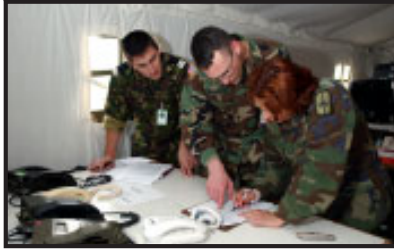


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Syracuse becomes Predator territory *Hancock Field to operate unmanned aerial vehicles*

By Staff Sgt. Mike R Smith
Guard Times Staff

HANCOCK FIELD, Syracuse—One of the Nation's newest, high-tech weapons systems will pursue its enemies from a Central New York Air National Guard base.

Airmen at Hancock Field will soon operate a Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle squadron, announced Governor George E. Pataki, here, on May 9.

The announcement came following a March 17 news conference declaring New York would receive a Predator UAV mission. Governor Pataki joined local and state officials, military leaders and Airmen outside an aircraft hanger, here, to support and celebrate the decision.

"This new mission will not only ensure that the Airfield continues to play a significant role in the Air Force's future for years to come, it brings with it the promise of new, high-tech jobs," said the Governor.

It's anticipated that Hancock Field will be outfitted sometime after fiscal year 2009 with earlier personnel hiring and job training. Brig. Gen. Charles Ichles, deputy director, Air National Guard, said at a Washington press conference, June 7, that approximately

Governor George E. Pataki shakes hands with a 174th Fighter Wing Senior Airman on May 9 following the announcement that a Predator mission is scheduled for the New York Air National Guard's Hancock Field in Syracuse. Photo by Lester Millman.

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GUARD NOTES

Thrift Savings eliminates open seasons

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board implemented new enrollment guidelines effective July 1. The new guidelines eliminate the Thrift Savings Plan open seasons and the contribution restrictions that were tied to them.

Members may inquire about their accounts by visiting www.tsp.gov or by calling the Thrift Line or TSP service office at 877-968-3778. If outside the United States or Canada, members may call 404-233-4400.

Serviceman's Group Life Insurance increases maximum coverage

Serviceman's Group Life Insurance increased its maximum coverage for all uniformed members. The adjustment will be automatic regardless of any previous designations declining SGLI coverage.

The premium will remain at 6.5 cents per \$1,000. This means a member who has full coverage of \$400,000 will have a premium of \$26. Members will have the option of making selections in increments of \$50,000. This is a change from the current \$10,000 increment selection.

An additional SGLI coverage titled "Traumatic SGLI" will be rolled into the basic SGLI program on Dec. 1. It provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for service members with traumatic injuries. This additional coverage is expected to cost \$1 per month, which means a member with full coverage will have a total monthly deduction of \$27.

Please watch your leave and earning statements for additional information on these and other changes from SGLI.

Activities for military kids at State Fair

As part of a nationwide effort to support children of deployed National Guard and Reserve servicemembers, Operation Military Kids will have a mobile technology lab available from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Aug. 27, 28 and Sept. 3-5 at the 4-H Youth Building, at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse.

All military kids are invited to use the available laptop computers, scanner, printer, video recorder, digital camera and software to create personalized messages and gifts for loved-ones overseas.

Hero-packs—book-bags filled with goodies—will be distributed to families of deployed Reserve and Guard servicemembers; kids must have their military identifications or be accompanied by family members with such. For statistical purposes, please be prepared to identify servicemembers' units.

Operation Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child and Youth Services, 4-H, and Cornell University's Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development.

For more information, or to become involved, please contact Kelly Sherman, 4-H military liaison and OMK project director, at (315) 788-8450 or omk-ny@cornell.edu.

DoD passes increase in death gratuity

The Department of Defense announced recently a significant increase in the death gratuity for the survivors of service members killed in action.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief Act 2005 increases this immediate cash payment from \$12,420 to \$100,000 for survivors of those whose death is a result of hostile actions and occurred in a designated combat operation or combat zone or while training for combat or performing hazardous duty.

The Secretary of Defense has designated all areas where service members are in receipt of the combat zone tax exclusion as qualifying combat zones and all members deployed outside the United States on orders in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom as participating in qualifying combat operations.

Effective immediately, survivors of service members, who die in these qualifying zones or operations, will receive the increased benefits.

The services will also identify eligible survivors of service members who died in these designated zones and operations since Oct. 7, 2001 and begin making the retroactive payments; the process of identifying all eligible beneficiaries and completing these retroactive payments will take several months.

From the Command Sergeant Major



Command Sergeant Major Robert Van Pelt

*Eleven NYARNG
Graduates from SGMA*

By Command Sgt. Maj. Robert VanPelt
NYARNG Command Sergeant Major

FORT BLISS, Texas—On June 24, 11 senior noncommissioned officers from the New York Army National Guard completed the last required step of their NCO education by graduating from the United States Army Sergeants' Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

In addition to the 11 NCO's, this year's graduation was attended by Brig. Gen. F. David Sheppard, Deputy Adjutant General, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt, State Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Judd Cappon, 53rd Troop Command and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Wicks, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry.

The academy course normally includes 24 months of correspondence lessons that include briefings and speeches that must be graded by a former graduate. This year's graduates were Command Sgt. Maj. George Brett, 1-69th Infantry Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Malizia, 3-142nd Aviation Battalion, Sgt. Maj. Joseph Bailey, 27th Infantry Brigade, Sgt. Maj. Larry Linville, R&R, Sgt. Maj. Pete Rifenburg, 42nd Infantry Division, Sgt. Maj. Tom Terebesi, R&R, Sgt. Maj. John Willsey, 42nd Infantry Division and Master Sgt. Brian Forney, Title 10.

This class also included three N.Y. Soldiers who completed the correspondence portion of the course in just 12 months and were able to graduate ahead of schedule. They were Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Haemmerle, 104th MP Battalion, Sgt. Maj. Dave Henry, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry and 1st Sgt. Randy Ross, Joint Forces Headquarters.

Of note was that Command Sgt. Maj. Brett, Sgt. Maj. Rifenburg and Sgt. Maj. Willsey traveled from Iraq to graduate and returned to their units upon completion. □



2005 United States Army Sergeants' Major Academy graduates and VIPs, front, from left, Sgt. Maj. Dave Henry, Sgt. Maj. Willsey, Command Sgt. Maj. Brett, Command Sgt. Maj. Haemmerle, Command Sgt. Maj. Malizia, Master Sgt. Forney; back, from left, Command Sgt. Maj. Van Pelt, Command Sgt. Maj. Wicks, Sgt. Maj. Linville, Sgt. Maj. Bailey, Brig. Gen. Sheppard, Sgt. Maj. Terebesi, Sgt. Maj. Rifenburg, Command Sgt. Maj. Cappon; Missing from photo: 1st Sgt. Ross. Photo courtesy of Command Sgt. Maj. Robert VanPelt.

Soldier turns tables on enemy snipers

By Spc. Chris Foster
256th Brigade Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq—"Stay alert, stay alive" is driven into Soldiers' minds from basic training and echoes throughout their military careers. This was driven home for one Soldier, here, on June 2.

Pfc. Stephen Tschiderer, a New York National Guard medic with E-Troop, 101st Cavalry Division attached to the 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, was shot in the chest by an insurgent sniper during a routine patrol in west Baghdad.

Tschiderer was relaying information to the truck commander of his M114 Humvee

when a sniper engaged him from inside a silver van being used as a mobile snipers' nest. The van was lined with mattresses to muffle the sound of their Russian "Dragunov" sniper-rifle fired through a small hole.

Tschiderer was knocked to the ground from the sudden impact of the 7.62mm bullet, but it only fazed him. He sprang back up, took cover and located the sniper's position. The stopping force of Tschiderer's body-armor saved his life.

"I knew I was hit, but I was uncertain of the damage or location of the hit," Tschiderer said. "The only thing that was going through my mind was, 'take cover

and locate the sniper's position'."

Tschiderer spotted the van parked across an intersection and approximately 75 meters from his location. He alerted his team, and they pursued.

As the team engaged and disabled the van, two insurgents fled on foot leaving a blood trail.

A cordon-and-search was immediately set up, and Iraqi police arrived to assist. One group detained the van's driver while Tschiderer's group followed the blood trail. Local civilians directed them over a wall and into a yard where they detained the wounded sniper.

Tschiderer provided emergency medical aid to the same sniper who tried to take his life. Soldiers additionally discovered a video camera, which filmed the event; fortunately, the camera recorded Tschiderer's immediate recovery and a quick response to the sniper's position. □



Pfc. Stephen Tschiderer, Mendon, N.Y. Photo by Spc. Chris Foster.

Chaplain wins award for Iraq radio diary broadcast

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

SARANAC LAKE -- When Lt. Col. Eric Olsen, a New York Army National Guard chaplain, left for Iraq in March 2004 he took along his digital voice recorder to keep an audio diary. That same audio diary, which aired on his hometown radio station, has earned an Edward R. Murrow Award for Broadcast Excellence in 2005.

The audio diary series was produced with North Country Public Radio and featured 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Soldiers during their Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.

Olsen served with Task Force Hunter as a battalion chaplain near Baghdad. From there, he recorded the thoughts and emotional messages of his comrades as they went about their daily and often dangerous missions.

"When I had a few moments, I

would take the recorder with me and talk with the Soldiers," Olsen said.

Olsen said the recordings grew into a weekly public radio series with the help of his friend, Brian Mann, a NCPR journalist.

"This was really a local story," Mann said in an NCPR interview. "Dozens of local families sent soldiers to Afghanistan and Iraq. Without Chaplain Olsen we wouldn't have been able to bring their experiences home."

Mann and Olsen believed the audio diary would provide a "unique choice for listeners looking for daily news from Iraq". Olsen explained there was never "an intent" except to capture the voices of the Soldiers.

"It was never political; there were no agendas, just the human interest of the diary: walking up to a Soldier asking, 'how are you doing'," Olsen said.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to get the voices of the Soldiers

out," Olsen said. "I have seen a lot of heroes over there doing their daily roles as Soldiers, and I'm just thankful to have been part of that team."

Olsen was additionally honored as NCPR's "Volunteer of the Year" for his "thoughtful, difficult and sometimes dangerous news contributions".

You can hear Olsen's 28-part audio diary series online at www.northcountrypublicradio.org. □

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12 Predator UAVs should outfit a squadron with nearly 500 Airmen supporting operations and logistics.

In March, the Air Force announced its plans to expand the current Predator UAV fleet to as many as 15 Squadrons. The Air Force currently has three operational, active-duty Predator squadrons located at Nellis

Air Force Base and Indian Springs Auxiliary Field in Nevada. Air Force and Air National Guard leaders said that a Predator system in New York would provide "an immediate impact to the war on terrorism".

"This new mission, with its new home in Central New York, will keep our State at the forefront of improving security within the United States and abroad," Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire, Jr., Adjutant General, said. Maguire went on to thank Governor Pataki for his commitment to the safety of New York's families. His leadership has enhanced the ability of federal and State authorities in the fight against global terrorism, Maguire said.

About the Predator System

The Air Force features its MQ-1 Predator UAV as "a system, not just an aircraft". When in operation, four Predator UAVs, along with a ground control station, satellite link and nearly 55 Airmen provide 24-hour mission execution. The system can be transported aboard a C-130 Hercules or larger aircraft for global reach, deterrence and influence. The UAVs are remotely controlled through their forward deployed line-of-sight and over-the-horizon communications systems. Controllers can pilot a UAV from thousands of miles away,

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—Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire, Jr.
Adjutant General

via satellite links, while forward deployed Airmen handle takeoffs and landings.

The primary mission for a Predator UAV system is interdiction and armed reconnaissance. A secondary mission includes reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition for a battlefield commander. Missions rely upon the UAV's high-tech sensors including its variable-aperture TV and infrared cameras and its smoke/cloud/haze cutting radar. When a target is acquired, the system can bring-to-bear two laser-guided Hellfire antitank missiles. An additional Predator model, the MQ-9, is under development and provides increased mission capabilities. □



The MQ-1 Predator. U.S. Air Force file photo.

Explosion claims two Rainbow officers

By Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta
42nd Infantry Division

JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS, Latham—New Yorkers mourned the loss of Capt. Phillip T. Esposito and 1st Lt. Louis E. Allen, both members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard, who were killed of injuries sustained on June 7 while serving in Iraq. Esposito was commander of HHC, 42nd ID, and Allen was HHC operations officer, 42nd ID.

“On behalf of all New Yorkers, we extend our deepest sympathy to their families, their many friends and their fellow soldiers of the Rainbow Division during this difficult time,” said Governor George E. Pataki in a statement.

Esposito, a resident of Suffern and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, was always the consummate professional who inspired all around him with his confidence, ability and willingness to help others, stated Governor Pataki.

Allen, a resident of Milford, Pennsylvania, a native of Chester, New York, and teacher at George F. Baker High School, brought a smile to all who knew him through his



1st Lt. Louis E. Allen

Age 34, Milford, Pa.
Headquarters Company
42nd Infantry Division

Killed from an explosion in Tikrit, Iraq on June 8, 2005.



Capt. Phillip Esposito

Age 30, Suffern
Headquarters Company
42nd Infantry Division

Killed from an explosion in Tikrit, Iraq on June 8, 2005.

sense of humor and inquisitive nature. He dedicated his personal and professional life to nurturing children—his own and his students, stated Governor Pataki.

Living up to their motto “Never Forget”, 42nd Infantry Division Soldiers, deployed at Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit, Iraq, remembered their fallen comrades with a ceremony at their headquarters building, there, on June 15.

At the ceremony, Maj. Tom Roltsch, command chaplain, spoke about the night Esposito and Allen died.

“That night, we were shaken by the sound of an explosion and the sudden deaths of two men who not only served with us, but also served Soldiers,” Roltsch said.

Both Soldiers received military honors during the ceremony, including a moment of silence, a last roll call, firing of volleys and playing of taps. In accordance with military tradition, each Soldier was represented at the ceremony by empty combat boots, dog tags and inverted rifles with helmets on top.

The memorial display stood directly beneath the division’s Rainbow sign in front the headquarters there. Following the ceremony, 42nd ID Commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto and Task Force Liberty Soldiers filed past the display to render their final salutes.

“He [Esposito] was someone who cared about his soldiers, no matter if you messed up before or not,” said Spc. Kale Baldwin, a 10th Mountain Division Soldier assigned to HHC as a mail clerk. Baldwin said Esposito “didn’t hold mistakes against his Soldiers”.

“From day one he treated me with respect,” Baldwin said. “He didn’t care if we were attached, assigned or whatever. He treated us all the same.”

Staff Sgt. Ashvin Thimmaiah, HHC readiness noncommissioned officer, said Esposito’s greatest accomplishment, as a company commander, was getting his Soldiers trained and deployed.

“He genuinely cared about Soldiers and the mission,” Thimmaiah said.

The 42nd ID assistant chief of staff for operations, Col. Mario Costagliola, knew Allen as a platoon leader in 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry, which Costagliola commanded. Allen always took care of his troops, Costagliola said, especially at Ground Zero, in the days following 9/11.

“He was always running around, getting stuff for his guys—food, safety equipment and billeting,” Costagliola said. “He never forgot where he came from,” he added, recalling Allen’s enlisted service as a military police

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Maj. David Palmieri renders a final salute to Capt. Phillip Esposito and 1st Lt. Louis Allen at the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters, Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit, Iraq, during a June 15 ceremony. Photo by Sgt. Daniel Bailey, 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.

Soldier charged in deaths of Rainbow Division officers

By American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—A New York Army National Guard Soldier in Iraq has been charged with two counts of premeditated murder in connection with the June 7 deaths of two other Soldiers in his unit, military officials in Baghdad announced on June 16.

The charges were preferred June 15 against Staff Sgt. Alberto B. Martinez, 37, a supply specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division (Mechanized), a Multinational Force Iraq statement said.

The Soldiers died at Forward Operating Base Danger, near Tikrit, in what was first reported to be an enemy mortar attack. But on June 10, officials announced a criminal investigation was under way in connection with the soldiers’ deaths.

Officials said the charge—two specifications of premeditated murder under Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice—along with supporting evidence, will be forwarded through the chain of command for review and

recommendations on how to proceed. An attorney from the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service is representing Martinez. He may retain a civilian defense attorney to represent him at his own expense and at no cost to the government, officials said.

The accused Soldier is in pretrial confinement at a military facility in Kuwait, the MNF-I statement said.

Martinez is charged with killing Capt. Phillip T. Esposito and 1st Lt. Louis E. Allen. Both officers were assigned to the accused Soldier’s unit. Esposito was the company commander; Allen served as a company operations officer.

“Martinez has been and will continue to be afforded the extensive rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” said Col. Billy J. Buckner, spokesman for the Multinational Corps Iraq.

The initial investigation by responders and military police indicated that a mortar round struck the window on the side of the building where Esposito and Allen were located at the time, officials said. Explosive ordnance personnel later determined the blast pattern was inconsistent with a mortar attack. □

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officer.

Capt. Steven Raiser, a 42nd ID legal assistance officer, trained with Allen to prepare for Iraq and said he got to know Allen very quickly.

"I learned a lot of soldier-skills from him ... how to lead troops and run a convoy," Raiser said. "He confirmed all our training."

"Some people you meet that you connect with. 'Al' was one of those people," he said. "That's why this is painful. After training ended, I knew we'd keep in touch."

Both Costagliola and Raiser remembered Allen's wit and love for his family.

Allen was a devoted husband and father, who called his wife every day, Raiser said at the memorial ceremony. "He carried a photo of his four boys in his wallet and would proudly display it to anyone who would look."

Roltsch said both officers had the desire, the passion and the calling to be leaders. "Both died doing what they loved: leading and serving Soldiers," Roltsch said. "No matter what you do, or how you process this loss, Allen and Esposito were Rainbow warriors, and that makes them our brothers. We suffer as one body, because that's what we are. We honor as one body because that's what they deserve." □

New York National Guard mourns heroic 9/11 recruit

By Maj. Kathy Sweeney
Guard Times Staff

BROOKLYN—The New York Army National Guard, its friends and families mourned the loss of a 1569th Transportation Company Soldier killed in Iraq on June 28.

At a July 7 funeral, here, mourners observed full military honors for Sgt. Manny Hornedo of Brooklyn, killed west of Tikrit when a suicide bomb exploded adjacent to his convoy. At the time, Hornedo was working as a Turret Gunner on an escort Humvee. He was 27 years old.

Hornedo's wife, Melissa, and two sons Manny, Jr., 6, and Marcus, 4, survive him.

Hornedo saw the 9/11 terror attacks as his motivation to join the National Guard and defend his country. He was deployed as a transportation specialist for Operation Iraqi Freedom III in January with the 42nd Infantry Division. He had just returned to Iraq having been home on two-weeks' leave to celebrate his son, Marcus' fourth birthday.



Sgt. Manny Hornedo
Age 27, Brooklyn
1569th Transportation Company

Killed when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle while conducting convoy operations in Tikrit, Iraq on June 28, 2005.

In his civilian occupation, Hornedo was in charge of security for a "Gap" clothing store in Herald Square. The store's employees sent care packages to Hornedo every month since his Iraq deployment and after hearing of the tragedy, donated clothes and setup savings accounts for his two sons.

Hornedo was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. □

Insurgent convicted for death of New York Soldier

By Spc. Erin Robicheaux
256th Brigade Combat Team

CAMP TIGERLAND, Baghdad—May 26 is a day that will go down in history for the 256th Brigade Combat Team's Staff Judge Advocate Office here.

In the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, American and Iraqi lawyers worked together by the letter of the Iraqi law and sought justice for the tragic death of Staff Sgt. Henry Irizarry—and won.

As a result, Ziyad Hassin Ali Hammadi was convicted in an Iraqi court of law of murdering an American Soldier, and he will spend the next 15 years of his life in an Iraqi prison.

On Dec. 3, 2004, Infantry Scouts of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment were hit by an improvised explosive device. The attack seriously injured three Soldiers and left Irizarry dead. The gunner on the truck in front of Irizarry's saw the triggerman and, along with air support and a quick reaction force, chased him into a house and detained him.

It was then up to 256th BCT Staff Judge Advocate's Office and the tactical human intelligence teams to extract information from the suspect. Along with evidence collected by the Soldiers at the scene, the legal process of keeping the killer of an American Soldier off of the streets began.

Maj. Roderick Alvendia, from New Orleans, La., deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 256th BCT, worked on the case from start to finish. Alvendia said, considering a triggerman of an IED is rarely caught at the scene, it was pertinent to get the case moved along as quickly as possible.

"There was a KIA involved and we knew who the triggerman was, so it was important for us to move it ahead of all the others, and that's exactly what the Central Criminal Court of Iraq did," said Alvendia.

American and Iraqi lawyers worked together by the letter of the Iraqi law and sought justice for the tragic death of Staff Sgt. Henry Irizarry.

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq was established to address serious crimes that most directly threaten public order and safety in Iraq, which may include crimes against Coalition Forces, according to www.iraqcoalition.org. It is an Iraqi court, which means that there is an Iraqi judge, prosecutor and defense attorney.

In a case like this, American lawyers, or Judge Advocates, collected the evidence and put the case together, then gave it to the Iraqi lawyers to try.

Soldiers on patrol with Irizarry were brought in as witnesses for the investigative hearing. In the judge's chambers, they each gave testimony of the night's events and provided evidence such as pictures, maps and eyewitness accounts. At an intense moment of the hearing, each Soldier was asked to identify the triggerman, whom was seated only a few feet away.

Alvendia worked with the Soldiers, and



Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry, Bronx, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, attached to the 256th Brigade Combat Team was killed on Dec. 3, 2004, by an improvised explosive device. Photo courtesy of the 69th Infantry Regiment. NYARNG file photo.

they gathered evidence and made sure that no stone went unturned. Once it was determined by the investigative judge that there was enough evidence to go to trial, the case was given to a panel of three trial judges who ultimately determined the fate of Ziyad.

Normally no more evidence is entered beyond the investigative hearing, but in an unorthodox move, the panel allowed Lt. Tyler Stone, a Navy Liaison Officer who worked with Alvendia and the witnesses on the case, to enter what is called "victim-impact evidence".

"What I'm trying to do is to give them [the

judges] a sense of 'Hey, this person wasn't just a number or a rank, or even a Soldier.' This person was a human being who had a wife, kids, a new grandchild, and the ending to his life, though noble in service to his country, was tragic how it occurred with the IED," said Stone.

He entered photos of Irizarry showing his life as a Soldier, as a husband and father.

On May 26, the legal team and a handful of Irizarry's fellow 69th Soldiers crowded into the main courtroom at the CCCI. After the prosecutor and defense attorney read their

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Officer Candidate School Alumni Association seeks members

By 2nd Lt. Amy Fires
Guard Times Staff

REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, Camp Smith
– Are you an Officer Candidate School graduate? Do you want to get more involved in an association that stems from your commissioning in the Army National Guard?

All OCS graduates are invited to join the New York Army National Guard's OCS Alumni Association and benefit from its resources.

The association is new, and its sponsors are committed to providing a professional, quality association that is friendly and benefits those whom have endured a common bond. **Those who are interested in the NYARNG OCS Alumni Association or have questions, please contact Capt. Bill Hart at William.sean.hart@us.army.mil.**

The association's mission is to contribute to national security; to promote love of country, the American flag and the United States Army; to promote recognition of, and appreciation for, the military profession; to promote better public understanding and support of the United States Army; to foster and preserve fraternity and fellowship by and among all graduates of the Officer Candidate School; to perpetuate the history and traditions of those graduates of Officer Candidate School who have distinguished themselves in military careers or in civilian pursuits; to commemorate and

memorialize those graduates of Officer Candidate School who have lost their lives in the service of their country; to educate and inform members of the association and of the general public about the current status of the officer candidate program.

OCS maintains a long history

Since 1938, OCS has provided fundamentals of leadership and military skill, instilled professional ethics, evaluated leadership candidates' potential, and commissioned those who qualified as second lieutenants in all 16 branches of the Army.

The idea for a modern officer candidate school was conceived in 1938 when Brig. Gen. L. Singleton, commandant of the infantry school, submitted a plan for an officer-training program to the chief of infantry. No action was taken until 1940 when Brig. Gen. Courtney Hodges, assistant commandant of the infantry school, submitted a revised plan. The new program went into effect in 1941 as the "Infantry, Field Artillery, and Coastal Artillery Officer Candidate Schools". Other branches followed with their own schools. In 1941, the first class graduated 171 second lieutenants.

The man credited with establishing the format, discipline and code-of-honor still used in OCS was Gen. Omar Bradley, then, commandant of the infantry school. Bradley emphasized rigorous training, strict discipline and efficient organization, and these tenets remain.

Between 1941 and 1947, more than 100,000 candidates had enrolled in 448 Infantry OCS classes; of these, approximately 67 percent were commissioned. After World War II, Infantry OCS was transferred to Fort Riley, Kan., as part of the "Ground General School". All other schools were discontinued. In 1947, the Infantry OCS program was discontinued. The final class graduated only 52 second lieutenants.

A shortage of officers during the Korean War caused Infantry OCS to reopen, at Fort Benning, in 1951. The course was lengthened from 17 to 22 weeks, and the name was changed from "Infantry Officer Candidate School" to the "First Officer Candidate Battalion, Second Student Regiment". The strength of OCS increased rapidly; as one of eight branch programs, Infantry OCS included as many as 29 companies with a class graduating every week. During the Korean War, approximately 7,000 infantry officers graduated from OCS.

In 1953, OCS was reduced from eight to three programs: Infantry, Artillery and Engineer.

Shortly before the onset of the Vietnam War, OCS had been reduced to two programs: Infantry and Field Artillery. During the height of the Vietnam War, Infantry OCS was one of five programs and produced 7,000 officers annually from five battalions. Towards the end of the conflict, OCS reduced to two programs, Infantry and Female OCS. Infantry OCS was reduced to two battalions and presently maintains one battalion.

In April 1973, "Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate School" was created to replace the branch specific courses, and the length of the course was reduced to 14 weeks. OCS for female officer candidates remained at Fort McClellan, Ala., until 1976, when it merged with the "Branch" program.

OCS continues to provide for all sixteen basic branches of the Army. In 1998, to further integrate the total force, the Army National Guard OCS Phase III candidates began training alongside their active duty counterparts. Over 650 future officers were trained in the first year, with similar numbers being trained in subsequent years.

Officer candidates from the National Guard and Army Reserve now conduct their final phase of training during a two-week period. □

All OCS graduates are invited to join the New York Army National Guard's OCS Alumni Association and benefit from its resources.



Fighting 69th Lt. Col. Geoffrey Slack hands out certificates of completion to Iraqi soldiers during a graduation ceremony on June 30. Photos by Spc. Jason Garcia.



Iraqi soldiers in 1st and 3rd Mechanized Battalions, 8th Iraqi Army Brigade, receive training on casualty treatment and evacuation.

Fighting 69th medics train Iraqi troops

By Spc. Jason Garcia
256th Brigade Public Affairs

CAMP TIGERLAND, Iraq—Iraqi Soldiers graduated on June 30, here, from the first of three classes conducted by medics from the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry.

The five-day course consisted of patient evaluation, wound care and rapid vehicle extraction. Eleven students received knowledge regarding health care and day-to-day medical protocol as well as lifesaving techniques.

The Fighting 69th medics say the success and enthusiasm of their students demonstrates the "unified effort in defeating terrorism in Iraq". Medics will teach an advanced version of their course, which includes combat lifesaver training. □

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Newark deli sends salami to troops

By **Steven Donald Smith**
American Forces Press Service

NEWARK, N.J.—Why would two New Jersey brothers ship thousands of salamis to Iraq? The answer is simple: to support the troops. Marc Brummer and Michael Brummer,

owners of Hobby's Delicatessen and Restaurant, here, recently shipped 2,000 salamis to the Army's 42nd Infantry Division, serving in Tikrit, Iraq, as part of "Operation Salami Drop".

Operation Salami Drop is the brothers' way of bringing a "little bit of home" to troops

stationed overseas, they said.

"We had been looking for something we could do for our troops, and this was a perfect fit," Marc Brummer said.

More than 7,000 additional salamis are currently being prepared for shipment. The dried meat is ideal for the long journey

overseas because it can last almost indefinitely.

Each salami costs \$10 and was purchased with money donated to the cause. One generous donation came from a 13-year-old girl who chipped in \$1,000 of her bat mitzvah money, Marc Brummer said.

"While our slogan is 'One Salami at a Time', we've received many checks for hundreds of dollars and even one for \$7,500. That one took our breath away a little bit," Michael Brummer said.

One hundred percent of all donations go to purchase the salami at cost.

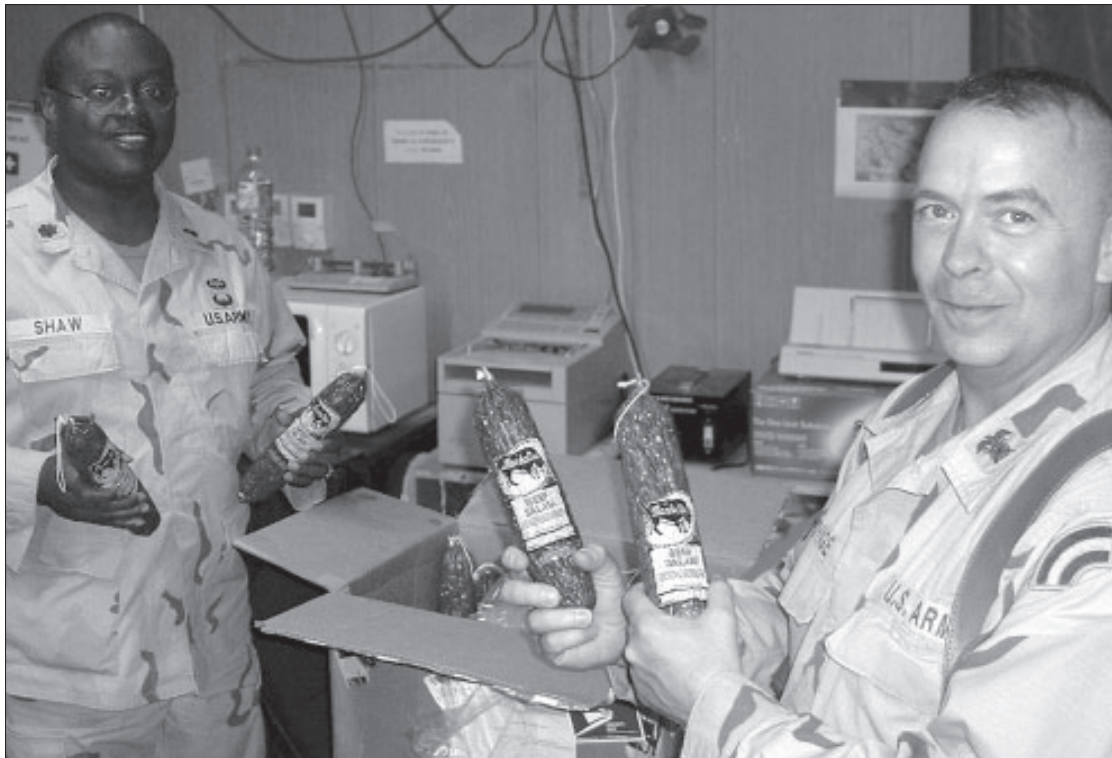
The brothers' 82-year-old father, Sam Brummer, who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, partly inspired their effort. While serving in France during World War II, Sam often received salami from home.

"It was a great morale booster to get a piece of home every month and know that people cared," Sam Brummer said. "What's terrific about Operation Salami Drop is that no matter how a person feels about the war, it gives them a chance to show the troops that people care about them."

Another point of inspiration came from Michael's college friend, Michael Rothman, who is a legal officer with the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division. Rothman joined the Guard after his cousin was killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Rothman became aware that other Soldiers in his unit took notice of the salami sent to him in Iraq by the Brummers. When the Brummers learned about this positive reaction, they immediately began preparing more shipments.

Operation Salami Drop has expanded the



Soldiers from the 42nd Infantry Division open a box of salami donated by a New Jersey deli. Photo courtesy of the 42nd Infantry Division.

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Army personnel records to go digital

By **Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith**
Guard Times Staff

JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS, Latham—The New York Army National Guard is converting from paper military personnel records to electronic official military personnel files. The change is being implemented through the Personnel Electronic Records Management System.

"This change has a significant impact on Soldiers," Col. Paul A. Steves, Director of Military Personnel, said. "We want every Soldier to know of the conversion and how they can gain access to their electronic records."

The entire Army National Guard is making the transition. The ARNG hopes to enhance its storage, retrieval and transfer capabilities and provide Soldiers improved records access; records will become accessible through each Soldier's Army Knowledge Account.

"Each Soldier will have increased access to their records," Steves said. He added that electronic access allows for continuous record updating, which improves both accuracy and timeliness.

"Copies of records are forwarded electronically, reducing waiting time and eliminating loss in the mail," said Steves, who added that records requests for schools, transfers,

deployments and discharges will become much faster.

Steves said other Personnel Electronic Records Management System benefits include improved record and document security—allowing access only to Soldiers and their authorized personnel managers. The PERM system additionally increases active component compatibility, which converted to PERMS years ago.

The New York Army National Guard will complete its conversion by Sept. 1. Once records are converted, hard-copy personnel records will be returned to Soldiers through their unit commanders.

Soldiers will view and copy their personnel records through OMPF online, but they must have a valid AKO account.

"Don't use the 'Updating or Correcting Your OMPF' email link on the main OMPF web-page," said Steves, who explained that the link is for active-component Soldiers. "Continue utilizing your full-time support personnel for questions and providing documents," he said.

All unit inputs, concerning Soldier's OMPFs, must be forwarded to Headquarters, Joint Forces Command, Army Records Branch. The points of contact are Master Sgt. Tracey B. Mangels at 518-786-4625 and Sgt. 1st Class Penny Branch at 518-786-4604. □

Viewing your records

You must have an AKO username and password.

Login to AKO at www.us.army.mil and select "My Personnel"

Under "My G-1 Personnel", on the right side of the screen, select: Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

Once on the PERMS page click on the ARNG Logo to go to your record.

View/print documents by selecting the folder from the left and clicking on each document listed.

Sleep loss affects Soldier readiness, performance

By Capt. Justin Curry
Armed Forces News Service

ABERDEEN, Md. — Like food, water, and air—sleep is a necessity. When Soldiers don't get enough sleep, performance suffers and everyone is put at risk.

When Soldiers don't get enough sleep, the ability to judge the impact that sleep deprivation has on their abilities is diminished and performance decreases.

Sleep deprivations may lead to...

- falling asleep at the wheel causing a vehicle roll-over
- administering the wrong medicine or the wrong dose
- failing to recognize a threat or reacting too slowly to it
- transposing digits while entering coordinates into a fire-control system

A sleep-deprived Soldier may make bad tactical decisions. The bottom line is that sleep deprivation can get Soldiers killed.

The longer Soldiers go without sleep, the poorer their performance on any number of tasks. In general, a person can sustain normal

performance without noticeable impairment for about 16 hours after waking up. After 16 hours without sleep, there is a noticeable decrease in performance. After being awake for 24 hours, the reaction time is worse than being legally intoxicated. After 28 hours without sleep, performance becomes significantly impaired with the likelihood of critical errors rising to an unacceptable level.

To sustain performance over the long haul, Soldiers need at least 6 and preferably 7-8 hours of sleep in 24 hours. Soldier performance will degrade over time with less sleep than 6 hours. Getting 4-6 hours of sleep every 24 hours will keep Soldiers in the amber zone (where the risk for mission critical errors is increased, but still at acceptable levels) for periods of up to several weeks. Getting less than 4 hours of sleep will keep Soldiers in the red zone (where the risk for mission critical errors is unacceptably high).

Sleep doesn't have to be continuous. It is preferred that Soldiers have uninterrupted sleep time, several shorter sleep periods that add up to 6 – 8 hours is adequate. □

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closing arguments, the chief judge announced in Arabic the long-awaited verdict. Soldiers and lawyers turned to the interpreter, who said, "Guilty, 15 years".

Alvendia said that though a 15-year conviction may sound low for a murder case, there are many factors to consider. For example, a life sentence in Iraq is 20 years, and the conditions in an Iraqi prison are not comparable to that of an American prison. He also said he believes although Ziyad was not put away for a full life sentence, he will be in prison for the rest of his life.

This is the second murder conviction for crimes against an American Soldier since the CCCI was created. Alvendia said that the success of this case, and the justice that was served, is due largely in part to the patrols—the Soldiers on the battlefield who collect evidence and put their packets together.

"If we want to continue to get convictions on future cases, we need to pay attention to details as much as possible involving the crimes the Iraqis commit against American forces," he said. All in all, Alvendia and the legal team feel that the outcome is an extremely successful one.

"We won playing by their rules," he said. "An Iraqi insurgent tried in an Iraqi court, by Iraqi judges and lawyers, was convicted of murdering an American Soldier—that's a success." □

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scope of its initial goal.

"When we began this project, I had hoped we could cobble together enough support to send about 1,000 salamis," Michael Brummer said. "Now, our goal is to send 23,000 salamis, one for each soldier in the 42nd ID."

Although its headquarters is in Troy the 42nd ID is composed of National Guard units from all over the Nation, hence its nickname, "the Rainbow Division", which was coined by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. MacArthur, then a colonel, was instrumental in forming the division and was one of its commanders in World War I, according to the division's web site.

"The 42nd Division stretches like a rainbow from one end of America to the other," MacArthur said shortly after the division was formed. □



World War II veterans salute the "posting of the colors" at a ceremony remembering the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. More than 200 people attended the ceremony, which was held at the New York State World War II Memorial, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

World War II Veterans honored on VE Day's 60th

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

ALBANY— New York National Guard Soldiers and Airmen joined World War II veterans, elected officials and the New York State Honor Guard on May 4 to remember the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at the State's World War II Memorial, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

On May 8, 1945, Allied forces accepted the unconditional surrender of all German forces, which marked the end of Adolph Hitler's Third Reich.

More than 1.7 million New Yorkers served in WWII, and of that, more than 28,000 died of an estimated 400,000 Americans killed in the war.

During the ceremony, senior military and elected officials including Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire, Jr., and Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue, laid a wreath at the entrance to the memorial.

"New Yorkers have always answered the call to duty with honor and unwavering resolve," Maguire said. "Their selfless sacrifice, that continues to let freedom and democracy ring clearly throughout the world, will never be forgotten." □

442nd Military Police 'hit the dirt' at Polk

By Spc. Richard Vogt
138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FORT POLK, La.—"MP" is an abbreviation for military police, but it can also mean multipurpose. Soldiers of the 442nd MP Company embody this notion, at home and at war.

"A lot of units need to become aware of how to properly use MPs, and that's happening," said 1st Sgt. Justin Lenz. "Whether we're guarding prisoners, running checkpoints or providing security, we do it all."

MPs must also be flexible, because the mission can change as fast as the radio waves that carry the order—their recent training at Fort Polk is a good example of this.

The 442nd MPs originally planned to support the 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell, Ky., at the Joint Readiness Training Center here, but the 5th SFG Soldiers were sent overseas unexpectedly, and the mission changed. The MPs were discouraged, saying it would have been exciting to train with the Special Forces. They acquired extra military pickup trucks for the training, but the trucks sat unused, and the MPs sought another mission.

Instead, the MPs assisted the 1st Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 22 Infantry and the 1st Battalion, 87 Infantry, 10th Mountain Division, from Fort Drum, at JRTC. The mission then grew into multiple support tasks: they ran vehicle checkpoints with Arabic-speaking translators. They transported enemy

prisoners-of-war. They even role-played through a mock casualty exercise, when a simulated improvised explosive device exploded near their Humvee convoy.

The 442nd MPs have combat experience from Operation Iraqi Freedom, and, they said, they were impressed with the training here.

"The best part is the realistic conditions that Fort Polk managed to recreate," said 1st Lt. David Areaz, 442nd MP company commander.

"It's a very good setup," said Spc. Neil Brown. "It's as

realistic as you can get."

"Everyone who's involved in the role-play is doing it really well," said Staff Sgt. Frank Tejada. "It's good preparation for Soldiers who are going overseas. Everyone who goes over there should go through this."

Soldiers also said that the training was helpful for learning how to work with active duty Soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

"I'm really impressed with the way they've recreated the forward operating base concept; the facilities are exactly the conditions we lived in Iraq," said Lenz. □



Staff Sgt. James Padgett along with Soldiers of the 442nd Military Police Company take cover from simulated small-arms fire at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. Photo by Spc. Richard Vogt.

Passing leaders: New commander for 2-108th

By 2nd Lt. Amy Fires
Guard Times Staff

UTICA—A new page has turned for the Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, here. June 5 marked a change of command when Lt. Col. Mark R. Warnecke formally handed command to Lt. Col. Dennis C. Deeley.

Warnecke stepped in as Battalion Commander during the deployment of the 2-108th, Task Force Hunter, for Operation Iraqi Freedom II. As battalion commander, Warnecke led his Soldiers through OIF II from February 2004 to January 2005.

Deeley graduated from Rome High School in 1984. His fiancée, Laurie, is also from Rome.

Deeley received his Army commission as second lieutenant at the Empire State Military Academy, Camp Smith, in 1989. There, he earned "Outstanding Graduate". He served as a military intelligence officer shortly thereafter and began his first assignment as a tactical intelligence officer with the 3rd Battalion, 108th Infantry (Light), 27th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. In 1993, Deeley became the battalion's Intelligence Officer. Following that, Deeley worked as an intelligence analyst for the New York

National Guard's Counterdrug Program. In 1997, he assumed command of Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, 27th Brigade. He then became the Assistant Intelligence Officer for the 27th Brigade. In 1999, Deeley returned to the counterdrug program as Regional Commander, and, in that same year, he completed the Infantry Captains' Career Course. Following this assignment he became the Intelligence Officer for the 27th Brigade. Deeley has been the 2-108th's executive officer since January 2003 and was the primary lead officer in charge of coordinating staff and logistics efforts, within the battalion, during their OIF II deployment.

"Colonel Deeley was a quintessential element to our success in Iraq," Capt. Christopher S. Jensen, Bravo Company Commander, said. Deeley has a leadership style that will be the key to [the battalion's] success, Jensen added.

"I feel proud, honored and humbled, Deeley said. Deeley said he is looking forward to moving from the experiences of OIF II and building upon the fantastic performance the Soldiers displayed throughout their deployment.

"I am also looking forward to the reorganization that lies ahead for the



Lt. Col. Dennis C. Deeley, right, awaits command of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry on June 5.

battalion, Deeley said. He explained that challenges include building a "well-trained unit prepared for the future".

One such challenge is the construction of a new battalion headquarters building in Utica. Deeley said the project is now underway.

"The new building will give the

battalion and the headquarters company better facilities to train Soldiers and maintain their equipment," Deeley said. "I think the new construction emphasizes the changes and modernization the New York Army National Guard is going through and the investment in the future of our Soldiers." □

Firefighters take heat in Arkansas

By Master Sgt. David Schroll
174th Civil Engineer Squadron

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—New York Air National Guard firefighters recently learned how the South handles its heat, or the heat of firefighting that is.

Twelve firefighters from the 174th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hancock Air Field, Syracuse, deployed on June 4 for two weeks of firefighting support, here.

They worked for the 314th Civil Engineer Squadron, backfilling

its deployed Airmen.

At Little Rock's state-of-the-art fire department, called "the Rock," they provided crash response and medical response for the base, including its housing area. Crew chiefs, linemen, drivers and other positions were filled.

The New Yorkers received invaluable training not available at home. Some of this training consisted of live structural fires and crash fires, driver training on response vehicles, explosive ordinance disposal training, and

prime base engineer emergency force training.

Little Rock AFB is home to a C-130 Hercules airlift wing, so, the Airmen trained on the C-130 Hercules and responded to several real-world responses for the aircraft, including a wheel-well fire.

On their return, the Airmen said they "were proud to have helped out their fellow firefighters" and even more proud to have "completed their mission with the high standards maintained at Hancock Field". □



Deployed firefighters from the 174th Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, Syracuse, from left, top, Staff Sgt. Spencer Slayton, Senior Airman Dan O'Mara, Staff Sgt. Greg Willsey, Tech. Sgt. Todd Fletcher, Staff Sgt. Ronaly Wareham, Master Sgt. David Scholl, Staff Sgt. Dan Lucak, Senior Airman Mitch Dryer, Master Sgt. Tobias Shelly, bottom, Senior Airmen Steve Hornbrook, Tech. Sgt. Joel Ritson. Photo courtesy of the 174th Fighter Wing.

Rescue in Iraq: Firemen rappel as lifesavers

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Public Affairs Office

Master Sgt. Thomas M. Miter
Fire Training Officer, Balad Air Base

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq—Firefighters from the Stratton Air National Guard Base Civil Engineer Squadron, Scotia, conducted a memorable rescue during their recent 120-day deployment in Iraq.

On the morning of April 3, an alarm was received at the Air Force Fire Department at Balad Air Base, Iraq, requesting assistance for a person that had fallen into a building's ventilation shaft, more than 30 feet deep. A response team was dispatched across the base, and 109AW CES firefighters were on the team.

At the scene, they found a challenging rescue. From the top of a bunker, they could see a victim at the shaft's bottom, sitting up and conscious but obviously injured. They had trained there in the past and were familiar with the area's layout and dangers. Rescue crew chief, Tech. Sgt. Joe Linehan, immediately requested a technical equipment trailer to respond. Master Sgt. Dave Paul began gathering equipment, and he donned a rappel harness. Master Sgt. Doug Drum, incident commander, provided a report to those arriving at the scene.

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It would be a topside rescue, which involved dangerous rappels down to the victim. It was their best option. Removing the victim from the bottom of the shaft was nearly impossible. A massive amount of debris was collected inside the shaft from previous area bombings.

"Anchor points for our ropes and rigging were the initial concern," Master Sgt. Thomas M. Miter, rescue chief, said. "We decided to use ladders, placed against the cement roof and over the shaft."

Miter said that, while the necessary equipment was being brought to the roof, he spoke with Paul and firefighter Staff Sgt. Rick Chappell. Paul and Chappell would rappel down to the victim, provide emergency medical care and prepare the victim for removal.

"Paul and Chappell were both experienced paramedics and knowledgeable in high-angle and confined space rescue," Miter said.

An additional rescue engine was called in, which provided the manpower to pull the victim out of the shaft. Tech. Sgt. Brian Kissinger, an experienced technical rescue man, assisted with the rigging. They rigged the lines, and Chappell descended down, followed by Paul. They assessed the victim's condition and formulated an extraction plan.

Chappell yelled up to the surface. The victim needed assistance keeping his airway clear. A suction unit was lowered down. The rescue team additionally made radio contact with a nearby Air Force hospital, providing the victim's medical status to awaiting doctors. Then, they prepared to move the victim on a long spine-board and to a rescue basket for transport on an awaiting ambulance.

"In itself, this was dangerous," said Miter, who said the victim's injuries could be made worse if moved improperly.

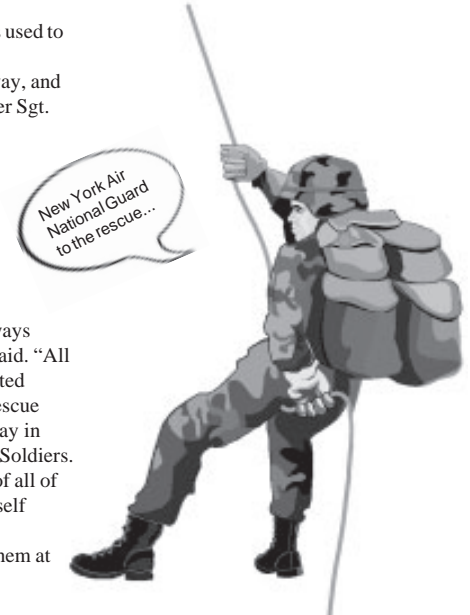
Once Paul and Chappell were set, and the rigging was complete, they pulled Paul out, lessening the weight on the rigging. Then, they hauled the victim up. Near the top of the shaft, it became clear that the victim's weight, later estimated at 260 pounds, created difficulty in pulling him over the shaft's edge. They took calculated risks at this point, laying on the edge, pulling victim and basket to safety.

"Nothing but brute strength was used to pull him in," Miter said.

The victim was out of harm's way, and Paul and paramedic Senior Master Sgt. Shane Clark, continued medical treatment while Chappell was brought out of the shaft. The victim was lowered down an angled wall to an ambulance. Paul and Chappell provided medical care en-route to the hospital.

"These types of rescues are always difficult and dangerous," Miter said. "All of the firefighters on the scene acted admirably." Miter said that the rescue proved a vital role firefighters play in protecting deployed Airmen and Soldiers. He noted that, without the work of all of the crews involved, the rescue itself would not have taken place.

"It was an honor to work with them at Balad Air Base," Miter said. □



Stratton ANGB firefighters in Iraq, from left, top, Staff Sgt. Edwin Kuhl, Senior Airman Russell Coonradt, bottom, Tech. Sgt. Robert Smith, Tech. Sgt. Frank Shoemaker, Master Sgt. David Paul, Master Sgt. Thomas Miter, Tech. Sgt. Brian Kissinger, Senior Airman Christopher Menge. Photo courtesy of the 109th Airlift Wing.

Guard carries State missions despite deployments

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—While more than 77,000 National Guard members are deployed in support of the global war on terror, their comrades at home are demonstrating that they're still fully capable of carrying out their state missions.

They're pulling security duty in New York City, preparing for hurricane response in the Southeastern United States, conducting high-altitude rescues and preparing to provide wildfire-fighting support, if needed.

New York Gov. George Pataki mobilized hundreds of New York National Guardsmen from throughout the state today to provide security support in New York City, according to Kent Kisselbrack, a spokesman for the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs in Latham, N. Y.

The call-ups came one day after a series of terrorist attacks rocked London and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff raised the terrorism alert level for mass-transit systems nationwide to code "orange."

Due to operational security considerations, Kisselbrack did not reveal exactly how many Guard troops were activated or what units they hail from, or when they will begin security duty in New York.

To the South, National Guards were eyeing Hurricane Dennis as it approached Cuba and preparing to respond when it reaches U. S. soil.

On July 7, the Florida National Guard began to activate its planning cells and alerted units in a possible response to Hurricane Dennis as the hurricane gains strength.

"We have about 150 troops in planning cells today, with about 2,000 troops ready to mobilize," said Air Force Lt. Col. Ron Tittle, state public affairs officer. "It's important for the people of Florida to know the citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Florida National

Guard are prepared to respond to Hurricane Dennis as assigned by the Florida Division of Emergency Management," said Army Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, the state's adjutant general.

Last year, the Florida Guard mobilized more than 6,000 soldiers and airmen to support hurricane relief. They provided humanitarian aid, security support, equipment, debris removal, and search and rescue assistance.

Meanwhile, Guard troops from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia are on standby, keeping an eye on the hurricane's path as it approaches Cuba.

National Guard units in Arizona, Nevada and Utah are also standby, ready to handle wildfire-fighting duties, if needed.

Air Force Capt. April Conway, a Nevada National Guard spokeswoman, said much of the equipment the Guard typically uses to fight fires is deployed, but that backup systems are in place and ready for action. "We know it's only a matter of time until we'll be needed, so we're watching and staying vigilant," she said.

In the Pacific Northwest, Guard members were already getting a jump on the summer search-and-rescue season.

On July 7, the Oregon National Guard's 1042nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) conducted a high-altitude rescue, saving four climbers who fell into a crevasse while crossing a snow bridge on Mount Rainier, Wash.

Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters responded, lowering a hoist to lift the climbers from their 13,000-foot elevation, according to Air Force Capt. Mike Braibish, an Oregon National Guard spokesman. Two Guard medics, Army Sgts. Chris Skidmore and Mike Barber, lowered themselves into the crevasse to help the climbers into the hoist, he said.

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NEADS hoists Canadian flag

By Capt. Chris Semchuk, Canada

Northeast Air Defense Sector

ROME—The Canadian Component of the Northeast Air Defense Sector presented the National Flag of Canada to the city of Rome on May 21.

This event was historic due to the fact no American city had ever been presented a Canadian Flag by Canadian forces.

This all began when Tom Kenealy, a local American Legion member, approached Warrant Officer Pat Moran, NEADS Canadian Component, with the idea nearly two years ago.

"The City of Rome ought to be flying a Canadian flag as a tribute to folks who live and work with the Canadian forces at NEADS," he said.

His idea became a reality through the cooperation of the Mayor's Office, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as members from NEADS' Canadian component.

There were two Canadian flags presented; a flag flown from Canada's "Peace Tower" on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, mounted in a triangular shadow box and accompanied by a copy of the Canadian National Flag Royal Proclamation and a second flag that was raised over Rome's city hall during the ceremony.

"Canadians have been citizens of Rome for 20 years and are honored to have the city fly their national flag," said Lt. Col. François Malo, commanding officer, Canadian Component, NEADS.

Mayor James F. Brown stated he "was honored to be a part of this event, which was a first in both American and Canadian history".

Col. Clark Speicher, NEADS commander, said he was very proud of the Canadian forces assigned to NEADS and that they were "an integral part of our communities".

The ceremony's group marched through downtown Rome, and the Central Band of the Canadian forces led them off. They marched down the main street into City Hall's square.

"The city of Rome will proudly fly Canada's flag from this day forward," said Mayor Brown. □

Guard Financier earns top honors

1st Lt. Anthony Buccì

174th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Chief Master Sgt. Judy Van Wie

HANCOCK AIR FIELD, Syracuse—A member of the 174th Fighter Wing, here, was named the Financial Management Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2004 for the Air National Guard.

Chief Master Sgt. Judy Van Wie earned the award, which was announced on Feb. 4.

"I suspected Chief Van Wie would be competitive for the award, said Maj. Charles Hutson, 174th comptroller. "The job is tough, but the proof was that she performed it flawlessly."

Van Wie said she knew Hutson had submitted her for the award, and she heard of her selection just before her promotion to chief master sergeant and in time for her birthday.

Van Wie was formally recognized at the ANG FM Comptrollers' Conference, on April 6, in Reno, Nev.

The award puts an exclamation point on Van Wie's military career, specifically in finance. In 2003, she was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for her "impeccable management of the Government Travel Card Program", which she maintained, here, for more than four years. Van Wie additionally impressed inspectors, during a recent unit

compliance inspection with 100 percent compliance in budget, systems, training and other 174th finance programs. Van Wie was also recognized as having the "best seen to date" support-agreements review process.

Van Wie began her military career in 1975, with the Air Force, at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. There, she attended Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic training. She was then stationed at Plattsburgh AFB until separating from the Air Force in 1978. Later that year, Van Wie joined the 174th as a traditional guardmember. She was hired full-time in the 174th's personnel and training flight in 1979. In 1985, Van Wie resigned her full-time position to attend the State University of New York at Oswego where she earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting; she continued as a traditional guardmember during this period, working in the 174th's maintenance flight. In 1991, Van Wie was hired full-time as an accounting technician in the 174th's finance flight. Now, Van Wie has more than 15 years of finance experience and has served in her present position, as the Budget Analyst, since 1997. □



Canadian forces stand at attention during a flag raising ceremony in Rome. Photo by Capt. Chris Semchuk.

101st Signal Battalion supports International exercise

By 2nd Lt. Amy Fires
Guard Times Staff

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIRFIELD, Romania—Romania is a long way from New York; however, for 15 Soldiers from the New York Army National Guard's 101st Signal Battalion, Romania was their duty station for 17 days in May.

The 101st Soldiers joined a multinational team, here, for Combined Endeavor 2005. Overall, they were an integral component to CE-05's Joint Inter-Operability Test Command team. They had opportunities to learn new tasks, work with different countries and contribute to multi-national communications.

In Combined Endeavor the main success is measured in human interaction and groups working together.

What began as a communications exercise among 10 nations has become a 43-nation exercise, a coalition-shaping enterprise and the largest communications exercise in the world, said Capt. Frank J. Letizia, Jr., administrative officer and deputy director for CE-05.

At Combined Endeavor's forward operating base, here, more than 200 Soldiers and Airmen, from seven nations and the South Eastern European Brigade, ensured equipment interoperability by testing its multinational operation functions; CE-05's main base was in Baumholder, Germany. Annually, the exercise helps ensure 43 nations, spanning four continents, an ability to communicate with one another, in real-time operations, on short notice.

Soldiers from Romania, the United States, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, France and Canada, as well as SEEBRIG learned new testing capabilities, tested and honed their skills, and interacted.

"It's a new experience altogether, Staff Sgt. Enrique

Guadalupe, 101st SB, said. "The joint aspect of this exercise allows for a bigger picture of what is happening with new technology."

During his downtime Guadalupe and other 101st Soldiers learned about how to create servers and build networks from scratch; they took classes from an active duty Air Force unit attending the exercise: the 1st Combat Communications Team.

"We're ambassadors of the United States ... here to represent the Army and be professionals," said Guadalupe. "The best part is that we have a new sense of accomplishment, which will hopefully allow us to take part in this exercise again."

The group also attended a class on networks, and they learned how to build networks where no existing networks are available.

"This is a real-world exercise, Staff Sgt. Walter Pahucki, 101st SB, said. "We're part of the impact that is taking place, across the world."

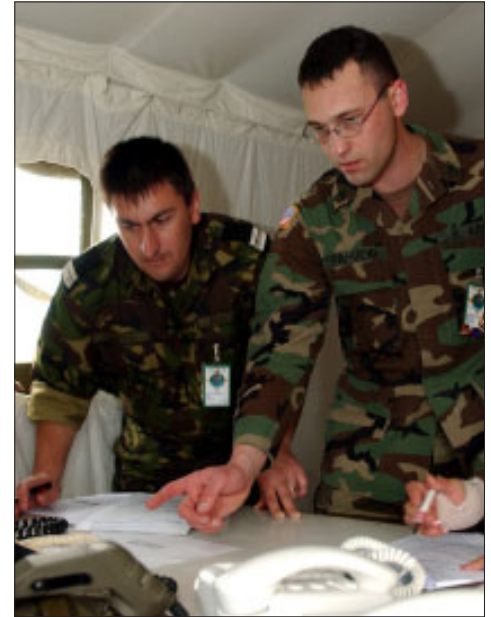
The Soldiers were additionally steeped in the lessons learned, and they helped objectively document the multinational operability of all participating countries.

"This [exercise] will impact global missions," Pahucki said. "It's an incredible experience to be a part of because it's testing for future real-world missions."

"The Romanian culture is the best part of this exercise," Pahucki said. He "enjoyed being a part of something new and meeting new people".

Staff Sgt. Ronald Williams said he feels "very lucky to be here". He explained that the classes he received at CE-05 "complement" his undergraduate studies in information science.

The 101st Soldiers received additional training on



Staff Sgt. Walter Pahucki reviews telecommunication tests with a Romanian Soldier. Photos by Tech Sgt. Andrew Rodier.

the "Promina", a piece of equipment that integrates voice and data networking systems.

Getting to see new and different equipment, having exposure to different kinds of equipment and [learning] how to fix them is a large part of this exercise's attraction, Williams said. "We can help the participants overcome issues and troubleshoot them." He added that verification tests, where they practiced various communications procedures, additionally helped them work where they "haven't worked for some time".

"These guardsmen were an integral component to the

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—Staff Sgt. Walter Pahucki
101st Signal Battalion, NYARNG

JITC," Maj. Mark Lipin, test director, said. Lipin explained that the 101st Soldiers served as "documenters of information, assisting JTIC when needed."

JITC supports today's war fighters in their efforts to manage information on and off the battlefield. Moreover, JITC evaluates information systems, which reduces risk and determines how workable equipment is in a given multinational mission.

A typical day in the JITC included field visits to verify equipment tests. The Soldiers assisted testers and helped them troubleshoot, when necessary.

"The best part is being in the field, getting involved in a test and helping the participants troubleshoot," Staff Sgt. Michael Rivera, 101st SB, said. Once a test was verified, Rivera said they entered their



Staff Sgt. Walter Pahucki, NYARNG 101st Signal Battalion technician, works with Romanian Soldiers at Combined Endeavor 2005.

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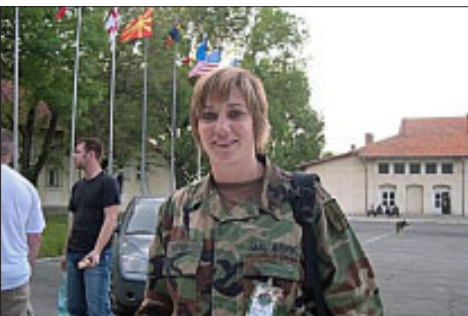


Above: Fifteen Soldiers from NYARNG's 101st Signal Battalion at Combined Endeavor 2005 stand on the Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield, Romania. Photos by Tech Sgt. Andrew Rodier.

Right: The author discusses media activities with a multinational public affairs team at Combined Endeavor 2005, Romania.



Above: Seven national flags are paraded at the forward operating base for Combined Endeavor 2005, Romania.



Staff Sgt. Cathy Ramos walks to a cultural event.



Staff Sgt. Ronald Williams crimps a communications connection.

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information into a database.

"By being testers we have seen more equipment and [had] more exposure to different kinds of equipment," Williams said. "We can see how to fix the problem and help overcome issues."

Williams said the 101st Soldiers would take home their experiences along with a new appreciation for the work countries can accomplish together; the exercise was responsible for 203 planned tests of which 165 tests were successful.

A main component to Combined Endeavor is that the

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participants have already begun to work towards next year's exercise, and plans are underway to include Soldiers from the 101st.

"The 101st will continue to be steeped in many missions across a wide spectrum," Letizia said.

At the FOB's closing ceremonies all seven national anthems were played. The 101st Soldiers repeated comments such as "Wow, are we lucky to be here" and "What an amazing experience" and "I hope we can have this opportunity again". □

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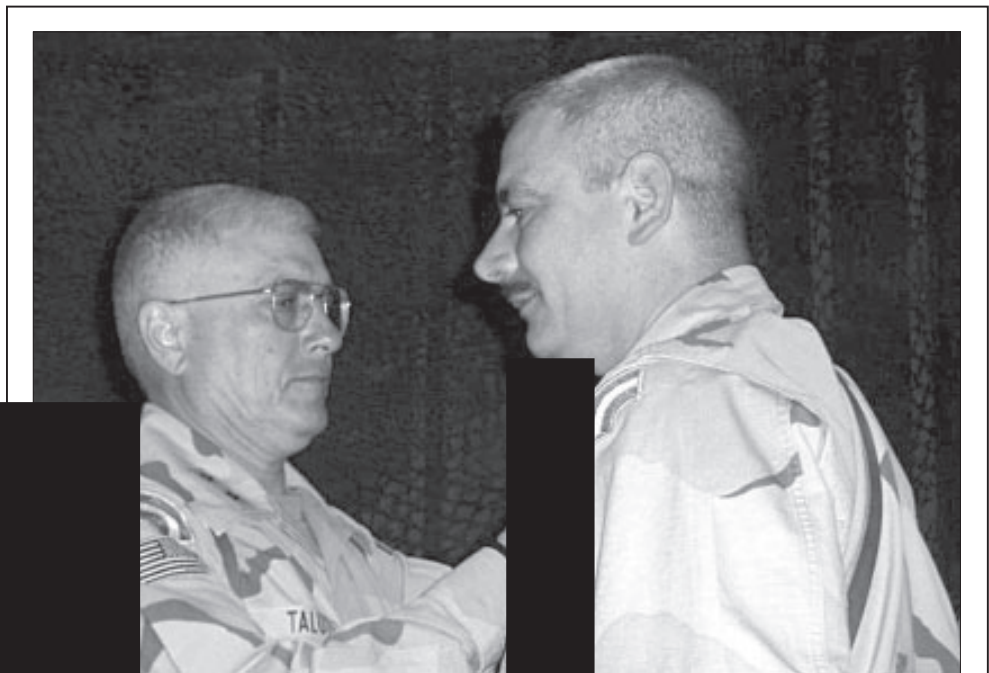
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Overseas: Mario T. Costagliola receives a promotion of Colonel from Task Force Liberty Commander Maj. [Name] at the 42nd Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Forward Operating Base Danger, [Location] on April 8. Colonel Costagliola is the operations officer for [Name] and served as a battalion commander at Ground Zero during the [Event]. Photo courtesy of Task Force Liberty.

New York Guardsman dies at Fort Dix range

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

FORT DIX, N.J.—A New York National Guard Soldier died, here, on June 24 as a result of a training accident on a Fort Dix range.

Pvt. Emil Hamar, Queens, died as a result of his injuries.

Emergency medical caregivers, DoD Police and the installation's safety office responded to the scene of an accidental explosion that occurred about 10:30 a.m. Soldiers from the post's explosive ordnance unit and Criminal Investigation Division also responded to the scene of the accident.

Hamar was part of an advanced party of troops arranging for their unit's weekend training on Fort Dix. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, Manhattan. The incident is under investigation. □



Noble homecoming: Soldiers of the 249th Air Ambulance Company, New York Army National Guard, Rochester, march from Operation Noble Eagle during their homecoming ceremony on May 22. More than 90 Soldiers deployed for more than one year of active duty. Their mission included UH-1V Iroquois emergency medical evacuation from Fort Bragg, S.C., to various military bases in the Southeastern U.S. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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SGT GOODMAN JAMMAL RASHAWN
SSG KIPPS ERROL JR
SSG LATORRE VICTOR R
SGT LESLIE ALBERT MARK
SPC VASQUEZ HERICK

105TH MP CO

SSG GRANT CURTIS ANTHONY JR
SGT HUTCHESON ERIC LEWIS
SPC NICHOLS DENNIS CHRIS
SPC THOMAS SYLVESTER
SGT ZEUGHARDT WILLIAM LEWIS JR

107TH MILITARY POLICE CO

SSG BROWN CHADE EDWARD
SSG BUTTRELL BECKI JO
SPC DALEY JOHN DAVID
SGT JOHNSTON TERRILEE
SSG MINER JOHN DAVID
SPC ROMANGILBERTH

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SSG CLEVELAND STEPHEN JEREMY
SSG GUILIAN JERRY JOSEPH
SSG HENNING KENNETH WILLIAMS
SGT KEATING MICHAEL JOHN
SGT MILLIKEN EARLEEE
SPC TUCKER JOHN JAMES JR

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SSG GOLDACKER FREDERICK KIII

108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A

SPC BYRNES JOHN RUSSELL III
SSG DELGADOR RUBEN
SGT GRIMBALL RICARDO GILBERTO
SFC GROSS JEFFREY WILLIAM
SPC HOOVLER PAUL ROBERT JR
SFC HUNT ERIC RAYMOND
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SPC PHILLIPS JAMIE JEFFERSON
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SPC MORGAN KENNETH WILLIAM JR
SPC PECHTEL RYAN ROY
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SGT CEURVELS ROBERT LOUIS
SGT LEIMKUHLER JEAN MICHAEL
CPL RANSIER DANIEL DWIGHT

SGT SEABRON RUDOLPHEVERETT
SSG SUMINGUIT ROBERT DEAN

108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC

SSG CLEMENTS PHILIP JOHN
SPC FRANKLIN GREGORY
SGT FRONK ADAM ROBERT
SPC GILLIS BRIAN JOHN
SPC GOODWIN MATTHEW JACOB
SGT HAMILTON WAYNE SPENCER
SFC HARWOOD CHARLES A
SPC KLEMISH GEORGE ANDREW
SPC MAIKELS BRUCE EDWARD
SFC NICHOLS SERIK ANDREW
SPC SIMMONS DUANE ROGER JR
SGT WILSON ROBIN JAMES JR

108 IN BN 02 HHC REAR NY

SGT AHMED SAIF UDDIN
SGT COBURN ROBERT ALAN
SSG VERSHAY KEVIN JAMES

108TH LIGHT ANTI-TANK BN

SGT ALEXANDER ROBERT JAMES JR

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SPC BARCIA PHILIP MICHAEL
SPC CRAIG CLAYTON JOHN
SGT ESTES MATTHEW CLINTON

133RD MAINTENANCE CO

SGT BENNETT HORRELL BARRINGTON
SGT CALDERON WILSON
SGT DAVIS ANTOINE FITZROY
SFC EBERT TODD RICHARD
SSG GAMA JORGE

SPC GONZALEZ ALEXANDER
SSG KANE MARTIN J JR
SSG MEDINA JOSE
SSG MUNRO RAWLE JOHN
SPC REYES JOSE EFRAIN
SFC ROBINSON CARL WALFORD
SGT ROBLES EDWIN JR
SSG SANDERS MICHAEL
SGT SMITH JEFFREY C
SSG SUCHOMEL BRIAN KEITH
SGT THOMPSON SANDRA M
SSG WALTERS CARLA
SSG WARD GARY R

1427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM TRUCK

SPC VALLE WILSON
SGT WIDMER ROBERT EUGENE
SGT ZUCHOWSKI JUSTIN MICHAEL

145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR

SPC CONWAY JOHN STEPHEN JR

145 OD CO MAINT FWD

SPC GARCIA JOSE ALBERTO
SPC GARCIA RICARDO
SGT GRIFFITH ANTHONY ANDREW
SPC JONES KEISHA LENA
SPC ORTIZ ALEXANDER
SGT ROBINSON LESLIE

145TH MAINTENANCE CO

SGT GANSER GREGORY ALFRED
SPC HARRIS CLEED LEONARD JR
SPC OWENS NINA RENE
SPC PEREZE EUGENIO VLADIMIR
SPC THOMAS XIOMARA

1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD

SGT FRANCIS RUPERT
SGT JOHN JUDY CAROL
SGT LANNAMANDENISE ADELLE

1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO

SSG BAPTISTE FITZGERALD LAWRENC
SPC HARLING HAYES ALBERTO
SSG MCBURNIE MERVYN R
SSG RICE EDWARDE

187TH ENGR CO DUMP TRUCK

SSG AYRES ANDREW NEVIN
SPC SADDLER MARVIN REGINAL
SPC WASHINGTON JAMEKO ADRIAN

199TH ARMY BAND (-)

SFC SILESS STEVEN M

204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD

SSG ORTEGA PATRICIO

204TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT

SGT RIEGEL DAVID JAMES

222D MILITARY POLICE CO

SGT MINER JACOB ANDREW
2427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM TRUCK
SGT ANTHONY RAYMOND JOHN
SSG EDWARDS MAURICE ARNOLD
SSG MONETTE THOMAS A
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 SPC SPARKS ROBERT LEE

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 SPC MONTAN RAYMOND ESTEBAN
 SSG NIBBS GARTH EMERSON
 SPC PEREZ NEFTALI

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 SPC ANDERSON ARCHIE CLEMENTE
 SGT BRADSHAW BRIAN SIDNEY
 SGT CANCEL WILLIAM
 SGT DAVIES BRYAN MICHAEL
 SSG DAVIS RANDOLPH
 CPL DUCKETT THOMAS MARCUS JR
 SGT FARIS JOHN
 SFC FIGUEROA JORGE
 SGT LESANE CRAIG MARC
 SPC MCGLYNN CHRISTOPHER JOHN
 SFC MEJIAS ADAM D
 SPC MOY LEK KENNY
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 SGT RICHEMARD REAL
 SPC SOTO JEFREY ALEXANDER
 SGT YAMBO JERRY

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 CPL SATTERWHITE INFINITE
 SGT WASEM BECK JOCELYN
 SPC WILLIAMS FREDERICK

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 SPC WALKER ERIC RICHARD

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 SPC SHARPE JOY MARIE

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369 CS HHD CORPS SPT REAR NY
 SGT KOONCE EVA JEANETTE

42 HHC HVY DIV REAR
 SGT WILLIAMS GERTRUDEM

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 SSG MARTINEZ JEFFREY RIOS

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 SPC GRIFFITH RODOLFO

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442D MILITARY POLICE CO
 SSG COLEMAN THOMAS SCOTT
 SGT CORTEZ HERMINIO
 SPC MELENDEZ LAURA MARIA

SPC RAY DANON EDWARD
 SFC REYNOLDS WAYNE FRANK
 SSG RIVERA GABINO JR
 SFC SCOTT JAMES TODD
 SFC STUART EDWYN WELLINGTON
 SPC WALSH SCOTT WILLIAM

466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT
 SSG PALMER STEPHEN FREDERICK

4TH FINANCE DET
 SGT ADAMS SIMON ROSEZAN

4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET
 SPC BRODEN MICHAEL CORY
 SGT TURNER TODD HENRY

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 SPC KAINA MARAMA HEALANI

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 SGT LOPEZ JORGE HUMBERTO

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 SFC HACKETT MARK ERIC

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 SFC VASQUEZ RUBEN

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 SSG ESCOTTO CHRISTIAN
 SGT MANGRAMAURICE RAJESH
 SPC RAMOS LUIS ANGEL
 SGT RAMOS OTTONIEL
 SGT RIVERA CARLOS JOSUE
 SGT RIVERA JOHN JR
 SSG THOMAS HOWARD JR

727TH MILITARY POLICE DET
 SFC SALCEDO MARCO ANTONIO

7TH FINANCE DET
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 SSG MACHIAVELO DANNY
 SPC MARTINEZ MANUEL ALBERTO

CO A 3-142D AVIATION
 SGT HUGHES TIMOTHY ALAN

CO A(-) 204 ENGR BN
 SGT ALEXANDER NICHOLE LEIGH
 SPC DERTINGER JOHN THOMAS JR
 SGT FRISBEE MICHAEL HUGH
 SGT KEOWN STEPHEN ANTHONY
 SGT LOPEZ RICHARD
 SPC SABIA WAYNER RICHARD JR
 SPC GEIERSBACH KURT ALLAN
 SGT REFSHER MILTON HARRY JR
 SPC THOMAS MARK DANIEL

CO B 1-108TH INF
 SSG BARKER MATTHEW WILLIAM
 SPC BURGIO LOUIS MICHAEL
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SGT WALRATH STEPHEN TRAVIS

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SSG PEARSON ANN MARIE

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SSG BEAUPIERRE FRANCIS

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PFC GUEVARA MILTON HENRY
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SGT MORALES FRANK
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DET 1 CO C 1-108TH INF
SPC COGAN COLIN STUART
SSG DONLEY DAVID WADE

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DET 1 COB 50TH MAIN SUPPORT BN
SPC WHITAKER ROBERT GEORGE ALEC

DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
SPC VELEZ JOSE CHRISTOPHER

DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARMOR
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SSG MILLHEISER JAMES CHARLES
SSG PAPA MICHAEL ANTHONY

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SPC TORRES BERNARDINO

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SGM LENZ JUSTIN CLARK

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SGM WILHELM JOHN G JR

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MAJOR

FLECKTEN, ERIC T 138 FIGHTER SQ
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CAPTAIN

ALBRECHT, THOMAS F 105 MAINTENANCE GP
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 MARTINO, MARIA T 107 AIR REFUELING WG
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 FORREST, RYAN P 107 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
 GERNAND, SHANE A 109 MISSION SUPPORT FT
 HEFTY, PETER J 174 STUDENT FT
 SMITH, KEVIN M 107 SECURITY FORCES SQ

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SALOMON, DORON A 105 AIRLIFT WG

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 BYRNE, DENNIS P 101 RESCUE SQ
 CIROLIA, WILLIAM R 106 MAINTENANCE SQ
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 BAKER, FREDERICK M JR 105 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ
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New York Naval Militia sailors speak at street intersection on April 10. The intersection of Water Street, near the South Street Seaport, along with John and John Street, were dedicated to the Navy by NYC officials; it's now called "Naval Militia Square" in honor of the NYNM.

Airman's son competes in Special Olympics

By Staff Sgt John Gassler
105th Public Affairs Office

NEWBURGH—Not everyone can say they've traveled halfway around the world to represent their country during a sports competition. For Gregory DiRoma, son of Senior Master Sgt. Paul DiRoma from the 105th Airlift Wing, who came home with a gold medal from the 2005 Special Olympic Winter World Games in Nagano, Japan, the experience gave him the chance to meet new people, have fun with a few close friends and play floor hockey for Team USA.

"I actually like baseball much better than floor hockey. Derek Jeter from the New York Yankees is my favorite player," said 13 year-old Gregory DiRoma, who was diagnosed at age four with mild autism. "I like hockey and enjoy playing, but mostly because I get to be with my friends. I also wanted to play for the Northeast Knights as part of Team USA. Not many kids can say they did that, or went to Japan. I had a really good time," he added.

Win or lose in Japan, however, Paul DiRoma couldn't be happier for his son, who scored a goal and had three assists for Team USA. Determined to play well and dedicated to his teammates, Paul said Greg faced stiff competition from teams as far away as Singapore and Syria, but never once doubted his abilities.

"Greg was the youngest player on the team and he was never away from home before. Despite these factors, and many others, he still had a great time. The whole experience, from the flight overseas to the closing ceremonies, changed his life in many ways. For example, Greg improved his social skills; he learned independence and teamwork. And for the first time in his life he showcased himself in front of a crowd. Between the athletes, spectators and everyone else, there must have been 75 thousand people at the games. I know adults that can't speak in front of small crowds, so for my son to compete at this level was truly amazing. As a father, I

couldn't be happier for him. He played well and the entire family is extremely proud," Paul said.

To help put Greg's accomplishments into perspective, one needs to understand the challenges he faces. Autism is a complex developmental disability that affects the functioning of the brain, impacting normal development of social interaction and communication skills. Children and adults with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. It's estimated that Autism affects 1 in 250 births, meaning that as many as 1.5 million Americans are believed to have some form of autism, according to the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in its *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV-TR)*.

Although autism varies from mild to severe cases, Paul said Greg is a personable kid who enjoys video games and music just like others his age. "If I had to briefly describe my son, I would say he's intelligent, fun to be around, polite and funny. He does well in school, likes to swim and even plays the viola in the school band. The wish or dream to play for Team USA in Japan couldn't have come true for a greater kid," Paul said.

With his gold medal secure, now back in the United States, Greg summed up his time in Japan as "something only very few people get to do." He also had nice things to say about his coaches and the Japanese culture in general. "I learned a lot from my trip and from my participation in the Special Olympics. Everyone over there was helpful and courteous, ready to lend-a-hand in any way they could to make our experience memorable. I'll never forget what a great time I had and I'm thankful for the opportunity to represent my country, with my friends. It was the coolest thing a kid could have done," Greg said.

Special Olympics provides individuals with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship.

Special Olympics also believes "through sports training individuals benefit socially and spiritually; families are strengthened; and the community at large, both through participation and observation, is united in understanding people with intellectual disabilities in an environment of equality, respect and acceptance. □

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MATTHEWS, JONATHAN B	107 STUDENT FT
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TIM, NICHOLAS A	107 STUDENT FT
TRIPP, DANIEL C	109 STUDENT FT
WALRATH, ISAAC J	174 STUDENT FT
WESSER, RICHARD C	107 STUDENT FT
WIGDORSKI, BRIAN M	107 STUDENT FT
WILLIAMS, TAKEYA A	174 MISSION SUPPORT FT
ZIMMER, ROBYN A	107 STUDENT FT

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LIGOTINO, SALVATORE J JR 105 MAINTENANCE SQ

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HISEL, CORY A	174 STUDENT FT
MITER, JUSTIN T	109 STUDENT FT

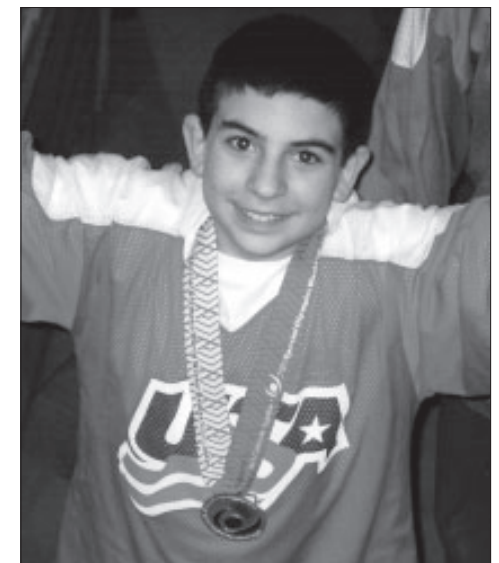
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Gregory DiRoma, son of Senior Master Sgt. Paul DiRoma displays his gold medal from the 2005 Special Olympics, Winter World Games. Gregory was part of the USA Floor Hockey Team, the Northeast Knights. Photo courtesy of the DiRoma family.

Scotia medics train for Air Expeditionary Force

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

SCOTIA—Wind gusts blast several Airmen as they load medical gear aboard a C-130 Hercules at Stratton Air National Guard Base, here. They make several trips to a nearby military pickup truck. Finally, it's all aboard. Inside the aircraft, eyes adjust to the lighting and attention shifts to a new task: preparing for combat wounded. They connect and climb litters to create a puzzling mix of aluminum posts and nylon fabric, aligned bunk-bed style, along the cargo cabin.

"We have four litter patients and two ambulatory patients," says Maj. Christine Dicaprio-Yandik, flight nurse. But there are no "real" patients to load here. It's a simulation.



An flight nurse secures a litter system, which converts the C-130 Hercules into a "flying hospital".

The training flight is one of a series that occur weekly for the New York Air National Guard's 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, which upkeeps technical skill and prepares for deployments.

The aircraft interrupts their conversations with a succession of high-pitched rings and low clunking sounds. They string up oxygen and power lines and strap gear down.

The aircraft's turboprop engines start, emitting a steady, booming hum.

Dicaprio-Yandik leans in, speaking loudly. "Before we can takeoff or load patients, oxygen and electrical systems have to be set."

The aircraft lurches forward; vibrating, shaking the fuselage, Airmen and gear.

Noise, vibration and temperature changes are some of the challenges faced on this flying hospital, says Dicaprio-Yandik. "Also, keeping patients hydrated," she yells.

The Aeromedics say their equipment is similar to a hospital's but tailored to patient needs. Both patient and technician are reliant on what's available in flight. Picking up patients in a war zone can demand a wide range of medical gear requiring a similar range of skills.

The aircraft taxis, lifts off the runway and climbs through roller coaster sized stomach-jolts of turbulence on its way to cruising altitude. Once there, it seems eerily stable, a "sweet-spot" in an endless blue sky.

"The [aircraft] commander lets us know of approaching temperature changes, turbulence and emergency situations," says Dicaprio-Yandik.

The aeromedics unbuckle and then move about the cabin checking patients and equipment. Performing double duty as a patient and observer, Dicaprio-Yandik has a simulated gun shot wound to her right arm. She is considered an ambulatory patient or "walking wounded".

Before an in-flight emergency exercise, Senior Airman Jared Semerad, one of two medical technicians on board, checks Dicaprio-Yandik's chart, assesses her condition and prepares a patient brief. Then, the cabin pressure goes out in a simulated rapid decompression. The medical team scrambles for blue "quick don" breathing masks and "walk-around" air bottles.

Their first priority is to ensure their own safety so they can assist the patients," says Dicaprio-Yandik.

The training moves to patient care. Tech. Sgt. Henry Panten walks through the cabin, passing sun-filled windows as he reads the medical chart of a litter patient. The patient, a rubberized practice dummy, has



A litter handle is secured to C-130 Hercules stanchion bracket.



Aeromedics respond to an in-flight medical emergency exercise. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

a gun shot wound to the abdomen.

"We get them to a higher echelon of care," says Panten, wearing an olive-green flight suit with a red, yellow, white and blue shoulder patch—the squadron's identifier.

Panten, the in-charge medical technician, says that combat wounded are picked up from a Mobile Air Staging Facility where they are stabilized after being evacuated.

"The MASF is basically a tent in the field, like on the TV show "MASH," says Panten, adding that a intermediary medical team determines which patients can be air-evacuated from the theatre of operations.

"It's very rewarding," he says, confessing that a lot of education and training comes with the job.

About an hour into the flight, there's another emergency. The litter patient with a gunshot wound to the leg begins to have chest pains.

The airmen quickly respond, check the patient's chart, and use a state of the art monitor called a "Zoll", which displays an irregular heart rhythm. They need a prescription for nitro glycerin. The aircraft's commander connects a mock call, with a physician on the ground, to the medical crew's headsets. The doctor provides permission to administer the medication.

In-flight communications are a valuable asset, explained Dicaprio-Yandik, because they provide the ability to obtain detailed patient histories, communicate with specialists and prescribe drugs.

"All of our training is meant to prepare us to deploy to a war area, or an area of conflict, to take care of patients," says Lt. Col. Kimberly Terpening, squadron executive officer, on the flight as an evaluator.

Terpening says the squadron has

participated in Air Expeditionary Forces, continuously deploying to Southwest Asia and Europe, since the start of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Lt. Col. Maureen Silver, flight nurse, says she has deployed twice since 2003, providing valuable "care in the air" between Afghanistan and Germany in 2003 and Kyrgyzstan in 2004.

"The training is important," says Silver. "It brings a level of familiarity with the aircraft and with the equipment used in the field." She said that regular in-flight medical training, using portable medical equipment, heightens responses to medical emergencies.

The "care in the air team" secures equipment onboard and buckles themselves in for landing. Western New York has passed beneath them on their nonstop, two-hour flight to Buffalo and back to base. □

Guard Facts: C-130 Hercules



Aeromedical Evacuation Role: Minimum medical crew of three is added (one flight nurse and two medical technicians). Medical crew may be increased to two flight nurses and four medical technicians as required by the needs of the patients.

Patient Capacity: C-130E/H: 74 litters

Primary Function: Global airlift

Contractor: Lockheed Martin

Power Plant:

C-130E: Four turboprops; 4,200 propshaft hp

C-130H: Four turboprops; 4,591 propshaft hp

Length: C-130E/H/J: 97 feet, 9 inches

Height: 38 feet, 10 inches

Wingspan: 132 feet, 7 inches

Speed: C-130E: 345 mph at 20,000 feet

C-130H: 366 mph at 20,000 feet

Marksmen shoot it out at General's competition

Spc. Richard Vogt
138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP SMITH—When it comes down to one critical Soldier skill-shooting — who's really the best? There's one way to find out: see who's on-target.

New York Army and Air National Guard Soldiers and Airmen competed with the Marine Corps Reserve for bragging rights at the 26th Annual Adjutant General's Marksmanship Competition, or "TAG Match," here on April 23 and 24.

"I think it's great extra training," said Lance Cpl. Sean Smith-Kearnan, Fox Company,

2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Albany.

The match was an entry-level shooting competition, open to all New York National Guard and Reserve units. Competitors shot the M-16 rifle, the M-60 machine gun or the 9mm pistol.

Soldiers from the 199th Army Band dominated the "John Wayne" event, where competitors shot the M-60 machine gun at hip-level. In the M-16 category, competitors shot standing, sitting and in the prone position from 100, 200 and 300 yards. There were individual and team competitions. The team competition included a shooter and spotter, who used a high-powered scope to watch the rifle's vapor trail as it's rounds approached target.

Afterwards, competitors gathered for an awards ceremony and found out who was the best and would take home one of the numerous trophies there. Organizers invited all competitors to bring new shooters to next year's competition.

If you are interested in competing in the TAG Match contact Maj. Dana Brewer at: dana.brewer@ny.ngb.army.mil. □



Shooters in the 26th Adjutant General's Marksmanship Competition shoot the 9mm pistol.

26th Annual TAG Match, RESULTS

RIFLE RESULTS:

Combat Rifle: First Place: SPC Burroughs, 342 FSB; Second Place: SGT Wells, 342 FSB; Third Place: TSGT French, 109th AW

Team Event: First Place: 109th AW: MSGT Potter/MSGT Gonzales/TSGT Bednarowski/TSGT French; Second Place: Fox Co., 25 USMCR: SSG Gwilt/LCPL Smith-Keron/LCPL Onysko/PFC Steves; Third Place: 342 FSB: WO1 Steele/SSG Gould/SPC Burroughs/PVT Woodruff

Excellence in Competition: First Place: SGT Wells, 342 FSB; Second Place: SGT Harper, 342 FSB; Third Place: SMSGT Shearer, 174th FW
Individual Grand Aggregate
First Place: SGT Wells, 342 FSB; Second Place: SPC Burroughs, 342 FSB; Third Place: SMSGT Shearer, 174th FW

Close Quarter Battle (Protective Mask Required): First Place: TSGT Bednarowski 109th AW; Second Place: MSGT Potter, 109th AW; Third Place: SPC Burroughs, 342 FSB

Close Sniper: First Place: SGT Scott, 204 EN BN

High Novice: MSGT Drake, 174 FW

PISTOL RESULTS:

Combat Service Pistol: First Place: SSGT Kuchera, 174 FW; Second Place: SSGT Grant, 152 AOG; Third Place: SPC Strickland, HQ 14th BDE

Team Event: First Place: HQ 14th BDE NYG: LTC Johnson/SGT Dubin/CPL Dubno/SPC Strickland; Second Place: 152 AOG: MAJ Comella/CPT Barbosa-Badillo/CPT Rapke/SSGT Grant; Third Place: HQ 14th BDE NYG: CPT Sullivan/MSG O'Hara/SGT Medicino/SGT Beyn

Excellence in Competition: First Place: SPC Strickland, 14th BDE; Second Place: SSGT Ashley, 174 FW; Third Place: TSGT Pingelski, 109 AW

LIGHT MACHINE GUN RESULTS:

Individual Long Range: First Place: CPL Rivera, 1/108th IN; Second Place: SPC Carbello, 427 MAINT; Third Place: SFC Gagnier, 98th DIV BAND

Individual 10 Meter: First Place: SFC Otto, 98th DIVISION BAND; Second Place: CPL Rivera, 1/108th IN; Third Place: SPC Carbello, 427 MAINT

Individual John Wayne: First Place: SFC Gagnier, 98th DIVISION BAND; Second Place: CPL Rivera, 1/108th IN; Third Place: SFC Otto, 98th DIVISION BAND



NYARNG Soldiers compete in the M-16 category at Camp Smith. Photos courtesy of Maj. Dana Brewer.

Memorial service held for Jewish-American war heroes

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

CHINATOWN, NYC—Each year, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Congregation Shearith Israel, here, honors its Jewish-American War Heroes at their Chatham Square cemetery. The 351st memorial service took place on May 22.

"The memorial service dates back to 1683," said Jewish War Heroes Veteran Corps of Artillery Maj. Allen I. Milman. "It additionally honors the memory of Capt. Mordecai Myers, a VCA Brigade Major and VCA Adjutant."

The New York State VCA has been in existence since 1790.

"VCA members have participated in every war fought by the United States," Milman said.

During the War of 1812, Myers distinguished himself in a number of engagements.

"He was seriously wounded in a Canadian engagement at 'Chrysler's Farm,'" Milman said.

Milman went on to say that Myers recovered from his wounds, entered politics and was elected to the New York State Assembly. Later, Myers moved to Schenectady where he became that city's first Jewish mayor. He was buried in Schenectady, but his mother is buried here.

At this year's ceremony, VCA Maj. Ernest F. Grunebaum, placed an American Flag on the grave of Mrs. Myers' to honor her son's memory. In addition, Paula Simmonds of the 1654 Society addressed attendees on the founding of the synagogue, in 1654, when 23 Jewish refugees landed in what was then called "New Amsterdam".

Other VCA members, including the VCA color guard, wore parade-dress uniforms patterned after U.S. Army uniforms worn during the War of 1812.

For information on the Veteran Corps of Artillery, please visit www.vca1790.org, or contact VCA Maj. Allen Milman, Veteran Corps of Artillery Public Affairs, VCA-SNY, 643 Park Avenue New York, N.Y., 10021, email: amilman@ndpadvertising.com. □



Members of the Veteran Corps of Artillery Color Guard formally honor Jewish-American War Heroes at the Chatham Square Cemetery, NYC, May 22. Their uniforms are patterned after the uniforms of the U.S. Army in 1812. Photos by Allen Milman.

Community project of fallen Soldier continued, completed

By Staff Sgt. Mike R Smith
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QUEENS—Sgt. Joseph O. Behnke left behind many things when he departed his Brooklyn home for Iraq last year.

He had his family. He had his friends. He was a carpenter and engineer for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and ran his own construction business.

Behnke was also volunteering his knowledge and time, here, building a community club at his Jamaica Armory. He had a good start into the project, having installed a restroom, before his regiment, the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment, was activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He will never return to finish the community club effort. Sergeant Behnke was killed in Baghdad on Dec. 4, 2004, when his military vehicle struck a barrier and overturned.

Still, he is responsible for its recent opening.

"After [Sergeant Behnke's] death, Soldiers of the 258th decided to complete his vision," Lt. Col. Trevor L. Jackson, battalion commander, said.

A formal ceremony was held at the Jamaica Armory on June 25 to dedicate the completed Sergeant Joseph O. Behnke Community Club.

The ceremony included a ribbon cutting with the Behnke family and benedictions by NYARNG Chaplain, Capt. James B. Collins. Guest speakers were Behnke's platoon sergeant, Master Sgt. Edwin L. Garris, New York State Command Sgt. Maj. Robert

VanPelt and Jackson.

Jackson and Sgt. 1st Class Philip R. Giordano coordinated the construction project. The room required extensive work. Volunteers had to run electrical lines, install lighting, install and repair walls, install countertops, tile floors, design seating, paint, and hang memorabilia from the Battalion.

"The majority of the carpentry was done by Spc. Leonardo Cannella," Jackson said. "Other significant help was provided by the New York Guard and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers."

Following the ribbon cutting, visitors filled the community club to see the transformation.

Just inside its double-door entrance, to the right, a framed photo of Behnke put a face to the room's name. A little further in, additional photos, news clippings and memorabilia honored Behnke's life and service. Surrounding white walls held company guidons, banners and various memorabilia. New overhead lighting—small glass shades—hung from cables anchored to the room's 12-foot ceilings. Several round, standing-height tables filled the room, and hardwood floors were restored and stained a dark-brown.

Jackson said the community club would remind visitors of Behnke and denote the unit's history as well as serve as a community-meeting place for all units housed in the armory.

"The Soldiers and the Behnke family embrace the community club and believe it is a fitting tribute," Jackson said. □



Miriam Behnke, wife of fallen New York Army National Guard Soldier, Sgt. Joseph O. Behnke, cuts a ribbon to open the community club dedicated in her husband's name at the Jamaica Armory, Queens. Sergeant Behnke, 45, Brooklyn, died Dec. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Behnke was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Larry Signer.

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