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## Governor Leads Efforts to Stop Force Cuts

Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
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ALBANY—New York State's Commander-in-Chief is leading the charge to alter several Pentagon-proposed force structure cuts to the New York Army National Guard, and delay others until the Department of Defense agrees to add new units as replacements. Some of the cuts were scheduled to hit as early as this fall.

In the face of strong objections from Governor George E. Pataki and the NY congressional delegation, Pentagon officials amended a plan for an early round of force reductions in the Army National Guard that would have cut five units with 450 personnel slots in NY over the next four years. Now only two of the original five are still on the cut list, and two will be converted to new units. State leaders are optimistic about future developments following this initial success.

Instead of being eliminated this fall, the Headquarters Detachment 206<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion in Brooklyn is now scheduled for conversion to become a headquarters of a petroleum battalion. The 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company in Buffalo and Rochester will be left intact. The 369<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion from Manhattan will be converted to a water battalion instead of being cut. The 4<sup>th</sup> Finance Detachment and the 107<sup>th</sup> Support Group still remain on the list for inactivation, but state leaders are hopeful that in the end they will be saved or converted. Ironically, the 107<sup>th</sup> descends from the unit that gave the National Guard its name.

The Governor met with NY representatives in February where he discussed the Pentagon plan and asked for their help in turning the situation around. In March, all of NY's 33-member congressional delegation communicated a unified message to Pentagon leaders — "no more cuts for NY."

"During the past decade, NY has experienced a disproportionate share of the national downsizing with our Army National Guard being cut by 44 percent while many other states have remained unchanged or have increased in strength," wrote NY senators and representatives.

"This downsizing has left NY's Guard at historically low levels, with proportionately fewer soldiers than other larger states, at a time when the state's need for the Guard has increased dramatically," they said.



Scouts from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 105th Infantry board UH-60 Blackhawks from the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation at the Guilderland Range for a flight to Fort Dix, NJ during weekend training in April. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

"In comparison to other states, NY's assigned Army National Guard strength is below the national per capita percentage in relation to the population," said Brig. Gen. Bill Martin, Deputy Adjutant General. "We are 20-30 percent below the average authorized strength among states, and last year we led the nation in state active duty for emergencies. Instead of cutting units from NY, more should be added," he said.

In a separate letter to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau last September, Governor Pataki challenged the proposed cuts and pointed to the rejuvenated readiness of the New York Army National Guard and numerous achievements during recent state emergencies and federal deployments. He spoke about guardHELP and NY's overall rebound in strength and readiness in recent years. He characterized the proposed cuts as threats to the safety and security of NY residents and that NY has already endured more cuts than any other state during the 1985-95 period. "The proposed cutbacks are contrary to all we have achieved and continue to achieve," wrote the Governor. "The elimination of these cuts is critical if the New York Army

National Guard is to continue to achieve an optimum state of readiness and obtain the troop strength required to meet the needs of NY's citizens and the needs of our nation."

The proposed cuts stem from the most recent Quadrennial Defense Review proposals which recommend a future cut of about 25,000 to Army National Guard ranks nationwide early in the next millenium. In previous letters to President Clinton and the Department of Defense, Governor Pataki has said that such recommendations are counter to plans for the Homeland Defense strategy, which recognizes transnational threats impacting within the nation's boundaries as the primary threat in the Post-Cold War era.

The National Guard is the only force that is prepared and postured to meet this threat, said Pataki. He suggested that if cuts to the Guard were ultimately going to be needed, then the Department of Defense should look elsewhere to downsize units.

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## Guard Notes

### Governor forms Honor Guard Detachments

ALBANY – The State Commander-in-Chief has announced a plan to form a special National Guard ceremonial detachment to provide honor guard support for veterans' funerals. The first team will stand up by 4 July in the capital region with two others in Southern and Western regions following in the fall.

Veterans of the World War II and Korean War era are dying at a rapid rate as they approach the end of normal life expectancy for males age 70 and over. As a result, all military branches are being overwhelmed by requests for funeral honor guard details. Veterans are authorized this support, pending the availability of military personnel. Presently, National Guard personnel must leave their civilian jobs to support funerals and are not authorized to perform in a federally paid status. This is a national dilemma and the Pentagon and the Congress have been struggling to come up with a way to meet the demand with an already over extended military.

In an effort to help provide appropriate support to the state's veterans, Governor George Pataki has ordered the formation of a 12-member state active duty detachment. This unit will be modeled after the Army's famous "Old Guard" 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, which guards the Tomb of the Unknowns and supports funerals at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. The NY detachment will be comprised of three teams of four enlisted personnel, who will be hand picked, trained and equipped to conduct military ceremonies. The Division of Military and Naval Affairs Military Support Directorate will oversee the program. The capital region team is being formed in time to help support funerals at the new Saratoga National Cemetery scheduled to open on July 9. Once ready, each team will serve as another source of military support for veterans' funerals alongside other military organizations. Additional personnel can augment a funeral detail as possible and available.

### DVA to Conduct National Health Survey of Gulf War Veterans

WASHINGTON, DC – The Department of Veterans Affairs will soon be notifying identified Gulf War Veterans and their families about Phase III Physical examinations.

Veterans' Affairs will conduct veterans and families directly to ask for their participation. The federal privacy act prohibits the release of the veteran's names to Guard headquarters, but state headquarters is anxious to help any National Guard member contacted by the DVA regarding these physicals. The State Surgeon's Office in Latham is asking that any member of the Guard, who is contacted by the DVA, call the office immediately at (518) 786-4665/4837. The State Surgeon's Office will assist Guard members complete administrative requirements associated with the examination process. Please be prepared to provide a copy of any DVA letter directing you to report for a physical examination.

### NY Passes Logistics Inspection

LATHAM – The New York Army National Guard earned "thumbs up" ratings during a recent logistics inspection conducted by National Guard Bureau.

The Command Logistics Review Team – Expanded came to NY April 6-12 to examine the state's logistics support practices. The inspection included analysis of the entire system including unit and installation-level supply and maintenance, property book accountability, measurement and diagnostic equipment management, food service and other areas. The inspection team was comprised of NGB logistics personnel with civilian and military augmentation from the Army's Material Command. The inspection was conducted at selected units, maintenance and aviation facilities and at state headquarters.

When it was over, NY earned praise from the inspectors for improved readiness and overall compliance with logistics regulations and procedures. A detailed report will be issued to state headquarters, which will be used to help NY further improve an already good program of logistical support to soldiers and units.

### Army Updates Pamphlet on Unprofessional Relationships

THE PENTAGON -- Due to a recent policy change, the Department of the Army is revising DA Pam 600-35 to reflect updates covering unprofessional relationships and fraternization.

A series of training slides and a draft revision is already available for use by commanders and these are available off the Army homepage at [www.odcsper.army.mil](http://www.odcsper.army.mil). Commanders may find the examples contained in these materials helpful as they continue to educate soldiers on the Army policy. Just remember that the pamphlet revision is still only a draft at this time.

## TAG Talk

### Membership in Professional Organizations Helps NY

By Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore  
The Adjutant General

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, sent a message to all Adjutant Generals regarding National Guard membership in professional organizations last January. These include the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and other organizations like the Military Police Association and Society of Military Engineers.

In his message, Gen. Davis correctly described professional organizations as important advocates for Guard members and valuable contributors to the development of our personnel and to national defense. These organizations, he said, serve a vital role in contributing to public understanding of the Guard's national and international defense role and as the primary reserve force of the nation. In his words, these organizations "provide a robust First Amendment voice for the expression of our concerns regarding policy decisions, the 'people' issues confronting our soldiers and airmen and the future direction of the National Guard."

**If you are concerned about the future of our force, if you want to do something constructive and meaningful, and if you are really serious about your role as a National Guard member, then it would be a really good idea for you to join.**

General Davis feels that citizens deserve to hear an independent voice in the policy debates regarding national defense. These organizations help represent that independent voice.

General Davis went on to mention how he personally was "enriched" by his membership in several organizations over the years.

He stressed, however, that membership in these organizations by National Guard members must remain voluntary and result from a personal decision to join. In accordance with the guidance and provisions in Department of Defense Regulation 5500.7-R, known as the Joint Ethics Regulation, membership and support to such organizations must never result from actual or perceived coercion.

There was a time in New York when membership in these organizations was made virtually mandatory, by pressure



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

either real or implied, through the officer chain of command. Those days are over. Unfortunately, membership in the Militia Association of New York (MANY) and NGAUS has dropped off considerably since we implemented the Joint Ethics Regulation. It was especially noticeable in the Army National Guard. Reduced membership levels in MANY and NGAUS in recent times has left New York in an awkward bargaining position as we continue to negotiate with the National Guard Bureau regarding force structure issues.

It is pretty hard to convince defense planners as to our commitment to preserve the structure we have now, let alone seek additional units and modernization in the future when we lag behind other states in our professional organization membership.

When I am asked by National Guard officers and NCOs about membership in MANY, EANGUS and NGAUS, I usually respond by simply saying "I think it is a good idea," so as not to come across in the wrong way.

If it would be helpful to those who are considering joining any of these, but haven't done so yet, I could add the following thought. If you are concerned about the future of our force, if you want to do something constructive and meaningful, and if you are really serious about your role as a National Guard member, then it would be a really good idea for you to join. After all, it is your force, too. You have a stake in it!

I do believe that higher membership levels in MANY and EANGUS will help us forestall future cuts. They, too support our efforts to obtain increased investment in our force, from both the state and federal government, so that we can better do the job citizens want from us.

Like Gen. Davis, I have been personally enriched by my membership in MANY, NGAUS and other professional organizations over the years. I would urge every member of our force to take the time to learn more about the benefits these organizations provide and give appropriate consideration to becoming a member. We will be a better force if you do.

# Obituary

## Major General (Ret)

### Louis Duckett

ROSEDALE—The funeral for Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Louis Duckett was held on Friday March 12, 1999, at St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale. Duckett died on Sunday March 7.

Duckett spent more than 30 years in the New York Army National. He was born in Chicago and was raised in Jamaica, West Indies. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1948, rose through the ranks, and was appointed a second Lieutenant on September 14, 1952. Over the next twenty-seven years, Duckett held a variety of assignments culminating with appointments as the Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Commander of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Support Command and Commander of the 369<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion.

Many Guard leaders, both officers and enlisted, past and present attended the funeral. These included the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore, V, former Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. (Ret) Lawrence P. Flynn, and former commander of the New York Army National Guard, Maj. Gen. (Ret) Nathaniel James, and many others.

An Honor Guard from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Color Guard from the 107<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group and pallbearers from the 369<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion supported the ceremony.

Compiled By Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class George Roach, HQ 369<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion

### Corrections

The last sentence of the center-spread article in the previous issue of Guard Times, "Troops Assault Buffalo's Snow-filled Streets During Operation Digout '99" was accidentally cut off due to an over looked computer error.

The last two sentences are: "McNeil said the joint service aspect of the operation presented a challenge, in that different branches have different acronyms and different reporting systems. But, he said, the emergency and sense of urgency made everyone bond and work as a team."

Also, the name of the commander of the 206th Corps Support Battalion was misspelled on Page 3. The correct spelling is Lt. Col. Frank Ombres. We regret the errors.

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 1999

The Honorable William S. Cohen  
Secretary  
Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

Dear Secretary Cohen:

We have learned that the National Guard Bureau intends to close additional National Guard commands in New York. We are very concerned about these plans and believe that any such action could imperil the safety of the citizens of our state.

During the past decade, New York has experienced a disproportionate share of the national downsizing, with our Army National Guard being cut by 44 percent while many other states have remained unchanged or have increased in strength. This downsizing has left New York's Guard at historically low levels, with proportionately fewer soldiers than other larger states, at a time when the State's need for the Guard has increased dramatically. In the last year alone, over 60,000 man-days were utilized in state emergency duty, and FEMA States of Emergency in the past three years have exceeded all other states.

Further, we expect our dependency on the New York National Guard to increase significantly in the years ahead. Geographic, climatic, and demographic factors will continue to make New York increasingly vulnerable to natural, man made and technological disasters, as well as the rising potential of emerging threats such as terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. You are correct in stating that "the front lines are no longer overseas," for they are within our own state.

As you know, over the last four years the Guard has successfully solved its problems and excelled at its missions. New York has enacted its own education benefit for Guard members and vaulted from worst to first in the nation in strength management. As you noted, "In 1995, New York was pondering a sad set of circumstances and a grim future... today's picture is much brighter. Thanks to bold measures such as the establishment of the National Guard Tuition Incentive Program, 'GuardHELP,' the aggressive search for relevant missions, and the judicious use of the Guard in emergency operations, troop strength is growing, esprit de corps is high, and lasting and meaningful improvements are being forged in hundreds of local communities."

At this point, further cuts cannot occur without having serious detrimental effect on the readiness of New York's National Guard. The decision to eliminate five units in New York, including the 369<sup>th</sup>, the unit which is the Guard's most prestigious minority command, and the 107<sup>th</sup>, the unit that gave the Guard its very name, is not exclusively the result of proportional Department of Defense downsizing. It is rather, the choice of the National Guard Bureau to continue to take from a state that can no longer give without receiving adequate and appropriate replacement units. The Quadrennial Defense Review dictates that certain type units should be eliminated; it does not mean the National Guard Bureau is prevented from applying these reductions prudently or fairly. These force structure cuts must be implemented with concern for real-world needs of the state.

We realize how difficult it would be to immediately return New York to a force structure allocation commensurate with that of other large states. However, given the vulnerability of our state, what can and must be done now is to stop further reductions in New York and place a priority on assigning new missions and failing commands from other states to New York State.

It is now time for the National Guard Bureau to take effective, reasonable, appropriate, and decisive action to ensure that New York's exigent readiness requirements are met.

We look forward to your response in this matter.

Sincerely,


# Army Guard Gets New Chief of Staff

## Experienced Field Commander Gets the Tap for State Headquarters Role

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM – The re-established New York Army National Guard headquarters has a new full-time Chief of Staff, and as the saying goes, he got the job "the old fashioned way – he earned it."

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Colonel Paul Duttge left his 38-month assignment as the Commander of the Rainbow Division's Buffalo-based Third Brigade headquarters to take over as the Army Guard's senior ranking full-timer in Latham. In January, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs reorganized, creating a separate Army Guard headquarters from the previous consolidation within DMNA directorates. The reorganization established an Army military personnel directorate, training and readiness directorate, logistics management, aviation safety and recruiting and retention directorates. To oversee the directors, the new position of NYARNG Chief of Staff was created, a position located within the Office of the Adjutant General, but separate from the DMNA staff.

"We selected Paul Duttge for the job because he is, without question, the most experienced and most successful field commander we have," said Brig. Gen. Bill Martin. "What he accomplished with the Third Brigade during his tenure was nothing short of remarkable. He is definitely the right soldier for this job," said Martin.

According to Martin, Duttge's selection resulted largely because of Third Brigade's success in improving readiness, operations and training achievements and performance during state emergencies. These improvements came during times of fiscal austerity and followed several major reorganizations and restructuring of units, which further contributed to pre-existing turmoil within the force. Martin credits Duttge's outstanding leadership in the face of these conditions for much of that success.

### Reinventing Third Brigade

"We went about establishing a command climate that fostered soldier development and encouraged the troops to want to stay in our units," said Duttge, looking back on his Third Brigade leadership philosophy. To fulfill that concept was a challenge all by itself, because there were few resources available to tackle significant readiness mandates and training a heavy brigade is resource intensive. The brigade is comprised of a brigade headquarters company, two M1 tank battalions and a mechanized infantry battalion. The brigade is supported by two additional units, the 1st Battalion 258th Field Artillery and the 342nd Forward Support Battalion.

Readiness issues for the brigade included improving the skills of the M1 tankers, converting the 69th Battalion from its structure as an air defense unit to becoming mechanized infantry, and improving staff proficiency.

"Overall, we relied on retention efforts to help us improve personnel readiness. We did this by linking quality training to soldier satisfaction," said Duttge. "We focused on training the soldiers to do what they originally joined to do – be a soldier. In fact, we deliberately steered toward those training events that were challenging and rewarding," he said. According to Duttge, he questioned any proposed training that didn't have a retention benefit. Training innovation resulted out of necessity.

Soon, the brigade's attrition rate fell to 13 percent, five percent lower than National Guard Bureau goals, and overall strength began to rise. "The 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion came from the cellar to become one of the strongest units in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. That's a real success story. One of the battalion's companies is doing a rotation at the



Above, Col. Paul Duttge, is the new Chief of Staff for Headquarters, New York Army National Guard at state headquarters. At left, members of Headquarters, Third Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division perform staff functions during the brigade's successful training at the Synthetic Theater of War Exercise at Fort Knox Kentucky in March of 1998. The Third Brigade's performance at STOWEX and Warfighter contributed to Duttge's selection for the top full-time Army Guard position. Staff photos.

National Training Center this July," said Duttge. "The battalion has come a long way in a short period of time."

There were successes in training as well. "Even after we had finished the conversion to the M1 tank, we continued to have problems achieving tank gunnery qualifications. So, we developed an outstanding relationship with the Armor School at Fort Knox, and with the cooperation of the New York Air National Guard, we began flying our troops by C-130 for drill weekends to Fort Knox for training. This went very well us. Today, our armor battalions, the 101st Cavalry and the 127th Armor, have achieved superior results in gunnery and maneuver. The bonus for us was that we became well known within the Fort Knox armor community. Back in 1997, they knew we were serious about training and concluded we were ready for a new challenge. That's how we got invited to do STOWEX last year," said Duttge.

### 'High-Tech,' High Visibility Training

During the 1997 training year, Third Brigade leaders demonstrated superior tactical skills during battalion and brigade-level exercises as part of the Army's "Warfighter" training. This battle command simulation training focuses on leaders and their skills in synchronizing all of the battlefield operating systems. Third Brigade earned a strong reputation for tactical competency – a difficult thing to achieve during normal National Guard weekend training. Fort Knox trainers invited New York's Third Brigade to be the first in the nation to participate in a unique training event as part of the Army Force XXI training program.

During a 15-day Annual Training period at Fort Knox from late February to early March 1998, a task force of the 101st Cavalry participated in a training experiment at the Army's leading edge technology center known as SIMNET. The Synthetic Theater of War Exercise (STOWEX) was a first of its kind event that electronically linked a reinforced combined arms battalion task force with its logistical support during computer simulated battle. The goal was to test the Army's growing computer simulation training techniques. Force XXI training managers were anxious to test their latest concepts using a capable maneuver force and chose NY's Third Brigade for the task.

STOWEX was a tremendous success and earned the Third Brigade high praise from senior Army leaders, including Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, who greeted

the NYers as they emerged from their M1 and Bradley Fighting Vehicle simulators.

"The STOWEX experience elevated the tactical abilities of our commanders and troops and further solidified our relationship with the Army at Fort Knox," said Duttge. "A couple of months later, we were asked to make a presentation during the Armor Conference at Fort Knox regarding STOWEX and readiness. That was a clear signal to us that we had made a positive impact," he said.

The continuous record of achievement helped improve the brigade's credibility. High visibility exercises like Warfighter and STOWEX, and the improved readiness ratings within the brigade were measures of success. According to Martin, selecting Duttge as Chief of Staff was a reward for that success and an acknowledged need for more of the same skillful leadership at state headquarters.

### A Separate Army Guard Headquarters

The primary focus of the Army Guard headquarters is to focus on the readiness of the force, said Duttge. "Readiness today is a huge piece," he said. "And, a separate Army command allows us to focus on Army Guard readiness issues. The biggest challenge is to obtain enough resources through defense channels and get them to the commanders when they need them. The National Guard Bureau has high regard for New York. We make regular visits to the Bureau to ensure NY is current on all issues," he said.

Duttge said that current conditions within the National Guard community are unstable and it is difficult to read too far in the future. Frequent self-analysis is normal. "We continually ask ourselves: 'How do we measure success? How do we know we are doing the right thing in the best possible way with the resources available?' That answer ultimately rests in the readiness levels of units," he said.

Duttge feels that the current inadequate funding level for full-time positions at the unit level is the worst he has ever seen. Today, NY's required funding levels from National Guard Bureau range between 40 to 70 percent of requirements, depending upon the unit and major command. These lower-than-required levels are established according to the level of mobilization priority assigned to a specific unit.

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## Duttge

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"This is a national problem shared by just about every state," said Duttge, who said that it is hard for any unit to meet readiness standards without adequate support. "The only way to mitigate against the situation is to prioritize. We identify what must be done, and do those things that directly impact on soldier retention. Other tasks become lesser priorities," he said.

"Our stated number one goal is to maintain our force structure, and if possible, selectively gain more. New York has gone through a turbulent decade plagued by force losses. It's appropriate for us to look back, and analyze how well we fared overall given the national scene. We need to evaluate past decisions and learn from them. More importantly, we need to look forward and develop our plans for the future. Where do we want to be as a force 5 to 10 years from now? We are developing a strategic plan supported by sound and effective personnel policies that will support our force," said Duttge.

### Looking Forward

According to Duttge, the state headquarters staffs have become energized to carry out the commanding general's vision. Staff members will be going out into the field more frequently to see and learn more. Staying in touch with the field and tapping leaders at every level for innovative problem solving approaches is critical to the further evolution of the Army National Guard.

"The situation is dynamic and always changing. We need to stay in touch and see the challenges faced by our leaders first hand. The soldier in the field will soon realize that state headquarters will be out there, where they are, and often," said Duttge.

Duttge said the state headquarters is targeting several problems, which have surfaced over the last few years. According to him, the approach to solving them won't be business as usual.

"We have to improve our school utilization record," said Duttge, who pointed out that NY has regularly been under utilizing available military school training seats by almost 36 percent annually. This means that soldiers who could have gone to required training lost the opportunity and the readiness of the force has failed to improve by that margin. "We are going to fix that and fix it immediately. That under utilization is something we simply cannot afford as it impacts both readiness and retention," he said.

Issues regarding drill attendance, strength maintenance, soldier accountability, professional development and the enlisted personnel management system are all areas of command attention. Duttge indicated that performance indicators in these areas are measures of success, or lack of success, for commanders and senior NCOs alike.

"Respective leaders need to embrace the concept of commander's business and NCO business and ensure these basic principles are properly carried out. Units that perform these principles correctly are successful. We will reward success, not failure," said Duttge.

The Army National Guard's new Chief of Staff is optimistic for the future because of the people who comprise his force.

"The quality of our soldiers is superior," said Duttge. "We have smart and aggressive men and women who want to do the right thing all the time, and I am continually impressed by them. A lot of hard work by leaders and troops has been done and our force continues to improve. We must keep our focus on strength maintenance and readiness and perform those tasks linked to those priorities. I am grateful to our senior leaders who selected me, and to the troops in the field for all that they have done. This is a fresh opportunity to make a contribution to our collective future and improve the quality of life for our soldiers," he said.

## Guard Helps Rochester Dig-out from Winter's Last Strike

By Capt. Lou Martinez  
HQ 27th Infantry Brigade

ROCHESTER—A fast moving storm dumped two feet of snow in a 24-hour period late in February and buried the City of Rochester and outlying areas overnight. Another 18 inches fell in a matter of 12 hours after a brief lull. When it was all over Rochester was under three and a half feet of snow.

The State Commander in Chief declared a state emergency and ordered the National Guard into action for the second time in 1999. "I have ordered all state assistance available to help our friends and neighbors in the affected parts of the state," said Governor George Pataki. "We will do everything possible to help them recover from this brutal storm," he said.

Task Force 142 led by Maj. Chris Holliday of the Rochester-based 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation sprung into action. Everyone pulled together and to get the job done. "National Guardsmen show their dedication when they put their problems aside to help their neighbors in need," said Holliday.

The operation began with about 35 troops and 20 vehicles but within days grew to more than 135 soldiers and nearly 70 pieces of equipment. Members of the 1st Battalion 108th Infantry, the 427th Support Battalion, 827th Engineer Company, Headquarters Company 27th Infantry Brigade, along with members of the 152nd and 204th Engineer Battalions joined the aviators in the clean up effort.

During the first days of the operation the Guard used humvees to help the State Police rescue stranded motorists from the NYS Thruway and Interstates 490 and 390. Guard members performed numerous emergency transport missions including the delivery of doctors and nurses to area hospitals because the snow-clogged roads were impenetrable by anything except military tactical vehicles. These missions helped hospitals get through many staff shift changes.

The snow also prevented the sick from getting the medical care they needed. Soldiers driving four-wheel drive ambulances helped get patients to hospitals and deliver emergency supplies. Troops in humvees cut through towering drifts to deliver "Meals on Wheels" to elderly and needy shut-ins.

"Once again the National Guard is ready to support and defend the people of this state," said Governor Pataki. "We are responding with Guard emergency rescue and transport equipment to assist those stranded by this storm," he said. The Guard received many emergency requests directly from people in need, as well as responding to the county-identified missions through the normal emergency support channels. "National Guard equipment played a significant role in this operation. Our response was immediate and Monroe County maximized the use of the Guard," said Maj. Phil Pugliese, a state headquarters officer assigned to Combined Support Maintenance Shop A.

Guard engineers from Buffalo called upon their recent snow-clearing experience back in January to guide their work in Rochester. Engineers from Buffalo, Niagara



Top photo, A front end loader clears snow from a Rochester Street. Middle photo, Maj. Phil Pugliese supervises troops inside the Monroe county Emergency Operation Center. Bottom photo, a hemmet wrecker is used to extract a civilian truck from the side of the road on Interstate 90. Photos by Staff Sgt. Dean Welch.

Falls and Binghamton worked as a team around the clock and staffed six teams working in different locations to help city and county crews clear the streets. Each team consisted of ten soldiers operating a plow, pay loader and three dump trucks.

Snow removal was a 24-hour operation. The troops were challenged to clear roads before additional snow added to accumulation, increasing the level of difficulty and delaying the clear passage of emergency services traffic. Three teams worked 12-hour days, picking up snow and dumping it into the Genesee River.

"This is déjà vu. I spent six days (in January) helping folks in Buffalo," said Spc. Willie Johnson of the 152nd Engineer Battalion. "I feel good helping out. This is one of the reasons I joined the Guard."

## Riverside GuardHELP Phase II



Private Rose Infanzon of the 145th Maintenance Company operates the crane on a 5-ton Wrecker during a recent GuardHELP project in Manhattan's Riverside Park to help lift heavy boulders onto a retaining wall along the Hudson River. The project began last Fall and resumed in May when Guard members rejoined local Union volunteers and NYC Park employees in restoring park facilities. The park is located on the West Side near the George Washington Bridge. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

## Engineers Help Community Spur Urban Renewal

GuardHELP Project Clears the Way for New Affordable Housing in Long Island

By Scott Sandman  
Guard Times Staff

BAY SHORE – As part of Governor Pataki's ongoing GuardHELP community support initiative, New York National Guard engineers helped give a Long Island neighborhood a much-needed facelift this Spring, clearing the path toward economic redevelopment in the ocean side community.

Using 20-ton dump trucks and related support vehicles, Members of the 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion hauled away tons of demolition debris from the Smith Avenue neighborhood in the Suffolk County hamlet of Bay Shore. For years, this area had been a notorious haven for drug activity, and its crumbling long-neglected houses were not just an ugly blight on the community, they posed a real threat to children and made easy targets for arsonists.

**"The Guard has been a valuable and popular asset..."**

Guard members, working with civilian demolition crews, completed necessary training requirements while providing invaluable assistance to the local community. The mission, completed during March and April, not only helped rid the area of dangerous, crumbling buildings, many of which had been condemned, it cleared the way for a major economic redevelopment initiative.

The site will eventually see the construction of South Wind Village, an affordable housing development initiated by the Long Island Hous-

ing Partnership and the Town of Islip. According to local officials, the new housing and the families who will live there will help reinvigorate the downtown section of Bay Shore, say officials.

"The Guard's contributions to this project will be visible for years to come," said Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore. "For the people who eventually call South Wind Village Home, and for the residents of Bayshore who will see their downtown revived, the work of these dedicated soldiers will not soon be forgotten."

Jim Morgo, president of the Long Island Housing Partnership, said of the Guard "During peacetime [the New York National Guard] contribute their services to projects with a public purpose. In this case, it's the clean up of the debris which was once a drug infested area."

"The Guard has been a valuable and popular asset. The entire Long Island Housing Partnership, its Directors, Officers and members, appreciate [the Guard's] efforts as do the Town of Islip and the people of Bayshore," said Morgo.

Morgo said that securing the help of the Guard was a major stepping stone toward the completion of the project, which has been in the planning stages since 1992. The Guard's contribution allowed 44 parcels to be cleared, land which will be used to create 78 affordable housing units designed to bring working families into the area.

## Company Commanders Course Held

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

ALBANY – "This is all about your development as leaders and our future," said Brig. Gen. William Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General, as he kicked off the recent Company Commander's Course in Albany late in March with a "vision" briefing about the Guard of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Twenty-six serving company commanders from across the state spent an intensive two days receiving presentations and discussing all areas of command, including leadership, personnel, training and logistics. Guest presenters included the commanding general of the New York Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, State Command Sergeant Major Don Brawley, and many others.

"This was really a test of the curriculum," said Lt. Col. Charles Phillips, the Senior Army Adviser. "For that reason we wanted all the attendees to be serving company commanders. At the end, they were able to provide great feedback on what the course needs to focus on for future commanders."

The training is designed to improve officers' abilities to lead units and to better serve the communities in which they are based. Participating lieutenants and captains lead units which range in size from 30 to almost 100 soldiers from the various types of organizations including infantry, armor, artillery, aviation, maintenance, engineer and others. This course is a prototype for future training designed specifically to prepare young officers for command. Being a

commander is the primary role of an officer and often the most challenging experience of an officer's career.

Phillips indicated that there was strong support from throughout the Army National Guard for the course. He expects the next one to be held in October. "This represents a serious commitment to leader development. There seems to be widespread agreement that we need to recognize the challenges commanders are facing and do what we can to set them up for success," he said.

More than ever before, the New York National Guard is being called upon to respond to state emergencies, overseas deployments and to provide non-emergency support to the community. National Guard companies are the kinds of units most often committed. These missions challenge leaders' abilities to ensure their units are ready and able to respond effectively. Many participants and instructors for this course were veterans of state emergencies, federal activations and community support projects. One presenter, Capt. Ira Promisel, commanded the 133rd Maintenance Company from 1996 to 1998 and led his unit during a 270-day deployment to Europe as part of the NATO Peacekeeping mission to Bosnia.

"The national military strategy is comprised of three components: Shape, Respond and Prepare," said Martin. "We have created this course to help our leaders understand these concepts as an integral part of the national

military strategy and prepare them for the dynamics of both today and tomorrow," he said. "The Department of Defense's evolving Homeland Defense concept places heavy emphasis on the National Guard and New York has been on the cutting edge of this from the beginning. The guardHELP Program, launched last year by Governor George Pataki, is designed to move the Guard ahead in readiness and in our ability to bring to our customers here in New York the kinds of support needed today."

During the Cold War, the threat was overseas, but Martin said that has changed. "We have threats impacting right here at home, including a variety of societal ills, the growing threat of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and natural disasters as well. We are positioned to respond to these threats and we are training our future leaders accordingly," said Martin, adding that Guard leaders must have the skills needed to effectively support the Governor and local leaders in the face of a variety of threats.

A Saturday evening dinner at the Ramada featured Wilton Town Supervisor Roy McDonald as guest speaker. McDonald served in Vietnam as an artillery forward observer and currently serves as a county supervisor and vice president and public finance investment banker for Paine Webber's Municipal Security Group. He spoke about the community support role of the National Guard and the kinds of help local officials often seek from the Guard.

# Aviators Endure Extremes during Central American Mission

By Sgt. Raymond Drumsta  
138<sup>th</sup> MPAD

SULARIVER VALLEY, HONDURAS—Altitude extremes, unfamiliar terrain and vultures were among the challenges faced by New York Army National Guard flight crews during deployments to Honduras from January to May.

More than 70 members and three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation, based in Latham and Ronkonkoma deployed to Honduras in rotations ranging from two weeks to five months in length. The troops were there to support Operation New Horizons '99 and Hurricane Mitch recovery efforts.

New Horizons is a US military engineer and medical exercise to promote stability in Central America. Active duty and reserve units from the Army and Air Force went to build roads, bridges, schools and clinics and provide medical services to civilians in remote areas.

Helicopter support was essential to mission success and was the only way to reach certain locations thanks to hurricane damage to roads and bridges. The 142<sup>nd</sup> helped move personnel, equipment and supplies and evacuate the sick and injured. This often meant flying over Santa Maria Mountains with altitudes reaching 9000 feet. Unique weather conditions surround the peaks and valleys, making flying dangerous and unpredictable. Strong winds blow against one side of a mountain, then wash over like a wave, thus creating raging, swirling patterns on the opposite side. Pilots are challenged to safely maneuver through the turbulence.

This would be an unnerving experience if it weren't for the training the pilots previously received at the High Altitude Training Center in Eagle, Colorado, said Chief Warrant Officer Joe Weiser. "The school is an eye-opener. It teaches pilots on what to expect regarding turbulence, how to evaluate wind conditions, how not to exceed the aircraft's limitations and how to manage the helicopters power for best fuel economy," he said. Weiser added that flying in windy conditions requires more power and fuel.

The aircrews used a performance-planning card, similar to risk assessment matrix, to factor air temperature, altitude and aircraft data to plan each mission. US Southern Command guidance and Honduran regulations added to the planning burden and safety considerations by requiring flight plans be filed 24-hours in advance. "In the 'states' we can plan a mission in an hour or two," said Weiser. "Here, it takes a full day or more." Pilots are required to transmit their location to Honduran flight controllers every 15 minutes while airborne.

"In the US, you talk to one flight controller who is with you for the entire mission. Here you talk to several different air traffic controllers and you are very busy," said Weiser.

One task that keeps pilots "busy" is looking out for high-flying vultures. These "buzzards," with wings measuring 2 to 3 feet, can fly as high as 3,000 feet and become obstacles in the sky. "The buzzards are a real problem," said Weiser. "They are denser here than I've ever seen anywhere before." They are a real danger because they can fly into rotor blades or crash into the cockpit and can cause quite a bit of damage due to their weight. "If we hit one, we have to land right away," said Weiser.

Navigation wasn't easy either. Terrain features recorded on maps have been altered, even washed away by Hurricane Mitch. "Navigating here forced us to use all of our skills," said Weiser, who added the deployment was great experience.



Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore, The Adjutant General presents awards to members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation along with Brig. Gen. Dale Barber of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command during a ceremony for the more than 70 aviators who went to Honduras. The troops evacuated the sick and injured, airlifted relief supplies, transported medical and other personnel to and from mission sites and helped shuttle President Clinton's Secret Service body guards during the President's spring visit to Central America. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

The Blackhawks performed well in the warm climate. "Hot weather expands hydraulic seals so they fit snugly and leak less," said Staff Sgt. Sean Healy, technical inspector with the 142<sup>nd</sup>. Healy said the Blackhawks had frequent leaks back in Albany's cold late winter weather but had none in Honduras.

The aircrews had confidence in their aircraft, and have come to like the UH-60 better than the UH-1 "Huey" the Blackhawks replaced. "It's more powerful, faster and more stable," said Weiser. "In addition, its got two engines, two generators and three hydraulic systems. It gives you a very good feeling that nothing's going to break," he said.

## 145<sup>th</sup> Pulls Training in Germany

### Guard Times Staff

KAISERLAUTERN, GERMANY—More than 120 members of the Bronx-based 145<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company deployed to Germany for Annual Training this Spring, earning praise from their host Army command and gaining confidence in their military skills.

The mission was to deploy to Germany in March for 15 days and provide general maintenance support to the US Army based at the Kaiserlautern Industrial Center, a vital logistics center supporting US forces in Europe. Maintenance support included general automotive and track vehicle maintenance, electronic general support maintenance and repair parts supply operations. Much of the work rendered helped support the on-going Operation Joint Guard—the NATO Peacekeeping mission to Bosnia and Task Force Able Sentry.

The troops flew in increments aboard a civilian airline from JFK Airport in Queens. The staggered arrival times in Germany delayed the start of effective training until all personnel were present. Upon arrival, the troops were in processed and briefed on the center's facilities and other pertinent information. They lived in an Army barracks and dined at a local mess hall, where ten cooks who came with the unit performed training.

The unit conducted physical training three times a week, and platoons and sections conducted runs during the evenings. This training was often done with the host unit, and one member of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Spc. Jose' Morales, earned the host command's "commander's coin" for leading the training. Morales, a professional boxer in civilian life always stays in top physical condition.

The 145<sup>th</sup> provided much needed support to the center. Teams were disbursed among to several facilities to

augment the existing staff. The supply platoon palletized parts and supplies for shipment, filled orders for subordinate maintenance organizations and loaded packages for transport. Mechanics disassembled several humvee engines, and tested and inspected others. The fuel and electric repair shop rebuilt vehicle starters, clutches and transmissions. Other troops rebuilt vehicle components, ran diagnostic tests, performed scheduled maintenance services and completed various other tasks.

"Overall, the training received by the mechanics was very good," said Capt. Patricia Caputo, the unit commander, who indicated that not every soldier got to practice their MOS because there was not enough work for them. Welders did a lot of cutting but little welding.

An incident during the return trip was a highlight of the tour for some members of the 145<sup>th</sup>. About an hour into the return flight, a civilian collapsed following signs of distress. Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Andrew Indelicato and Spc. Morales leapt to assist. Morales, a trained and experienced respiratory technician recognized the woman's symptoms and used the aircraft's new automated external defibrillator to restore her pulse and stabilize her condition. Morales informed the flight crew that the patient's condition was serious and she would not make it all the way to New York without emergency medical treatment. Following standard emergency procedures, the pilot dumped fuel over the English Channel and landed at Heathrow International Airport near London, where the patient was evacuated to a local hospital for treatment. The Long Island woman recovered.

*Editor's Note: Information contained in this article was provided by the 145<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company, and Capt. Robert Giordano contributed to the story.*

# 107th Completes Northern Watch Deployment

By Capt. Linda Blaszak  
107th Air Refueling Wing

NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION—Members of the 107th Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard completed a short-notice deployment to Turkey this Spring to support Operation Northern Watch—the enforcement of the No-Fly Zone over Northern Iraq.

More than 100 members of the Niagara Falls-based unit were called to active duty in mid April. They deployed with four KC-135 tankers for a 30-day mission to provide air-refueling support to allied fighters patrolling the No-Fly Zone.

Only a portion of the troops stayed for the entire tour, while others were rotated home and replaced by other members after two weeks. This was the first such deployment for the unit to the Gulf region.

"Whenever and wherever they are needed, the New York Air National Guard is ready to support and defend the people of New York State and the interests of their nation," said state Commander-in-Chief, Governor George E. Pataki in a news release announcing the activation. "New Yorkers across the state can be proud that the federal military command authority has entrusted our neighbors from Niagara Falls with this critically important mission."

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The 107th was the lead unit in a refueling team, which also included members of the 157th Air Refueling Wing from the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

Wing commander, Colonel James Kwiatkowski, said he is proud of the job his unit has done. "The men and women of the 107th have done a great job over the past month supporting our actions in Northern Iraq. They are all true patriots in every sense of the word. I appreciate their support and also the support of their families and civilian employers. These are the people who allow our great organization of citizen airmen to exist. My sincere thanks to them all," he said.

"It went very well," said Lt. Col. Thomas Litz, wing logistics. "Once we were there and got set up, things fell into place and we accomplished our mission effectively."

"We went in to backfill some units called out for the other crisis in Kosovo," said Litz, who explained that the call for the 107th came at short notice. Support missions for federal operations are normally performed on a rotation basis among the 19 air refueling units in the Air National Guard, Litz explained. "There's always the possibility we could go back within a year," he said.

The unit flew six missions a day, each lasting three to six hours, from the Incirlik Airbase in Turkey. At no time did the unit have to fly in Iraqi air space. Aerial refueling was done outside the zone. Daily temperatures in Turkey averaged in the mid-90 degrees.



Master Sgt. Jay Hopper, a boom operator for the KC-135 Stratotanker inserts the Pacer CRAG electronic navigation card into its slot in the aircraft's navigation control system. Photo courtesy of the 107th Air Refueling Wing.

## Refuelers First to Use New Navigation System in Northern Watch

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York  
107th Air Refueling Wing

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY - The 107th Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard is the first unit with the Pacer CRAG system to deploy to Operation Northern Watch and use the new system in that theater.

Pacer CRAG stands for Compass Radar and Global Positioning System, and enables aircraft to be flown with a crew of three instead of four. There is no need for a navigator, so the crew consists of two pilots and a boom operator.

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Under the new system, the pilots rely on an electronic map, moving-stick map display and color weather radar to substitute for the services normally provided by a navigator. The system also includes a threat collision avoidance system, which is used for formation flying.

There are only five units in the Air Force presently using the Pacer CRAG technology and the 107th was the first unit to convert to it one year ago. Pacer CRAG technology allows units to perform missions with fewer personnel, an important concern given operational tempos and downsized force levels.

With only 48 hours notice, the 107th deployed and arrived in Turkey for its Northern Watch mission. Due

to time gap between the previous unit's departure and the arrival of the 107th, the unit needed to compose new operational procedures for the mission.

"There was a learning curve, but we were fully operational within 24 hours," said Col. George Waskosky, who led the Air Guard team in Turkey. Apparently, the learning curve didn't last long, because the 107th achieved a 100 percent mission success rate, transferring 5 million pounds of gas since its arrival in mid April.

Waskosky attributed the success in part to help provided by the 157th Air Refueling Wing from Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth, NH. The 157th added three crews and three aircraft to the four crews and four aircraft, which came with the 107th.

Waskosky said deployments are not new to the 107th, and unit members seem to enjoy them. "Every quarter we have some type of overseas deployment. Anytime a unit deploys, it provides a positive impact on unit morale," he said.

"We are proud to have been able to respond to and meet the needs of the active-duty force," Waskosky said. "We have a history of doing things really well," Waskosky said.



# 106<sup>th</sup> PJs in Mid-Atlantic Rescues



A Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter hovers over the Cyprian ship "Durik Shield" to hoist the ship's captain to safety and medical care on Bermuda following a successful open sea rescue operation. Below, after landing in Bermuda, a Coast Guard air crew carries the patient to an awaiting ambulance which took him to the hospital. Photos courtesy of the US Coast Guard and 106th Air Rescue Wing.



## Team Rescue Today Staff 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing

WESTHAMPTON BEACH—Rescue personnel from the Long Island-based 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing, New York Air National Guard completed two separate missions in April, chalking up saves 277 and 278 since 1975.

On the first mission, four para-rescue men (PJs) parachuted into the sea near a Cyprian container ship about 300 miles south of Bermuda, to come to the aid of ship's captain after he appeared to have suffered a stroke. The jump was performed on April 4 at 4:30 AM.

It was feared that the 48-year old male captain of the "Durik Shield" was experiencing a brain aneurysm, but he was stabilized soon after the evacuation according to team leader, Senior Master Sgt. Tim Malloy.

The mission began when the PJs flew to the scene aboard a US Coast Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft from Elizabeth City, NC. They parachuted into the ocean, climbed onto the 600-foot ship and performed emergency medical treatment. The team of PJs included Senior Master Sgt. Malloy, Staff Sgts. Jeffery Baker and John Hopkins, and Tech. Sgt. Scott Yelley. This was Yelley's first night rescue jump. An HH-60J Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Elizabeth City arrived on scene, hoisted the patient from the deck and flew him to Bermuda for hospitalization.

"This was an excellent example of teamwork," said Col. Bobby Brittain, 106<sup>th</sup> wing commander. The Coast Guard Rescue Center in Greece received the initial rescue call from the vessel. The request was forwarded to the Coast Guard Atlantic Area Command in Portsmouth, VA, and then the call went to the New York Air National Guard's 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing.

One week later, another civilian sailor ran into a medical emergency in the same area of the Atlantic. A Turkish sailor, age 31 was in the grip of an acute appendicitis and required immediate evacuation from his freighter sailing 300 miles south of Bermuda. Another team of PJs from the 106<sup>th</sup> was flown to the scene by the same Coast Guard air crew. The PJ team included Tech. Sgts. Mike Hewson and Joe Ross and Staff Sgt. Ken Smith. The three traditional Guard members are civilian law enforcement professionals. Hewson is a Suffolk County policeman, Ross is a Massachusetts State Policeman from Boston and Smith is a New York City policeman from Queens. According to Hewson, rescue operations out over the Atlantic "is carrying 911 to a different level."

The team jumped into the sea at 10:00 pm. Smith's primary chute failed and he had to use his reserve. Hewson lost his helmet when his chute deployed. Ross followed the strobe light on Hewson's helmet into the dark sea and thus the team was dispersed as much as 300 yards from the inflatable Zodiac raft dropped into the seas for the PJs' use. In addition, waves exceeded 15 feet and contributed to a harrowing night swim to the Zodiac in the open ocean. Despite the difficulties, the team succeeded in getting to the raft and speeding to the ship, which upon taking on the Guardsman, headed for port in Bermuda.

Once aboard, the PJs found their patient in great pain, and they immediately went to work to stabilize him for the remainder of the voyage to Bermuda. By late the next day, the patient was in a Bermuda hospital where emergency surgery was performed. The PJs returned to their Long Island base by noon the next day.

## Air Rescue Wing Returns to the Gulf

By Tech. Sgt. J.C. Platto  
106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY—The New York Air National Guard's 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing was called back to the Persian Gulf, yet again, to help support Operation Southern Watch—the enforcement of the No-Fly Zone over Southern Iraq.

Nearly 100 members of the Long Island-based unit were activated in May and deployed to Turkey to link up with other Air Force units to help patrol the UN designated No-Fly Zones. The 106<sup>th</sup> provided crews and support personnel for rescue teams if search and rescue operations became necessary. The 106<sup>th</sup>'s mission is to rescue downed

crews. The deployment closely followed a scheduled rotation of 150 unit members to the same region in March and April to help coalition forces patrol the Southern No-Fly Zone. That coalition operation was interrupted by the NATO Operation Allied Force over Kosovo, and resulted in a shift of forces from the Persian Gulf theater to the Balkans. This set the stage for the 106's activation in May to help support Operation Northern Watch over Iraq by back-filling for units serving in the Balkans.

With a \$14,000 bounty on their heads, pilots from the US and Great Britain face an increased risk of being shot down by

the forces of Saddam Hussein. The threat of being captured and then dragged through the streets of Baghdad must weigh heavily on the minds of each coalition fighter pilot as they patrol and occasionally take on ground targets in the No-Fly Zone.

"Due to the additional activity worldwide, the President has determined that assistance from the Air National Guard is needed," said wing commander Col. Bobby Brittain, in reference to the military operations over Kozovo, dubbed Operation Allied Force.

"Our personnel are fully qualified and ready to serve," he said.

This is not the first time the 106<sup>th</sup> has performed this mission. The unit deployed back in 1993 and again in 1996 to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to provide Combat Search and Recovery support.

"These kinds of operations seem to characterize our culture and it takes the total capabilities of our total Air Force to respond—the active, the Air Guard and the Reserve," said Maj. Gen. James Sherrard, Chief of the Air Force Reserve. "The Guard and Reserve are models of the role of the citizen soldier. They can handle the most diverse missions. That is why we call them at a moments notice," he said.

# Airman Runs Marathon for Young Leukemia Victim

By Staff Sgt. Trish Heikkila  
105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, NEWBURGH — When Tech. Sgt. Tracy Hornbeck, a full time C-5 avionics and guidance technician with the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, began running to lose weight, he didn't know he'd be able to combine his new exercise program with the chance to help someone else.

In the few years that he's been running, Hornbeck has lost 45 pounds, but he's also gained a very special five-year-old friend, Charlie Bennett. Charlie, who lives with his parents in Cornwall, was diagnosed with leukemia at age two-and-a-half. Leukemia is a disease where white blood cells are produced in excessive amounts and are unable to work properly in fighting off infections.

In June, Hornbeck ran a full marathon—26.2 miles—in Alaska, sponsored by the Leukemia Society. He ran for Charlie and raised over \$2,000 for the society's research and support programs. "There are tangible benefits to running...you lose weight and stay healthy, but now I'm also helping someone else," he said.

"Running is simple, that's why I chose it. You don't need any equipment. At first I didn't think I'd be able to do it, it seemed daunting," he said.

Hornbeck said a nice spring day got him off his NordicTrak and onto the road. "It was nice out and I was tired of being on the machine. I thought I'd go for a run. I ran 20 minutes in one direction and 20 back. I didn't know what the distance was and went and clocked it in my car, it was about four miles. I couldn't believe it." Hornbeck enjoyed the physical exercise so much that he began increasing his distance and entering in local races. He said he was reading a magazine when he noticed an advertisement for the Leukemia Society's "Team in Training."

"Team in Training" is an endurance-training program that provides runners and other athletes with professional coaching, camaraderie, and travel and accommodations for major marathons. Each participant trains in honor of a local leukemia patient. Hornbeck joined the program and was linked to young Charlie Bennett.

Charlie's mother, Betty, is a phlebotomist at Hudson Valley Hospital in Peekskill, N.Y. She said she had a pretty good idea of what Charlie had after noticing his symptoms of fatigue, weight loss, easy bruising and others.

"I had enough knowledge to know how serious it was," she said. "It was devastating to find out. The doctor was very positive though, and that helped somewhat, but it was still tough. The first six months after his diagnosis were hard, he went through intensive chemotherapy treatments two and three times a week. By the end of the six weeks it was down to once a week, now it's once a month until the end of this year." Betty said she and her husband, Ed, remain very positive about their son's future.

As a single parent of a precocious seven-year-old son, MacKenzie, Hornbeck could empathize with the Bennetts when they learned of Charlie's condition. "When we met the Bennetts, Mack and Charlie ran off to his room and played 'Star Wars' stuff. Charlie really didn't talk much about it, he and Mack was too busy fighting the 'alien war'. I know what it's like to have a sick kid and to think about him having a life threatening disease, just seems mind boggling. It's incongruous. Seeing a kid going through chemotherapy doesn't match our image of what we think a little kid should be doing.

"Before Mack was born, I thought having a child was going to be hard. It seems like a lot of responsibility is being thrust onto you. At 2 a.m. you want to sleep, but if at 2 a.m. you have a child who's sick and needs you, you have to be there.



Tech. Sgt. Tracy Hornbeck holds five-year-old Leukemia victim Charlie Bennett during a visit at the Stewart Air National Guard Base. Photo by Staff Sgt. Alec Halstead.

"But it's not hard, because there are so many rewards that have to do with little things like the way Mack likes to run his hand over my hair right after its been cut, the pictures that he draws—it's a thousand little things like that. It's about the unconditional, absolute love between us."

Charlie doesn't talk much about being sick. He's too busy being a kid. During a recent visit to Hornbeck's shop, the five-year-old scurried from item to item faster than a pinball, asking questions every step of the way.

Hornbeck contemplated running the 26.2 miles with an easy-going, yet determined attitude. "Some people get really into it and track everything from what they wear to what they eat the night before. I'm kind of going by 'feel.' This is a new thing for me," he said. Hornbeck isn't a sit-on-the-sidelines type of a person, active by nature, the former rock climber also enjoys hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.

He attributes his determination, half-jokingly, to the "family genes." His father, Richard, was a lieutenant colonel and B-47 bomber pilot who lived through two mid-air collisions and an accident that broke his back. "The doctors said he'd never walk again," Hornbeck said. "But he did. He fully recovered and went back to flying. He set the example for me. Do whatever you want to do, just do it the best you can. He wasn't a 'Great Santini,' domineering kind of person, he was encouraging and supportive."

Hornbeck's father died several years ago after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. It is a rare, progressively degenerative disease affecting the spinal cord. It usually begins in middle age and is characterized by increasing spreading of muscular weakness. Hornbeck, who was very close with his father, was hard hit. "He was my hero," he said.

Also very much an influence is his mother, Connie, an accomplished bow-hunter who decided to take up hang gliding at age 50. "She has been very, very supportive of this," Hornbeck said. "She watches Mackenzie for me while I'm on out on my runs and she has even started to do some walking around the track herself."

Hornbeck said running brings a certain peace to his life. "It brings you into the moment. You have to be there, focused, paying attention to what you're doing. You can't be worrying about stuff at work or things in the news. This focus carries over into other areas of my life and helps keep me in contact with the things that are most important to me."

## 105<sup>th</sup> Delivers High-Tech Optics to Hawaii

By Sandra Carol  
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MAUI, HAWAII — The New York Air National Guard's 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing delivered a fragile \$40 million adaptive optics system to Hawaii in April, that is being used to upgrade an advanced telescope system's ability to get high quality images from space.

The adaptive optics system was designed and fabricated at the Danbury, CT-based Raytheon Optical Systems Corporation and filled two 18-wheel tractor-trailers. The 120,000 pounds of cargo and vehicles were loaded and strapped down inside a C-5A Galaxy at Stewart Air National Guard Base and flown halfway around the world to the Air Force Laboratory's Maui Space Surveillance Complex.

The complex is atop a 10,000-foot mountain and features the Advanced Electro-Optical System telescope. The telescope has a 3.67-meter diameter primary reflection mirror and is the largest in the Department of Defense. The adaptive optics system is being installed in a special vibration-free, thermally controlled room 60-feet below the telescope. Light will pass from the telescope down a long thermally controlled tube to the adaptive optics bench for processing. Once installed



and tested, the improved system will produce high-resolution images from space.

"Distortions in the atmosphere make a star appear to twinkle and cause space images to appear hazy," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Busque, from the Air Force Research Lab. "This system compensates for the distortion and takes away the twinkle effect and objects become sharper. More than 20 perfectly aligned optics will take a large light beam and shrink both its focal length and beam size to a tighter and more precise beam of light," said Busque.

"The entire telescope system with all of its sensors will be thoroughly tested next summer," said Maj. Joe Bishop, the Directed Energy Directorate's Program Manager. "When the tests are done, we will be fully operational."

## Aviators Demonstrate Guard 'copter Capabilities

By Scott Sandman  
Guard Times Staff

SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND—On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, National Guard aviators from Army Aviation Support Facility #1 and the 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing gave over 100 firefighters, chiefs and emergency response coordinators from across Suffolk County a demonstration of their aircrafts' capabilities in fighting brush and forest fires.

"Governor Pataki, our Commander in Chief, wants us to constantly pursue new ways to support and defend the people of New York State. Developing and improving our water bucket fire fighting capabilities is one more way we can creatively use our military resources to serve the people of our state during peacetime," said Col. Frank Intini, commander of AASF#1 and the Guard's foremost authority on air-ground firefighting support.

"This exercise was an opportunity to familiarize local fire department officials not only with our capabilities, but with the protocols of obtaining National Guard air support during a fire emergency. Obviously, time is critical in a fire emergency. Our goal was to train our potential customers on how to assess whether National Guard air support is suitable to a particular fire situation, and how to navigate the appropriate chain of command to secure the support as quickly as possible," said Intini.

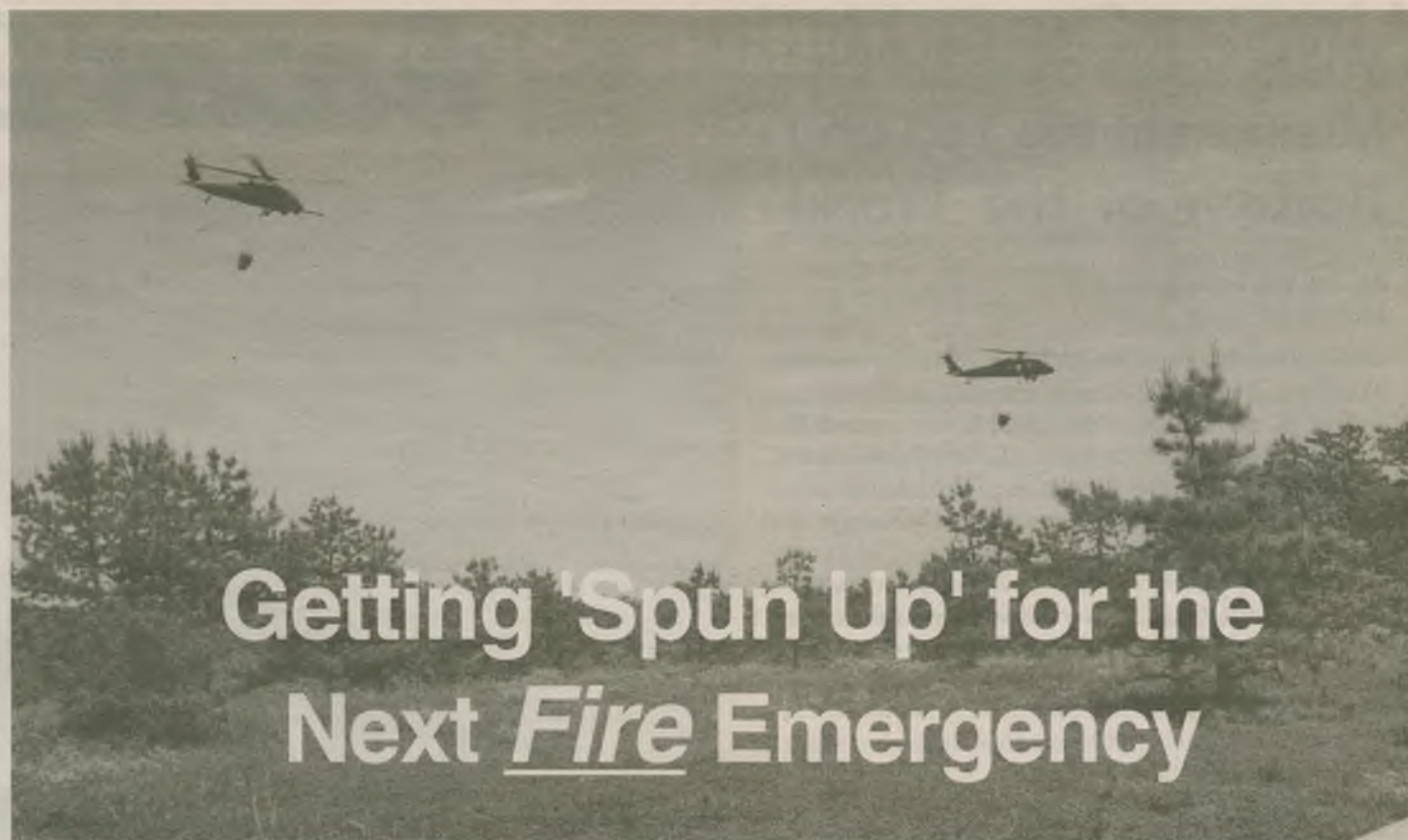
Billed as Air-Ground Firefighting Awareness Training Day and Field Demonstration, the event was coordinated by the Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Task Force, a coalition of federal and state agencies, including the Guard, local fire departments, local governments and various other public safety and environmental organizations.

The morning session, which began at 0800 at the 106<sup>th</sup>'s facility at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton, included classroom instruction and discussion by representatives of the Suffolk County Fire Academy, New York State Forest Rangers, and the National Guard. Topics discussed included responsibilities of fire services in air-ground operations, and wild fire helicopter indications, use and limitations.

Col. Intini capped off the morning forum with discussion that included lessons learned from the 1995 Central Pine Barrens Fire that ravaged much of eastern Long Island. While AASF#1 bucket-equipped helicopter crews were instrumental in eventually containing that blaze, the flames were so intense they actually jumped the four-lane Sunrise Highway. Fanned by Atlantic Ocean breezes, the wildfires charred hundreds of acres of the preserve, including areas abutting the perimeter of the 106<sup>th</sup>'s Gabreski Airport facility. Four years later, extensive fire damage is still plainly visible in the immediate vicinity of the base.

"Many, if not most of the firefighters participating in today's exercises were directly involved in the '95 wildfires," said Intini. "That response taught our aviation crews a great deal about these types of operations — it's where we really cut our teeth. It was literally trial by fire."

Following the classroom work it was out to the flight line. Aviators from the 106<sup>th</sup> and AASF#1 provided fire fighters with hands-on static displays and tours of their respective HH-60 Pavehawk and UH-60 Blackhawk aircraft, and a



Above, a HH-60 Pavehawk of the 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing, NYANG maneuvers into position behind a UH-60 Blackhawk of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation, NYARNG during joint water bucket training operations over Long Island's Central Pine Barrens Preserve in May. Far left, a Pavehawk unleashes its water load. Near left, Col. Frank Intini, facility commander at Army Aviation Support Facility #1 Ronkonkoma and officer in charge of the training coordinates with a local fire fighter and a flight crew member from the 106<sup>th</sup>. Photos by Scott Sandman.

close up look at the 660-gallon "Bambi Buckets" used in air-to-ground firefighting.

### Pros at Work

For many of the civilian participants, the highlight of the day was the afternoon session, when the Army and Air Guard crews were put through their paces. Drawing water from a nearby lake, the "purple" team of Army and Air Guard aircraft was guided to a small tract of land within the Pine Barrens' Sarnoff Preserve. Directed from the ground by radio, the choppers delivered their payloads with pinpoint accuracy, making several passes at various altitudes and airspeeds.

"Wow, that's a lot of water," observed one firefighter as he witnessed 5,500 pounds of water crashing through the forest canopy. "That could really help contain a widespread forest fire."

For the Air Guard crew, the water bucket exercise was their first. Nevertheless, they drew praise from their slightly more experienced Army Guard counterparts.

"There's no question that these guys are pros. This kind of thing is really outside the box, where their mission is concerned, but they picked it up really quickly. It was great to fly with the Air Guard, and we're looking forward to doing it again," said AASF#1's Chief Warrant Officer Jim Beauman.

"While our federal air rescue responsibilities keep us very busy, that doesn't mean we can't support our community any way we can," said Col. Bobby Britton, Commander of the 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing.

"Whether its working with local youth, or providing firefighting support, we welcome all opportunities to serve our neighbors in Suffolk County. We appreciate the opportunity to work with our Army Guard counterparts from Ronkonkoma and hope to do so again," said Britton.

The entire exercise was covered by a team from New York City's FOX 5 News. The FOX news crew, which included a helicopter that provided aerial shots of the Guard choppers both picking up and deploying the water, filed a three minute feature story on the event which aired on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Since their 5-day mission fighting the 1995 wildfires, the AASF#1 team has been in frequent contact with the California Army National Guard. The California Guard, because of the many widespread brush and forest fires in that state, has become the leading military experts in providing aerial firefighting support.

Working with DEC Forest Ranger Capt. Robert Conklin and various local firefighting officials, Col. Intini has used California's experiences to help develop an Interagency Military Helicopter Program. While developed specifically by and for Suffolk County agencies, the protocols established in the program will eventually become a boilerplate for fire support in the vicinities of Rochester's AASF#2 and AASF#3 near Albany.

During the same week earlier this spring, AASF#1 air crews were instrumental in containing and helping to extinguish forest fires at Peekskill's Camp Smith, and in Rotterdam, outside of Albany.

## 109th takes over an 'Icy' Mission at the Top and Bottom of the World

By Maj. Bob Bullock  
109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

MCMURDO STATION, ANTARCTICA—It's morning in Antarctica. The mid-summer temperature at this lonely outpost on the bottom of the world hovers around 20 degrees and breath hangs in the air. On the volcanic cinder and dust-covered streets that cut through McMurdo Station, the National Science Foundation's (NSF) base of operations for the U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP), an assortment of mostly red and orange vehicles moves slowly, some shuttling workers and cargo between austere buildings, some heading the 40 minutes down to the Williams Field Ski Runway and the Air National Guard's LC-130s (ski-equipped C-130s) that, this February with the completion of naval operations in Antarctica, became the only aircraft of their kind in the world.

Behind the buildings of McMurdo, the solid white, ice-covered expanse of the Ross Sea and the distant snow-covered peaks are a barrier to the unprepared. But the geography is not the only barrier. The other is cold...lethal cold. Here, summer temperatures can drop to 50 degrees below zero. The world's lowest temperature was recorded in Antarctica at minus 128.6 degrees. And storms whipping winds up to 200 miles-an-hour can freeze-dry a creature in minutes.

Few have ventured here. Even fewer have conquered. That is, until the intrepid airman of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force and now the New York Air National Guard opened up the continent to NSF-sponsored scientific researchers, making possible the discovery of answers to questions about the history and future of our planet and our universe that researchers even a decade ago would probably have thought unattainable.

For the NSF, there is a belief that answers to the earth's past and its future may be locked in Antarctica's trillions of tons of ancient ice. The continent holds 90 percent of the planet's ice and 70 percent of its fresh water. If even a modest fraction of that mass were to melt within a couple of decades, sea levels would rise several feet, causing an inevitable catastrophe on the earth's coasts.

Some of the current research includes studying the ozone hole, the stability of the Antarctic ice sheets and the dynamics of the southern ocean.

Antarctica was the spot where, in 1996, researchers found possible evidence of life on Mars sealed in meteorites picked up off the ice fields. And, it was at McMurdo Station in 1986 that scientists established chlorofluorocarbons as the probable cause of the ozone hole over Antarctica.

For the scientists, ski-equipped airlift is not only a logistical requirement, it is a lifeline. Throughout the Antarctic community, Navy and Air National Guard fliers have developed close working relationships with researchers and logisticians for the support and the security they provide. This is a far cry from the role that the 109<sup>th</sup> played when it first began flying ski-equipped C-130s in the 1970s. Back then, the role was strictly military support.

In 1975, the upstate New York guard unit decided to use its proficiency in airlift and C-130 operations to bid on an Arctic polar support mission supporting the Defense Early Warning DYE sites, military radar facilities spread across the Greenland ice sheet. Although the Alaskan Air Command of the active duty Air Force was giving up the mission, the New York fliers did not hesitate in their request for this unique distinction. To be one-of-a-kind unit is not a source of great pride, and offers long-term security.

# From Cold War



Throughout the 1970s and 80s, the 109<sup>th</sup> made its way the nearly seven hours from upstate New York to Greenland during the summer months. Each rotation lasted a week. In that time, missions beginning at the former U.S. Sondrestrom Air Base (now the civilian Greenlandic airport that serves as the 109<sup>th</sup>'s summer base of operations) and Thule Air Base (the U.S. Air Force's Space Command installation in the north of Greenland), would carry personnel, life-giving supplies including food and fuel, and later, construction materials as the radar sites needed to be moved due to the stress of the ice sheet's shifting. This need for military support of the radar installations lasted until the mid 1980s.

In 1978, the NSF, seeking support for polar ice-coring climactic research and other research being conducted on the Greenland ice sheet, first approached the 109<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential cooperation. From the standpoint of the researchers, the same capabilities for support which fueled the defense radar installations, could easily meet their requirements to move scientists and logistics personnel, research equipment and items essential for survival in extreme temperatures, temperatures which could frequently drop to below minus 50 degrees.

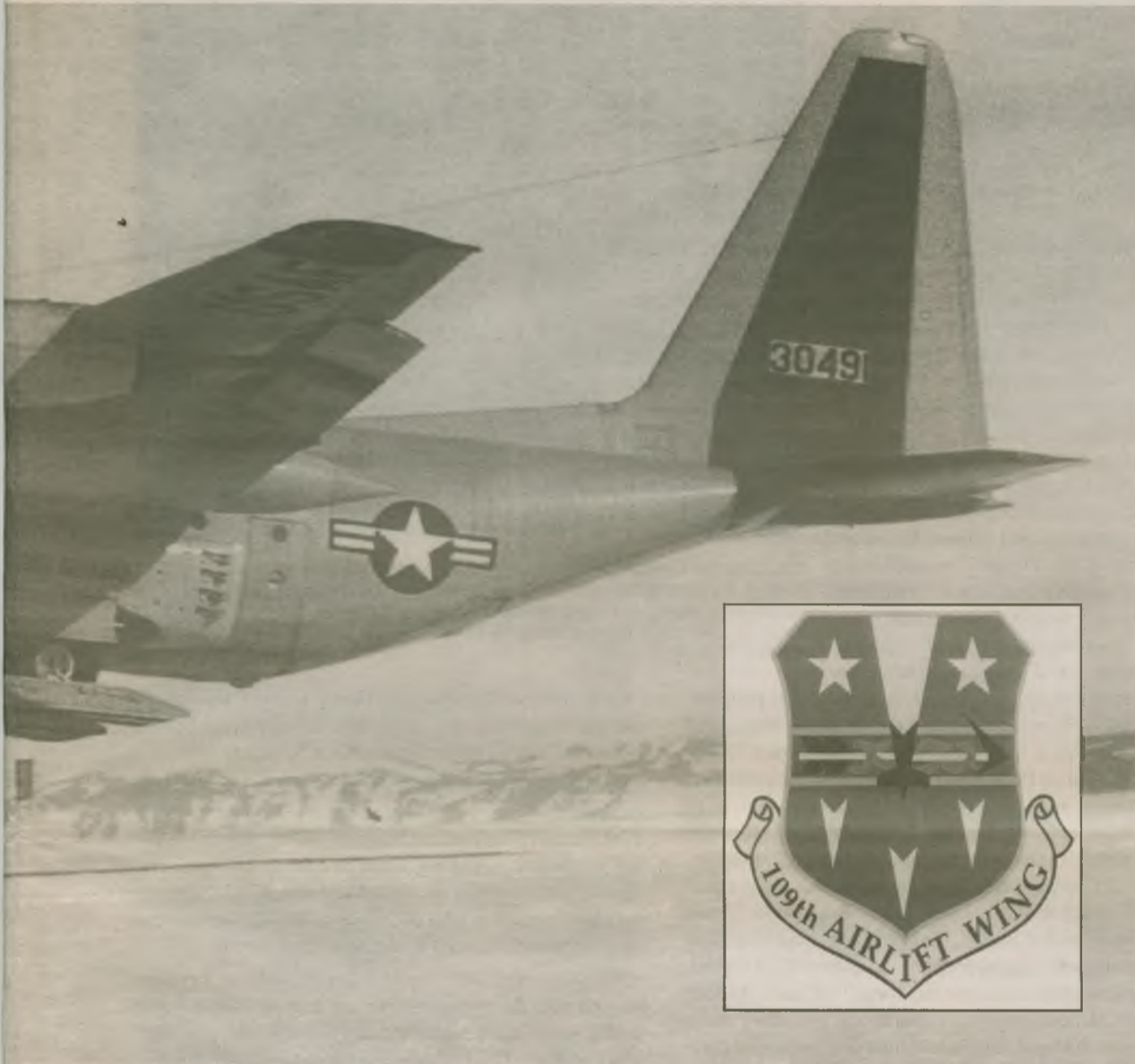
From the very outset, the 109<sup>th</sup> proved a natural for the mission and the scientific community found the unit not only effective but also easy to work with. Relationships and science operations which began in these early years, have lasted until this day.

But just how did unit members, who began their airlift operations flying in support of the Berlin airlift and shuttling supplies to the steamy jungles of Southeast Asia, feel about their new Arctic responsibilities? Many members, who by virtue of the Guard's mission stability were on those first flights to the center of the Greenland ice sheet, remember performing their first landing on skis in 1975, even now.

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Christiano, now head of the flight engineer's section, recalls the sensation of leaving the austere beauty of Sondrestrom Air Base and passing into a cold, forbidding environment that offered no natural landmarks, only whiteness. For him, the year of his first flight was 1980. "It really took my breath away. You would leave 'Sondy' (Sondrestrom), going toward the ice cap over green and then pass over the glacial edge onto a sheet of white as far as you could see. Heading out to DYE 2 (a radar installation which ceased operations in the mid 1980s), you would see only occasional pools of beautiful blue water sitting on top of the ice surface.

"But what really took my breath away," he said, "was watching the crew coordination necessary for landing. The navigator would be constantly talking to the pilot, guiding him to the site. The co-pilot was talking to the pilot. The engineer was constantly monitoring the systems and the loadmasters would be up in the windows, helping the front-end crew trying to pick out the skiway. It was truly amazing," Christiano stated.

# to Cold Science



In 1988, the NSF, pleased with the assistance they were receiving in the north, invited the 109<sup>th</sup> to make the long trip south to augment the U.S. Navy's specialized Antarctic flying unit, VXE-6, in missions which supported the USAP's scientific research program.

In the early years, the 109<sup>th</sup>'s flying in Antarctica was relatively limited, consisting of only two aircraft and a contingent of several dozen men and women. Back then, the deployment was measured in weeks. In 1998-99, the first year since the guard take-over from the Navy, the number of aircraft had grown to five and the personnel requirements for a deployment which began in September and continued until nearly March when the NSF ceases operations for winter until the following September, soared to as many as 120 individuals per week.

Minimum deployments for the 109<sup>th</sup> begin at two weeks for traditional guardsmen, with approximately a week being required to travel by commercial air from Schenectady to Christchurch, New Zealand, the base of operations for the USAP in New Zealand, on to McMurdo Station and then back home at the end of the members stay. The second week consists of performing one's job in Antarctica.

For more than 210 Active duty Guard and Reserve (AGR) members, full-time personnel hired specifically to support the USAP, the total deployment time to Antarctica each season lasts longer, in some cases up to more than ten

weeks, with most members varying the length of their stay in Antarctica with a brief rotation back home.

Several members of the 109<sup>th</sup> were even selected to make-up the initial staff of Air National Guard Detachment 13, a group of six ANG operations, maintenance and administrative specialists who live permanently in Christchurch, NZ and provide assistance to Department of Defense agencies working in support of the USAP.

Many AGRs were hired from the 109<sup>th</sup>'s traditional Guard force because of their experience. But nearly as many came from outside the unit, intrigued by the chance to operate in perhaps the most extreme flying environment on earth.

One pilot hired full-time, Maj. Joel Mayron, came to the unit because after three years in the U.S. Navy flying for VXE-6 in Antarctica, he couldn't bear the thought of leaving the ice and snow. In the Guard, he will have an opportunity to complete his career still flying "Ski-Hercs."

"Polar flying gets in your blood," began Mayron. "Before the 109<sup>th</sup>, I couldn't have imagined a career at the poles. I am glad to be here. I know polar flying. I feel valuable because I have this skill. When I get down to Antarctica or now up to Greenland, I feel like I am coming home," he said.

Another polar veteran of eight years, Maj. Dave Koltermann, a pilot who came to the guard after leaving a special operations background in the active duty Air Force, expressed a similar love for flying on ice. "The flying is fantastic," he remarked. "The camaraderie among crews

is second to none and supporting science is really worthwhile. I feel special that we are contributing to the international scientific community," he said.

And what of the maintenance personnel? How does it feel to work in temperatures so cold that hydraulic fluid begins to freeze and fingers cannot be uncovered for more than a few seconds for safety reasons? Here, the sense of pride typical of the aircrew members is echoed. "Our people and the support they have given are great," said Chief Master Sgt. Joe Wagschall, one of several maintenance chiefs sporting more than two decades of operating in polar environments. "My guys work as a team. When they are here, everybody works together. It gives them ownership. In the end, we succeed because we are the 109<sup>th</sup>," he said.

Working for the maintenance chiefs is a highly-trained maintenance organization with varying degrees of experience operating in polar settings. Many are new to the organization, attracted by the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of legendary polar explorers like Admunsen, Scott and Byrd and to be part of a mission that is unique in the world. I left the active duty from Eglin AFB to come home," stated Master Sgt. Phil Cassimore, a full-time aircraft power generation shop chief hired to support the USAP. "I live about an hour from the base and saw the story about the unit's new mission on the news. Before then, I never knew the 109<sup>th</sup> existed. Now I am proud to be part of this organization that is contributing to the NSF mission. We spend a lot of time away from home. But our mission is important and our people are happy to do it," he stated.

Another newcomer, Senior Airman Ron Jematt, expressed similar sentiments. "I have seen seals, whales and penguins. It's really interesting and great knowing that out of everyone in the world, you are one out of a small percentage of people who will ever see Antarctica."

Only a few days after the return of its first few airplanes from Antarctica, the unit was on the road again in their first deployment of the season to Greenland. In the next few months until August, the 109<sup>th</sup> will be busy up north supporting one of the most aggressive science seasons in years and then back to Antarctica. The temperatures will be cold....very cold. But as Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Stoddard, life support superintendent and one who in his job spends more time out in the weather than virtually anyone says, "the environment puts you at peace."

How did the 109<sup>th</sup> do in the first season following its take-over of the on-continent airlift support of the internationally high profile USAP? According to Erick Chiang, polar research support section head for the NSF, "Many of us in polar programs have worked in both the northern and southern hemispheres and have admired the work of the 109<sup>th</sup> on the polar ice caps. The 109<sup>th</sup>, following this first year as the Department of Defense's executive agent for Antarctic flight support, has demonstrated that our faith in their capabilities has been well-founded. This will be critical during the next five years as the USAP works to rebuild the Admunsen-Scott station at the South Pole."

For nearly a generation, the defense community shared the 109<sup>th</sup>'s pride in its ability as the unit helped keep North America safe during the Cold War. And now, these polar specialists are helping to answer the questions that will virtually assure the understanding and protection of our environment for all time.

"We come from many backgrounds," stated Wing Commander Col. Graham Pritchard, who by virtue of his previous tenure as a member of the Alaskan Air Command is recognized as the most veteran ski C-130 pilot on earth. "Regardless of their individual backgrounds, the men and women of this unit are proud to be doing what they are doing. It has been my privilege to help bring the best of the 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the Air National Guard to this mission. And, from experience I can say without hesitation, nobody could do it better...nobody," he concluded.

## Naval Exercise Leaves 'Footprints in the Sand'



By Cdr. Scott Gibney and Lt. Patricia Essoff  
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USNR and NY Naval Militia

BAHRAIN — Leaders from four East-Coast sealift command reserve units participated in Exercise Crescent Dagger '99 in Bahrain in April, to prepare for future active duty missions.

This exercise was planned and managed by Military Sealift Command Southwest Asia naval reservists, in partnership with their active duty gaining command.

Crescent Dagger '99, a transformation of the former "Footprints in the Sand" Southwest Asia port familiarization tour, was designed to enhance the readiness of naval reservists, by providing broad-base, mission specific, training for recently assigned reserve units.

The exercise was comprised of two key components. Participants surveyed ports in Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, in order to become familiar with the command's area of responsibility. Briefings were provided by port managers and sealift command ship masters from the USNS Walter S. Diehl, USNS Kane, and USNS Watson. The port tours were followed by a command post exercise held in Bahrain. The exercise helped train and was used to evaluate the reservists' abilities to operate an area-of-responsibility sealift command office, including command and administrative functions and crisis action procedures supporting contingency operations.

Captain James A. Barnett, Jr., commanding officer of Sealift Command Northern Persian Gulf 105, from Pittsburgh, PA, and exercise officer in charge, noted that the training goals of preparing the participants for mobilization were achieved. "Participants gained detailed knowledge of port infrastructures and force protection requirements, in addition to establishing relationships with American Embassy, port management, and various US Military component staffs and other sealift command customers and partners," said Barnett.

The command post exercise phase of the two week training also included instruction in command duty officer responsibilities. This training equipped the participants with practical support capabilities for future Southwest Asia assignments. It also assisted in training the reserve units for quick integration with the active duty force for peacetime support operations, as well as potential contingency operations.

Commander Helen Dunn of Sealift Command Southwest Asia, Executive Officer Lt. Sherry Crissman, Marine Transportation Specialist Linda Harman and the entire Southwest Asia sealift command staff were credited for providing "outstanding exercise support."

Participants included Capt. Lawrence P. Kirwan and Cdr. Scott C. Gibney from sealift command Northern Persian Gulf 102, Bronx; Capt. James Niles and Cdr. Paul Prentiss, from Southern Persian Gulf 101, Quincy, MA; and, Capt. Lawrence Clifford and Cdr. A.D. Barksdale, from Southwest Asia 108, Tampa FL. Lt. Cdr. Jean Vite of Northern Persian Gulf 105, Pittsburgh, was the exercise coordinator.

## A Partnership for Mission Support

New York Guard teams up with Army Guard Command for Contingency Training

By Col. Alan Pogorzelski  
HQ New York Guard

VALHALLA — Members of the New York Guard's 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade joined with the staff of the New York Army National Guard's Headquarters 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command for joint training in contingency operations this Spring.

"I commend you, for all you have done to make this project a success," said Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, New York Army National Guard commanding general, to the combined Army Guard and state Guard team at the Troop Command Emergency Operations Center at the State Armory in Valhalla.

The exercise involved representatives of all of Troop Command's subordinate units. Personnel assembled at each subordinate unit headquarters and communicated and coordinated the Troop Command headquarters and performed normal staff functions as they would during a real emergency. Planning the exercise had gone on for months and a practice exercise conducted earlier in the year. The exercise was run in cooperation with Westchester County EOC in White Plains and concurrent with a State Emergency Management Office drill of the Indian Point Emergency Plan on the same day.

For over a year the project has seen a new level of cooperation between the two components of the state militia with 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade personnel working at Headquarters 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command in Valhalla. "This is real partnership training," explained Col. Louis Beniamino, Troop Command Chief of Staff. "With the State Guard, we have additional assets — good people — who are willing to work with us and help round out the force," he said. During expected 24-hour emergency operations, personnel assets can be stretched and the donated time of experienced New York Guard volunteers can have a positive impact on emergency response operations, said Beniamino.

Van Patten approved Beniamino's proposal to use New York Guard volunteers to supplement the 53<sup>rd</sup> staff. Van Patten has experienced New York Guard support during past state emergencies and welcomed the idea. New York



Col. Louis Beniamino, (center) Headquarters 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command Chief of Staff reviews the training scenario with New York Guard volunteers during the joint staff contingency exercise. From the left is Staff Sgt. Anthony Bertorelli, Sgt. John O'Connor and Chief Warrant Officer Al Vernile from the 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade, NYG. Photo by Col. Alan Pogorzelski.

Guard Chairman Major General George Liebner, also agreed and the suggestion was presented and approved by the Adjutant General, Major General Jack Fenimore.

The project included remodeling work in the Valhalla Emergency Operations Center over the last year by New York Guard volunteers and National Guard soldiers. Painting, Carpentry, installing phone and computer lines, obtaining and mounting topographical maps and charts of various counties, as well as assistance in food service and security, was performed by the New York Guard.

"We've worked with the 53<sup>rd</sup> before and our guys are pleased with the opportunity to use their skills to support the National Guard during training and real emergencies," said Col. Barry Conroy, 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade Deputy Commander.

"I'm very proud of the job the 56<sup>th</sup> has done working with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command," said brigade commander Brig. Gen. Richard Crabtree. "This project is a model for similar ones throughout the state and we are recommending it to other New York Guard commands."

## New York Guard to Conduct Legal Training

Guard Times Staff

CAMP SMITH -- The New York Guard will conduct free legal training for members of New York State's military forces who are attorneys during its upcoming Annual Training at Camp Smith September 30 and October 1. The training is creditable toward the state's bi-annual legal training requirement for licensed attorneys.

The New York Guard instructors are practicing legal professionals and include judges, attorneys and counsels in both public and private practice. This service should save lawyers from \$300-500 they would normally have to expend in annual continuing education costs.

Courses include: Commercial Real Estate Litigation; Trusts and Estates, Guardianship, Supplemental Needs Trusts and Reverse Mortgages; Ethics Considerations from the Disciplinary Committee Perspective, Legal Malpractice, contempt and Attorney/Client Privilege and Skills for Trial Attorneys.

"Every lawyer must complete up to 24 hours of legal training every two years in order to practice in the state," said Maj. Gen. Edwin Kassoff. "This is a service to Guard members who are lawyers and need this training."

Major General Edwin Kassoff, a New York State Supreme Court Justice, organized the program of instruction in the form of a series of lectures each lasting 1 to 2 hours.

In addition to Gen. Kassoff, other instructors include: Scott E. Mollen, Esq. a frequent lecturer and editor of a weekly realty legal digest; Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, the Westchester County Attorney; Hon. C. Raymond Radigan, Nassau County Surrogate; Hal R. Lieberman, Esq. Chief Counsel of the 1st Department Disciplinary Committee; Donald e. Deegan, Esq. a law firm partner specializing trial and malpractice defense; Lawrence Gray, Esq. Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York, and Robert J.A. Zito, Esq. a litigation and arbitration specialist.

For more information, contact Maj. Gen. Kassoff's Office at (718) 520-3741. You must register by September 7.

## New York Guard Appoints Air Division Commander

By Col. Alan Pogorzelski  
HQ New York Guard

LATHAM — In a brief ceremony held at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs headquarters in April, Col. Karl Doll, former 109th operations group commander (now retired), was promoted to brigadier general and appointed as the first commander of the newly-established New York Guard-Air Division.



Created in January 1998, the New York Guard-Air Division is a statewide volunteer organization. Like its long-established army cousin, the New York Guard, the air division provides additional, as-needed support to New York's military forces.

Currently, it operates from New York Air National Guard headquarters in Latham but plans are already under way for future growth.

"We plan to establish an air division unit at each Air National Guard Base in New York State as well as one attached with the State Emergency Management Office," Gen. Doll explained. "Now with my appointment, we will be moving ahead with our plans."

### "He will serve our newest state military organization with distinction"

A long-time member of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Gen. Doll began his military career when he joined the unit in 1961. He retired as a colonel in 1990. Gen. Doll also served as a liaison between the National Science Foundation and the Air National Guard during the Antarctic mission conversion.

According to Air Guard Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Archie J. Berberian II, the promotion of Col. Doll to general and his appointment as commander of the New York Guard-Air Division is a tribute to Doll's many years of outstanding service.

"Although he is most well-known for his work with the 109<sup>th</sup>, Gen. Doll served well in many other capacities. It is for this diversity that he was selected to this important position," said Berberian.

"Once his career was over, Gen. Doll served SEMO for five years as an Air Force Reserve officer before going on to NSF in Washington in a similar capacity," he added.

"As importantly," said Berberian, "Gen. Doll has been a volunteer with the New York Guard-Air Division since its inception. He will serve our newest state military organization with distinction," he said.

# Glens Falls Launches New Cadet Corps

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

GLENS FALLS — The newest New York National Guard Corps of Cadets Program came on line in late May, following an inaugural graduation ceremony at the Glens Falls armory.

More than 80 teens marched onto the drill floor to the cheers of more than 100 family members and friends to begin the ceremony marking their graduation from a 6-week "basic training" period. The ceremony was patterned after those used to stand up new military units.

With help from volunteer National Guard cadre, cadet officers led the formation's march inside. Many cadets were clad in new gray uniforms. The first cadet commander, a young woman, runs track at the nearby Hudson Falls High School.

This is the largest start-up group of cadets for a new corps in the 8-year history of the Guard's Corps of Cadets program. Back in March, a record 300 teens and parents crowded the armory during an information night, where families learned about the program and what it would take for their son or daughter to join.

## Guard and Community Partners to Fight Drugs/Restore Natural Beauty

By Master Sgt. Jeannine M. Mannarino  
138<sup>th</sup> MPAD

COLONIE — Last December, officials from the Albany County Town of Colonie approached the New York National Guard Counterdrug Program for help in combating drug use by reclaiming a historic, but long neglected parcel of land along the Hudson River.

The town's historic Schuyler Flatts which runs along the river just north of Albany, has been plagued with midnight dumping and has become the sit for drug trafficking and underage drinking parties. Now the town wanted to reclaim the area, but it needed help to do it.

In the 1630's, the Van Rensselaers family established a farm on the site, as part of the Dutch Colony of Rensselaerswyck. The Dutche West India Company earmarked the land as an independent site from the nearby trade establishment at Fort Orange (where Albany now sits). The area has long been the site of archeological research into prehistoric Native American tribes.

Schuyler Flatts was named for the wealthy and powerful Schuyler family. Philip Pieteron Schuyler, General Philip Johannes Schuyler's great grandfather, arrived in "New Netherland" around 1650, and purchased the Flatts from the Van Rensselaers in 1672. This is where the Schuyler family made their home until 1910.

Over the years, the area fell into neglect and ultimately has degenerated into an area for illegal dumping and criminal activity.



More than 300 teens and family members jammed the Glens Falls armory last March for an information night on the formation of a new Corps of Cadets program in Glens Falls. It was the largest turnout in the program's history. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

The New York National Guard has been successfully running its cadet program since 1991. This program helps keep kids in school, out of trouble and on the road to becoming responsible adults. Along the way, the teens have fun, experience adventure, learn about discipline, leadership and responsibility. The program is for

young men and women aged 12 to 17. To be a member, young people must remain in school, stay drug free and not be in trouble with the law. The program is free. Volunteer National Guard cadre serve as role models and provide supervision. Many of the Guard members are young men and women attending college while they serve.

The long-standing problem can be illustrated by the reactions and comments of local art students, who came to the site in March for a class project. Shaker High School student Katie O'Connor was amazed to find out "how out of control the area was." "When we first came here all there was to paint was broken glass, beer bottles, grocery carts, and refrigerators that were dumped here," said 10<sup>th</sup> grade student Charles Rapp.

The students discovered a tree house that was covered with racial slurs, obscenities, swastikas and other graffiti. The area had become a haven for under-age drinking and drug use. The archeological landmark had been transformed into a cul-de-sac for illegal activities and dumping.

The Counterdrug Program looked into the situation and determined that it could offer help in the form of an engineer project, similar to previous efforts in Schenectady and other communities, that would restore the area and help make it easier to patrol by local police. The removal of garbage by the town was an essential objective to restore safe conditions for appropriate recreational use. The Guard brought personnel and equipment to the site and began thinning the heavy brush and cutting up the fallen trees and branches and exposing the many piles of garbage and debris for easier removal.

Once the partnership for a joint project was struck between the Guard and the town, several area youth organizations also decided to join the effort. Young members of the Village of Menand's Cub Scout Pack

101 and Colonie's Youth Court helped pick up and gather tons of litter and other refuse. Colonie's Department of Public Works, area businesses, and other civic organizations also joined in, and provided donated labor and heavy equipment to haul out trash and chip the many branches and limbs that were trimmed by the Guard members. By the end of May, the natural beauty of the landscape was no longer marred by garbage and visitors were starting to return.

"The Flatts provide a great wealth of data for research and educational development regarding the history of this area," said Paul Russell, Colonie's Environmental Conservation Specialist. "It's just amazing to see the transformation that's taken place over the past few months. Changing this drug infested area into place where people can safely come and enjoy the natural beauty, is area accomplishment," he said.

Russell is pleased to see Susan Stuarts High School art class returning to practice landscape painting. "That's the real payoff," he said, noting the public acknowledgment of progress. "If it wasn't for the Guard we would never have gotten this far," he said.

"The National Guard not only plays an important role in national defense and responding to natural disasters, but they have also found a way to help our communities," said Mary Brizzell Colonie's Town Supervisor. "We are grateful for the help."

"The Town hopes to transform this 40-acre site into a recreation and cultural park with barrier free accessibility," said Russell.

## MANY Holds Annual Conference

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GLENS FALLS — The Militia Association of New York or MANY held its annual conference in May at the beautiful and historic Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. The Lake George region in the Adirondack Mountains was selected for the many available recreational activities available.

On Saturday an inaugural awards breakfast was held. It was open to MANY members, spouses and guests, and featured keynote remarks from Col. Dave McGinnis from the National Guard Association of the United States.

Presentations by state and national military leaders were conducted throughout the morning. The afternoon was cleared for recreational activities in the area from shopping, touring local historic sites and more.

Saturday evening, MANY attendees enjoyed a dinner cruise on Lake George on board the Lac du Saint Sacrament, a regal lake steamer, which participated in the Second Annual Queen's Steamship Race with other large and small vessels. The event included a buffet dinner, dancing, the race and fireworks that evening.

The conference concluded Sunday morning following the MANY Business Session. The hotel was chosen as the site for next year's conference as well.



Col. Dave McGinnis from the National Guard Association of the United States leads a keynote presentation at the Annual MANY conference in Glens Falls. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

According to Maj. Kathy Brooks, MANY President, the design for this year's conference was developed using all of the best practices of past conferences while incorporating successful ideas from other associations.

"Due to popular demand, MANY's Executive Committee has changed the design of the annual conference to include business but emphasize fun and value," said Brooks.

"Our bottom-line objective is to give our members a world-class event and the chance to network with fellow officers and military leaders to the highest levels of government," she said.

## Medical Conference Held

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LATHAM — The New York Army National Guard Army Medical Detachment team is held its third Annual State Surgeon's Conference 23-25 April in Albany.

More than 60 medical professionals assigned to the state headquarters medical section and various commands throughout the force attended. These include doctors, dentists, physician's assistants, nurses and other support personnel.

The purpose of the conference was to disseminate the latest medical information to the field practitioners. The state surgeon, Col. Walter Rivera, Chief of Surgery at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital, and Deputy State Surgeon Col. Deborah Wheeling, Army Nurse Corps and civilian nurse administrator led the conference.

The conference tip off came from the Army Guard Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Micheal Van Patten. Additional presentations came from Col. Paul Duttke, Army Guard Chief of Staff, Ken Curley, the Director of the state headquarters Military Support office and Command Sgt. Major Don Brawley, state command sergeant major.



Ken Curley of the DMNA Military Support Directorate leads a presentation on the new RAID Element at the AMEDD conference. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

The first day dealt primarily with the role of the state headquarters in supporting the new Rapid Assessment and Initial Detection Element and the Guard role under possible Weapons of Mass Destruction scenarios, as part of Homeland Defense.

On Saturday, Col. Steven Lloyd from the National Guard Bureau's Surgeon's Office presented the national perspective on the Army's vision for the medical force and information on the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccination Inoculation Program.

## RAID Element Deploys for Stand-Up Training

### WMD Response Unit On-Track for Formal Launch Date

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STRATTON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE — New York's newest Guard unit kicked off January in MOPPIV (Mission Oriented Protective Posture) at the live-agent areas at Fort McClellan, GA's Chemical Defense Training Facility.

The Alabama training included simulation of the possible "extreme" environmental conditions under which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Support Detachment (Rapid Assessment/Initial Detection) could operate during a "Weapons of Mass Destruction" incident.

It also set the unit on its way to Department of Defense validation, as the military's primary emergency resource for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, following a terrorist attack — or a hazardous materials (HazMat) accident.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Military Support Detachment (RAID) is one of 10 such units established last year across the country. These units are expected to be the "tip of the spear" for the emerging WMD threat. All began 1999 by starting a six month "institutional training" phase. The institutional phase, during which the Guard members will acquire or refresh core common skills, includes intense training at all the major, chemical-biological Emergency First Responder centers in the United States. The objective is full qualification and validation for nuclear, bacteriological, chemical or radiological incidents by January 2000.

That challenge allowed the 2<sup>nd</sup> MSD (RAID) to attract personnel from all branches of the Armed Forces, active and reserve component. Some even took off stripes to join, and several past up on lucrative civilian careers as well. Most took their oaths as members of the New York

Army or Air National Guard around New Year's Day 1999.

Many went almost directly from the enlistment ceremonies to full protective gear in the live agent area. The McClellan facility is unique, and allowed the members to practice live nerve agent training, detection and reconnaissance missions. The Guard members also practiced full decontamination procedures, rather intensely, since live agents were present.

RAID members also trained on the Federal Response Plan, conventional HazMat

operations, the Incident Command System used by the civilian Emergency Response agencies they'll assist, and participated in a field training exercise wearing Level-A personal protective gear.

New York's RAID team commander, Maj. Robert Domenici, was assigned as Incident Commander, coordinating a structure that consisted of actual Emergency Management System personnel, FBI agents, local police officers, and military support personnel from around the country. The scenario required the team to plan and conduct reconnaissance and detection missions for the possibility of live agents in a subway system, apartment building and a medical clinic (where residents had come suf-



Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MSD (RAID) recently completed the National Fire Protection Association's "Hazmat Incident Management Course." NFPA instructors from Florida, Fire Chiefs Wayne Yoder (standing right) and John Tomaszewski (left) presented the two week course at the unit's home at Stratton Air National Guard Base. Albany Fire Department Captains William R. Davis, Jr. (seated right) and L. Eric Harrington (left) joined the RAID commander, Maj. Robert Domenici (seated right) and other team members, as part of the unit's mission to export their expertise to civilian emergency responders. The course was the second RAID training piece which drew Capital District firefighters as participants. The unit also recently participated in a major Hazmat exercise with the Schenectady Hazmat team. Photo by Walt Wheeler.

fering from symptoms of nerve agent). Another New York member led the detachment's Survey Team in detecting, marking and identifying agents in the simulated Hot Zone at the Alabama base.

The unit's motto "Fortune Favors the Bold," guided the troops during their training. "The 2<sup>nd</sup> MSD (RAID) has accepted the challenge of emerging WMD threats head on," said Domenici. "It has and will lead the National Guard into the 21st Century as a relevant and ready force for the new millenium."



## Personnel Services Battalion Aids Girl Scouts

By Sgt. Steven Petibone  
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CORNWALL-ON-THE-HUDSON—Members of the 56<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion used a guardHELP project to support Hudson Valley Girl Scouts in May.

Soldiers of battalion's 4th Detachment made identification cards for young members of area scout councils. Each card contained a picture on the front and an index finger print on the reverse side.

In keeping with the guardHELP philosophy, the project provided training for the troops while they help the community. The scout ID card project was a good match for one of the unit's normal missions of producing cards for military members and dependents. The effort ran during a Saturday scout Family Day, and more than 175 girl scouts participated.

National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon provided partial funding as an approved Innovative Readiness Training project. The Department of Defense has long held scout programs as priority customers for non-emergency military support.

The idea for the effort originated between two Army National Guard warrant officers who were interested in helping the scouts. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frank Tybush of the 56<sup>th</sup> and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joe Martellaro of the 199<sup>th</sup> Army Band, whose daughter is a scout. "When I learned about the scout's need for ID

cards I knew this was a perfect, mission-essential-task guardHELP opportunity for the 56th," said Tybush.

The project proposal was reviewed and approved by the military chain and the effort was scheduled. Tybush constructed a data-base that allowed each scout to complete the background work ahead of time. This information was entered into a computer. On registration day, each scout came to one of the Guard's four work-stations, gave her name, and her file was opened and ID cards were generated.

Two guardHELP IDs were printed out, two Polaroid photos were taken and two fingerprints of the index finger were placed on the back. The last step: cut, apply photo and laminate both cards, one for the scout and one for the parents.

"When I designed the ID card, I wanted guardHELP to somehow be displayed," said Tybush. "I in-laid the guardHELP logo diagonally across the form in bright yellow. It was appealing to all."

"In the future I would like to have this happen around the Latham-area," said Lt. Col. Judith Hanley, 56<sup>th</sup> battalion commander. "We need a little more computer support, but the entire operation went smoothly and I think we can handle 300-400 ID cards per day," she said.

## Signal Troops Train at 'High Tech' Site

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, PA—The High Tech Regional Training Site at the Tobyhanna Army Depot continues to support reserve component Annual Training from April through October, including 150 members of the New York Army National Guard.

Troops from the National Guard and Army reserve train on a variety of equipment at Tobyhanna, and learn to perform many different tasks on some of the Army's latest electronic gear through tailored training programs. For example, they learn to use, align and troubleshoot radio systems like the Single Channel Air and Ground Radio System (SINCGARS). Tobyhanna's staff instructors are knowledgeable and experienced.

Members of Companies B and C, 230<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, from Yonkers and Orangeburg, were among the first to complete training on their assigned Multi-channel Communication System at locations throughout the base. That system is comprised of the AN/TRC 173, 174, 175 radio systems and the 138 Small Extension Node Switch. The troops task is to set up all the

radio systems and link all five sites by line-of-sight antennas and fiber optic cables.

"The MCS is basically a communications relay station between combat units, such as artillery and infantry, and their headquarters," said Capt. Kim Farrier, the commander of Company C. "We have radio, microwave, telephone and even voice telegram capability. Signal units like ours are the 'AT&T' of the Army," she said. "The equipment can also be used if a city or region has a communications breakdown. We can provide links through a commercial telephone switch to fire, rescue, police and community leadership such as the governor," she added.

The troops take great care in setting up the antennas so they face one another precisely. Faulty signals result from improperly aligned antennas. The troops need to complete a site set up in three hours.

"The equipment allows us to monitor and diagnose failed links and to automatically re-route messages if necessary," said 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Ramiro Gomez. "The main telephone switch alone can handle 2,500 lines."

"Tobyhanna is an exceptional training facility," said Staff Sgt. Edward Hickman. "We are very pleased with the support from the depot's staff."

## 'Cav' Preps for Gunnery Test

Simulation Devices Lead to Weekend Training Success

By Staff Sgt. Tom O'Buckley  
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FORTDIX, NJ—Every other year, National Guard tank crews must complete gunnery qualification. The training begins and continues during weekend drills, and culminates at Annual Training with a live-fire gunnery qualification table on a full-scale range, with timed and scored main gun and machinegun engagements.

Tank Table IV is the first step in tank crew qualification and is performed during a weekend drill.

The purpose is to test the crew on basic gunnery skills. The exercise can be "fired" with full sized ammunition, sub-caliber devices like a .50 caliber device mounted in the gun tube, or conducted "dry" with the "Thru-Sight" video system or with laser training like the Multiple Laser Engagement System, frequently used during tactical field exercises.

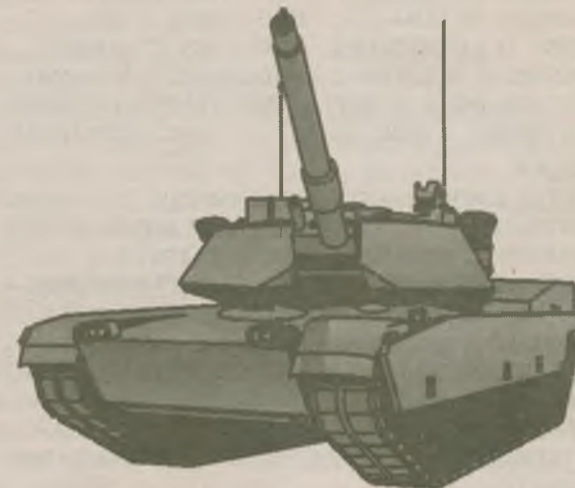
Company A of the 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, from Staten Island, performed this training at Fort Dix, NJ in March. The unit used the AIMTEST .50 caliber in-bore device. The impact area at Fort Dix ranges are not large enough to support full sized armor piercing ammunition fired by tanks, so the sub-caliber device was substituted in order to give the entire crew a chance to practice loading, aiming and firing the tank's weapons.

Key to any successful range experience is the process of drawing equipment from a post's Unit Training Equipment Site. Alpha Company sent four soldiers to the NJ National Guard UTES on the Tuesday prior to the weekend of training, to inspect the vehicles that were going to be borrowed for training. The 101<sup>st</sup> keeps all of its tanks at Fort Drum. Any items found on the NJ vehicles that would render the tank non-mission-capable were repaired or a replacement vehicle was provided.

An advance team of six soldiers arrived at Fort Dix on Friday morning, to draw the vehicles, sign for the use of a range and barracks for the troops to sleep in. The previously inspected vehicles were ready, except one.

The range was a little less than perfect -- no required bore-sight or zero panels were present, but all else was operational. As the tanks were brought to the range, laser safety lenses were removed and the in-bore devices were fitted inside the breech of the M68A1 cannon.

Risk assessments were developed and posted and a tally sheet of each crews' firing results were readied. The main body of the company arrived at the barracks Friday evening at 2100 hours, and bed-



ded down in order to get an early start on shooting the next morning.

The range became active with crews bore-sighting at 0700 hours on Saturday. Bore-sighting is the process of precisely aligning the tank's optics with the gun tube and machineguns at a target with a known range in order to get accurate hits. Due to the lack of bore-sight and zero panels, the crews substituted the range fan indicator panels for their required 1200-meter panel, and zeroed their weapons by firing at a sand berm at a 750-meter distance. The bore-sighting and zeroing process was briefly interrupted by two AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters that landed on the range to bore-sight their own weapons for training. Firing began at 1100 hours and continued until well past 2330 hours that night. All of the crews got a chance to fire at least once, and crews that needed a second run to qualify, did so. Turn-in of vehicles and equipment the next day went as planned, and the main body moved back to Home Station at 1400 hours on Sunday.

The next big training step is completion of Tank Table V, the machine gun qualification course. That will be done on the next drill. After that, Alpha Company tank crews will still need plenty of practice on the Conduct Of Fire Trainer and Abrams Full-crew Interactive Simulation Trainer at the armory, prior to the big event at Fort Drum in July. That is when the tankers of Headquarters Company and companies A and D will put everything together for Tank Table VIII -- the Crew Qualification course.

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 YAN M. GULARTE HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 MICKI L. GUY CO C(-) 427TH SPT BN  
 ROBERT J. HALL 227TH MI CO

DANIEL W. HALLOWS DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF  
 PATRICIA L. HARMAN HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
 GREGORY E. HARNETT CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF  
 WILLIAM J. HOUGHTALING CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN  
 MELANIE L. HUESTIS DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF  
 MICHAEL J. HYNES HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 RYAN D. HYTKO HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 JOHN C. JOHNSON HHC 1-105TH INF  
 YVETTE S. JOHNSON 29TH PERS SVC DET  
 ERNEST F. JONES DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN  
 BENJAMIN M. KATZMAN DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF  
 PATRICK J. KENNEDY 227TH MI CO  
 ROBERT J. KNECHT CO B 1-69TH IN (M)  
 NICHOLAS J. KRAVEK HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 PETER E. KRUG JR CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 BRIANNE LAWLOR 642D MI BN  
 MERCEDES M. LIPSCOMB HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 JOSE L. LOPEZ JR 145TH MAINT C (DS)  
 CRISTINA M. LOTTA DET 7 HQ STARC (1BN 53RD TC)  
 JOSE MALDONADO 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
 LUCNOEL MAMODESEN 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
 ERIK G. MAPP SUPPORT PLATOON 152D ENGR BN  
 BRIAN M. MARCHESE DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF  
 ROBERT O. MASON HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 LISA J. MCSWEENEY JA HHC 3-142 AVIATION  
 JOSEPH P. NORMANDIA CO D 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JEFFERY P. OROURKE 56TH PERSONNEL SVC BN  
 JOR E. PARRILLA DAVID 7TH FIN DET  
 JOSHUA M. PECK H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 JOHN J. PELLERITO HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 WILLIAM G. POBRAN JR 56TH PERSONNEL SVC BN  
 RICHARD J. PUTUCEK 227TH MI CO  
 DANIEL L. PUTZKE JR CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 NEIL J. RHINEVAULT JR H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 HERBERT E. RHOADES JR DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF  
 JOHN RIVERA 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
 ROGER RIZZO CO C(-) 1 BN 105 INF  
 JASON G. RYAN CO B 342D FSB  
 JEREMY J. RYAN HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 MARGARET A. SANFORD DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN  
 ALEXANDER SANTOS 145TH MAINT C (DS)  
 JOHN SCAPPATICCIO CO D 1-69TH IN (M)  
 RICHARD E. SCHELL HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 ERICH K. SCHMIDT DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
 RAYMOND V. SCHULMAN CO C 1-69TH IN (M)  
 EDWARD F. SEARS JR HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 EDWARD M. SEYMOUR HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 JAMES D. SHAND CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 BILLY A. SHEPHERD JR 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
 DAVID SILVA 37TH FIN DET  
 DONALD E. SMITH CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 RICARDO E. SOSAROCHA BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA  
 RAYMOND SOTO HHC 1 BN 258 FA  
 TIMOTHY P. SPERRY JR DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF  
 KARLAN STANDFORD CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN  
 DAVID E. STARING JR BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA  
 BRIAN R. TANGORRE CO D 1-105 INF  
 NADER Z. THABET 29TH PERS SVC DET  
 PAUL TRIGILIO 29TH PERS SVC DET  
 DAN D. TRUONG HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 BRYAN L. TYE CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 JONATHAN B. WEBB CO D 1 BN 142 AVN  
 KENNETH J. WILLIAMS DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF

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 MIGUEL A. ACEVEDO JR HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 CHADERTON R. ADAMS BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA  
 DAVID A. ALBRIGHT CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 BAXTER J. ALEXANDER 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
 DARLENE A. ALLEYNE HHD 206 CORPS SPT BN  
 RAMON ANDERSON BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA  
 ERIC S. ANDO 105 MP CO (-)  
 FRANK ANDRZEJEWSKI CO B 152 ENGR BN  
 BOBBY R. ANFANG HHC 1 BN 101 CAV  
 TROY D. ANTAL HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 WAYNE G. APPLETON HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR  
 PAUL N. ASHE DET 1 CO C 427TH SPT BN  
 ROBERT F. BANAS HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 ANTHONY B. BAPTISTE DET 1 CO C 342 FSB  
 MICHAEL T. BEDFORD CO C 152 ENGR BN  
 EMMANUEL C. BENITEZ HHD ENGR BDE 42 IN DIV  
 STELLA S. BENJAMIN HHD 342 FWD SUPPORT BN

JOEL A. BERRIOS BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA  
 DIANNE A. BOHANSKE HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 MIZELLE BOURNE CO B(-) 1 BN 105TH INF  
 WILLIAM F. BROCHARD BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA  
 JOHN C. BROGGY CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF  
 STACEY L. BROWN 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
 MICHAEL J. BYERWALTERS CO D 1-105 INF  
 KRYSSTYN B. CAESAR 1569 TRANS CO(-)  
 SCOTT M. CALORDINO DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
 SCOTT P. CAMPBELL CO B(-) 427TH SPT BN  
 CHRISTOPHER CANDANEDO CO C(-) 1 BN 105 INF  
 CHRISTOPHER J. CARMODY HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 ALEX CHAPMAN CO A (-) 152 ENGR BN  
 CHRISTOPHER J. CHAPMAN CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 OTTO V. CHARLES CO A 1-69TH IN (M)  
 SHAWN N. CHARNISKY CO B 152 ENGR BN  
 ROBERT L. CHASTAIN JR HHD ENGR BDE 42 IN DIV  
 NFN CHEYENNE DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF  
 KATRINA M. CHIASSON HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
 MATTHEW R. CHRIST CO A (-) 1-108TH INF  
 MICHAEL R. COLLOTON HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 BILLY COLON HHD ENGR BDE 42 IN DIV  
 PETER D. CONYNE CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 AMAR G. COOPER 642D MI BN  
 JASON R. CZECHOWSKI HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR  
 PHILLIP DANIELS HHC 427TH SPT BN  
 STEVE L. DELGADO DET 1 CO B 1-105TH INF  
 ERIK I. DELINE HHC 427TH SPT BN  
 NICHOLAS J. DESO HHC 1-105TH INF  
 ANDY DIAZ BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA  
 FERNANDO DIAZ CO B(-) 1 BN 105TH INF  
 MICHAEL R. DONNELLY CO A (-) 1-108TH INF  
 ANGELA N. DOTMAN H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 JARED A. DUCKWALL CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 CECIL DUKES BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA  
 JAMES O. DUNBAR DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 RYAN K. EDWARDS 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)  
 CHRISTOPHER M. ENDRE DET 1 105TH MP CO  
 ZACHARY D. ESTERGUARD HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 DAVID FERNANDEZ HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JEREMY G. FIELDS HHC 3 BDE 42 INF DIV  
 ZACHARIAH L. FIKE HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
 CHRISTOPHER A. FLOOD TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY  
 BRENT P. FOWLER HHC 1-105TH INF  
 ALEXANDRA FRANCOIS DET 1 CO C 342 FSB  
 REYNALDO FRICAPOLANCO BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA  
 MICHAEL P. FULLER CO B (-) 204 ENGR BN (CBT HVY)  
 PAUL M. GARAY HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JAMIE L. GARDNER H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 JARED D. GEUDER DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 ANGELA M. GIARDINI CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 NICHOLAS J. GOROM 827TH ENGR CO  
 DOUGLAS M. GRANIE DET 1 CO B 427TH SPT BN  
 ANDREW F. GREENWAY HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 SHANE N. GREGROW CO D 1-108TH INF  
 HERSON GUTIERREZ DET 2 CO A 204 ENGR BN  
 CHRISTOPHER S. GUYNUP CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 DAE K. HA H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 ROBERT J. HALEY JR HHC 3-142 AVIATION  
 KIMBERLY J. HALL HQS 27TH FINANCE BN  
 ASTON R. HAMILTON HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN  
 WING S. HAR CO C 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JOHN A. HARDICK DET 1 HHC 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 REBECCA A. HENDRICKSON 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
 STEVE HENRIQUEZ DET 1 107 MP CO  
 BENJAMIN F. HERNANDEZ 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
 ARMANDO HERRERAPRADO CO A 342 FWD SPT BN  
 STANLEY R. HINES DET 1 CO C 342 FSB  
 JOEL J. HISCUTT HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR  
 STEPHEN S. HOAK HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR  
 MATHEW T. HOGAN DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 JOSEPH M. HOLLANDER CO D 1-105 INF  
 BRIAN G. HOLLIFIELD CO D 1 BN 101 CAV  
 DARIUS D. HOLLIMAN HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 TAMARA L. HOLT DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN  
 MATTHEW T. HUGHES DET 1 CO A 1 BN 105 INF  
 JOHN E. HUMPHREYS DET 1 CO C 427TH SPT BN  
 MATTHEW J. IACOVELLI JR HHC 1 BN 101 CAV  
 IVAN JIMENEZ CO B(-) 1 BN 105TH INF  
 MERY JIMENEZ 145TH MAINT C (DS)  
 CHRISTOPHER I. JOHNSON HHC 1 BN 258 FA

DALE R. JOHNSON JR HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 JAMES A. JOHNSON CO B 152 ENGR BN  
 ROBERT W. JOHNSON CO B(-) 427TH SPT BN  
 JAMES W. KAZMIRSKI 227TH MI CO  
 JOSHUA D. KING CO B 152 ENGR BN  
 ANDREW H. KNOWLES DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 KARA M. KRAMER HHC 1-142ND AVN  
 MEGHAN A. LAFFERTY HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 GRACE S. LAOS 10TH TRANS DET (HWY REG PT)  
 ANETA LASKA HHD 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN  
 MICHAEL M. LEBRON CO D 1 BN 142 AVN  
 JAMES H. LEMANSKI CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 LUKE M. LEONARD HHC 1 BN 101 CAV  
 ANDRE M. LEWIS DET 1 HHS 1-156TH FA  
 ANGE E. LHERISSON DET 1 CO C 342 FSB  
 CHRISTOPHER P. CO E 1-69TH IN (M)  
 CHRISTOPHER A. LINO HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 FREDDY J. LOFFREDO BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA  
 AARON T. LOGAN HHC 1 BN 258 FA  
 MICHAEL F. LONGTON JR CO B 1 BN 101 CAV  
 NAIM C. MABRY DET 2 CO B 50TH MSB  
 BENJAMIN D. MAHAFFY CO A (-) 1-108TH INF  
 HANS R. MALLOY HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
 MICHAEL P. MARRONE CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 YANCY MATOS DET 1 105TH MP CO  
 CEDRIC D. MCCRAY CO E 1-69TH IN (M)  
 KATIE A. MCGOVERN 642D MI BN  
 CHRISTOPHER D. MCKANE HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 AARON J. MEADOWS CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 JASON M. MEINHART 827TH ENGR CO  
 EDDY V. MELENDEZ CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 JOHN P. MIKULSKI DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 JOHN M. MILES HHC 1-105TH INF  
 ROBERT V. MIRON CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN  
 TIMOTHY K. MOHAMMED HHC 1 BN 258 FA  
 RIA M. MOOREHEAD CO A 342 FWD SUPPORT BN  
 SHELDON M. MOOT 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)  
 JORGE A. MORALES SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA  
 JOHN D. MORGANTI CO B(-) 427TH SPT BN  
 JUSTIN M. MOSHKOWSKI CO D 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 IAN D. MULCAHEY CO D 1-108TH INF  
 KEITH R. NICKERSON HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
 FELIPE NUNEZ DET 1 107 MP CO  
 EDWARD B. NUSSER DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR BN  
 CHRISTOPHER M. OKUN SPT PLATOON 152D ENGR BN  
 RICHARD OQUENDO DET 1 107 MP CO  
 CARLOS E. ORTIZ JR HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 JOSE E. ORTIZ BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA  
 ROBERT M. OSTRUM CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR  
 MICHAEL J. OWCZARCZAK DET 1 105TH MP CO  
 TROY E. PAPANICOLAOU HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
 KAIRAV K. PAREKH CO A 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN  
 TAYLOR A. PARKER HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 CHRISTOPHER R. PARKS HHC 1-105TH INF  
 KORY L. PARTRIDGE CO B (-) 204 ENGR BN (CBT HVY)  
 MATTHEW S. PECK CO B (-) 204 ENGR BN (CBT HVY)  
 RICHARD M. PERALES HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 SATURNINO PEREZ BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA  
 CHRISTOPHER L. PETRIE HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 JONN W. PLERCHEE DET 2 CO C 1-108TH INF  
 JAMES R. POOLE DET 1 HHS 1-156TH FA  
 SHAWN D. QUICK CO A (-) 1-108TH INF  
 THOMAS J. QUILLAN CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 JASON B. RACINE 10TH TRANS DET (HWY REG PT)  
 MICHAEL J. RATHBUN JR SPT PLTN 152D ENGR BN  
 JENNIFER R. RAUB H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 JUSTIN A. REACH 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)  
 ANDREW T. REARDON CO B 1-69TH IN (M)  
 CHRISTOPHER M. REESE CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 RICHARD A. REILLY HHC 1-105TH INF  
 VINCENT R. RHODES TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY  
 RANDOLPH C. RICCI II CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 PHILIP T. RICE HHC 3-142 AVIATION  
 MARC A. RIDER HHC 42 IN DIV(-)  
 WILFREDO RIVERA DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN  
 JOSEPH S. ROBBINS JR DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 KEITH A. ROBISTOW DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN  
 CHRISTIAN A. RODRIGUEZ BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA  
 ISABELO RODRIGUEZ BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA  
 STEVEN A. RODRIGUEZ CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 JASON M. RONCONE HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR

Members of Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry lower the American Flag for the last time at the New Scotland Avenue Armory in Albany. The armory was sold in May and the units based there were moved to other area armories. The sale of the aging facility means that DMNA will no longer have to expend funds for its upkeep. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corine Lombardo.



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 ARTHUR A. RUSSELL HHC 1-105TH INF  
 WILLIAM M. SALVI 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
 MICHAEL A. SAMPSON CO E 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JASON N. SAMUEL CO E 1-69TH IN (M)  
 JACK L. SANFORD DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 YESENIA M. SANTANA 145TH MAINT C (DS)  
 EDWARD SAULTERS DET 1 105TH MP CO  
 MICHAEL SAWANEC 107TH MIL POLICE CO (-)  
 ARTHUR W. SCALZO III HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
 MARK R. SCHEER 7TH FIN DET  
 DAVID SCHNEIDER SPT PLATOON 152D ENGR BN  
 EARL R. SCOFIELD HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 JAMES H. SEARFOSS CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN  
 MICHAEL P. SEIDENBERG BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA  
 JESSE D. SERIO DET 1 HHS 1-156TH FA  
 DAVID A. SIMMONS JR CO A 1-69TH IN (M)  
 GURPREET SINGH HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 MARCUS D. SLICK CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF  
 BRANDON S. SMALT DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
 TIFFANY L. SMITH 37TH FIN DET  
 ANDREW J. STARRATT HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 MATTHEW J. STEWART DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF  
 ADAM M. STONE 827TH ENGR CO  
 COTRINA C. STORY CO A 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN  
 BECKY L. STRATHEARN CO B(-) 427TH SPT BN  
 JUSTIN M. STRINGER 107TH MIL POLICE CO (-)  
 PIERRE F. SUPREME SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA  
 IAN M. TABER DET 2 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
 ASHVIN M. THIMMAIAH HHC 1 BN 101 CAV  
 ISSAC R. THOMAS CO B 342D FSB  
 JASON J. TILLIS HHD 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN  
 MATTHEW W. TORRELLI HHC 1-142ND AVN  
 TOMAS TORRES DET 1 CO B 1-105TH INF  
 RAYMOND TSANG CO A 1-69TH IN (M)  
 ANTHONY D. TURNER JAMES 827TH ENGR CO  
 CHARLES M. VACANTI HHC 3 BDE 42 INF DIV  
 MICHAEL A. VANITALLIE CO B 1-108TH  
 DEXTER A. VANRASSAN CO B 342D FSB  
 WILFREDO VARGAS HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN  
 JOSE J. VASQUEZ CO A 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN  
 JUAN A. VEGA 442 MP CO(-)  
 EDWIN E. VELASQUEZ CO D 1 BN 101 CAV  
 WILLIAM J. VERNOLD DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR BN  
 MICHAEL W. VERTINO 827TH ENGR CO  
 CINDY A. VOLCY CO F 142 AVN  
 BERNARD C. WALKER 1569 TRANS CO(-)  
 MATTHEW I. WARE II HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 THOMAS D. WATERMAN DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF  
 ERIC J. WEAVER DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF  
 JESSE W. WHITE HHC 2 BN 108 INF  
 GISELLE N. WILLIAMS 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)  
 LEO A. WILLIAMS SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA  
 TOSIMA M. WILLIAMS CO A 342 FWD SUPPORT BN  
 TYRAN WIMBERLY HHC 1-69TH IN (M)  
 SCOTT W. WINFORD DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF  
 DOUGLAS J. WOLFANGER CO A (-) 1-108TH INF  
 ELIJAH J. YOUNG HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
 MOISES J. DET 1 CO C 1-105 INF  
 DANIEL E. ZLOTEK CO B 152 ENGR BN

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 CRIDER MICHAEL E 107 ARW

**Lt Col**  
 HUNIHAN SHELLY M 105 AW/MXS  
 MUMBY JAMES J JR 139 AS

**Capt**  
 NORMAN CARLYLE 139 AS  
 STARK KARL 139 AS

**1Lt**  
 RUBELLO JOANNE 152 ACG

**CMSgt**  
 BURGSTAHLER RUSSELL R 107 ARW  
 CASATELLI MICHAEL F 109 AW/MDS

**SMSgt**  
 BIONCHINO JOSEPH J JR 105 AW/MXS  
 KUCIN THEODORE R 106 RQW/SVS  
 MANSFIELD EDWARD J 106 RQW/RQS  
 PAWLIK JOHN M 107 ARW

**MSgt**  
 ANDRIENE JAMES A 109 AW/AGS  
 BENDALL ERIC C NEADS  
 BODEKOR SQUEAK D 107 ARW  
 BROOKS WALTER F 109 AW/AGS  
 CARTER WILLIAM V 106 RQW/CES  
 EDWARDS FERNANDO 105 AW/LS  
 FUSILLO PATRICK L NEADS  
 GRANATO MICHAEL J NEADS  
 HAVERLAN KENNETH P 105 AW/SFS  
 LAMBERT EDWARD J 109 AW/LS  
 LEE GERALD G JR NEADS  
 MAITLAND MICHAEL R NEADS  
 MALONEY THOMAS G 174 FW/COM  
 MORRISON DENNIS W 105 AW/CES  
 PITERA THOMAS J NEADS  
 SIKORA PAUL 174 FW/LGD  
 STAHL ROBERT J 106 RQW/RQS  
 TSCHOPP RENEE L 107 ARW  
 YOUNG CARL J 139 AES

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 ANGELL GERALD E 174 FW/LGS  
 ARBOUR RONALD NEADS  
 ARNOLD JEAN K 139 AS  
 BACKUS MATTHEW E NEADS  
 BASSETT JOSEPH C NEADS  
 CARVER ERIC C 106 RQW/MXS  
 CASCIANO THOMAS J 106 RQW/RQS  
 CAZA THOMAS E 174 FW/CES  
 CHAYKA WILLIAM D 152 ACG  
 CIACCIO RAYMOND V 105 AW/CF  
 CITINO STEVEN S NEADS  
 CROWDER TIMOTHY G 139 AS  
 DAY TODD W 174 FW/SFS  
 DELUCA JASON P 139 AS  
 DOOLEY MAUREEN D NEADS  
 ELSNER LAWRENCE 174 FW/CES  
 FIORILLI ANTHONY J NEADS  
 GAVEGLIA NICHOLAS 106 RQW/CES  
 GEORGE MICHAEL L 174 FW/MAI  
 GREINER CHARLES J 152 ACG  
 LAYTON DAVID W 174 FW/MAI  
 MARTIN THOMAS J 107 ARW  
 MINGO ANDREW P 109 AW/AGS  
 PARSON RICHARD L 107 ARW  
 RUSNAK MICHAEL J 106 RQW/RQS  
 SCOTT MICHAEL F 109 AW/APF  
 SHARP MICHAEL A NEADS  
 SUAREZ ABRAHAM 2nd MSD  
 TANGORRE RONALD J 174 FW/AGS  
 TAYLOR WILLIAM T NEADS  
 VELLA JAMES A 106 RQW/CES  
 WATSON SHELLEY L NEADS  
 YONICK PAUL C 106 RQW/CES

**SSgt**  
 ADDISON BRAD 174 FW/MPF  
 ARMSTRONG THOMAS A JR 105 AW/AGS  
 BRIGGS DAVID 174 FW/AGS  
 BROWN JEFFERY D 174 FW/STD  
 CECCHINI THEODORE J 106 RQW/MXS



CEPEDA O EDDIE 106 RQW/LS  
 COLLINS LAURENCE F 105 AW/MXS  
 CURTIN MATTHEW J 105 AW/MXS  
 DELVECCHIO ANTHONY F III 109 AW/LS  
 DETOUCHE MICHAEL A 105 AW/MXS  
 FLANAGAN LISA M 105 AW/MDS  
 FOX CLAUDE R 106 RQW/MSF  
 GARGIULO LAURA P 106 RQW/RQS  
 GOMEZ ANGEL L 105 AW/MXS  
 HARKINS CHARLES E 105 AW/MXS  
 KOPP MICHAEL J NEADS  
 MARTIN JOHNATHAN D 174 FW/COM  
 NORDYKE DOBORAH L 109 AW/MSF  
 ORFAN CONSTATINE 109 AW/SFS  
 OSTERHOUT DAVID 174 FW/CES  
 REEVES DARRYL R 105 AW/CF  
 ROBERTS TIMOTHY A 105 AW/SFS  
 ROBERTSON KIM R 105 AW/MDS  
 SANTIAGO ELMER L 139 AES  
 SONNACCHIO VINCENZO W 174 FW/SFS  
 SPICER RUSSELL F 105 AW/APS  
 STROUT JUSTAN 174 FW/COM  
 THOMPSON CHRISTOPHER J 109 AW/MXS  
 VERMILYEA MICHAEL A 174 FW/LSF  
 WENNSTROM JOHN H JR 109 AW/LG  
 WINTERBERG KURT R 105 AW/MXS

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 AUSFELD MATTHEW W 139 AES  
 BIEGANSKI ELAINE J 107 ARW  
 COLBURN STEVEN A JR 105 AW/MXS  
 DANDREA STEPHEN 105 AW/MXS  
 DEBYSINGH VISHWATTIE 106 RQW/COMM  
 FORLENZA PHILIP O 137 AS  
 FRITZ VALERIE J 107 ARW  
 HELLIGRASS ADAM C 109 AW/MXS  
 HUDSON BRANDON J 109 AW/MXS  
 HUNT VICTORIA 106 RQW/MDS  
 KOKE ERIC S 107 ARW  
 LEWIS MICHAEL M 109 AW/MDS  
 MASZTALICS JOSEPH R 105 AW/MXS  
 MAZUR CHRISTOPHER A 107 ARW  
 MELI REBECCA F 107 ARW  
 MCDONALD KELLY J 107 ARW  
 MOORE TERRY L 105 AW/MXS  
 MORALES JAMES 105 AW/MDS  
 NYLUND APRIL 174 FW/MPF  
 OSBORN SARAJEAN A 139 AS  
 PARO JAMES 174 FW/MAI  
 PEACOCK CASSANDRA A 106 RQW/COMM  
 PRIVITERA VIRGINIA L 107 ARW  
 RICHTER ERNEST G III 105 AW/AGS  
 SABATINI JEFFREY N 106 RQW/MSF  
 SALA MATTHEW J 109 AW/AGS  
 SIENKIEWICZ GERALD F 107 ARW  
 TURNER SEAN V 105 AW/MXS  
 VINCENT ADAM D 105 AW/AGS  
 WALKER KERRY J 109 AW/MX  
 WEISGARBER MATTHEW J 105 AW/LS  
 ZIMOLKA PAUL G 109 AW/AGS

**A1C**  
 DOLSON CHRISTINA N 105 AW/MSF  
 LEE JAMES Y 106 RQW/MXS  
 SPENCER KIMBERLY M 107 ARW

**Amn**  
 KAYLOR JAMES J 137 AS  
 NILSEN RACHEL B 105 AW/SFS

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TALUTO, JOSEPH J. COL HQ 42D IN DIV

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ATTWOOD, RICHARD W. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
BARRINGER, ROY E. CW2 HHD STARC (-)  
BARRY EDWARD M. MAJ HHD STARC (-)  
BENNCKENSTEIN, KARL H. SSG HHC 3-142 AVN  
BESZE, GERALD L. SFC HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
BRAWLEY, DON JR. CSM HHD STARC (-)  
BURGOS, ANTHONY SSG 53 TRP CMD (DET 1 HQ STARC)  
BURT, JOHN T. SFC 204 EN BN  
CAVALLARO, NICOLA S. CPT 204 EN BN  
COAGER, MICHAEL SSG HHD STARC (-)  
COLE, CHAUNCEY DAVID III MSG HHD STARC (-)  
COLLORAFI, JOSEPH COL HHD STARC (-)  
COLLTON, PETER M. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
DIGILIO, JOHN T. JR. COL HQ 53D TRP CMD  
DOHERTY, DANIEL ANTHONY JR. SFC HHC 1-105 IN  
DONAGHEY, CHARLES P. LTC HHC 107 CSG  
FEEHAN, LAWRENCE SGT HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
GOLDSTEIN, JACOB Z. LTC HQ 53 TRP CMD  
GREEN, JAMES W. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
HALL, DEAN D. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
HAUF LOUIS F.B. JR. SGM HHD STARC (-)  
HOETKER, JOHN A. CSM HQ 1-156 FA  
HUPPERT, ERIC SSG HHS (-) 1-156 FA  
INTINI, FRANK P. JR. COL HHD STARC (-)  
KAVANAGH, DENNIS D. COL HHD STARC (-)  
KEELER, ALLEN L. CSM 204 EN BN  
KLEIN, EDWARD G. COL HHD STARC (-)  
KRUTKA, EDWARD J. CW5 HHD STARC (-)  
LACHANCE, ALFRED R. CSM HQ 3D BDE 42 IN DIV  
LAKE, EDWARD C. JR. SSG HHD STARC (-)  
LAMBACK, JAMES H. COL HQ 27 IN  
LEE, STEVEN D. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
MANEY, DANIEL T. COL HHD STARC (-)  
MARCHI, ROBERT M. MAJ CO B 1-105 IN  
MAUS, ROBERT P. MSG 204 EN BN  
MCINTOSH, JAMES D. COL HHD STARC (-)  
MERRITT, JAMES A. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
MURPHY, EDWARD J. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
MUSICO, ROBERT T. SFC HHC (-) 27 IN  
NILSSON, MICHAEL B. JR. SSG HHC SB  
PATTWELL, BRIAN S. CPT 204 EN BN  
PERSON, GUSTAV J. LTC DET 2 HQ STARC (CSTS)  
RICHMOND, RONALD A. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
SHALALA, MARK J. CW4 HHC 3-142 AVN  
SIMONIK, JOSEPH F. SFC HHC 3-142 AVN  
SMITH, PETER N. MAJ DET 6, HQ-STAR- NY (MED DET)  
STABB, ROBERT E. CPT HHC (-) 27 IN  
STALLMER, MICHAEL E. SGT HHC 3-142 AVN  
SWARTZ, RANDALL D. SFC HHS 1-156 FA  
TALUTO, JOSEPH J. COL HQ 42 IN  
THORNBURN, LINDA A. CPT HHD STARC (-)  
TOWNSEND, EVANGALINE SSG HHD STARC (-)  
VANCORT, THERESA L. MAJ HHD STARC (-)  
VARIAN, WILLARD G. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
VARMETTE, TERRY F. MSG HQ 106 (RTI)  
VARTIGIAN, JAMES P. MAJ HQ 1-105 IN  
WADSWORTH, WILLIAM M. CW5 HHD STARC (-)  
WAN, TAT S. CPT DET 1 HHD STARC (-)  
WERBER, WILLIAM J. SSG HHD STARC (-)  
WISHOWSKI, THOMAS M. CW2 204 EN BN  
YAPLE, GARY S. CPT HHC 1-108 IN  
YETMAN, DONALD E. 1SG HHD STARC (-)

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BULLIS, MICHAEL A. MSG HHD STARC (-)  
BURGHER, FLOYD M. JR. CPT HHD STARC (-)  
CRUZ, NYDIA A. SFC HHD STARC (-)

DAPLE, JAMES F. CPT 204 EN BN  
FAGG, WILLIAM H. JR. MAJ HHD STARC (-)  
FRIESS, MICHAEL S. MAJ 204 EN BN  
JOHNSON, LARRY T. SSG HHD STARC (-)  
MURPHY, EUGENE SFC HHD STARC (-)  
NEWLOVE, JOHN D. JR. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
ONEIL, JOYCE M. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
PHILLIS, DAVID A. MSG HHD STARC (-)  
ROBINSON, DEENA A. SGT HHD STARC (-)  
RODRIGUEZ, EDWIN R. MAJ 204 EN BN  
SOMOLOFSKE, GLEN A. SGT HHD STARC (-)  
SULLIVAN, JOAN M. LTC 204 EN BN  
THORNBURN, LINDA A. CPT 138 PA DET  
WILKINSON, MARK K. SGT BTRY B 1/156 FA  
WOROBAY, MICHAEL SFC HHD STARC (-)

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AUSTIN, DANIEL J. CPT HHC 42D IN DIV (-)  
BLACKMON, GEORGE A. SGT HHD STARC (-)  
BROWN, ELIZABETH M. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
HUGHES, LAGRETTA B. SSG HHD STARC (-)  
JONES, GERALDINE CPT HHD STARC (-)  
KEYROUZE, EDWARD J. CPT DET 1 HQS STARC  
LINVILLE, LARRY D. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
LOPEZ, VICTOR M. SGT HHD STARC (-)  
MENDEL, JANICE E. CPT DET 6 HQS STARC (MED DET)  
PALESE, MICHAEL R. MSG DET 1 HQS STARC  
ROKJER, ROBERT W. JR. MAJ HHD STARC (-)  
SPAULDING, KAREN L. MSG HHD STARC (-)  
STEGER, MICHAEL J. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
WILLIAMS, KIMBERLIE SPC HQS 106TH REG (RTI)  
WILLSEY, JOHN J. MSG HHD 42D IN DIV (-)

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GREEN, JAMES W. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
HAUF, LOUIS F.B. JR. SGM HHD STARC (-)  
KAVANAGH, DENNIS D. COL HHD STARC (-)  
ROSE, ROBERT R. MG HHD STARC (-)  
VANCORT, THERESA L. MAJ HHD STARC (-)

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CLEVELAND, CARLTON CPT HHD STARC (-)  
BEERS, MICHAEL SPC DET 1 CO A 204 EN BN  
CANFIELD, JAMES SPC CO B 204 EN BN  
GUITON, MICHAEL SGT H&S CO 204 EN BN  
INDOVINO, FRANK CW2 NYNM  
KLEPPE, JOHN EO1 NYNM  
MAZZARELLA, LOUIS SFC DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
MCDOWELL, WARREN 1SG 42 IN DIV BAND  
MEINHARDT, CARL J 1SG HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
MURPHY, EDWARD J. CPT HHD STARC (-)  
NATION, DUDLEY A. SGT DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
NAJDZION, THOMAS SGT DET 2 CO A EN BN  
PETERSON, MARK SFC DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN  
RHYDE, MICHAEL SGT CO A (-) 204 EN BN  
ROSS, ANTHONY SSG 145 MAINT C (DS)  
RYAN, WILLIAM CW2 DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
SCHNEIDER, GEORGE SSG HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
SEPULVEDA, WILSON SGT 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)  
SWARTWOOD, DEAN CPT HQS 106 REGIMENT (RTI)  
VAMOSY, ALBERT JR. EO1 NYNM  
YETMAN, DONALD E. 1SG HHD STARC (-)

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ADRAT, JOHN SGT CO F 142 AVN  
ALI, NAZEEM SSG HHD STARC 206 CORPS SPT BN  
ALLEN, CHRISTOPHER D. SPC CO D 108 IN  
BANKS, RALPH SFC H&S CO 204 EN BN  
BARNETT, KENNETH L. MSG HHC 1-108 IN  
BEERS, MICHAEL S. SPC DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR BN  
BENNETT, BRIAN J. SGT CO D 1-108 IN  
BOWER, RICHARD LTC DET 2 HQ STARC (-)  
BRATTEN, TROY D. SPC HHC 152 ENGR BN  
BRIGGMAN, JOHN J. SGT CO D 1-108 IN  
BRINSON, MARK L. SGT HHC 152 ENGR BN  
BROWN, IVAN SGT CO B (-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)  
BROWN, JASON C. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
BURKE, FRED R. MSG HHC (-) 1-108 IN

BUSH, CARL A. III SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
CARLISLE, TIMOTHY C. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
CETIN, STACEY C. CPT CO D 1-142 AVN  
CHAMBERLAIN, CHRISTOPHER L. PFC CO C (-) 1-108 IN  
CHAPPELL, BRIAN C. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
CHERRY, PHOENIX SPC DET 1 CO C 1-108 IN  
CHIQUITUCTO, JOHN SPC CO D 1-69 IN  
CIABURRI, BRIAN M. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
CLARK, BRIAN E. SGT CO A (-) 1-108 IN  
CLARK, JEFFREY A. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
COLE, CHAUNCEY D. III MSG HHD STARC (-)  
COLEMAN, TASHA SPC HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
COX, PAUL J. SFC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
CUCCHIARO, NICHOLAS J. 1LT HHC 1-101 CAV  
CURRY, CHARLES L. SPC CO A (-) 1-108 IN  
DARATSOS, PETER S. CPT HHC 3-142 AVN  
DAVIS, KARIN SPC HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
DAVIS, ROBERT C. SPC CO C (-) 1-108 IN  
DINNIGAN, TIMOTHY SGT DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
DRAYTON, DENNIS SFC HHC 152 ENGR BN  
DRAYTON WILLIAM E. SGT HHC 152 ENGR BN  
DUNN, BRIAN M. SGT CO D 1-108 IN  
DYER, LEROY LTC HHD STARC (-)  
ERNEST, WILLIAM L. SGT DET 1 HHC 1-108 IN  
EVANGELISTA, DAVID J. MAJ HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
FELLOWS, HAL A. SGT CO C 1BN 142D AV  
FINN, ROBERT SPC HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
FORNEY, KEVIN J. MAJ HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
FRADERA, MARIBEL SGT DET 1 107 MP CO  
FRALIC, STEVEN G. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
GIBSON, FREDERICK L. SSG HHC 152 ENGR BN  
HARE, ROBERT B. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
HATCH, ROGER L. SSG HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
HAYDEN, STEVEN EDWARD SSG CO A (-) 1-105 IN  
HEFFNER, MARK S. LTC HHD STARC (-)  
HEIKKILA, WILLIAM E. SPC CO C (-) 1-108 IN  
HENNING, JAMES BMC NYNM  
HERNANDEZ, RENE O. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
HICKEY, DAVID M. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
HILYER, STEPHEN M. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
HORCSOG, CHESTER L. SPC CO A (-) 1-108 IN  
HUCK, STEVEN R. SGT HHD STARC (-)  
HUGHES, TODD M. SPC DET 1 HHC 1-108 IN  
INGRAM, LARRY M. SPC HHC 152 ENGR BN  
JANKOWSKY, RICHARD J. SSG CO D 1-108 IN  
JONES, GREGORY A. SPC DET 1 HHC 1-108 IN  
KAHLER, JASON P. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
KESEL, RODNEY SSG DET 1 CO B 204 EN BN  
KIRCHGESSNER, THOMAS SGT HHC 1 BN 142D AV  
KIRSCH, JOSEPH E. SFC 152 ENGR BN  
KIRKLAND, CARMEN SGT DET 1 107 MP CO  
KNAPP, CHARLES MSG HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
KOZAK, ROBERT L. SSG 152 ENGR BN  
LEDDON, JAMES E. SPC SPT PLT 152 ENGR BN  
LOWE, STEVEN SGT CO A (-) 204 EN BN  
MASON, EDWARD W. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
MAZURKIEWICZ, JACUELYN R. SPC HHC 152 ENGR BN  
MCCONNELL, CALEB K. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
MCENROE, ERIC A. SSG CO D 1-108 IN  
MERCHANT, HUBERT C. CO D 1-108 IN  
MOORE, NOLAN B. SGT HHC 1-108 IN  
MORRIS, ALTON A. SPC HHC 1-108 IN  
MUNDELL, WALTER SSG HHC 42 IN DIV  
NEWHART, EDWIN J. JR. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
NEWTON, SHAWN E. SGT HHC 152 ENGR BN  
NUCKOLLS, BLAKE W. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
ODONNELL, ALWIN H. SFC SPT PLT 152 ENGR BN  
OUELLETTE, JOHN M. SGT CO A (-) 1-108 IN  
PACKARD, JAMES A. SGT HHC 1 BN 142D AV  
PECORE, BOBBY E. SSG DET 1 CO C 1-108 IN  
PENKSZYK, JOSEPH J. SPC DET 1 CO A 1-108 IN  
RACKETT, WILLIAM R. PVT CO D 1-108 IN  
RAFFERTY, MARTIN P. SPC HHC 1-108 IN  
RICHARDSON, BENJAMIN M. CPT 1-108 IN  
RICHMOND, RONALD A. SFC HHD STARC (-)  
RIVERA, ALVIN PFC CO A (-) 1-108 IN  
ROLFE, JAMES F. SSG CO D 1-108 IN  
ROMANO, ROBERT F. SGT CO D 1-108 IN  
ROSE, KENNETH SPC DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
RUDY, ERIC W. 1LT HHC 1-108 IN  
RUTTER, MICHAEL A. SSG DET 1 CO C 1-108 IN

SANTIAGO, FELIX SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 SCHUPE, MATHEW SSG CO B 152 EN BN  
 SHEFTIC, BENARD S. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 SINCLAIR, ADRIENNE SGT CO F 142 AVN  
 SMITH, ALAN R. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 SMITH, DALE T. JR. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
 SMITH, EDWARD D. CPT HHC 1-108 IN  
 STOWITZ, DAVID SPC CO B (-) 204 EN BN (CBT HVY)  
 TANNER, RICHARD E. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 THORPE, SHEARA LEA J. SGT SPT PLT 152 ENGR BN  
 TOLSON, TIMOTHY J. SSG HHD STARC (-)  
 VIGILANTI, JOHN A. MAJ DET 1 HQ STARC  
 VREELAND, RICHARD A. 1SG HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 WALKER, GREGG T. SPC CO C (-) 1-108 IN  
 WALTER, EVERETT J. SPC HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 WEAVER, GARRETT R. SPC CO D 1-108 IN  
 WEST, MILTON R. SGT HHC (-) 1-108 IN  
 WORTHY, JARVIS L. PFC HHC 152 ENGR BN  
 WOJTUNIAK, STEVEN SGT DET 2 CO A 204 EN BN  
 YOUNG, DAVID P. SGT DET 1 HHC 1-108 IN

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CHARLES LUCIA JR.	CMS	109 AW
JAMES LANGHORN	CMS	106 RQW
ROBERT GARBARINO	SMS	106 RQW
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VINCENT MARINUCCI JR	MSG	109 AW
RICHARD PATCHETT	MSG	174 FW
STEPHEN BUDD	MSG	105 AW
LYNNE RICHTER	MSG	105 AW
EILEEN STINE	MSG	105 AW
RAYMOND RATHMANN	MSG	106 RQW
BRIAN VERSACI	MSG	105 AW
JUAN BURGOS	TSG	106 RQW
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BRIAN BACKUS	1LT	109 AW
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PAUL MCMILLAN	MSG	109 AW
FORD CHAMBERS	MSG	109 AW
MARCELLE LEIS	MSG	106 RQW
MICHAEL WERN	MSG	106 RQW
WILLIAM BRENNAN	MSG	174 FW
EDWARD MANN	MSG	105 AW
RICHARD NORMAN	MSG	174 FW
PENNY SHEEDY	MSG	109 AW
AARON CORRELL	TSG	174 FW
STEPHEN LANDERS	TSG	174 FW
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ROBERT THIVIERGE	TSG	109 AW
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MAUREEN BELL	MAJ	109 AW
PHILLIP SMITH	CPT	109 AW
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THOMAS FORRESTER	LT	105 AW
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DANIEL LEGERE	MSG	109 AW
SCOTT WEATHERBY	SMS	174 FW
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ALFRED ISABELLA	TSG	109 AW
JONATHON ODELL	TSG	174 FW
JULIA EMERY	SSG	174 FW
ANGELA DURANTINI	SSG	174 FW
TORY MILOS	SSG	109 AW
CHRISTINA PERRIGO	SSG	109 AW
KEVIN VALADE	SSG	109 AW
ELMER SANTIAGO	SRA	109 AW
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RICHARD RIVERA	CMS	109 AW
PAUL OLSZEWSKI	SMS	174 FW
SCOTT WEATHERBY	SMS	174 FW
MARK BARRY	MSG	174FW
DAVID KAY	MSG	174 FW
CHARLES COUGHENOUR	MSG	174 FW
WIRT FULLER	MSG	107 ARW
MICHAEL NOLAN	MSG	107 ARW
MICHAEL FETCINKO	MSG	107 ARW
DEAN LOVE	SSG	107 ARW
KENNETH YORK	SSG	107 ARW
HENRY VERWOHLT	SSG	107 ARW
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 Kirker, Sean R. EOC NMCB 27 Det 0627  
 Selmer, David EOC NMCB -27 Det 0627  
 Navy Achievement Medal  
 Rielly, Thomas C. LCDR RCA East, Fort Dix NJ  
 Nichols, James LT NAS Willow Grove  
 Brien, Robert LCDR COMSTRKFLTLANT 102 Albany

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 Bockis, Frederick LCDR DIAHQ Rome  
 Molliggo, Anthony LCDR DIAHQ Ft. Hamilton  
 Nolan, Lawrence J. LCDR DIAHQ Ft. Hamilton  
 Dixon, Patrick L. LT DIAHQ Ft. Hamilton  
 Decatrel, Guy L. ISI DIAHQ Ft. Hamilton  
 Fischer, Victoria M. IS1 DIAHQ Ft. Hamilton  
 Kasprzyk, John A. IS1 Diahq Ft. Hamilton  
 McCarroll, Edward P. IS1 Diahq Ft. Hamilton  
 Hourican, John YN2 Diahq Ft. Hamilton  
 Morales, Angel L. IS2 Diahq Ft. Hamilton  
 Huber, Wayne LT DCS Phil PA

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 Tabolt, Timothy, EO1 NMCB 133 Det C Watertown  
 Doney, Timothy EO2 NMCB 133 Det C Watertown  
 Jones, Perry CE2 EO2 NMCB 133 Det C Watertown  
 Prairie, Mark RM2 NR WPNSTA Earle EOT Det 802 Watertown  
 Reddick, Ronnie, BU2 NMCB 133 Det C Watertown  
 Williams, Gregory UT2 NMCB 27 Det 1727 Watertown

#### Armed Forces Reserve Medal:

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 Kane, Donna LT NHOSP NPT Det N Watertown  
 Mason, James BUCS NMCB 27 Det 1727 Watertown  
 Perry, Roger BU1 NMCB 27 Det 1727 Watertown  
 Worthington, Ronald HT1 NR WPNSTA Earle EOT Det 802 Wtn  
 Fenton, Scott EO2 NMCB 27 Det 1727 Watertown  
 Jones, Perry CE2 NMCB 133 Det C Watertown  
 LashBrooks, Nicoll HM2 NHOSP NPT Det N Watertown  
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 Ubriaco, Anthony MS2 NR WPNSTA Earle EOT Det 802 Wtn

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 Hans, David MA1 NR WPNSTA Earle EOT Det 802 Watertown

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 Perry, Michael F. LT NMCB-27 Albany  
 Levy, Joseph LT HQ New York Naval Militia  
 Nuzacco, Jeffery T SN LST Support DET C, Albany  
 Mauro, Joanne RMC NR CLF MICFAC, Albany  
 Dott, Arthur F. MS1 LST Support Det C, Albany  
 Benjamin, William GMG1 NMCB-27 Det 0627, Albny  
 Trozzo, Robert CWO3 HQ New York Naval Militia  
 Fallon, James CWO4 N-27 Staff Syracuse  
 Counter Drug Service Ribbon  
 Ingerson, Lucretia HM3 NR NH BETHESDA, Albany  
 Cox, Sandra HM1 NR NH BETHESDA, Albany  
 Denny, Giles S. HM2 NR NH BETHESDA, Albany  
 Scott, Todd HM2 NR NH BETHESDA, Albany  
 Swiderek, Thadeus MAC LST SUPPORT, Albany

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 Hancock, Roger FTG MAYPORT Det 205, Buffalo to SK1  
 Hartford, Robert ACU 2 LCU 205, Buffalo to RM1  
 Nicotera, Dominic RMCB 7 Det 1521, Buffalo to EO3  
 Wettig, Scott RMCB 7 Det 1521, Buffalo to SW3  
 Blazejeski, David NR MICFACANT Albany to RMC  
 Christopher, Todd LST SUPPORT Det C Albany to YNC  
 Post, Russell NH Bethesda 802 Albany to HMC  
 Vamosy Jr., Albert NMCB 133 Det 01133 Albany to EOC  
 Abott, Raymond NMCB 133 Glens falls to CEC  
 Berard, Michael NMCB 21 Det 1421 Horseheads to BUC  
 Brandt, Robert NH PTSMTM Det 501 Horseheads to HMC  
 Curry, William NMCB -7 Syracuse to GMC  
 Doss, Andrew NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse to BMC  
 Ealy, Willie NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse to SKC  
 Page, Timothy DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse to EMC  
 Marino, Harry NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse to SKC

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Conroy, Barry	O-6	56th BDE	10
Copenhag., William	W-2	4th BDE	10
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Duffy, Gerard	O-3	56th Bde	10
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Harp, Robert	O-4	4th Bde	10
Kless, Ronald	O-5	4th Bde	10
Lynch, Kevin	O-4	10th Bde	10
Maros-Victoria, S,	O-3	56th BDE	10
Merkel, Robert	O-4	4th BDE	10
Palermo, Carl	E-6	4th BDE	10
Whalen, James	O-4	88th BDE	10
Baird, Russell	O-5	4th BDE	5
Blascovich, Leonard	O-6	HQ NYG	5
Bly, James	O-4	10th BDE	5
Bly, Robert	O-3	10th BDE	5
Bradley, Carol	O-2	4th BDE	5
Carlisi, Roy	O-5	4th BDE	5
Carpenter, Gary	E-6	10th BDE	5

Cohen, Peggy	0-2	88th BDE 5
Connelly, Peter	0-4	4th BDE 5
Dabkowski, Joseph	0-3	4th BDE 5
Dean, Guy	0-6	HQ NYG 5
Gibson, George	0-3	88th BDE 5
Gick, William	0-4	4th BDE 5
Goodman, James	E-8	10th BDE 5
Hembrook, Lawrence	E-5	4th BDE 5
Mangieri, Robert	0-3	88th BDE 5
McCallen, Jay	E-8	10th BDE 5
McCauley, Jeremiah	E-8	4th BDE 5
Nestel, Victor	E-8	4th BDE 5
Stratton, Martin	E-6	10th BDE 5
SwedenHjelm, Timothy	E-7	4th BDE 5
Utter, Sidney	E-6	10th BDE 5
Van Splinter, Robert	E-9	10th BDE 5

**New York Guard Recruiting Medals - 1998 Awards List**

Liebner, George J.	0-8	HQ NYG6
Bly, Robert	0-3	10th Bde 2
Cleland, Thomas	0-6	HQARMY 2
Kowalski, Chester	W-2	14th Bde 2
Mastronardi, M.	0-3	14th Bde 2
Wedvick, Dwyer	0-4	HQ NYG2
Ecklund, Deborah	0-3	88th Bde 1
Jagroop, Yatram	E-7	4th Bde 1
Neidich-Ryder, Carol	0-3	14th Bde 1
Peters, Ronald	0-3	88th Bde 1
Pincus, Edward	0-6	CMAD 1
Swedwhjelm, Tim	E-6	4th Bde 1
Weis, Robert	E-6	14th Bde 1

**Other Awards**

Liebner, George	0-8	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Maul, David	0-7	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Holzbaur Frederick	0-6	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Brady, Thomas	Civilian	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Gailliard, Amos	0-7	14th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Levine, Joseph	0-7	CMAD	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Blum, Herbert	0-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Jenkinsor, John	0-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Mancabel, Charles	0-6	HQ	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Manner, Harry	0-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Molik, David	0-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Blaseovich, Leonard	0-5	HQ	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Colloton, Peter	0-5	STARC	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Parker, Kimball	0-3	56th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Dann, Phillip	E-9	4th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Liebner, George	0-8	HQ	3-Military Commendation Medal -3OLC
Cleland, Thomas	0-6	HQArmy	3-Military Commendation Medal
Reynolds, Peter	0-6	HQArmy	3-Military Commendation Medal
Leblanc, Leslie	0-4	4th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Leventhal, Michael	0-4	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Whalen, James	0-4	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Parker, Kimball	0-3	56th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Gattsek, Gordon	E-7	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Komisin, John	E-6	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Herod, Wayne	0-4	HQ Army	1-NYG Meritorious Service
Becker, Frank	E-9	4th 1	-NYG Meritorious Service
Romano, Richard	E-6	56th	1-NYG Meritorious Service
Schell, Gary	E-6	HO NYG	1-NYG Meritorious Service
Moloon, Joseph	0-5	GLO	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Bertorelli, Jennifer	0-3	4th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
McCauley, Kimball	0-3	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Robinson, William	0-3	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Leblanc, Jeremiah	E-8	4th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Parker, Richard	E-8	NYARNG	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Peper, Anthony	E-5	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Holland, James	E-2	88th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Barbetta, Philip	CW-2	HQ NYG	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Farbman, Pamela	E-7	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Parker, Joel	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Burgos, Ronald	0-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Healy, Frank	0-3	HQ ArD	3-NYG Achievement
King, Gerard	0-3	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Ortiz, Ronald	0-3	GLO	3-NYG Achievement
Taimade, Albert	0-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Bartol, James	0-2	4th	3-NYG Achievement
King, John	0-2	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Romano, Carl	0-2	HQ NYG	3-NYG Achievement
Schell, Gregory	0-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Weis, Wayne	0-2	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Bucci, James	0-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement

Duffy, Timothy	0-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Feldman, Robert	E-7	14th	3-NYG Achievement
Flavin, John	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Nofi, Richard	E-6	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Peters, Gary	E-6	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Wensich, Elizabeth	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
King, John	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Pepitone, Richard	E-5	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Pepitone, Thomas	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Vine, Douglas	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Zinner, Mark	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Coffey, George	E-3	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Gattsek, James	E-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Kimball, Richard	E-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Morrison, Albert	E-2	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Pagan, Michael	E-2	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Parsakian, Gordon	E-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Copeletti, Matthew	CW-2	14th	3-NYG Achievement
O'Connor, Matthew	CW-2	14th	3-NYG Achievement
Quinn, Michael	CW-1	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Sexton, Elizabeth	CW-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Petteys, Eugene	CW-1	HQ	NYG Service Ribbon
Murphy, Edward	E-9	HQ	Good Conduct Medal
Scheffier, Stanley	E-8	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Nestel, Victor	E-8	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Somers, Richard	E-7	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Romano, Richard	E-7	56th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Schell, Gary	E-6	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Molik, Steven	0-5	4th Bde	New York State Fitness Ribbon
Micalone, Nicholas	0-3	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon
Logan, John	0-3	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon
Bartol, Carl	0-2	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon

**Hoyer Places in Blue Angel Marathon**

PENSACOLA, FL—Chief Warrant Officer Russ Hoyer from state headquarters finished 49<sup>th</sup> among a record field of 1,025 military runners in the 16<sup>th</sup> running of the Blue Angel Marathon in Pensacola, FL in March. He was the 16<sup>th</sup> member of the All-Guard running team to finish. Hoyer finished the 26.2-mile course in 3:12:28. *Look for results of May's All-Guard Marathon Team Trials in the next issue.*

**New Rank, New Man**

By Lt. Col. Mike Waters  
174<sup>th</sup> FW



HANCOCK FIELD, SYRACUSE—The 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has a new top NCO on base. Theodore Mosely of Auburn was promoted to the rank of Command Chief Master Sergeant, the first ever for the Syracuse-based unit.

The Air Force recently established this rank to more closely align its enlisted structure with those of the other armed forces branches.

The new command chief master sergeant is a full-time member of the unit and began his career in 1979 as a communications/navigation maintenance technician. He reached the top of the regular enlisted ranks in 1993 when he was one of only nine individuals in the over 1000-member air wing to be selected for the rank of chief master sergeant. Mosely deployed twice with the 174<sup>th</sup>—during the Persian Gulf War and to Turkey to support Operation Northern Watch over Northern Iraq.

When the Air Force announced the creation of the new rank, Mosely was among five candidates for promotion. "The chief is a real professional. He knows the job and has superb personnel skills. His sincere interest in people convinced me he was the best person for the position," said wing commander Col. Robert Knauf, who appointed Mosely.

In his new role, Mosely will serve as the commander's direct liaison with the enlisted force of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. "I hope, through good communication, to keep Col. Knauf well informed at all times on the workings and the morale of the more than 950 enlisted members of this great unit," said Mosely.

**Combat Match Winners Announced**

**Guard Times Staff**

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL—The winners of April's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Adjutant General Combat Matches were announced in May.

Nearly 350 competitors, including almost 20 guests from out of state National Guard units, vied for marksmanship honors in rifle, pistol and machinegun competition. It was the largest turn out on record.

**Precision Combat Rifle**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SPC Daly HHC 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 216
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SSGT Reinhard 174<sup>th</sup> FW 214
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SPC Scott H&S Co 204<sup>th</sup> Engr 211

**Excellence in Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SPC Daly HHC 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 248
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place TSGT Lathop 174<sup>th</sup> FW 246
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place MSGT Shearer 174<sup>th</sup> FW 245

**Individual Grand Aggregate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SPC Daly HHC 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 464
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SPC Scott H&S Co 204<sup>th</sup> Engr 447
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SSGT Reinhard 174<sup>th</sup> FW 440

**Team Event**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Co B 1-108<sup>th</sup> INF 818
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 109<sup>th</sup> SFS 769
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Co D 1-105<sup>th</sup> INF 750

**Combat Service Pistol - 201**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place MSGT Jacobellis 105<sup>th</sup> SFS 155
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SGT Miglianti Co D 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 151
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SPC Lange Co B 1-69<sup>th</sup> INF 145

**Combat Service Pistol - 202**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SRA Dominguez 105<sup>th</sup> SFS 148

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SPC Penlon Btry C 1-156<sup>th</sup> FA 148

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place CPT Rizzo 105<sup>th</sup> AGS 146

**Excellence in Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place CPT Rizzo 105<sup>th</sup> AGS 150
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SPC Brado Co B 1-69<sup>th</sup> INF 149
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SRA Dominguez 105<sup>th</sup> SFS 149

**Individual Grand Aggregate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place CPT Rizzo 105<sup>th</sup> AGS 430
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Penlon Btry C 1-156<sup>th</sup> FA 427
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SRA Dominguez 105<sup>th</sup> SFS 425

**Team Event**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 109<sup>th</sup> AW
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 106<sup>th</sup> ARW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Co D 1-101 CAV

**Light Machinegun Individual Long Range**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SRA Vendetti, J 109<sup>th</sup> AG/CES 1633
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SPC Golovach, M Co B (-) 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 1587
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SPC Guilian Co A (-) 1-108<sup>th</sup> INF 1170

**Individual 10 Meter**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SSGT Ruggiero, C. 174<sup>th</sup> FW 145
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place TSGT Dellio, J. Jr. 109<sup>th</sup> AW 143
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place SGT Weidner, F. H&S Co 204<sup>th</sup> Engr 143

**Individual Grand Aggregate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place SRA Vendetti, J. 109<sup>th</sup> AG/CES 1760
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place SPC Golovach, M. Co B (-) 2-108<sup>th</sup> INF 1587
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place TSGT Dellio, J. Jr. 109<sup>th</sup> AW 1302

**Team Event**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 109<sup>th</sup> AW
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 109<sup>th</sup> AW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 174<sup>th</sup> FW

## Family Program Volunteer Basic Training Workshop Held

By Pat Bradt  
State Family Program Office

SYRACUSE — "Welcome everyone to our first State Family Program Volunteer Training Workshop," said Warrant Officer Vicky Tillman, State Family Program Coordinator to the combined group of Guard family and service members, who gathered in Syracuse to talk about family support.

The workshop was held at the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade's Syracuse headquarters late in April. Former brigade commander, Brig. Gen. Brian Winter and the present commander, Col. Robert Schnurr helped kick the event off, by extending the invitation for the "much needed" and requested workshop on the fundamentals of the National Guard Family Program and unit Family Support Groups.

The response to the workshop was overwhelming. Nearly 60 volunteers and military members from the three major Army Guard commands, and five Air Guard bases came. The wife of the Adjutant General, Barbara Fenimore, was among the attendees. Carol Pritchard, wife of the 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, the commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation, Lt. Col. Michael Swezey and his wife Ann, Maj. Richard Cote and his wife Lisa from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 156<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, and Assistant Personnel Officer for the Headquarters 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Maj. Kristin Davis were also there.

Topics covered included "Guard 101" presented by Command Sergeant Major Don Brawley from state headquarters, who familiarized family members with Guard structure, ranks and military acronyms. His counterpart from the Air Guard, Senior Master Sergeant Robert Smolen spoke on New York's five Air Guard bases, their missions, structures, ranks and acronyms.

Chaplains Lt. Col. Richard Bower, from the 27<sup>th</sup> and Chaplain Doug Ferry of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry were guest speakers. Both chaplains had deployed for almost 9 months of duty in Croatia and Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Guard/Forge. They spoke of their experiences and of the relationships developed with the Family Program Office during their long deployments and of the role chaplains can and should have with unit family support groups.

Veteran Family Program instructors Allyson Cox and Harrison Stultz from the Maine National Guard were on hand to help lead the workshop. Their instruction on "Personality Profiles" (True Colors) are frequently requested by the National Family Program Workshop.

Audrey Olin, Family Readiness Coordinator at Fort Drum, brought much needed and requested information on "Basic Family Support Group Training." Fort Drum's 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division is one of the Army's most deployed units. Her winning personality, experience and talent became apparent, as she captivated the attendees with stories and anecdotes.

Patricia Penree, a volunteer with the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade, had authored a unit Family Support Plan for the 427<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion. Brigade leaders have deemed it a model plan, and have begun to implement it throughout the command. As a mother of five, business owner and spouse of a Guardsman, Penree's knowledge and experiences are benefiting the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Thanks to her, it is becoming a leader in Army Family Support Groups statewide.



At left, Leora Heard, a volunteer from the Buffalo-based 827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company and Robin Pariso (right) from Detachment 1 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police company from Rochester were among the many who attended the First State Family Program Volunteer Training Workshop. Photo courtesy of the State Family Program Office.

Claudette Whitmore, Transition Manager, Navy Family Service Center, Saratoga Springs, made a presentation on the "Emotional Cycles of Deployment," as she has done in the past to both Army and Air National Guard Family Support Groups. Her background as a Navy spouse and manager of the Transition Program is helpful to Guard family members. She helped explain the emotional cycles the military member, spouse, and even children experience during times of parental separations.

Les Radford, Assistant Director of the State Emergency Management, spoke on Disaster Preparedness, and the Guard's role during state emergencies. Radford's presentation was timely given recent winter storms. He explained his agency's role and offered information on personal emergency preparations, and on how individuals and families can support the community.

The Family Program Office expressed gratitude to the commander of the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade for hosting and supporting the conference. Warrant Officer Tillman also thanked many volunteers and military members, like Debbie Van Pelt, who organized lodging and meals, and Monica Waskosky, who made handbooks. "Our Family Program Advisory Team made this workshop rewarding and successful for all," said Tillman.

### From the Editor

This special issue of Guard Times is the largest edition ever produced and covers the period 1 March through 31 May, 1999. This is the first issue to feature digital photos and other computer design enhancements, that in the long run will help us to produce better and more timely issues.

Unfortunately, this issue was produced almost two months late, and unforeseen funding issues prevented the production of issues for March-April and May-June. The Spring and Summer seasons have been extremely demanding on our public affairs force, as readers will see for themselves in the very next issue.

In September, another 24-page special edition of Guard Times will hit the streets. That issue will cover operations in June, July and August. Stories on tap include: the activation of the 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company for the Bosnia Peace Keeping mission, several large and significant guardHELP projects at various locations statewide, Annual Training tours at Fort Knox, Fort Leavenworth, the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA, in Iceland and at Fort Knox, and much more...

Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

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