourselves.

Like other life-saving vaccines given to us in the military, the Anthrax vaccination is a requirement, not an option

In spite of Geneva Convention rules to the contrary, there are nations that have been able to weaponize a disease common throughout the world called Anthrax. In its weaponized form, it enters the lungs as an aerosol, and has a fatality rate of about 99% in any person not vacci-



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

nated against the disease. Anti-biotic treatment of this form of Anthrax is ineffective. An uncommonly painful death occurs in a few days. The lethality of the disease, and its long life in conditions that would reduce the effectiveness of other Bio-agents make it a weapon of choice for hostile nations or terrorists.

Fortunately, we can be protected against this deadly threat. There exists a vaccine, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which has been used safely for thirty years. It is routinely given to many people who work with cattle or work where animal hides are processed, since cattle are the main carriers of the disease. If you are ever exposed to Anthrax, in combat overseas or responding to a terrorist attack in America, this vaccine will save your life.

Like other life-saving vaccines given to us in the military, the Anthrax vaccination is a requirement, not an option. If we allowed our people, when motivated by fear from disinformation campaigns, to avoid taking effective vaccinations against deadly diseases, we would be abandoning our responsibility, and violating a sacred trust. This we cannot do.

Taking the Anthrax vaccination and all the other vaccinations we have to take makes good sense. They are safe, and can save us from serious illness or death. My third Anthrax vaccination gave me a sore arm for several hours. It was worth it.

Don't forget to take your Flu shot this fall!



Letters

Dear Editor:

I am delighted to read about "Operation GuardHELP" in affect throughout New York State. The restoration of parks, removal of abandoned vehicles and other measures of cleanup are a fantastic way to utilize our resources within the community in which we serve.

I remember back in the early to mid-1980s how the Army Corps of Engineers would remove abandoned vehicles dumped into the Bronx River from Cross Bronx and Sheridan Expressways, all the way to Soundview Park and East River locations. I would bring up the issue with my commanders at the time, and ask if local National Guard units could contribute to similar clean-ups but was always told: "It is not a military mission."

Now, this one-time dream I had is a reality. The National Guard has not only the strength of manpower but also the equipment and the enthusiasm that comes with being able to perform hands-on work within their communities. The experience gained while participating in "GuardHELP" can both help and prepare soldiers in future missions should the need arise.

Once again, I congratulate all parties that are in one way or another participants of GuardHELP programs, and would hope such vital service can continue for well beyond the future.

Sincerely,
Dennis Flynn
Bronx, New York

Editor's Note: GuardHELP, launched in the spring of 1998 by Governor George Pataki, seeks to address the growing threats to New York's local communities with the strengths of National Guard soldiers and units throughout the state. The links between local commanders and communities produces a partnership for innovative readiness training while also improving the lines of communication, trust and confidence between local civic leaders and the National Guard units in their communities. This is vital in this era of increased Guard use during state emergencies. GuardHELP has also contributed to increases in retention and recruiting, say state leaders.



STATE OF NEW YORK

GEORGE E. PATAKI
GOVERNOR

July 30, 1999

To the soldiers of the 105th Military Police Company, New York Army National Guard:

The people of the Great State of New York owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the members of their National Guard. In wartime and peacetime, in state emergencies and on missions across the globe, the men and women of the New York national Guard are always there to serve their fellow New Yorkers.

As you prepare to embark on this mission so critical to the continuance of freedom and peace throughout the world, please know that the best wishes and thanks of the people of your state are with you. While your mission is not an easy one, it is one you have worked hard to prepare for and one for which there is no better-qualified unit in the world.

We are proud of your commitment to service, proud of your accomplishment as one of our state's finest Guard units, and proud to have the 105th Military Police, New York Army National Guard serve as New York's ambassadors to the world. I have every confidence that you will represent your state and nation with the professionalism and excellence, which have come to define the 105th MPs.

On behalf of the people of New York State, I would like to extend to you and your families our heartfelt thanks for the personal sacrifices you routinely make in support and defense of your state and nation. We extend to you our best and most sincere wishes for a successful mission and a safe return home.

Godspeed.

Very truly yours,

Governor George E. Pataki
Commander in Chief
New York Army National Guard

Tearful Goodbyes, Fanfare mark Departure of Bosnia-bound Unit

By Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta
138th MPAD

BUFFALO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT — The mood on the tarmac at Prior Aviation at the Buffalo International Airport in Cheektowaga, was solemn on August 1st.

Members of the New York Army National Guard's 105th Military Police Company waited to board a jet that would soon take them away from the families and friends that stood with them this one last time before they were to begin almost nine months of active duty. A few muffled sobs from loved ones could be heard amid the strains of military music, a musical salute from the 199th Army Band.

Almost 170 members of the 105th were leaving for a nine months of duty in Bosnia. This is an often repeated scene in the military — the soldiers farewell to loved ones and friends.

Mixed Feelings

Platoon leader, 1st Lt. Sean O'Donnell was excited by the prospect of coming on active duty and the challenges it would bring. These include the Guard members' transition to the active component environment. The troops will be quickly immersed in the active duty life style and standards of behavior and duty performance said O'Donnell, since the first leg of their trip was Fort Benning GA. At Benning, the troops common task skills would be validated by the Regular Army. The second leg of the journey is two weeks at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA, to train with units of the 82nd Airborne. The JRTC has a



Members of the 105th MPs receive overseas legal briefings. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.



Troops of the 105th MPs file onto the tarmac for departure to Fort Benning, GA as the first stop on the road to Bosnia. The MPs will work alongside the Army's 10th Mountain Division. Photo by Staff Sgt Ray Drumsta.

training area similar to the MPs' Bosnia destination. O'Donnell described it as "virtual sand table."

The MPs will be performing a variety of missions in Bosnia. These include site security, convoy escort, and route reconnaissance. O'Donnell said the danger is real. The troops can go no more than three meters off any road because of the danger of land mines. O'Donnell said he was anxious to find out whether or not he could, as he put it, "cut it" on active duty. Others felt the same way.

"It's not just a weekend drill," said Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Kaczor. A father of three, Kaczor said the tour of duty would be a surprise to those who have never been deployed. He stressed the importance of family support. "If you can't get the support from your family and loved ones back home," Kaczor said, "you can't accomplish the mission."

Denise Urbino, the sister of Staff Sgt. Keith Krempa, disagrees with America's role in the NATO mission. She

feels there was no reason for these troops to be deployed, and lamented the "hard holidays" and "long winter" ahead. "You just want them to be safe," Urbino said.

Stephanie Smolinski, girlfriend of Sgt. 1st Class Chris Grinsell, said families were not given enough time to prepare for the deployment, but added Guard members do make a difference. "I am very proud of my guy," she said.

A color guard from Chapter 77 of The Vietnam Veterans of America was on hand for the 105th's departure. Color Guard leader Al Burget said the 105th asked them to be there to mark the occasion. "We feel honored to do it," Burget said. "This gives us a chance to honor those who serve our country now."

Staff Sgt. Glennis Cromer said she was looking forward to the experience. "I've been with this unit 17 years," Cromer said. "Where they go, I go."

10th Trans' Completes Bosnia Deployment

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

NEW YORK CITY — The eight-member 10th Transportation Detachment, New York Army National Guard returned to its New York City home late in May, following almost nine months of duty with the Bosnia Peace Keeping Mission.

Last October, the unit deployed to Tazsar, Hungary where it was assigned to the Army's 14th Transportation Battalion. The unit spent almost seven months at the base with 400 other Army and Air Force troops. The 10th plans and coordinates movements of troops, equipment and supplies within the "Stabilization Force" theater of operation. The unit handled all movements by air, rail or convoy.

At first the troops were housed in tents, but were quickly moved into "hard-stand" barracks with two person rooms. A civilian-run dining facility provided the meals.

"We lived comfortably and ate well. The conditions there were fine," said Capt. Paul Brucato. "I thought the whole experience was good. It really helped all of us better appreciate our weekend Guard training," he said.

The 10th was in Tazsar in the middle of the Kosovo build up. Although, he noticed an increase in traffic, Brucato reports his team was not really affected by that operation. "We saw an increase in traffic through our area of responsibility, but that was limited," he said.

Aviators Support Marine Training at Knox

By Maj. Mike Bobeck
HQ, 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation

FORT KNOX, KY — Rochester-based Army National Guard aviators supported Marine Corps Reserve training at Fort Knox, KY in late July.

The 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation Battalion, Rochester, nick-named the "Black-hearts," sent three AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopters to Fort Knox, KY from 26 July to 2 August to support exercise "Resolute Warrior," a training event being conducted by the Rochester-based Headquarters, 8th Tank Battalion, USMCR and New York Naval Militia.

This exercise involved Joint Operations with Marine, Navy and Army Components. The Cobras were a key element in completing integrated of war-fighting techniques during deep attack operations, aerial gun-

nery and close air support with Marine Corps fixed and rotary wing aircraft. The exercise included air to ground fire missions with Marine Corps field artillery and M1A1 tank crews. The training provided Army Guard members with an opportunity to train with local Marines, and improve joint operational techniques for the integration of war-fighting components. "Semper Fi," Black-hearts!



AH-1F Cobra Helicopter from 1-142nd Aviation. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

Aviators Host Employers During Fort Drum Training

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM—This summer, dozens of Rochester area employers got to see, for themselves, what their citizen-soldier employees really do when they are away training with the Guard.

The Rochester-based 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation held an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve "Boss Lift" to Fort Drum during the unit's June Annual Training. Some local TV news organizations also came along, to cover the training and the unit's efforts to educate civilian employers about Guard training.

"I don't think most people realize just how much the National Guard does for our national defense"

More than 50 area employers and civic leaders took the day off from work to fly to Fort Drum and back aboard military aircraft, to witness the National Guard training of their employees. More than 180 members of the battalion were at the post to conduct 15 days of aerial gunnery qualification training with AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopters on Fort Drum's Range 23. The training included live-fire of the helicopters' mini-guns, 2.75-inch rockets and TOW anti-tank missiles.

A Pennsylvania Army National Guard CH-47 helicopter and an Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules transport picked up the



Aviators from 1st Battalion, 142nd Attack Helicopter Battalion provide a briefing of the AH-1 Cobra capabilities and armaments, prior to the aerial gunnery on the Fort Drum Range Complex. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

passengers at the unit's Rochester home base, Army Aviation Support Facility #2. The aircraft flew to Fort Drum's Wheeler Sack Army Airfield where they were greeted by the battalion executive officer, Maj. Mike Bobeck, who helped organize the visit. The visitors were driven by bus to the range for the training and had lunch in the field with the troops.

ESGR Boss Lifts are a Defense Department-authorized way for National Guard units to educate civilian employers about

the Guard and elicit employer support for their citizen soldiers. The goal is to gain increased employer understanding and support for their employees while they are away performing military training. During the visit, the employers witnessed the training, talked to the unit commander and other battalion staff, and met up with their employee in the field. By the end of the trip, employers had a new appreciation for their employee and the important work they perform. They also came to appreciate the

many special skills their employee gained through military experiences.

"I really enjoyed this trip," said Don Zenkel, President of Rochester's Cham Tech Manufacturing Company. "I don't think most people realize just how much the National Guard does for our national defense, nor do I think they realize what goes into military training. More people should see this. You should do this more often," he said.

"We felt that hosting this visit was important for our unit and we are really glad so many came," said 142nd commander Maj. Christopher Holliday. "With the level of training, ongoing unit activations and state emergencies, more Guard members are being called away from their jobs to serve. We need the support of these employers so our Guard members can report for duty without worrying about how their employer will treat them when they return," he said.

"I try to impress upon these employers that the nation needs really good people in its Guard and that it is in their interest to support their employee. I tell them that the training and the leadership development we provide actually help make these troops better civilian employees back on the job. I'm an employer myself, I tell them," he said. "Boss Lifts are a lot of work, but are an important investment. The Guard should do more of them."

Third Brigade Training Ramps to New Heights

By Capt. Andre Evans
HQ, 3rd Brigade, 42nd ID (Mech)

BUFFALO—Over the last three years, members of the 3rd Brigade conducted some of the most innovative training in the National Guard. The experiences for the brigade, from platoon level to the headquarters will culminate next year in a V Corps Warfighter exercise in Germany.

Many of these training events were Tactical Exercises Without Troops (TEWTs). Combat simulations and command post exercises prepare soldiers and leaders for responding to any number of tactical contingencies. However, it is easy for any command element to get lost in the "gamesmanship" of such exercises and require subordinates to conduct missions that are simple for computers but difficult in the real world. With this insight, Lt. Col. Arnold Soeder, 3rd Brigade's commander, focused his staff towards annual training this summer which examined the Brigade's ability to prepare combat orders and then execute many of those orders by conducting interoperability drills under live fire conditions.

The 42nd Infantry Division's Third Brigade, headquartered in Buffalo, is composed of subordinate battalions statewide, including the 101st Cavalry, the 69th Infantry, the 127th Armor, and the 258th Field Artillery.

One of the best ways of preparing commanders for combat operations is to get out and walk the ground the fight will be on. The 3rd Brigade's participation this spring in Forces Command's Leadership Program provided the

ability to deploy leaders to Fort Irwin's National Training Center (NTC). There, the staff conducted battle drills, terrain walks, and prepared battle plans before going against the Army's Opposing Force (OPFOR). The success of the headquarters at NTC created an opportunity for the 69th Infantry to send a company there in August. Company B deployed with 111 troops to serve as OPFOR with the NTC's infamous "Dragons of War."

The Brigade had extensively conducted TEWT exercises such as the Brigade's participation in the Rainbow Division's Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) in 1998 and the deployment this spring to the FORSCOM Leadership Training Program at Fort Irwin. In these exercises, leaders write scenarios and orders that integrate different commands without giving subordinates a chance to execute those maneuvers on the ground. The integrated lane training events that the brigade conducted at Fort Drum in August made many of those battle plans real by allowing the battalion and brigade command elements to test their integrated effectiveness in realistic training environments.

The Scout lanes were conducted over 16 km of terrain at Ft. Drum. It challenged the Scout Platoon leaders' ability to integrate various reconnaissance tasks while facilitating armor and mechanized infantry maneuver on the objective.

Infantry lanes tested the platoon leader's abilities to coordinate movement with the scout teams, and conduct a

deliberate attack on an objective, while actually coordinating forward observer, engineer, mortar and artillery support throughout the lanes.

The 258th Field Artillery, the newest member in the 3rd Brigade's arsenal, conducted the entire annual training in a digital environment. The 258th Field Artillery focused on the integration of mutual supporting assets in a complete digital environment.

Simultaneous with the other lanes training, the 69th, 101st CAV and 127th mortar platoons conducted a separate lane evaluation that included live fire exercises. In addition, the 101 CAV executed exemplary gunnery by firing Table 8 and other challenging courses on the new Fort Drum combat range while the 127th Armor conducted similar challenges at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The 3rd Brigade is scheduled to participate in its most challenging exercise and attend the V Corps Warfighter 2000 in Germany. This will be a multi-national exercise to refine command post battle drills. The Warfighter is a dynamic, unpredictable and fast-paced environment, characterized by a capable and aggressive OPFOR in unfamiliar terrain that require deliberate action at the operational and tactical levels of war. The Brigade's training at the NTC followed by its execution of multi-echelon Battalion lanes training at Fort Drum were a key step in to a successful Warfighter in 2000.

Rainbow Division Fills In for Army Corps

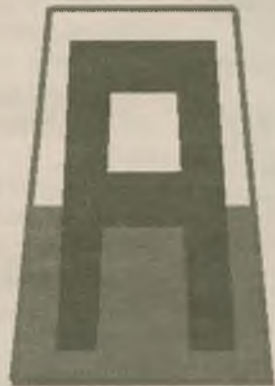
Capt. Richard Goldenberg
HQ, 42nd ID (Mech)

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KS—For the first time in Army history, the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters and staff, based in Troy, NY deployed to the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) to command and control a combat simulation exercise for another National Guard headquarters.

For more than 200 members of the 42nd Division (Mech) who arrived at Leavenworth, this exercise was a significant expansion in their skills to prepare mission orders, battle track operations, and oversee large-scale unit maneuvers.

The BCTP, or Warfighter as the exercise is more commonly called, involves the evaluation of a division's ability to plan, coordinate and track combat operations in a simulated wartime scenario. Prior to this year's deployment, an Active Army Corps headquarters would send their own staff to the Fort Leavenworth training center. The Rainbow's deployment is the first in the Army's initiative to use National Guard headquarters in the role of a higher headquarters to better assist other Guard units in training.

The 42nd Division, having successfully completed a BCTP rotation in 1998, would now role-play a Corps headquarters. For this exercise, that meant overseeing more than 15,000 simulated troops and planning the simulated combat missions of three Army divisions. Included in this force was the National Guard's 29th Infantry Division (Light), whose headquarters received the focus of training and evaluation.



Augmenting the Rainbow staff were representatives of First Army headquarters, including Major General Alan Johnson who served as Corps commander with Major General Robert Kinley, the Rainbow Division Commander as his deputy.

"Frankly, there were many in First Army who had reservations about standing up a National Guard division to be a Corps headquarters. The Rainbow Division has shown that it can be done and done right. You've succeeded in this task and have done so in spades," remarked Major General Johnson.

To better facilitate the training of the 29th Division's exercise, the Rainbow headquarters developed the combat scenario and published orders for the 29th Lightfighters to



conduct offensive and defensive operations in a notional deployment.

"This is really just a magnification of the Rainbow's great accomplishments to command and control units in a crisis," noted the Rainbow Chief of Staff, Colonel Joseph Taluto. "We've successfully done this job many times in the past two years, including the Rainbow response to the Ice Storm and Tornado disasters of 1998."

Coordination between combat and the support units is one of the most demanding of tasks for a headquarters. In a wartime scenario, the challenges of personnel replacements, medical services, and resupply operations all must support the tempo of battle. Not surprisingly, the Rainbow headquarters even included the special requirements for legal incidents, media on the battlefield, and civilian affairs operations to better support the 29th Division's evaluation.



The Rainbow Civil Affairs officer, or G5, Lieutenant Colonel Dominic Morelli, remarked how easily many of the 42nd Division staff functions readily translate back to state missions in peacetime. "In civilian affairs for instance, whether in combat or

disaster relief, Rainbow soldiers will deal with civilians. It doesn't matter as much if it's in their home state or overseas, coordination and support is critical to any mission."

All aspects of the Rainbow's efforts came together to make the 29th Division a better trained and prepared as a combat headquarters. The experiences learned from supervising and controlling 42nd Infantry units throughout many states as well as the Rainbow deployments during state disasters now set the standard for future National Guard Division's who deploy to Fort Leavenworth.

The Rainbow Division has made its mark for its ability to command and control units in all environments. From the cyberspace battlefields of Fort Leavenworth to the disaster response to the next state emergency, the Rainbow headquarters is up to the task.

127th Returns to Knox

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

ARMY ARMORSCHOOL, FT. KNOX, KY—New York's 1st Battalion 127th Armor returned to the Army's "Home of Armor" in June to conduct Annual Training.

For probably the first time ever, the entire battalion—all five companies, plus two additional armor companies from the 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry, came to Ft. Knox together to train on the post's Tank Table VIII range and in the simulation center, known as SIMNET.

Units of the Rainbow Division's Third Brigade have been coming to Fort Knox in recent years during both weekend drills and AT. But due to the characteristics of armor unit training, entire battalions have not trained on post at the same time. Training for National Guard armor battalions is broken down into alternat-

ing bi-annual programs of gunnery and tactical maneuvers. Usually half of a battalion's companies perform gunnery while the other companies conduct maneuvers. The units switch the following year. The pattern for NY units has been to perform gunnery at Fort Drum and maneuver training at Fort Knox's SIMNET. This time, the 127th performed everything at Fort Knox.

"This was clearly an advantage for us," said Lt. Col. John Luthringer, the 127th's commander. "Training together provided for much improved command and control of our training as it is supposed to," he said. "But, having the whole battalion together for an awards ceremony at the end was also great for the troops. Troops from the different compa-

nies could actually see each other. It's been almost five years since the whole battalion trained together. We have been performing fragmented training since then," he added.

Two Capital District armor companies and one Long Island-based mechanized infantry company teamed up with two of the 127th's Western NY-based units for cyberspace maneuvers in SIMNET. The battalion task force fought a battle against a computer created enemy force under a scenario used at the Army's National Training Center. The training involved a variety of tasks including movement to contact, offense and defense.

"The exercise was run using a battalion operations order that we created during a previous drill weekend," said Luthringer. "This was the first time we were able to integrate our scouts and mortar sections into the computer scenario. In addition, the troops from Company C, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry did a great job with us. They are high speed and highly motivated. I was really impressed with them," said Luthringer.

Two of the 127th's companies tackled gunnery qualification using the Army's new gunnery standards. The unit's master gunner team worked with the Fort Knox master gunner section in advance to develop an execution using the new standards on Fort Knox's existing ranges. The 127th was the first unit to fire the new Tank Table VIII standards at Fort

Knox, so as a result, the 127th created the range scenarios that have subsequently been used by other units training there.

To conduct range firing, the 127th used M1 tanks from the Ohio Army National Guard, which are stored at Fort Knox. The 127th keeps all of its tanks at Fort Drum.

Bad weather, especially heavy fog, prevented the 127th from completing day and night firing phases within the scheduled time frame. Range personnel closed down the range during the frequent low visibility periods. The 127th left having sent only four crews through both day and night phases.

"We have been able to reschedule the completion of our night firing phases at Fort Drum for the last week in September," said Luthringer. "Both division and state headquarters have arranged for an extra AT period so that we can meet our training goals by firing at Fort Drum. The Army's training program allows for this, given the extreme weather problems at Fort Knox," he said.

The 1st Battalion, 127th Armor is comprised of companies from Buffalo, Dunkirk, Olean, Jamestown, Niagara Falls and Cortland. Companies B and C of the 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry from Troy and Hoosick Falls, along with Company C, 69th Infantry from Freeport joined the 127th for the training at Knox.

Third Brigade Units 'Exceeded Expectations'

Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM—Units of the 42nd Infantry Division's Third Brigade went back to Fort Drum in August for Annual Training, thus wrapping up another rigorous year of training.

Third Brigade, New York's maneuver unit of the multi-state Rainbow Division, is comprised of a brigade headquarters, two armor battalions, a mechanized infantry battalion and has an artillery battalion and support battalion attached for operations and support. Earlier this year, brigade headquarters personnel trained at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA. In June, the 1st Battalion 127th Armor, with two companies of the 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry completed Annual Training at the Army's "Home of Armor"—Fort Knox, KY (See story on Page 6). Thus, in August, the bulk of the brigade's combat units comprised of more than 1,400 troops, returned to Fort Drum to concentrate on tank gunnery and maneuver training.

"Our units met their training objectives and exceeded expectations," said Maj. Kevin Adler, brigade adjutant. "The 258th completed a battalion fire mission. That was great. The 69th had troops at Drum and at Fort Irwin at the same time, and they did great. The high point for us was the performance of the 101st Cavalry. They took on Tank Table VIII gunnery on a new range with new and more difficult standards that have been causing trouble for other armor units, both active and Guard, and they performed even better than last year. The 342nd provided excellent support and skillfully displaced the brigade support area—a difficult and vital maneuver that hasn't been done in training in a long time. The team did great," said Adler.

Fighting 69th

The New York City and Long Island-based 1st Battalion 69th Infantry (Mechanized) saw its units performing Annual Training at Fort Knox, Fort Irwin and Fort Drum in 1999, furthering its progress as a mechanized unit since its conversion nearly three years ago. At Fort Knox, troops from Charlie Company participated in cyberspace battle alongside armor companies of the 101st and 127th.

As a result of the brigade headquarters tour at the NTC, Bravo Company got the chance to go to Fort Irwin in August to serve with the center's resident opposing force during a rotation against the Mississippi National Guard's 155th Armor Brigade (Enhanced). Serving as air-mobile infantry, the Bravo troops participated in several air assaults under battle conditions in the desert, where heat routinely exceeded 100 degrees. The OPFOR gave the blue team a difficult time.

More than 250 of the battalion's troops went to Fort Drum to tackle evaluated lanes maneuver and live fire exercises. Before the tour was over, two mechanized infantry platoons, the headquarters' mortar section and several infantry squads had been evaluated to standard.

"I feel great," said Lt. Col. Ben Lum, battalion commander. "We are making tremendous progress. The battalion's strength and training programs are coming up," he said.

101st Cavalry

Twenty tank crews from Headquarters Company and Companies A and D of the 101st Cavalry were qualified on



Third Brigade Soldiers at AT this summer at Fort Drum. Top photo: Tankers from the 101 Cavalry move onto the firing line of the Fort Drum Range 23 Tank Gunnery complex. Fourteen crews qualified on their first run while on the range. Bottom photo: Members of the 342nd FSB provide refuel and support to 69th Infantry M113s in the Brigade's Support Area (BSA). Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

Tank Table VIII on Range 23 at Fort Drum in August. Of these, 14 crews qualified on the first run for "Q-1" ratings. Only two tank crews failed to qualify. These results conceal the challenge for the 101st, because Table VIII "ain't what it used to be."

"We are most proud that in the face of low expectations based on previous units' experiences, both active and Guard, we achieved the highest number of Q-1s in the division," said Maj. Mario Costagliola, battalion operations officer. "We took on new training standards on a new range for the first time and basically, did better than we did last year."

Table VIII has been made more difficult to take advantage of the advanced capabilities of the Army's latest and most advanced tank—the M1A2 version of the Abrams. But, the 101st doesn't have 'A2s—it has the basic M1, the initial model that comes without the larger 120mm gun and advanced electronics. That means the NY crews had to take on more targets per engagement that were spread over a wider space at greater distances on the range and engage them in less time. That is what they did.

"It was a pleasure to fire on 23," said Costagliola. "That range was designed with tank gunnery in mind. It is a roll

on, roll out operation. There are maintenance bays, a motor park, slabs for a mobile kitchen and tents, and a latrine for the troops. The targets worked great. There were no bugs in the operation," he said.

258th Field Artillery

The three firing batteries of the 1st Battalion 258th Field Artillery completed more than 180 missions—hurdling some 875 rounds into Fort Drum's impact area.

The battalion is equipped with M109A4 Self-propelled 155mm Howitzers. Each battery is comprised of four guns and the crews were all qualified through Artillery Table VIII, which measured the troops ability to occupy firing positions, acquire targets through the unit's forward observer team and deliver accurate and timely fire. These were evaluated exercises by active duty members of Fort Drum's resident 174th Training Brigade.

"The troops are telling us that this was one of the better Annual Training tours they have had," said Capt. John Kool, battalion operations officer. "It is very difficult for us to get our personnel to Fort Drum during the year, except for AT. That means the crews don't really get enough practice on the equipment. This has been a good number of missions for the troops to fire, and they are very positive about the training and their achievements," he said.

342nd Forward Support Battalion

The 342nd forward Support Battalion has the mission to provide combat service support to maneuver units so they can perform their mission in the field. This includes maintenance, medical, supply and fuel. During Annual Training 1999, the 342nd had 20 troops at Fort Knox and 275 at Fort Drum to help tankers, cannon-cockers and infantry shoot, move and communicate.

The 342nd, headquartered in Yonkers, has companies spread across the state from New York City to Fort Drum and Buffalo. That means the battalion seldom gets the chance for its troops to work together. But at Fort Drum in August, you couldn't tell that was an issue. According to Maj. Jim Gaudio, Battalion Support Operations Officer the operation appeared "seamless."

"We are proud of the way the battalion came together," said Gaudio. "During the year, because we are spread out, the companies don't get to see and work with each other. But, the troops just came in and went to work. The troops from Brooklyn worked side by side with the ones from Buffalo and that is the way the tour went," he said.

In the field, the support battalion takes charge of the brigade support area, which is the logistical support area for the maneuver units. In the BSA, each of the armor, field artillery and infantry battalions position their own headquarters support "trains." As part of the training scenario, the 342nd successfully led a "displacement" or relocation of the BSA from one spot to another. This is a very complicated maneuver since it involves considerable coordination both within the support battalion and with the supported battalions. More than 100 vehicles of different types and sizes were involved.

"This was a big operation and it was hard," said Gaudio. "But we did it, and because the brigade headquarters has its rear command post consolidated within the BSA, the successful displacement meant that the brigade's training program was also helped," said Gaudio. It had been more than seven years since Third Brigade units performed such a maneuver. This summer's AT on Fort Drum proved the brigade can exceed the standard.

How 'The Army' Translates at the Soldier Level

By Capt. Jason Smallfield
174th Training Support Brigade

"The Army." This phrase sounds good at the Pentagon but what exactly does it mean at the soldier level where the rubber meets the road?

The question is partly answered during the 27th Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade (eSIB) annual training at Fort Drum 14-28 August 1999. Approximately 4300 Active, National Guard, and Reserve soldiers are working together in order to help prepare the 27th eSIB for both its wartime mission and for its upcoming JRTC rotation in 2001.

The 27th eSIB, headquartered in Syracuse, consists of 2500 soldiers in the Brigade Task Force. This year's training, however, also includes soldiers from New Jersey and from all around the east and northeast of the United States. Supporting the exercise is a composite group of 775 soldiers headed by the 174th Training Support Brigade (TSB) from Fort Drum.

The 174th is augmented by Active, Guard, and Reserve soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division, 82nd Airborne Division and other TSBs from as far west as Kentucky and Indiana and as far south as Florida and Mississippi. The role of the 174th and its augmentees is twofold. First they serve as Observer, Controller-Trainers (OC-Ts). In this capacity they provide written performance analysis and training recommendations to the training units, conduct After Action Reviews, and facilitate and control force-on-force tactical training operations. Secondly they serve as the notional higher headquarters of the 27th eSIB. In this capacity they help to guide and train the headquarters of the 27th eSIB by issuing real orders and receiving actual reports back from the 27th.

The 27th Brigade began arriving in the fictional country of Cortina on the 13th of August and prepared for combat within the city of Drumville until the 18th when their lead elements entered the battlefield. The brigade conducted its main attack into the Belvedere Field Landing Strip (FLS) on 19 August by air assaulting a battalion with UH-60 Blackhawks, airlanding another battalion with C130s, and bringing in another battalion by ground attack convoy. From there the brigade conducted a three-day movement to contact in order to destroy the Cortinian Liberation Front (CLF).

The enemy, the Cortinian Liberation Front, or CLF, portrayed by 510 soldiers of the Rainbow Division's 1st Battalion 14th Infantry out of New Jersey, is a guerrilla insurgency force attempting to destabilize the legitimate government of Cortina. Complicating the matter for the 27th was the presence of civilians and media on the battlefield, portrayed by various Reserve Field Exercise Brigades (FEBs) from New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. All these players attempt to convey the utmost realism to the Task Force soldiers on the ground.

Every step of the way, soldiers in the 27th Brigade Task Force were shadowed by their 174th observer-controller-trainer counterparts, providing valuable feedback and battlefield control to assess MILES engagements for the Task Force. The 174th Training Support Brigade mission is to provide the platoon and company level quality training support to the National Guard and Army Reserve. On average, each OC-T has over six Combat Training Center rotations.

This exercise is designed to prepare the 27th eSIB not only for the rotation at the Army's premier light infantry training facility but also for missions they could antici-



174th Training Brigade Observer/Controller-Trainer provides feedback and coaching to soldiers from the 2-108 Infantry during recent training at Fort Drum. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg

pate in wartime. The scenario has similarities to real world situations the Army has encountered from Panama to Somalia to Haiti right thought to Bosnia and Kosovo. Applying experiences learned from these prior missions and conveying these lessons is the heart of the 174th Training Support Brigade. By bringing together the full spectrum of Army units from all components together, the Army benefits, the units benefit, and the soldier gets the best training and experience possible.

So what is "The Army?" The Army is the combined energy, experience, skill, and motivation of Active, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers proving the one team, one fight, one Army vision.

In the case of Fort Drum this summer it is the 174th Training Support Brigade's coaching and support team coming together to take the 27th enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade to new heights of readiness and combat proficiency.

Infantry Tackles Northern Viking '99 in Iceland

By Capt. Lou Martinez
HQ, 27th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced)

KEFLAVIK, ICELAND – Hundreds of infantry troops from New York experienced a unique training event this summer—24-hour illumination.

More than 350 soldiers of the 27th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) deployed for Exercise Northern Viking '99 in Iceland from late June through early July. In this northern region bordering on the Arctic Circle, the summer means the sun never sets. It is daylight around the clock.

Troops from New York's 27th Brigade were once again practicing combat skills over Iceland's barren plains and among its rocky ridges. A task force comprised of troops from brigade headquarters, the 427th Support Battalion, and the 1st Battalion 105th Infantry came to perform annual training. The 27th Brigade was once again participating in a Northern Viking exercise—a biannual NATO exercise at Keflavik Naval Air Station. The 27th's participation is based on its assigned defense mission. In fact, of the other seven light infantry brigades in the country, this is the only one at this time assigned a real world mission—the defense of Iceland.

The opposition force in this year's exercise scenario was a group of terrorists known as the "Black Death," which further contributed to the uniqueness of Northern Viking '99. The terrorist team was comprised of soldiers from the German Special Forces, the US 19th Special Forces Group, and US Navy Seals. Other forces involved in the exercise included a British Jaguar Squadron, a Danish frigate and P-3 Orion aircraft, and the Icelandic Coast Guard and Viking Squad. Colonel Schnurr said the joint operation was invaluable training for his troops. "We are training with some of the best soldiers in the world. This exercise is important because it allows us to hone our military skills in a real world environment."

Upon arrival, the New York troops linked up with Naval Air Station Keflavik's joint security force. US Navy, Air Force and Marines became part of the Army of Iceland, commanded by 27th Brigade commander Col. Robert Schnurr.

Infantry from the 105th were spread throughout the island nation, to defend critical sites from Black Death threats and terrorist attacks. "One of the brigade objectives was to defend the Helgavik Harbor," said 1st Lt. Todd Shore, executive officer of the 105th's Alpha Company. "We kept the port operational, while remaining alert for terrorists."

The 105th Infantry, along with the Marine Corp Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (F.A.S.T), defended a communications "antenna farm" in Grendavik and a large oil refinery at Whale Bay, near the Grundartangi Port. For many soldiers of the 27th Brigade, training in a foreign land, on a real world training mission, was an experience of a lifetime.

"This is good for morale. As infantry, we don't get out the state that often. It's usually training back at home station or Fort Drum for us," said Spec. Kevin Swaby, from the 105th's C Company. Swaby, a M203 grenade launcher gunner from Jamaica, Queens said the exercise was preparing him to fight a new kind of enemy—terrorists. "This exercise seems the closest to combat without actually seeing combat," said Spec. Joseph Fierra from Company A.

"Hell of a unit! Will serve with you anywhere," said Major Willard Buhl, the marine Joint Security Force commander, to the 27th's commander.

During the exercise, the 27th also hosted several distinguished visitors including Charles Cragin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and the US ambassador to Iceland with other foreign dignitaries.

The troops returned home on 2 July.

'Young Champions' honored at Stewart Air Base

By Staff Sgt. Trish Heikkila
105th Airlift Wing

STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, NEWBURGH-- 105th Airlift Wing members based here honored eight special kids Aug. 28, during the unit's second annual "Young Champions Ceremony." The purpose of the program is to officially recognize children who have battled and continue to battle debilitating illness and/or injuries.

Children like Shannon Sutton, Aries Wade and Dannah Orndorff. Shannon is four years old and lives with a spinal muscular atrophy illness which causes progressive muscle weakness. Aries is six years old and has Down's Syndrome. He is also hearing and vision impaired. Dannah is seven years old and also has Down's Syndrome.

But despite the fact that Shannon, Aries and Dannah and the other young children battle different illnesses or injuries, they do share the commonality of spirit and accomplishment. "These children are all 'champions' of the mind and soul," said Major Harriet Mark, 105th Young Champions Program co-team leader.

"These kids push themselves on a daily basis, they have what we sometimes lack—spirit"

Mark, a nurse practitioner with the Newburgh City School District and a nurse with the 105th Medical Squadron, brought the idea from the program to the 105th after seeing a video presentation of a similar program during a military medical conference she attended in 1997.

These children, and their families, are honored for their "champion" spirit during the Young Champions ceremony. "We would very much like to inspire hope and pay tribute to the dignity of these children's lives whose tremendous struggles might otherwise go unrecognized," Mark said.

"These children are not different from any of us, they just have handicaps that can be seen," Mark said. "We all go through times when we must struggle to push ourselves ahead, despite our fears or limiting beliefs. These kids push themselves on a daily basis, they have what we sometimes lack—spirit. And that kind of spirit *should* be recognized."

After watching her daughter run to family members to show off her medal, Dannah's mother, Kim Orndorff, said, "We were all very touched and inspired. The 105th treated the children like royalty. When you have a child with special needs, things can be difficult. But after this ceremony I feel that it's really going to be ok. I felt a kindredship with the other families."

Each child was awarded a medal and certificate from the 105th's commander, Brigadier General Thomas P. Maguire Jr. Following the ceremony, the children and their families were treated to lunch, a tour of the unit's C-5A aircraft and entertainment.

The program was created through the work of 105th volunteers, led by Mark and by Master Sgt. Susan Sommerlad, 105th aircraft production controller. The team gave life to the first annual "Young Champions" Awards Ceremony last August.

The 105th has also added a "Sponsorship Program" where 105th members, their family and unit retirees may volunteer to sponsor a "Young Champion." Sponsors maintain contact with the child or family after the ceremony, send birthday and holiday greetings, visit the child

should he or she suffer a relapse, and invite the family to unit events such as "Family Day," and each year's "Young Champions" ceremony. All of this year's children and last year's "Young Champion" alumni have sponsors.

"Having a 105th member sponsor us was a neat idea and made the event so meaningful,



we felt like we were so special. Now we have a connection to the 105th, a specific person to relate to," Orndorff said.

Technical Sergeant Rob Dana, 105th recruiter, volunteered to become a sponsor. A father of two, a teenaged daughter and an 8-year-old son, Dana said he still wasn't quite sure how he'd be received. "I thought it would be nice idea. To be honest, at first I thought it might be awkward meeting the family for the first time. But it turned out to not be awkward at all. It was rewarding and heartwarming—especially to see these kids, who fight daily battles, so full of joy during the ceremony," he said.

Dana said his relationship with his 13-year-old "Young Champion" is "exceptionally good."

"We've been in e-mail contact since the ceremony. He's mature and smart and very easy to talk to—an impressive young man," Dana said.

This year's "Young Champions" are: Sam Frankel, 6; Naomi Nieves, 10; Dannah Orndorff, 7; Jaclyn Ropiccki, 13; Ryan Silveira, 9; Shannon Sutton, 4; and Aries Wade, 6.

The 105th Airlift Wing is home to the Air National Guard's only fleet of C-5A Galaxy cargo transport aircraft.



"Young Champions" ceremony photos from the from top to bottom:

Top photo: Shannon Sutton, age 4, plays with family friend Scott Sheels' hat while he admires her medal. Shannon was diagnosed at birth with spinal muscular atrophy, a degenerative neuromuscular disease that causes progressive muscle weakness. There is no cure. Photo by Airman 1st Class Keith May.

Middle photo: Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire Jr., 105th Airlift Wing Commander, holds 6 year old Aries Wade before presenting him with a medal and certificate during the "Young Champions" ceremony. Aries was diagnosed at birth with Down's Syndrome. A person with Down's Syndrome has three #21 chromosomes instead of the usual pair of two. Photo by Airman 1st Class Lee Guagenti.

Bottom photo: Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire Jr. holds the hand of 4 year old Shannon Sutton as her certificate is read during the ceremony. Standing with her are her parents, Jennifer and Jim, and her siblings. Photo by Airman 1st Class Lee Guagenti.



Wing Among First on Scene for JFK Jr.'s Crash Search

By Staff Sgt. Caroline Bishop
106th Air Rescue Wing

WESTHAMPTON - The 106th Rescue Wing searched the Atlantic coastline from Sandy Hook, New Jersey to Martha's Vineyard on Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th, in the hopes of locating John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister. All were reported missing when the plane they were flying failed to land in Massachusetts.

At 0730, Saturday, a call from the Rescue Coordination Center came in to the 102nd Rescue Squadron requesting assistance in the search for JFK Jr.'s aircraft. The unit's HC-130 aircraft immediately executed a change of mission and launched to search Kennedy's intended flight path, composing the coast of New Jersey and the entire Long Island Sound.

"We searched the south shore of Long Island, 125 miles from Sandy Hook, New Jersey to Martha's Vineyard, directing assets in the air," said LtCol Mark Kleine, HC-130 pilot. Working with a multitude of Defense Department aircraft, the 106th provided a considerable boost to the Coast Guard rescue.

The HC-130 crews were directed to focus solely on the Martha's Vineyard area when pieces of individual luggage from Kennedy's plane were found in the water of the Massachusetts coastline. "We set up an orbit over Block Island to relay search information to the Rescue Coordination Center," said Captain Chip O'Connell, HC-130 co-pilot. "Our role



A MH-60 Pavehawk of the 106th Air Rescue Wing during a recent training operation. Photo by Scott Sandman.

was airborne mission commander, controlling the rescue communications of the planes involved: Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force."

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"It was handled smoothly by the unit; they went into the professional mode," said British exchange officer and Naviga-

tor, Major Keith Collings, commenting on the change of flight plans. The HC-130 crew was scheduled to fly to Patrick Air

Force Base in Florida for the Space Shuttle launch when the call from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center came in.

By midday Saturday, an HH-60 Pavehawk crew was on alert. They departed Gabreski Airport on Long Island at 1600 hours for Martha's Vineyard equipped



with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) device to allow rescue efforts to continue into the night.

As daybreak came on Sunday, July 18th and the Coast Guard efforts transitioned to search and recovery, the 106th Wing mission wound down and ended sadly as the debris and remains of JFK Jr.'s airplane were discovered just off the coast of Martha's Vineyard -- within site of the plane's destination.

107th Hosts 'Fighters On the Ramp Again'

Guard Times Staff

BUFFALO - The 107th Air Refueling Wing supported the United States Air Force Thunderbird Demonstration Team as they visited Western New York to perform at the "Thunder over Niagara" Airshow, July 10-11th, 1999.

The Thunderbird Team's mission is to support Air Force recruiting efforts as they perform at air shows throughout the world. The Thunderbird air demonstration is a mix of six aircraft performing flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft "diamond" formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots while the two solos highlight the F-16 Fighting Falcon's capabilities.

The Air Force Thunderbirds operated from the 107th aircraft parking ramp while in Western New York. Before converting to the KC-135 Stratotankers in July 1994, the 107th flew the F-16 Falcons.

"While we are very excited with the world-wide missions we support with our KC-135s, it is nice to see fighters on our ramp again," stated Capt. Linda Blaszak, 107th Management Analyst.

In addition to performing at the air show, the Thunderbird Commander, Lt. Col. Brian T. Bishop conducted an Air Force Enlistment Ceremony. About 50 young men and women from the Buffalo area were sworn in to the United States Air Force and New York Air National Guard.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Bishop gave the recruits the Oath of Enlistment in front of the Thunderbird's red, white, and blue F-16s.

Air Guard Surgeon Promoted to General

Guard Times Staff

LADMI, NY — Col. Ravindra F. Shah, M.D., state air surgeon for the New York Air National Guard has been promoted to brigadier general.

Attending the promotion ceremony held Aug. 21 at the 174th Fighter Wing, Hancock Field in Syracuse were Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., director of the Air National Guard and the Consul General of India, The Honorable Shashi Tripathi.

Col. Shah received his medical education at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad, India, graduating in 1961. He additionally holds status as a Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and Fellow with the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada.

Col. Shah began his military career at the 174th Fighter Wing in 1982. He was named flight surgeon for the unit in 1984 and commander of its clinic in 1987. He assumed his present position as state air surgeon to the headquarters of the New York Air National Guard in 1992. Col. Shah is also a graduate of the Air Force's "Top Knife School" and the Arctic Survival Program: "Kool School." He is a recipient of the Air Force's Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force

Commendation Medal. He holds a Senior Flight Surgeon rating with the Air Force and has more than 580 flight hours in the F-16.

Among his many distinctions within the community, Col. Shah has served as president of the Oswego County Medical Society and the Medical Staff of Oswego Hospital. He is a member of the Brown University School of Medicine Board of Overseers in Providence, Rhode Island and a past member of the Chancellor's Council of Brown University. In addition, he established a scholarship for undergraduate and medical students and a Chair in geriatric medicine at Brown.

"This is a very fitting promotion for a man who has worked tirelessly for his community and the New York Air National Guard," stated Gen. Berberian. "Throughout his career, Col. Shah has put his service to his community, state and nation and specifically the men and women of the New York Air National Guard before all else. It is a privilege to recognize this commitment with his promotion to brigadier general. He embodies the very best qualities found in National Guardsmen," Gen. Berberian said.

Guardsmen Train for WMD Crises

By Sgt. 1st Class Eric Wedeking
National Guard Bureau

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO — About 220 National Guardsmen from across the nation trained here in mid-August to help civilian authorities rapidly react to potential terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

The Army and Air National Guard troops said they are eagerly soaking up the knowledge they need. That means becoming experts in nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological sampling, detection and decontamination; the functions of air re-breathers and other protective wear; emergency communications; and coordinating other civil-military operations.

The National Guard established 10 military support detachments and expects all to have an initial operational capacity by the end of 1999. One detachment was assigned to each Federal Emergency Management Agency region. They were co-located with Air Guard aviation units so they could arrange troop and equipment airlifts quickly. Stations are in Natick, Mass.; Scotia, N.Y.; Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.; Marietta, Ga.; Peoria, Ill.; Austin, Texas; Fort Leonard Wood; Aurora, Colo.; Los Alamitos, Calif.; and Tacoma.

From the beginning, the units have also been called Rapid Assessment Initial Detection teams, or the more common acronym, RAID Team. Detachments are training primarily with civilian subject-matter experts contracted for new-equipment training. They know they're in a fishbowl. They've been watched continually by First Army and Fifth Army observers and controllers, and representatives from the Pentagon's Consequence Management Program Integration Office and other DoD agencies.

The detachments respond to concerns of national leaders and planners who believe the United States faces the threat of terrorism involving nuclear, biological or chemical agents, similar to the Tokyo subway sarin gas attack. The citizen-soldiers and airmen training here are equally convinced that preparedness for such unfortunate incidents is crucial.



New York's 2nd Military Support Detachment (RAID) returns home to the Stratton Air National Guard Base from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The deployment via C5 Galaxy of the 105th Air Wing was to test the air mobility capabilities of the Detachment with their newly issued vehicles and equipment. The safe arrival of the troops was "ahead of schedule." Photo by Walt Wheeler.

"The military support detachments will serve as the tip of the military response spear to weapons of mass destruction attacks," said Maj. Tammy Miracle, a National Guard Bureau spokeswoman in Arlington, Va. "These detachments [will] help local responders assess the situation, determine possible responses and request state or federal aid.

"Specifically, the detachments can survey an attack area to determine the nature and extent of contamination," she continued. "They are equipped with chemical, biological and radiological protective and monitoring equipment, and

advanced communications and automation equipment to assist and augment first-response authorities, she said.

"They have been great. They seem to be enjoying the training and they're enthusiastic," said instructor Robert Mayhew of Stafford, Va. He also commended National Guard leadership for establishing high qualification standards for detachment members to man the force. "They looked for soldiers who are mentally and physically ready to handle this. There was a strict selection process."

RTI Graduates Officer Candidate Class

By Capt. Albert Golebiowski
106th Regional Training Institute

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL - On 26 June 1999 a commencement exercise took place for the graduating officer class of 1999.

Thirty-five second lieutenants were commissioned and sworn in by guest speaker Brigadier General Van Patten, Commander of the New York Army National Guard. Brig. Gen. Van Patten's address to the newly commissioned second lieutenants expressed the importance of honesty and integrity.

The 42nd Infantry Division Band performed a music repertoire during the commencement. There were approximately 300 people in attendance, who joined in the celebration following the commencement.

Class of 1999 Award Recipients:

First Honor Graduate Lt. Noreault "Old-Guard City of New York" Award

Second Honor Graduates Lt. Fluker; Lt. Petrillo "National Guard Assoc. of United States" (NGAUS) Award

Distinguished Academic Graduate Lt. John King "Militia Assoc. of New York" (MANY) Award

Distinguished Leadership Graduate Lt. Roger Woodworth "Assoc. of the United States Army, Pulaski Militia 1833 Award"

Outstanding Personal Achievement Award Lt. Julie Bradley "Pulaski Cadets of America" Award

Physical Fitness Award Lt. Arthur Grimshaw, Lt. Jeff Green "New York Regional Training Institute" Award

42nd Inf. (Rainbow) Div. Assoc. "Distinguished Service Award" Lt. Peter Fluker, Lt. Jeff Green, Lt. Miguel Santiago, Lt. James Whipple, Lt. Roger Woodworth, Lt. Tim Simmons

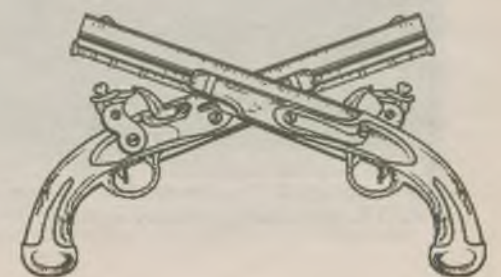
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27th Bde BALAN CRISTAIN
42nd Div BASSI TONY FRANK
53rd HTC BRADLEY JULIE
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STARC CONDON ELIZABETH A
53rd HTC CONTRERAS RICARDO
STARC CROFT WILLIAM
53rd HTC ENGLISH DAVID JR
42nd Div FLUKER PETER
42nd Div GREEN JEFFREY ALLEN
STARC GREENE CHRISTOPHER
STARC GRIMSHAW ARTHUR B
53rd HTC HOSTETLER ANN
27th Bde HULETT JOSEPH M.
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27th Infantry Brigade Teams



"Unless you get everyone working together and on the same mission, you won't be able to get the coordination done to be successful"



By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM -- Teamwork is the foundation for successful combat operations. In the New York Army National Guard's 27th enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade (eSIB), annual training on Fort Drum meant teaming with every slice of the Army to achieve its training goals.

In its largest exercise in over two decades, the 27th Brigade deployed to Fort Drum with more than 2,400 soldiers to prepare for a deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana in 2001.

Formerly a roundout Brigade to the Active Army's 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, the 27th is one of 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades, the Army National Guard's premier unit for training, readiness, and deployability. The unit's rotation to JRTC will test the Brigade's ability to deploy and fight as part of a joint combat team. For the 27th, the deployment will involve teaming with a variety of Army support units, special operations forces, Air Force and Air National Guard forces.

The Brigade annual training, a ramp-up exercise for JRTC, included a multitude of Army units. The 42nd Infantry (the Rainbow Division), New York Army National Guard, supported the Brigade with an aviation headquarters from Long Island and an attack helicopter company from Rochester along with the division's Long-Range Surveillance Detachment (LRSD) from Rhode Island. The aviation force also included a lift company from the state area command in Albany and a CH-47 Chinook detachment from Connecticut. Army Reservists from Utica's Civil Affairs detachment handled civilians on the battlefield. Also included in the 27th Brigade task force was Battery C, 3-62 Air Defense Artillery, a slice from the 10th Mountain Division.

"We're used to dealing with the 10th Mountain Division from our years as a roundout, coordinating with them for all sorts of support," noted Colonel Dan Maney, the 27th Brigade Deputy Commander. "And, now we're into working with our Reserve Component sister elements like the Rainbow Division and the State Area Command headquarters."

Rainbow National Guard soldiers from the 114th Infantry Regiment from New Jersey comprised the opposing force for the Brigade exercise. Rhode Island Air National Guard C-130 Hercules provided the airlift support for the mission.

Top photo, UH-60 Blackhawks of the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation approach the landing zone for the assault landing of Company B, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry. Photo above, an AH-1 Cobra from the 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation overflies infantry on the LZ. Photos by Capt. Richard Goldenberg. Photo above right, troops spread out in the LZ. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

up for Combat Training



Directing and supporting the Brigade trainup is the 174th Infantry Brigade, the training component for First Army. The Active Army soldiers oversee the operation and provide observer-controllers (OC) for the tactical play while giving instruction and mentorship to their 27th Brigade counterparts in the field. Lieutenant Colonel Steven Townsend, operations officer in the 174th pointed out that "we make the exercise interesting and fun. And its as realistic as we can make it." Using Multiple Integrated Laser weapons systems, referred to as MILES, every soldier on the battlefield could experience the risk of becoming a casualty while the combat support units could train on actual personnel and logistics operations. Lieutenant Colonel Townsend noted that the 27th training in combat operations went well. "The Brigade's been very successful," he said in summary.

The 27th Brigade conducted staging operations at the new deployment site on Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield and then deployed its forces by air and ground into the Fort Drum training areas. The exercise included airland, air assault, and ground assault operations.

In the early hours of the airlanding on Belvedere Flight Landing Strip (FLS), the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry conducted a battalion air assault into four landing zones to secure the lodgement for follow-on forces. Staff Sergeant Timothy Bissonette, a squad leader in Company A, 2d-108th Infantry, emphasized the importance of the entire team coming together for this training. "Unless you get everyone working together and on the same mission, you won't be able to get the coordination done to be successful."

The squad leader speaks about teamwork from experience. In Staff Sergeant Bissonette's squad is a foreign exchange soldier from the United Kingdom's Territorial Guard, a National Guard counterpart with the 108th Infantry for its annual training. "The tactics and maneuvers are the same for an infantry unit, it's the terminology that's different, that's all," said Sergeant Peter Gray, wearing his own British camouflage fatigues with a U.S. Kevlar helmet to accommo-

date the MILES gear. "We have to be on the same sheet of music for when we do work together as part of NATO".

The need for coordination and teamwork continued throughout the day as soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry followed the air assault and arrived by C-130 airflow into the FLS. A battalion task force from the 1st Battalion, 105th Infantry conducted a ground assault convey to move the distance from staging base to the Brigade area of operations. Once established in the Brigade lodgement, the 27th Brigade conducted offensive operations to eliminate the opposing force in the area and secure the safety of the a local civilian village established at the Fort Drum urban training site.

At every level of the 27th Brigade's week-long exercise, teaming was the focal point for success. From the 174th Active Army coaches in the field to the close coordination between Active, Reserve, and the National Guard troops to the integration of Army Aviation and the Air

National Guard missions to deploy soldiers and conduct resupply, the 27th Brigade is one step closer to its Fort Polk deployment.



Top photo, infantry moves off of the LZ following their air assault. Above right, a Rhode Island Air National Guard C-130 lands on Fort Drum's Belvedere Air Strip in the tactical training area. Photo above right, a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry pulls security. Above, troops from the 1st Battalion 108th Infantry off-load their C-130 Hercules and move to company rally points. Photos by Capt. Richard Goldenberg

Naval Militia 'Seabees' build Fire Tower in Philmont

By Senior Chief Journalist Brian Bell
New York Naval Militia

PHILMONT, COLUMBIA COUNTY — Who do you call when you need help putting out a fire?

That's a question that Jim Van Deusen, Columbia County Fire Coordinator, wrestled with. It's his responsibility to ensure that 2,200 volunteer firefighters from 45 fire stations in Columbia County meet state training requirements.

"There was a time when firefighters could practice fighting real fires by burning old, abandoned buildings," Van Deusen said. "Not anymore. Those fires cannot be strictly controlled. Today, New York State requires firefighters to train under controlled conditions. For a long time, Columbia County has needed a special facility to provide that unique type of training. We've had to send our firefighters to other counties to get the training they need."

When Columbia County decided to build a firefighting facility of its own, Van Deusen discovered the cost of a new facility was more than the county could afford.

"Unfortunately, bids for labor and materials to build a fire tower came to about \$200,000. We couldn't do it on our own. We desperately needed help."

"From the grant to pay for the materials to the professional construction provided by the Naval Militia Seabees, New York has been there for us."

An offer to help came from an unexpected source: the New York Naval Militia's Seabees. Working under the GuardHELP program, Naval Militia Seabees responded to Van Deusen's call for help. The Seabees provided the labor needed to build a fire tower in the town of Philmont, located near the center of Columbia County. A \$100,000 grant from the State of New York, presented to Columbia County by State Senator Steve Saland, helped pay for project materials.

The Seabees spent about seven weeks building the tower, which was completed in mid-September. The project was headed by Chief Warrant Officer Mark Cassidy, a Buffalo resident with more than 40 years of construction experience. Cassidy's crew came from around the state and brought a wealth of practical experience to the project.

The new all-steel structure he and his crew built stands four stories high. It has a burn room with special panels capable of reaching temperatures of up to 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit. Live fires can be continually set and put out in the 'burn' room, giving volunteers plenty of practice before they face the real thing.

"Our volunteers will get a real feel for fighting fires under live conditions in this tower," said Van Deusen. "They will be more effective firefighters because



A seabee from the New York Naval Militia works on the steel frame fire tower. Photo by Senior Chief Journalist Brian Bell.

of this facility — better able to protect themselves, their families, and their friends."

Van Deusen hopes the tower will serve as a centerpiece for a larger training center in Columbia County. "Our ultimate goal is to develop a training center for all emergency services right

here with the fire tower," he said. "The tower has rappelling rings, so even the Sheriff's department can use it for SWAT training. We hope to eventually add on classroom space for emergency medical services and other training."

According to Chief Warrant Officer Richard Siek, who helped to spearhead the Navy Militia participation in the effort, the Columbia County fire tower is the first GuardHELP project in New York supported solely by the New York Naval Militia.

The project exemplifies GuardHELP at

its best: a program that supports local communities by taking full advantage of the experience and professionalism of Guard members throughout New York State and partnering that capability to community needs.

For his part, Van Deusen cannot say enough good about the State and the GuardHELP program. "We're extremely happy about the support the state has provided us," he said. "From the grant to pay for the materials to the professional construction provided by the Naval Militia Seabees, New York has been there for us."

This facility will provide our volunteer firefighters with realistic training that will serve them and the people of Columbia County extremely well for a long time."

NY Guard Links to Civil Air Patrol

Guard Times Staff

West Point, NY - Over one hundred volunteers participated in a joint exercise conducted by the New York Wing Civil Air Patrol and the New York Guard at Camp Natural Bridge on the shores of Lake Popolopen on the United States Military Academy.

The purpose of the exercise was coordination between the two unpaid volunteer organizations, so the members could meet and learn the procedures and methods of the two groups, so they could assist and supplement during natural disasters or emergencies. The New York Guard is a part of the State Military Emergency Radio Network (MERN) for disasters or emergencies and members of the New York Army National Guard instructed radio procedures and technical orientations during the two day practice mission. Various search and rescue techniques were reviewed as well as lectures on the possible activities on which the New York Wing and the New York Guard could cooperate.

Thirty New York Wing CAP volunteers from the South-eastern New York area attended as well as New York Guard volunteers from the 14th, 56th, 88th, and 10th Brigades. Colonel Barry Conroy, Deputy Commander of the 56th Brigade New York Guard, served as the Officer in Charge (OIC). Coordinating the activities and acting as liaison at West Point was LTC James Waterbury, the Range Control Officer at the Military Academy. LTC Waterbury is a retired Coast Guard Officer and a member of both the New York Guard and the Civil Air Patrol.

The New York Guard is an all volunteer component of the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs. Its mission is to support the state mission of the other three components, the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the New York Naval Militia. Members of the NY Guard serve as unpaid volunteers, except when called to active duty by order of the Governor. The New York Guard has about 1,000 volunteer soldiers available throughout the state.

The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, chartered by the Congress of the United States as a non-profit benevolent corporation. The New York Wing is the state level organization with about 2400 volunteers statewide. The civilian volunteers are unpaid, but reimbursed for fuel and oil used on air force authorized missions. They perform search and rescue and disaster relief activities in support of the USAF and various other agencies.



The steel frame of the fire tower goes up in the Columbia County town of Philmont. The tower will be used to train volunteer firefighters in Columbia County. Photo by Senior Chief Journalist Brian Bell.

ChalleNGe Holds 12th Graduation

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL—Dozens of high school dropouts graduated from the National Guard's boot camp style youth program in June, completing an intensive five-month program aimed at reconnecting them with the education system.

The New York National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Opportunity Program graduated its 12th class on Camp Smith's parade ground in June. The ceremony, marking the graduation of 84 corps members from across the state, also included the issuing of military oaths of service for more than 30 graduates who chose to join active and reserve component military branches. Separate oath ceremonies for groups of enlistees for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Army and Air National Guard were conducted before visiting families and friends. It was the largest number of ChalleNGe graduates ever to join the military at one time.

Over the previous 22-week period, the young men and women lived in barracks, ate in a mess hall, got up early each morning for physical fitness training and then attended classes through the day. The classes were designed to help each young person take and pass the high school equivalency exam. Since 1993, CHalleNGE has been helping young people reorganize their life,



Brig. Gen. Van Patten issues the oath of service to members of the ChalleNGe graduating class who are joining the New York Army National Guard. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

get their high school degree and go to college, get a meaningful job or even join the military. More than 800 young people have completed the program. Estimates range for up to a 90 percent success rate for its alumni in getting "connected" on a better path for the future.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Charles Gretzner, Dean of Mercy College, Yorktown campus. A graduate of the University of Minnesota doctorate program with a Ph.D. in Environmental Health and Safety, the educator was instrumental in forging a cooperative pro-

gram between ChalleNGe and Mercy College which allows advance standing corps members to take college courses while enrolled at ChalleNGe.

Many of these graduates have qualified or will soon qualify for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Upon graduation, the corps members began a year-long mentoring phase with a volunteer National Guard mentors in their hometown and received a stipend aimed at fostering continued academic or vocational education, or duty with the US military.

NFL Alumnus Joins the ChalleNGe Team

Guard Times Staff

CAMP SMITH—A former Minnesota Viking has joined the ChalleNGe team to help bring high school dropouts to the Guard's unique youth program.

Bob Reed, a former professional football player in the 1970s joined the New York National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Opportunity Program as a staff recruiter. He will be marketing the ChalleNGe Program statewide, reaching out to school systems, social service agencies, local officials and families of high school dropouts with the good news about ChalleNGe and what it can do for disconnected youth.

Reed came to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs with extensive experience in the community relations field working with "at-risk" youth throughout the country. He has worked with the New York State Division for Youth, Correctional Services and the State University of New York. He is noted for his skills in dealing with inner city young people.

Reed intends to take full advantage of professional football connections and network of additional contacts through his continued role as a member of the NFL Alumni Association. "The alumni association is active and we have local chapters around the state," said Reed. "I will be harnessing their assistance in my efforts to make our ChalleNGe Program more visible in the community and therefore, more readily accessible to the people who need it," he said.



Cadets negotiate the spider web during team training at Annual Training '99. Photo by Sgt. Steven Petibone.

Corps of Cadets Falls-in at Fort Drum

Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM -- Nearly 350 cadets from all over the state attended the New York National Guard Corps of Cadets Annual Training this summer. They were accompanied by nearly 200 military personnel on hand for the week-long event.

The summer encampment is designed to provide an environment that is both challenging and safe. Cadets participated in training events such as land navigation and rappelling as well as a drill competition. The week also included physical fitness training, a basketball tournament, and "adventure" activities, such as white-water rafting.

The New York National Guard "Corps of Cadets" is a program designed to provide a structured, drug-free after-school activity for young people, ages 12 through 17.

They All Call Her 'Mom'

Guard Times Staff

FORT DRUM -- "I love having my mother in the Parents Association because everybody respects my mother - they all call her mom," said twelve year old Cadet Shareef Ali, New York National Guard Corps of Cadets, 2nd Regiment, Buffalo, NY.

"Belonging to the Parents Association (PA) may take a lot of time, but I see it as - if we aren't out there helping our children enhance their lifestyles, then nobody else will be doing it," said Bernadette Washington.

Presently the 2nd Regiment's PA has ten active members who help the cadet leadership coordinate training and health awareness classes for the cadets. The PA also spends time talking to some of the cadets who may have serious issues that they may be involved in at home or at school. The Parents Association provides a foundation for Cadet counselling and nurturing.

Washington said "that the PA's are at an advantage in Buffalo, because there are so many organizations like the American Cancer Society, the Lung Association, and the Prenatal Task Force that can help educate the cadets."

Washington said "I like having my son in the Corps of Cadets Program because he is learning structure and teamwork." Ali joined the Corps of Cadets Program less than a year ago. Ali said he joined because he likes to belong to positive organizations that speak out against drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. "I think it's wrong to drink and do drugs," he said. "I really believe that there would be less violence in the world if everybody tried to help each other out and push people ahead in life."

Washington not only brings her nurturing abilities to the Buffalo Blizzards. She is also a Registered Nurse for Children's Hospital in Buffalo.



Ali Shareef and his mother, Bernadette Washington from the 2nd Regiment, New York National Guard Corps of Cadets. Washington is one of ten active parents in the Buffalo Blizzards. Photo by Master Sgt. Jeannine Mannarino.



Members of the 101st Cavalry remove abandoned auto frames from Staten Island during New York City's Neighborhood Cleanup Week. Photo by Capt. Robert Giordano.

Army National Guard Helps Lead New York's Neighborhood Cleanup

By Capt. Robert Giordano
HQ, 53rd Troop Command

NEW YORK CITY – Over three hundred and fifty National Guard troops, and 60 vehicles were used to assist the Citizens Committee for New York City in supporting Neighborhood Week '99.

Neighborhood Week 1999, from June 5th through 12th, was a weeklong series of events to salute more than one million New Yorkers who volunteer through some 12,000 block and neighborhood associations. The event was focused on relieving poverty and hunger, fighting crime and drugs, reducing environmental hazards, and combating racial intolerance. The late Senator Jacob Javits founded the Citizens Committee in 1975. It has worked diligently for 25 years to build more neighborhood volunteer groups and community leaders to make a difference in the quality of life throughout New York City.

The New York Army National Guard participated in Neighborhood Week 1999 as part of Governor George Pataki's ongoing GuardHELP community support program. Personnel from the State Naval Militia, volunteer New York Guard, the Challenge Program, Corps of Cadets and the Division of Military and Naval Affairs joined youth from over 125 youth outreach organizations in launching Neighborhood Week.

Safe Night New York kicked off the week long event at three Armory locations: Jamaica Armory, in Queens, the Seventh Regiment Armory in Manhattan and the Marcy Avenue Armory in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Safe Night provided the message that drugs, alcohol and violence need not have a place in the lives of city teens. This is a message that the National Guard is particularly committed to supporting.

The 53rd Troop Command operated a logistical command post supported by five armories which warehoused and distributed supplies to more than 160 sites during the event. National Guard support provided tents and water tanks for the Crown Heights Family Day Parade and Picnic. Transportation and maintenance units and delivered donated professional clothing to New Yorkers making the transition from welfare to work at more than 10 sites and distributed another 20,000 pounds of clothing and blankets to homeless shelters.

On June 11th and 12th soldiers, wreckers, and Staten Island Towing removed abandoned equipment, automobiles, and old storage tanks from the environmentally sensitive wetlands behind the Clove Lake Park Education Center. More than 200 volunteers from the Tri-State Ford Division, 53rd Troop Command and Staten Island volunteers unclogged natural streams and ponds, spruced up the children's playground, and lay down wood chip walks throughout the park.

"This cooperative effort by the National Guard, Ford Motor Company, the New York City Sanitation and Parks Department and the Partnership for Parks will have a lasting impact on the environment in Staten Island," said the Citizens Committee President Michael E. Clark.

Guard Gives Environmental Lift to Isolated Fishers Island

By Scott Sandman
Guard Times Staff

FISHERS ISLAND, TOWN OF SOUTHHOLD – Blackhawk helicopters and flatbed truck transporters teamed up July 24th and 25th off the eastern tip of Long Island to airlift 15 derelict vehicles from Fishers Island.

The National Guard's combined slingload and ground transport operation included National Guard aircraft from the Army Aviation Support Facility Number One from Ronkonkoma and a section of section of Guard soldiers from Manhattan's own 369th Support Battalion. The vehicles were airlifted across Long Island Sound to Orient Point where the 369th transported them to a recycling facility.

"As a former mayor, Governor Pataki has directed his state military forces to support the people of New York and their local governments in every way possible," said Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore, Adjutant General of the New York National Guard.

"GuardHELP is an outgrowth of that strategy; a way to bring the Guard's people power and equipment to bear for the betterment of New York's communities."

The project, initiated by a request from the Southhold Town Supervisor Jean Cochran, mirrors a similar operation conducted in the Central Pine Barrens of Long Island since 1997. Because the exercise provides an opportunity for troops to perform required Army training, the costs of the mission are paid out of existing federal training funds, saving the town tax dollars in the process.

"Our involvement in the Pine Barrens project was necessary because of the need to extract vehicles from difficult wooded terrain without damaging the sensitive environment," said Col. Frank Intini, commander of the Ronkonkoma flight facility. "On Fishers Island, it's the island's isolation from the rest of Southhold which has made

removing these cares especially difficult."

Supervisor Cochran said the cost of on-site loading and water transportation for the aban-

Prior to the airlift, Guard soldiers worked with the State Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure that all fluid in the cars, i.e., fuel, oil, coolant, etc., was properly drained and disposed of.

"...the Guard is also making a difference in the daily lives of New Yorkers and their communities"

The helicopter crews from the Ronkonkoma AASF do a great deal of pro-environmental work throughout Long Island, and this year the unit was chosen by the Department of the Army from among all active and reserve Army units for its national Environmental Award. In addition to the car lift project, the MacArthur Airport-based aviators also provided aerial support to local area fire companies, including heavy firefighting action during the 1995 Pine Barrens wildfires, helped build an artificial reef in Great South Bay, and flew in supplies to build a

bridge on the Paumanauk hiking trail near Montauk.

The 369th, part of the 42nd Infantry's Rainbow Division, is a direct descendent from the famed "Harlem Hellfighters," a unit renowned for its courage during World War One and the first African American unit to fight in a foreign war. The 369th Support Battalion is also very active in GuardHELP projects in New York City. Last year, members of the 369th were key in the restoration of Manhattan's Riverside Park. The project, which included the reconstruction of a huge stone retaining wall in the park, received statewide and national attention.

"The Guard is usually known for its robust response to defense and emergency needs, but this effort shows that under Governor Pataki's leadership, the Guard is also making a difference in the daily lives of New Yorkers and their communities," said Cochran.



An abandoned vehicle is lifted off of Fisher's Island. Photo by Capt. Rob Giordano.

andoned vehicles made their removal cost-prohibitive. The GuardHELP program provided a much-needed solution to the problem without burdening local taxpayers, she said.

"As a former mayor, Governor Pataki has directed his state military forces to support the people of New York and their local governments in every way possible"

"I commend Governor Pataki and the National Guard for the innovative GuardHELP program that links the resources and capabilities of the Guard with community needs," said Cochran. "The residents of Southhold and Fishers Island appreciate the Guard's important work this weekend – work which made the removal of these derelict vehicles financially feasible."

USMA Calls in Airstrike on Forest Fires

By Scott Sandman
Guard Times Staff

WEST POINT — On 16 July, New York National Guard helicopters from across the state began converging on West Point, not for scheduled annual exercises with cadets, but to help contain wildfires that threatened the United States Military Academy, a nearby state park and several local communities.

The fires began on Bare Rock Mt. on the West Point Military Reservation, and later spread to several other areas, including Bear Mt. State Park. With steep rocky terrain severely limiting civilian firefighters' ability to reach the flames, and drought conditions turning the Hudson Valley hillsides into a virtual tinderbox, USMA authorities called the National Guard for help.

A UH-60 Blackhawk equipped with a 660-gallon Bambi Bucket and 180-gallon bucket-equipped UH-1 Huey were immediately dispatched from Army Aviation Support Facility #1 in Ronkonkoma. Eventually, another Blackhawk, from AASF#3 in Latham, and another Huey, from AASF#2 in Rochester, joined the operation, which wound down on 13 August.

The Guard aviation crews joined about 50 West Point civilian firefighters and 30 West Point soldiers in fighting the fires, which ultimately burned nearly 1000 acres. The Guard's participation and proficiency drew rave reviews from West Point officials.

"The Army National Guard helicopter support was invaluable in fighting the fires on and off the West Point Military Reservation," said Col. Greg Stanley, USMA Facilities Engineer. "Given the steep terrain we were often operating in, the helicopters were an ideal asset for getting water to very inaccessible places. The Guard performed its mission superbly."

The guard helicopters' participation was made even more valuable when the fires spread to an abandoned firing range. Exploding shells made the area too dangerous for the 50 West Point firefighters and roughly 30 soldiers fighting the fires. Helicopters became the only safe option.

"Once the first artillery shell exploded, we pulled our firefighters out of there," said USMA spokesman Maj. Dave Astin. "No one was hurt, but we didn't want to put anyone at risk."

Baptism By Fire

For the Latham crews, the mission was their first taste of UH-60 water bucket operations. AASF#3 had scheduled its first Bambi Bucket training exercise for 4 August, but instead of a relatively relaxed day of training at nearby Round Lake, the crews were dispatched directly to the live fire at West Point. Under the tutelage of Col. Frank Intini, Commander of AASF#1 and the New York National Guard's foremost expert on aerial fire fighting, the Latham aviators received on-the-job training on the ground and in the air.



Following, a landing zone briefing from Col. Intini on the setup and use of the buckets, the pilots and crewmembers headed for the battlefield. Once at Bare Rock Mt., the aviators trained as they fought — learning not only how to handle the bucket-laden aircraft, make pickups and conduct drops, but also how to guide helicopters to a given position and time the drops from the ground.

"You have to be able to visualize what the pilot is seeing from the air if you're going to be effective on the ground," said Intini.

Once fully trained, the AASF#3 crews continued to fight the flames, flying with their fellow army aviators from Long Island. Flying two aircraft at a time, guard crews were able to achieve a two-minute turn around time between pickups from the



Photo left, Col. Frank Intini coordinates with civilian firefighters for water bucket drops. Above, a UH-60 from the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation in Latham drops its load on a smoke covered mountain side near West Point. Photos by Staff Sgt. Cori Lombardo.

nearby Hudson River and the drop zone. All told, Guard aviators made over 1000 drops during the four-week mission, delivering over a half-million gallons of water in the process.

"Having never flown with a water bucket before, I was really looking forward to the training at Round Lake," said pilot and AASF#3 Operations Officer Capt. Patrick Bacher. "When we got the call saying we were going to train in a live fire situation at West Point, it really got the adrenaline flowing. It was great to do the training and then see the results of our actions benefiting people right away."

Bacher noted seeing cheering civilians on a pier near the water pickup point in the Hudson, and families standing on their back decks near the fire zone waving to him as he and his crew flew overhead.

"The accolades we received from the local firefighters and civilians were amazing," said Bacher. "It was very satisfying to be able to both support our friends at the Academy, and successfully protect the homes and businesses of our civilian customers. That's what it's all about."

'GuardHELPS' Nassau Road Make the Grade

By Scott Sandman
Guard Times Staff

NASSAU — Members of the 204th Engineer Battalion, New York Army National Guard helped reconstruct a stretch of hazardous roadway in the Town of Nassau, Rensselaer County. As a GuardHELP project, the mission provided the troops with a federally funded training opportunity and at the same time provide an important service to the community.

The project, dubbed "Operation Safe Passage" lasted two weeks in August and included about 20 soldiers armed with bulldozers, dump trucks, backhoes and rollers. The troops replaced the roads' base, installed new culverts, and gave the roadway a new gravel surface. Guardsmen worked alongside Nassau Highway Dept. personnel, sharing with them their skills and expertise in road repair and construction.

"The Town came to us with a problem that had gone unsolved for decades" said Brig. Gen. Bill Martin, Deputy Adjutant General for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs. "In this case, the community's needs were a perfect match for the mission of our Engineer Battalion. Under the GuardHELP program, we've linked this need to our engineers' training requirements, and as a result are able to help affect improvements the Town wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford."

"The safer road conditions which will result from this project will be an immediate benefit to the people of Nassau. Additionally, the experience and skills that the Town's highway crews will take away from the exercise will continue to benefit the Town well into the future," said Martin.

Nassau Town Supervisor Carol Stanford said "Governor Pataki's innovative GuardHELP program makes sense for taxpayers. I am pleased that this project has been named "Operation Safe Passage," as this will be the end result for our residents."

The unpaved stretch of Town Road had been a problem for decades. Improper design and drainage make the road especially rough and dusty in dry weather and an impassable mess during



A 204th Engineer Grader makes short work of the Totem Lodge Road. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

the winter. The extremely poor condition of the roadway, along which about 40 families reside, can damage residents' and Town vehicles, prevent fire trucks, ambulances and police from getting through, and create a hazard for school busses and other vehicles.

"The Town of Nassau has about 65 miles of roads, and only 12 miles are paved," said Sanford. "During winter and the spring thaw, dirt roadways like Totem Lodge Road develop ruts as much as a foot deep, and often resemble mud bogs more than roads — this situation is extremely dangerous."

For members of Binghampton's 204th Engineer Battalion, the opportunity to conduct training in a local town was a mission with a real outcome. "Here, we're going to have something in place that will remain for many years," said First Lt. Brent Hamilton, commander of the engineer detachment. "It's something we can put our signature on."

Overall, the mission was a win-win for the community and the engineers. "It's a great motivator to a great number of people in the units," said Lt. Hamilton, referring to the intent for GuardHELP partnerships between the National Guard and communities. "Why not take that training and return something to the community as well?"

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 SCOTT A. STEPIEN HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID
 JAY W. VANAKEN CO D 1-105 INF

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THOMAS E. BENTON 2D MILITARY SUPPORT
 DET (RAID)
 ROBERT E. BURNS HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 BRIAN S. CASKEY CO B 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 WILLIAM S. HART CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
 MICHAEL S. KIM HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 DANIEL C. STEFFENS 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)

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 MARK R. WILKINSON HHD STARC (-) NYARNG

Chief WARRANT OFFICER 4

DEAN PILARINOS HHD STARC (-) NYARNG

Chief WARRANT OFFICER 3

RAYMOND D. BOBECK CO A 1-142 AVIATION
 STEVEN J. BROWNING CO B 3-142 AVN
 EDWARD C. DEGUISTO III CO B 3-142 AVN
 ROBERT F. MOORE CO B 342D FWD SPT BN

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 BRYAN C. MACDONALD CO A 3-142 AVN

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MASTERSERGEANT

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 TIBURCIO DEJESUS CO F 142 AVN
 PHILIP A. FERRARA 145TH MAINT C (DS)
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 THEODORE W. GERMAN HQS 106TH RGMT (RTI)
 DANIEL G. MILLER HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 THOMAS J. MOSCATO HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 MICHAEL J. NIEMIEC HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID
 JOHN A. PAPAJIK CO A 1 BN 101 CAV
 CARL B. SALYER HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 MICHAEL C. SUSZKO HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 JACOB YOUNG DET 7 HQ STARC (1BN 53TC)

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 GEORGE N. BISHOP DET 1 1569TH TRANS CO
 MAUREEN E. BOWMAN HHC 3-142 AVIATION
 RICHARD BROS HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 MAX BRUSTMEYER 37TH FIN DET

MICHAEL F. BURROW CO A 642D SUPPORT BN
 GERALD M. CAHILL JR HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 JOHN T. FLANAGAN 133 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
 DANIEL E. FRANCIS 105 MP CO (-)
 RONNIE FUNDERBURK 105 MP CO (-)
 MARIO L. GELLIZEAU 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
 MARIO J. GONZALEZ CO C 230TH SIGNAL BN
 BRUCE J. GOODBRED HHC 427TH SPT BN
 GARY M. GORDON HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 BRIAN L. HAYDEN CO B 342D FWD SPT BN
 MICHAEL S. HOFFMAN 105 MP CO (-)
 EDWARD C. LAKE JR HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 VICTOR MALDONADO HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 DOUG MARCANTONIO DET 1 HQ STARC-NY (53 TC)
 TERENCE M. MCCUE DET 1 107 MP CO
 JOSEPH M. MCDONNELL HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 WAYNE R. MORRIS DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
 PAUL A. ODEMS 7TH FIN DET
 FRANCIS PERILLO HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 KENNETH C. RATHBUN CO B(-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)
 PETER R. SCANIO 29TH PERS SVC DET
 STEPHEN T. SCHROEDER HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 ANTONIO SERRANO 37TH FIN DET
 DAVID M. SMITH H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 GARY A. SMITH CO B(-) 427TH SPT BN
 ELMORE J. STALLWORTH CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
 MARK J. TYREE CO A 642D SUPPORT BN

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 ERVIN D. ARREDONDO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 JON P. BALDWIN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JOVANY G. BARROW HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TODD S. BERARDICURTI CO D 1-142 AVIATION
 CLAUDINE M. BLANC HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JOHN C. BOBECK CO D 1-142 AVIATION
 KENNETH D. BOMBACE HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 BRIAN S. BONANNO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 HERBERT T. BOURDONNY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DIANE M. BOYCE HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JUAN C. BRAVO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 CHRIS J. BULLOCK HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 CARLEEN CALYPSO DET 2 1569TH TRANS CO
 JAMES P. CASILL 105 MP CO (-)
 DEAN A. CHATTEN 105 MP CO (-)
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 ERIN R. CONNELL HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 ELIZABETH CORDERO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 ERNEST J. DAOUST DET 1 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
 MORNA D. DAVIS HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TIMOTHY A. DELANEY DET 1 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
 DERGHAM C. DERGHAM HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 IAN J. DUNBAR CO D 1-105 INF
 CHARLES M. DUNNING DET 1 CO D 2 BN 108 INF
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 JANET R. ERAZO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 LISA L. FOLSOM HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 SCOTT A. FORBES HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 CATHERINE E. GARDNER HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 WILLIAM M. GOURLAY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 ANTHONY V. GREEN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 WILLIAM GRITSavage Jr HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 WINSTON E. HARRIS 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
 JAMES E. HEATH DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN
 WILLIAM HERINGTON DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
 MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 BRIAN J. HIGGINS HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TODD J. HOLM HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 GREGORY L. HOLMES HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN
 SCOTT A. HOTALING HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 WINSTON G. HURST HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TODD W. JOHNSON CO D (-) 2-108 INF
 LOUIS W. JULIANO CO C 152 ENGR BN
 JAMES P. KEENAN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DAVID W. KENNEDY JR HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 MICHAEL S. KEYES HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)

ERIC J. KILLORAN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 RICHARD A. KOESTER JR HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 KEITH R. KREMPA 105 MP CO (-)
 BRYAN J. LAMORA HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DARYL P. LAMOY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 GABRIEL V. LANDOWSKI HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 SCOTT R. LANGLEY 227TH MI CO
 LARS LUFFMAN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DWAYNE R. MANLEY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 BRIAN K. MARKHAM BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
 PAUL R. MARTIN 105 MP CO (-)
 RICHARD R. MARTINEZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 CHRISTOPHER MASSIE HHS (-) 1-156 FA
 MICHAEL J. MCCARTHY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JOHN H. MCCOLLISTER 105 MP CO (-)
 JOSE MEDINA 133 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
 TIMOTHY P. MICHAELS HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 EDWARD J. MILLER JR HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR
 JEFFREY B. MONACELL HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DAVID R. MONTMINY HHC 427TH SPT BN
 RAFAEL A. MUNOZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 MICHAEL S. MURPHY HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JONATHAN NEUREUTHER HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TI K. NG HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 FREDDY W. OLVERA HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 TIMOTHY W. PAEPKE 105 MP CO (-)
 SUSIE A. PALLUTI 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET
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 FERRON W. PINNOCK DET 1 CO B 1-105TH INF
 ADYLL M. RAMJOHN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 RAKESH RAMNARINE HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 BRIAN T. RATHBURN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 DEREK J. REYNOLDS HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 MARSHALL G. ROCQUE CO A (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 DAVID RODRIGUEZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 ROBERT F. ROMANO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 HERIBERTO SANCHEZ HHC 427TH SPT BN
 CRISTOBAL SANTIAGO HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
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 EDWARD R. SAWTELL HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 KENNETH S. SECOR HHC 1-105TH INF
 RANDIE SHEPARD HHC 1-142D AVIATION
 IVAN R. SKOMP DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
 PAUL R. SOLOMON CO B(-) 1 BN 105TH INF
 DONALD F. SPENCE JR 105 MP CO (-)
 JOSEPH SQUILLACE HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 DAVID L. STAFFORD HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID
 SHAWN G. HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JOSE R. SUERO CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
 TODD C. TONGUE 105 MP CO (-)
 HERIBERTO TORRES CO F 142 AVN
 VALDO K. VAHER HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 RAYMOND WILLIAMS HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 MARK J. BOWLER 105 MP CO (-)
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 ADAM S. COLBY HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
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 DAVID P. CZECK 105 MP CO (-)
 ROBERT M. DADDIO CO C 1-69TH IN (M)
 EDUARDO DETRESMUNIZ 105 MP CO (-)
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 ROBERT B. FELTON CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR
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ROHAN A. PRINCE	145TH MAINT C (DS)	LEE CHANG	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	COLIN M. MACCREA	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
ARCADIO RAMOS	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	ALEX CHAPMAN	CO A (-) 152 ENGR BN	ROB M. MACHERONE	DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
WORRELL A. RAMSEY	DET 1 CO C 1-105 INF	CHRISTOPHER CHAPMAN	CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR	BENJAMIN D. MAHAFFY	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
CHANTEL L. RENADETTE	DET 1 CO C 427TH SPT BN	SHAWN N. CHARNISKY	CO B 152 ENGR BN	AETHRA H. MARTONE	HHC 152 ENGR BN
SCOTT J. RHOADES	105 MP CO (-)	ROBERT L. CHASTAIN	JRHHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID	CRAIG R. MATHEWSON	CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
ALVIN RIVERA	DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF	JOHN H. CHEE	SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA	TRINA M.CLOUD	37TH FIN DET
GARRETT C. ROBERTS JR	HHD STARC (-) NYARNG	NFN CHEYENNE	DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF	ADAM MEHLENBACHER	105 MP CO (-)
ROSALIE S. ROBERTS	DET 1 CO C 342D FSB	JENNIFER L. CHRISTIANSEN	DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE	JASON M. MEINHART	827TH ENGR CO
EVEMARIE ROBINSON	CO A 342D FWD SPT BN	KELLY A. CLARK	HHC 1-142D AVIATION	EDDY V. MELENDEZ	CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
SETH R. RUMSEY	CO B (-) 204 ENBN (CBT HVY)	TAHINA COLIN	CO A 342D FWD SPT BN	JOHN M. MILES	HHC 1-105TH INF
ROBERT R. SAJDAK	CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF	MICHAEL R. COLLOTON	HHC 2 BN 108 INF	JOSEPH F. MITRANO III	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
JOSEPH P. SALISBURY	DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF	MYRA E. CONCEPCION	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	PHILIP H. MOCNIAK	DET 1 HHC 1 BN 127 AR
JOHN SCAPPATICCIO	CO D 1-69TH IN (M)	PETER D. CONYNE	CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF	ANTONELLA MONTESANO	HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
MELISSA R. SCRAPER	CO B 342D FWD SPT BN	DANIEL M. COOTER JR	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	PEDRO A. MORALES	CO C (-) 1 BN 105 INF
JAMES D. SHAND	CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF	COREY C. COURMAN	HHC 1 BN 101 CAV	JUSTIN M. MOSHKOWSKICO	D 1 BN 127 ARMOR
RAYMOND A. SHERRY JR	SPT PLATOON 152D EN BN	PHILLIP B. COUSE	CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN	IAN D. MULCAHEY	CO D 1-108TH INF
JASON J. SITANGGANG	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	AMY J. CRANMER	DET 1 105TH MP CO	RICKY N. MYERS JR	CO A 342D FWD SPT BN
RAYMOND SOTO	HHB 1 BN 258 FA	MARTA FELICIANO	7TH FIN DET	TIMOTHY M. NEILD	DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN
TRESSA D. SOUTHERLAND	145TH MAINT C (DS)	RICKY FELIX	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	KEITH R. NICKERSON	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
TIMOTHY P. SPERRY JR	DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF	MIGUEL FERNANDEZ JR	CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN	FELIPE NUNEZ	DET 1 107 MP CO
KARLAN STANDFORD	CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN	ALDVIN S. FIELDS	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	JOHN W. OLES	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
TIMOTHY R. STARR	827TH ENGR CO	CHRISTOPHER A. FLOOD	TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY	JOSE E. ORTIZ	BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA
KENNETH C. STEFFENS	CO B (-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)	WILLIAM FORD	HHC 1 BN 101 CAV	DWAINE K. OSBORNE	7TH FIN DET
FRANK E. TAFEL	HHC 427TH SPT BN	BRENT P. FOWLER	HHC 1-105TH INF	GILBERTO W. PALACIO	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
SOLOMON J. TATE	CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN	ADAM FREUDENBERGER	442 MP CO (-)	KEVIN M. PARDNER	CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
DEWAYNE A. TAYLOR	HHC 427TH SPT BN	JASON F. FRYCEK	CO B (-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)	AARON J. PARKHURST	CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR
OBN K. TAYLOR	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF	HUSANI O. FUSSELL	SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA	SATURNINO PEREZ	BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA
RANDALL P. TELLIER	105 MP CO (-)	BRIAN K. GAGE	105 MP CO (-)	EDUARDO R. PERRY	145TH MAINT C (DS)
XIOMARA THOMAS	145TH MAINT C (DS)	CARLOS R. GARCIA	DET 1 CO B 1-105TH INF	THOMAS D. PHILLIPS	SPT PLATOON 152D EN BN
DAVID E. THOMPSON	DET 1 CO B 2 BN 108 INF	HENRY GARCIA	SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA	BRIAN B. PLATT	CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
JIME M. THOMPSON	CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY	WILLIAM P. GIBSON	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	LUIS RAMOS	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
ROBERT Y. THYBULLE	BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA	MARIA C. GONZALEZ	DET 1 CO C 342D FSB	LINDA F. RANDALL	HHD 342D FWD SPT BN
WILLIAM C. TISDELL	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN	MATTHEW J. GOODWIN	HHC 2 BN 108 INF	ANDREW T. REARDON	CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
JENNIFER S. TROSTLE	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN	JASON P. GORMAN	HHS (-) 1-156 FA	JASON P. RENADETTE	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
RICHARD N. TURNER	HHC 427TH SPT BN	NICHOLAS J. GOROM	827TH ENGR CO	JEREMY L. RENADETTE	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
DANIEL J. VACCARO	HHC 3D BDE 42ID	JASON M. GRAHAM	DET 1 CO B 427TH SPT BN	RANDOLPH C. RICCI II	CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
KIMBERLY M. WADE	CO B (-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)	DOUGLAS M. GRANIE	DET 1 CO B 427TH SPT BN	PHILIP T. RICE	HHC 3-142 AVIATION
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FABIAN K. WILLIAMS	145TH MAINT C (DS)	HERSON GUTIERREZ	DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN	DANIEL ROBLES	BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA
KENNETH J. WILLIAMS	DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF	JOSHUA M. GUY	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF	ISABELO RODRIGUEZ	BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA
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DANIEL WOODASON JR	CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN	ROBERT J. HALEY JR	HHC 3-142 AVIATION	STEVEN A. RODRIGUEZ	CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF
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EFRAIN T. AGUILAR	BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA	ROBERT A. HEGEL	CO B 1-69TH IN (M)	JASON M. RONCONE	HHC (-) 1BN 127 ARMOR
MONIKA M. AKACKI	4TH FIN DET	DENNIS L. HEMMINGWAY	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	VICTOR M. ROSADO JR	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
DARLENE A. ALLEYNE	HHD 206 CORPS SPT BN	AL W. HENDRICKS	719 TRANS (MDM TRK CGO)	ELERY L. ROSSBACH	CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
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RAMON ANDERSON	BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA	MICHAEL M. HERNANDEZ	827TH ENGR CO	DERRICK W. SANCHEZ	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
GEOFFREY S. ANDREWS	HHC (-) 1BN 127 ARMOR	ERIK H. HESS	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF	EDWARD SAULTERS	DET 1 105TH MP CO
FRANK ANDRZEJEWSKI	CO B 152 ENGR BN	KORY A. HINTON	7TH FIN DET	EARL R. SCOFIELD	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
BOBBY R. ANFANG	HHC 1 BN 101 CAV	JOEL J. HISCUTT	HHC (-) 1BN 127 ARMOR	COREY M. SEIDAT	CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
PAUL M. BAILIE	642D MI BN	DAVID C. HITCHCOCK	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN	NJERI K. SHIELDS	DET 1 CO C 342D FSB
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ERNEST R. BEVACQUA	CO A (-) 152 ENGR BN	JENNIFER E. JANACK	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	BRYAN C. STERN	HHC 1-105TH INF
ODYSSEUS BIBERIAS	HHC 1-69TH IN (M)	IVAN JIMENEZ	CO B (-) 1 BN 105TH INF	ADAM M. STONE	827TH ENGR CO
RICHARD W. BISHOP II	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF	CHRISTOPHER I. JOHNSON	HHB 1 BN 258 FA	SCOTT R. STONGE	CO D 1-105 INF
MICHAEL J. BORRELLI	DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF	DALE R. JOHNSON JR	HHC 152 ENGR BN	GERALD J. STRONG	CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN
DAWN L. BOUCK	14TH FIN DET	JEROME D. JORDAN	CO C (-) 1 BN 105 INF	PAUL B. STRUYS JR	HHC 1-105TH INF
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CHRISTOPHER CARMODY	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF	AARON T. LOGAN	HHB 1 BN 258 FA	JORGE VALENTIN	BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA

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Fifteen New York Guard members supported July's Capital District Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile Bike Tour at sites from Saratoga Springs to Glens Falls. Seen above, First Sgt. Bill Lambert, Capt. David Colvin, and Sgt. First Class Kenneth Cole, Sr., of the 10th Brigade direct traffic for a team of cyclists. Photo by Walt Wheeler.

Tankers Share Ideas Across the Generations

By Capt. Patrick J. Chaisson

Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry

FORT KNOX, KY — The tankers of Bravo and Charlie Companies, 1-101 Armor, New York Army National Guard, hosted a special visitor while at Annual Training here this summer.

That visitor was Ralph Zumbro, a Vietnam veteran and author/historian. Zumbro is well-known in the Armor community for his realistic and well-researched books *Tank Sergeant*, *Iron Cavalry* and *Tank Aces*. He came to Knox at the invitation of Bravo Company First Sergeant Patrick Sims, a personal friend. While here, Zumbro led a discussion on tank tactics with the Guardmembers of B and C Companies. He brought with him rare videos, slides and his own personal experiences as a tank crewman in the Vietnam War.

"I'm here to pass along some tricks of the trade that never made it into the manuals," Zumbro told his audience. He explained that too often soldiers have to re-learn the lessons of the past - usually the hard way.

"The jungle tactics we used in Vietnam were first developed on Guadalcanal twenty years earlier," reported Zumbro. "But nobody bothered to write them down. That's what I'm doing now."

Getting soldiers to share their good ideas has become a mission for Ralph Zumbro. He travels frequently, meeting Active Component and National Guard troops while researching his books. Zumbro soon had the tankers relating their own experiences.



Posing at the Patton Museum are (l-r) SGT First Class Larry LaChance, Ralph Zumbro, and First SGT Patrick Sims. Photo by Capt. Patrick Chaisson.

"It was awesome," said SGT Howard Wulforst of Company C. "I learned that imagination and resourcefulness are just as important to a tanker as good gunnery skills."

SPC Jim Touchette of Company B agreed. He liked how Zumbro related his experiences in Vietnam with the experiences of modern tank warfare. "If we get sent to Bosnia or Kosovo we might have to deal with civilians

on the battlefield or land mines, like Ralph (Zumbro) did in Vietnam," Touchette said.

For two unit members, Zumbro's visit brought back vivid memories. SFC Larry LaChance of Company C and 1SG Patrick Sims of Company B are both Vietnam veterans. SFC LaChance served with the 1st Infantry Division and the 11th ACR from 1969 to 1970 while 1SG Sims made three combat tours with the 55th and 57th River Patrol Squadrons, U.S. Navy.

Zumbro's discussion "brought on a flashback" for SFC LaChance. 1SG Sims saw the author's visit as a rare opportunity for Vietnam veterans to share their firsthand knowledge with the troops who have little or no memory of the Vietnam War. "There aren't many Vietnam veterans left in the Guard," Sims observed. "Pretty soon we'll all be gone (retired) so we need to teach these lessons now."

The armor crewmen of Company B and Company C gained much insight from Ralph Zumbro's visit to Fort Knox. Many said meeting this well-known writer was a highlight of their Annual Training tour and would welcome future professional lectures from tankers past. Zumbro also enjoyed his time with these New York tankers.

"They asked all the right questions," Zumbro concluded after his discussion. "I have a lot of faith in this bunch, and would take them anywhere with me."

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Nina McDonald from the Veteran's Administration presents the Department of Defense Appreciation Award to Lt. Col. Dale Howard and Lt. Col. Steven May in Geneva following the VA's Golden Games athletic competitions.

Who Will Help 'GUARD' for Tomorrow?

Lt. Col. Robert M. Edelman
 HQ, 53rd Troop Command

ALBANY -- The recent initiative by State Headquarters to catch up with pending discharges has created unit vacancies. While many unit recruiting teams have brought in leads, enlistments from those leads have been difficult to accomplish. Since units that continue to suffer strength losses are susceptible to future inactivations, it is imperative that all of us pitch in an attempt to save the "Guard for Tomorrow."

Surely, many of you have friends, co-workers and relatives who may be interested in joining the National Guard. Have you ever taken the time to discuss the Guard with them? Do they know that the Guard offers free college tuition benefits for most schools in the State? Do they realize that many Guard units train at many various and interesting locations in the United States and Europe? Do they understand how much they can earn by attending only 4 drills a month and a 15-day annual training tour and how they can earn a military pension after 20 years of service? Are they familiar with the critical role that the Guard plays in the community during emergencies?

If the answer to any of the above questions is no, isn't it about time you spoke to them and shared some of your National Guard experiences. Sure, at times, the Guard is a lot of hard work, but it is also an organization that cares

about the community it serves and is always available to provide assistance to those in need. It's also an organization where you meet people that become friends for life. It's an organization that makes you feel good about yourself especially after a small child thanks you for helping their family after a disastrous ice storm or terrible tornado. It's an organization that helps to teach you skills that you never thought you were capable of learning.

If you agree with the above, share those thoughts with others, especially those who may not realize what the Guard has to offer. There is no better spokesperson and recruiter for the Guard than you. Visit your local strength maintainer, pick-up some National Guard literature and distribute it to those who may be interested and tell them why the National Guard is important to them, their community and to the State. You don't have to embellish, the Guard's record speaks for itself.

To a great degree, the future existence of our units and the National Guard in New York is in your hands. Don't take that responsibility lightly. If you believe in the need for the National Guard and appreciate what it means to the communities across the State, then do all you can to preserve it for the future. Bring a viable lead into visit your strength maintainer and help save the Guard for Tomorrow.

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42nd Div	MALDONADO VICTOR	E6
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53rd HTC	POWERS DANIEL M	E6
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53rd HTC	GEE STEPHEN M	E6
53rd HTC	HANDYSIDE SHERMAN EVERETT	E6
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42nd Div	COOKE JAMES PETER	E5
42nd Div	DILEO MICHAEL J	E5
53rd HTC	ERSKINER ROLANDO FERNANDO	E5
STARC	FOLTA MICHAEL STANLEY	E5
42nd Div	GIERALTOWSKI MICHAEL JOHN	E5
42nd Div	GONZALEZ JOSEPH	E5
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53rd HTC	HAMILTON LINCOLN A	E5
53rd HTC	HEATH JAMES E	E5
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STARC	HOLMES JOHN	E6
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42nd Div	CHURCH KRISTIN F	E5
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42nd Div	FOLSOM LISA LOUISE	E5
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53rd HTC	CONA PAUL	E7
53rd HTC	HARRIS DANIEL	O2
STARC	HELTEMES TAMMY	E6
27th Bde	HENRY MANUEL DANIEL	E4
27th Bde	MASTERS PATRICK JOHN	E5
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	CONN KERRY L	E4
27th Bde	COTE EDWARD ROBERT	E6
42nd Div	GARCIA GABRIEL	E3
27th Bde	GATES DAVID LEE	E4
27th Bde	GEHEN STEPHEN PAUL	E4
	GUARENO RAFAEL	E6
	HUBER ERIC	E4
	LA FRAMBOISE JOHN P	E5
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Rainbow Past to Rainbow Future

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
HQ, 42nd ID (Mech)

TROY – How did the Rainbow patch develop into the present day half-rainbow of the National Guard? What role did the 42nd Infantry have in forming the structure of today's Army National Guard Division? How did the division contribute to stopping the atrocities of the holocaust during the second world war?

The heritage of a military unit is its life-blood; it determines the character and personality of a unit. For the Army National Guard soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division (Mech), the tales of the Rainbow in combat are still told by the actual soldiers who served.

The 1998 annual convention of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association (RDVA) passed a resolution endorsing membership of National Guard soldiers of the current 42nd Infantry Division. This was a landmark decision since for more than eighty years the RDVA was exclusive to combat veterans of the two World Wars.

In early 1999 the headquarters chapter of the RDVA was formed in Troy, New York to promote RDVA general membership starting with the leadership of today's Rainbow Division. Over the past months, the veterans' association has contributed to establishing the division's legacy here in New York State, the site of the division's birth. Medal of Honor recipient citations, photographs, and memorabilia are now located at the headquarters armory for the younger soldiers to review and appreciate the contributions and sacrifices Rainbow soldiers have made in this century.

"This relationship with the RDVA provides the Rainbow with a real foundation for passing on the legacy of Rainbow soldiers into the 21st Century," noted Major General Thomas D. Kinley, Division Commander, "The devotion to duty, honor, and country that General Douglas MacArthur first imparted on the Rainbow back in 1917 is alive today. We see it in our combat training, our disaster preparedness and vigorous response when the state calls, and in our everyday soldier support to local communities with GuardHELP missions."

Veterans nationwide responded positively to the new relationship with the National Guard soldiers. "Rainbow men and women of the present day are our vital link to a

Rainbow Division of the next century," commented current RDVA president Dick Tisch at a recent veteran's association Douglas A. MacArthur award ceremony. The annual award is presented annually to a 42nd Infantry unit that excels in training, maintenance, and community leadership. This year's recipient was Bravo Company of the 1-142d



Attack Helicopter Battalion in Rochester, New York, the first-ever aviation unit to receive such an award. Many of the young soldiers in the Attack Battalion were impressed to learn firsthand of the experiences of the WWII veterans.

Division Command Sergeant Major Robert Van Pelt describes the relationship between past and present as integral to unit pride and morale. "Our young soldiers need to understand the history of their unit. We have a responsibility to carry on the achievements of the Rainbow Division into the future."

Any Rainbow Division command or geographical region may seek chapter recognition with the Rainbow Division Veteran's Association. Any Rainbow soldier, now serving or having honorably served in the past, is eligible for national membership. Contact the Rainbow Division personnel office (G1) at (518) 786-4459 or visit the RDVA online at www.rainbowvets.org for more information regarding the veteran's association.

Incidentally, the 42nd Infantry Division patch was amended to one-half of a rainbow to pay tribute to the casualties of the First World War, the Division is the first truly multistate National Guard Division, and the unit liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp in April, 1945. The Division itself was unique among the first National Guard Divisions in that it was a truly multi-state combat unit, as it is today.

RAINBOW!

174th Master Sergeant Receives NAACP Award

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Wallace
174th Fighter Wing

SYRACUSE – 174th Fighter Wing Master Sergeant Carlton Derby has been selected to receive the Roy Wilkens Renown Service Award presented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The national award is given annually to one individual from each military service who distinguished himself in the areas of civil/human rights, race relations, equal opportunity, affirmative action, human relations, and public service. Master Sergeant Derby was selected from among 89 Air National Guard wings across the country.

"I am very honored and humbled to receive this award," said Master Sergeant Derby. "All I have tried to do during my military career is serve my community and my country the best I possibly could."

In addition to his regular duties as an F-16 crew chief, Master Sergeant Derby has developed a mentoring program to help the communication process between supervisors and individual unit members. He regularly volunteers to speak at youth organizations, schools, and community groups. He supports recruiting with public appearances and is involved with a special inner city outreach program conducted by the 174th Fighter Wing.

The NAACP is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization. The Roy Wilkens Renown Service Award was presented on July 14th, 1999 at the NAACP's 24th Annual Armed Services and Veteran's Affairs awards banquet in New York City.

The 174th Fighter was the first post-World War Two Air National Guard flying unit in New York State and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1997. The unit was mobilized and called to active service with the Air Force during the Berlin Crisis and was one of only two Air National Guard units to fly a combat mission during Desert Storm. It currently has approximately 1,000 members and flies the state-of-the-art F-16C Fighting Falcon from its base in Syracuse, New York.

Wright and Hoyer Qualify for Millennium Guard Marathon Team

Guard Times Staff

LINCOLN, NE – Two members of the New York Army National Guard have qualified for the year 2000 All-Guard Marathon Team.

Specialist Derek Wright, from Company B, 1st Battalion 108th Infantry and Chief Warrant Officer Russell Hoyer from state headquarters command are among the top 60 National Guard runners across the country who competed in the All-Guard Marathon trials in Lincoln, Nebraska in May. Wright completed the 26.2 mile marathon course in 18th place with a time of 2:43:58 and Hoyer finished 40th overall in 2:53:38.

The New York team finished in 5th place. Other members of the marathon team and their respective finishing times included Staff Sgt. Luis Martinez, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation (3:47:04), Pvt. John Hardick, Detachment 1, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 127th Armor (3:58:15) and Capt. Melanie Howard, 138th Air Evacuation Squadron, NYANG (4:23:50). Qualifiers for the NGB marathon Team will receive travel, pay, and per diem to compete in the NGB marathon next year.



The Color Guard for New York State presents the colors at the Stillwater National Cemetery Dedication this summer. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

Families Stand Together and Bid Farewell

By Pat Bradt

Family Support Group Program

BUFFALO -- As the temperature soared, and emotions peaked, the 199th Army Band performed for the 300 family, friends and well-wishers as they bade farewell to their 167 soldiers of the 105th Military Police Company on August 1, 1999 at Buffalo's Prior Aviation Facilities.

The soldiers' first trek was their Mobilization Station at Fort Benning, Georgia. Then they boarded buses to Fort Polk, Louisiana to participate in a Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) exercise in preparation of a 9-month tour in support of Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia. They are expected to return around April 2000.

The establishment of the 105th MP Family Support Groups met with considerable success working with the Family Program Office. The 105th Family Support Groups established their own newsletters, telephone trees (alert rosters) and, with Volunteer Family Support Group Training received this past April, have given immeasurably to the welfare of the soldiers and their families.

As we are all aware, the demands on National Guard families are unique when federal missions and deploy-



Giving a final farewell, a member of the 105th MPs waves goodbye to family and friends. Photo by Staff Sgt Ray Drumsta.

ments arise. Unlike our Active Component counterparts, our families are dispersed across the State of New York, in towns and communities separated by many miles. Lending assistance and support to our Guard families must often be decentralized and much relies on the efforts of the unit families themselves. The 105th MPs has been no exception and looks to come through this deployment admirably.

The Family Program believes in serving all families regardless of the branch of service. This is apparent as Niagara's The 914th Air Force Reserve Family Readiness Center and the 107th Air Refueling Wing Family Support Group have continued providing services to the 105th MP families.

Shelley Morris, a key volunteer in western New York, has selflessly been involved with the 105th MP families from predeployment to the present and was instrumental in the farewell reception at Prior Aviation.

If you would like to send well-wishes, the 105th MP Company has established its own web site at:

www.nyng105MP.state.ny.us or you may write to the members of the company in Bosnia at the following address:

Soldier's Name, SSN
105th MP Company
Operation Joint Forge
Camp Eagle Base
APO AE 09789

The lessons learned from the 105th MPs is a great tool for every Guard unit in the State. As the frequency of federal missions and opportunities for deployments continue, all armories across New York are encouraged to initiate their Family Support Program rosters and procedures. For more information, contact the Family Program Office at (518) 786-4656 or 4774.

Classes at Armory Improve Access to Education

By Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta
138th MPAD

BUFFALO -- Members of the National Guard in Buffalo have another option to consider when pursuing higher education goals -- attending college classes in their home armory.

The Tompkins/Connecticut Street Armory Scholarship Award allows low-income members of the New York Army National Guard, Air National Guard and Corps of Cadets to attend classes at Buffalo's Connecticut Street Armory. Guard member dependents and Junior ROTC members also qualify for the award.

The award is named in part for its creator - Sgt. First Class Barbara Tompkins, legal NCO for the 42nd Engineer Brigade. Tompkins, who is finishing her education, said the idea of taking college courses at the armory was rooted in her own educational efforts. She said it would be convenient for soldiers to attend classes if they were taught at the armory.

"I was a little afraid of going back to college," Tompkins said. "I feel more comfortable around my peers."

Tompkins arranged a meeting with Lt. Col. Charles McNeil, the executive officer of the 42nd Engineer Brigade, and Erie Community College Assistant Academic Dean Barry Nowicki. Together they formed a committee and marshaled resources to bring Erie Community College Courses to the armory and allow award recipients to attend classes for free, or at a discounted tuition rate.

Public speaking, college success skills, and social issue courses began at the Connecticut Street Armory in the fall of 1998 and are continuing. These classes offer up to 9-hours of credit toward a college degree. Award recipients get a head start on college, and Guard members earn points toward future promotion.

Other benefits happened by chance. Several personal computers, tagged for replacement by the 107th Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National

Guard, were provided to the armory to support the program by the 107th support wing commander, Col. Dale Howard. The PCs were made accessible to many students. Rocco Bruno, a McKinley High School student who attends the evening classes at the armory, credits access to the computer for "getting him through his senior year."

Bruno said the college courses have helped with his high school courses, teaching him to study better. He said taking the college courses was a more mature experience.

Nowicki said bringing courses to the armory was within the scope of Erie County Community College's mission. He said the college is committed to developing high quality, low cost education programs through community outreach activities. He said it was great to develop a partnership with the Guard to give soldiers an opportunity to start a college education. "Education makes them better soldiers and citizens," Nowicki said.

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Guard Times Address Changes

Changed your address recently?

Is the Guard Times still coming to an old address?

If so, it may be time to check with your unit administrator. Chances are, the old address is still listed at the unit.

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