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# There's No Place Like Home

## Rainbow Division returns from Iraq mission



**Fort Drum** — Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey welcomes returning Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters Company at Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield, Fort Drum, Nov. 5. The Rainbow Division returned to the States following its transfer of authority in North Central Iraq in November. Army photo. See story on page 10.

**Plus:**  
Governor Pataki announces new Adjutant General

# Governor appoints new Adjutant General

Courtesy of the Governor's Office



Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto and Governor George E. Pataki at the State Capitol's "Red Room" following Taluto's appointment to Adjutant General. Photo courtesy of the Governor's Office.

**ALBANY** — Governor George E. Pataki announced Jan. 23 that he has appointed Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto to the position of the Adjutant General of the State of New York. The Adjutant General heads the State Division of Military and Naval Affairs and is commander of the State's military forces, including the New York Air and Army National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and the volunteer New York Guard.

Taluto succeeds Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire, Jr., who officially retired from military service in November. "Major General Taluto has proven himself to be a strong and decisive leader throughout his 40 years of service to our State and nation," Governor Pataki said. "With his capable leadership and proven command experience, I am confident that this highly decorated combat veteran will continue to successfully lead New York's military forces well into the 21st century."

"Our State will greatly benefit from the proven command experience, dedication, and qualifications that Major General Taluto brings," the Governor said.

Major General Joseph J. Taluto said "Governor Pataki has been a long-time supporter of the State's military forces, recognizing the relevance, reliability and readiness of our New York National Guard. I thank Governor Pataki for this tremendous opportunity to continue serving the people of New York State and the thousands of outstanding members of our State Militia who serve our communities, State and nation."

Major General Taluto began his career as a commissioned officer in the New York Army National Guard in 1968 following his graduation from the Empire State Military Academy's Officer Candidate School. After initial assignments in the New York State Area Command, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion 210th Armor as a Liaison Officer in 1971. Over the next nine years, he held a number of assignments in that battalion. He has served as the Security, Plans, and Operations Officer in the 27th Support Center (RAO) from 1980 to 1983, and was assigned as Operations Officer, Headquarters Troop Command in 1983.

He went on to assume the Chief of Staff position at Troop Command Headquarters in 1986 and was promoted to the rank of Colonel in September 1988. In November 1989, he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 42nd Infantry Division, and subsequently served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the State Area Command, then Chief of Staff of the State Area Command, and Deputy Commander of the 27th Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division. He returned to the 42nd Infantry Division as Chief of Staff in June 1995. Following his promotion to general officer in 2001 he assumed the duties of Deputy Commander for Maneuver.

He commanded the mobilization of the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division – known as Task Force Liberty – which provided a foundation for the Army to build a combat task force for operations in Iraq. Division Soldiers provided the command and control, logistics and operational base for combat brigades to succeed in this overseas mission. The Rainbow Division deployment to Iraq marked the first combat deployment of a National Guard division headquarters since the Korean War.

Taluto is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Armor Officer Advance Course, US Army Command and General Staff College, United

## GUARD NOTES

### National Guard's 2006 Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous Essay Contest

The National Guard Bureau announced a unique opportunity for the youth of America: high school juniors or seniors by August 2006 are eligible to participate in the National Guard's Youth Rendezvous essay contest. Ten students from each state and territory will be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and earn an all-expenses-paid trip to North Dakota August 13-18.

"Throughout its involvement in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, the National Guard has emphasized the educational applications of this extraordinary American adventure. To culminate its involvement in the Bicentennial, the National Guard is sponsoring this Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous. By way of an essay contest, our nation's high school junior and seniors will be afforded the opportunity to compete for one of the 540 spots in this immersion into history. The Lewis and Clark Expedition will come alive through a week-long series of events and activities in the Bismarck, North Dakota area," said Steven L. Stearns, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration project officer.

Students need to write a Lewis and Clark focused-essay in order to be a state finalist. Through multiple activities and events, selected students will follow the Lewis and Clark trail, experience American Indian culture of yesterday and discover military history firsthand.

The Lewis and Clark-focused essay needs to address the following question: "In your opinion, what military value most describes the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery journey and why?" (Military values are outlined on the website below.) The essay must be a minimum of 1,000 words, but not more than 1,500 words; and can be submitted online or by mail and must be received midnight Feb. 28.

Students will be immersed in the experience by walking in the footsteps of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Through multiple activities and events, selected students will follow the Lewis and Clark trail, experience American Indian culture of yesterday and discover military history firsthand.

The hands-on activities and events will take place throughout western North Dakota. The adventure will showcase daily activities of the original Lewis and Clark expedition that will create a unique educational opportunity. To submit an essay or learn more about planned events, activities and essay contest rules, go to [www.lcyouthrendezvous.com](http://www.lcyouthrendezvous.com).

### Standard Federal ID to replace Common Access Cards

A new, standardized identification card is being developed for all federal employees.

The new card will replace the common access cards that military personnel, government civilians and contractors now hold, said Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

The new cards will look much the same as CACs, with a few changes, Dixon said. The color scheme of the card will be different, and more information will be embedded in the card, she said.

The added information on the card will be a biometric of two fingerprints, to be used for identification purposes, and a string of numbers that will allow physical access to buildings, Dixon said.

The biggest change on the new cards will be the addition of wireless technology, which will allow the cards to be read by a machine from a short distance away, Dixon said. This will make the new cards much easier to use for access to buildings than CACs, which must be swiped through a reader, she said.

The new cards themselves will not be enough to grant access to all federal buildings, Dixon said. Rather, they will be checked against each building's database to determine if an individual has access.

One benefit of the new cards will be that each individual will have to meet the same security standards to get the card, so there is a level of confidence implied, Dixon said.

A prototype of the new card is being developed now and will be finalized in the next couple months, Dixon said. The cards will be issued to all military personnel, government civilians and qualified contractors. In the Defense Department, all employees should have the new cards within three and a half years, she said. A timeline has not been set for the rest of the federal government.

## Army Leaders seek 'Soldier Help' to inform the American People

From the Editor

**WASHINGTON** -- Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Peter Schoomaker is asking Soldiers to speak out at home in order to improve public understanding of the Army's mission in Iraq.

The general issued a message force-wide endorsing recent comments made by Gen. John P. Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, asking personnel who have returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom to engage the American people by telling the story of what is really happening on the ground.

"This is as clear as it can be stated - please get these words out to all of the men and women in your organizations. I encourage you to personally carry this message to the American People. As Soldiers, we have the most credible voices in America. We need to lead the way," said Gen. Schoomaker.

General Abizaid, whose responsibilities include military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, spoke to a class at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island recently. The audience was mostly comprised of mid-grade to senior military officers, the majority of whom had already served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Expressing amazement in the lack of public understanding he encounters as he goes around the country and testifies before Congress, Gen. Abizaid said that questions he gets from some in Congress convince him there is a perception

that the U.S. is being pushed out of Iraq and Afghanistan, which is in stark contrast to the reality on the ground.

He is very impressed by the morale, confidence and pride that troops and junior leaders express about their accomplishments. They are confident that they are capable of defeating the enemy, he said.

"You will never see a headline in this country about a school opening or a power station being built and coming on line, or a community doing well," he said. "Only the negative things get coverage in the media." He then asked those in the audience to speak out when they go home and tell the American people what they really need to hear. If they don't get the word out, the American people will not know what is really happening.

General Abizaid then outlined the reality that he sees as CENTCOM commander. The insurgency is in four of 18 provinces in Iraq, not all 18. You do not hear about the 14 provinces where there is no insurgency and where things are going well. The insurgency in Afghanistan is primarily in Kandahar province (home of the Taliban) and in the mountain region on the Pakistani border. The rest of the country is doing well.

Iraq now has over 200,000 soldiers and police under arms and growing, he said. They are starting to eclipse the US and coalition forces. There are more than 70,000 soldiers under the moderate government in Afghanistan and growing.

The general predicted that the insurgencies in the four Sunni provinces in Northern and Central Iraq and in Southwestern Afghanistan will be there for the foreseeable future, but will eventually become small enough so moderate governments can control them.

He feels that 2006 will be a transition year in Iraq and that will see Iraqi forces shouldering much more of the mission. "This is necessary to bring stability to Iraq. We need to be fewer in numbers and less in the midst of the

people for the moderate Iraqi government to succeed," said Gen. Abizaid.

The primary enemy is not the insurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan, he added. It is al Qaida and their ideology. "We are at a period now that is similar to the 1920s where Communism and Nazism had not taken hold in Russia and Germany," Abizaid said.

"The ideology of al Qaida is out there and it has not taken hold in any country in the Middle East. We need to make sure that it does not and we are doing that, but it will be a long problem with a long commitment," he said.

With reference to public discussion, Abizaid said there seems to be a focus on things done wrong, like past incidences at Abu Ghraib prison, instead of talking about the enemy - al Qaida.

"We need to talk about this enemy," said the general. "Al Qaida is all over the world. Their goal is to get the U.S. out of the region and come to power in the Islamic countries. From there, their goal is to establish a Caliphate (under a single Islamic ruler) that goes from the Atlantic in North Africa to Indonesia in the Pacific. Fifty years after this happens, their goal is to rule the rest of the world," said Abizaid.

"Al Qaida has no belief that they can defeat us militarily. They see our center of gravity as being the will of the American People - that is influenced by the media and they are playing to that," said Abizaid.

According to him the enemy's plan is to erode the will power of the American people through the media in an effort to convince them that the U.S. cannot win. "This would be tragic for our country," said Abizaid.

Abizaid stressed that the battle against al Qaida will not primarily be waged by the military. It will require political, economic, and ideological aspects. It will also require the international community to fight, too. "We

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## New State Command Chief Warrant Officer selected

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
Guard Times Staff

**LATHAM** — Chief Warrant Officer Mark R. Wilkinson was selected by Acting The Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. F David Sheppard as the Command Chief Warrant Officer of the New York Army National Guard Dec. 1, here.

Wilkinson's selection follows the retirement of Chief Warrant Officer Karen Roberts, who served as State Command Chief Warrant Officer and retired from military service.

"Please congratulate Mark for his selection to this important position," Sheppard said.

As New York's Command Chief Warrant Officer, Wilkinson now serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General on all actions concerning the state's Warrant Officer Corps, Sheppard said. His responsibilities include professional career management; recruitment, training, assignment and mentoring of all state warrant officers. Wilkinson will additionally serve as a member of the National Warrant Officer

Advisory Committee representing all Army National Guard warrant officers.

"We are extremely pleased with Chief Wilkinson's performance record including his demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and are glad to have him on board with us in the Office of The Adjutant General," Sheppard said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Warrant Officer Corps and will serve well in his new capacity as Command Chief Warrant Officer."

Command Chief Warrant Officer Wilkinson joined the military in 1969 and received his commission in the active duty Army. His service included flight school, assignment with the 1<sup>st</sup> Army Flight Detachment, and service in Vietnam as a RU-8D Seminole twin-engine pilot for the 146th Aviation Company.

Wilkinson left the Army in 1972 as a first lieutenant. He joined the New York Army National Guard in 1976 and in 1983 reverted to the Army Warrant Officer Corps and earned a full-time Active Guard



Command Chief Warrant Officer Mark Wilkinson, right, and Chief Warrant Officer Jacqueline O'Keefe discuss recruitment. Photo by Master Sgt. Corrine Lombardo.

Reserve position as a C-12 Huron commander, I had good Soldiers to work with and a good mission," Wilkinson said. "What I enjoyed most, though, were the opportunities to go out and help the State's citizens, when we flew supplies to our Guard members during the State's three-week prison strike or when we supported the State's 1994 ice storm recovery

"Enjoyed my time as detachment

operations, upstate."

Wilkinson thanked General Sheppard and the State's senior leadership for his appointment and their confidence in him. Wilkinson said he is currently learning his role as an effective advisor and manager of the Warrant Officer Corps.

Currently, there are nearly 150 Warrant Officers in the NYARNG serving as pilots and technicians of more than 265 positions authorized. On average, it takes potential warrant officers two years to fully qualify in their areas of expertise. The Army is currently offering affiliation and appointment bonuses up to \$6000 for many of the State's Warrant Officer Corps vacancies.

"There is so much to learn in this job," Wilkinson said. "We have quality individuals and a good foundation in our State's Army Warrant Officer Corps. Recruiting the State's best into our fold will be my continuing challenge and goal," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson is a native of New York, NY. He and his wife have one child. □

# South African National Defense College visits New York

By Maj. Richard Sloma  
State Partnership Program Coordinator

**LATHAM** — The New York National Guard hosted fifteen visiting members Nov. 3 – 4 from the South African National Defense College's Executive National Security Program.

The group was part of a larger class of 36 individuals, which arrived in Washington in late October.

The Executive National Security Program is the most senior level of professional education available for members of the South African National Defense Forces. It prepares members for top-level defense posts, and its course-work includes a one-week foreign study at one of South Africa's strategic partners.

The larger class visiting the United States consisted of South African military officers, National Defense College staff, one civilian from the South African Department of Defense, three officials from defense related industries, and five military officers from the African nations of Burundi, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia. The class divided into three groups to visit Colorado's Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Maryland's Naval Academy at Annapolis and New York's Military Academy at West Point.

Among the fifteen members who arrived in New York were five general officers: Brig. Gen. Erroll Mann, Commandant of the South African National Defense College; Brig. Gen. Vusumuzi R. Masondo; Brig. Gen. Lulu L. Siwisa; Brig. Gen. Tanduxolo R. Mandela, South African Defense Attaché; and Brig. Gen. Cyprien Hakiza, Burundi Defense Force. Three members of the New York Army National Guard served as escorts: Lt. Col. Christian P. Bradley, Acting Director, Government Affairs Office; Maj. Richard J. Sloma, SPP Coordinator; and 1st Lt. Jemal L. Douté.

The group visited a number of locations in Manhattan. One of their visits was to New York City Police Department Headquarters. Two NYPD police officers, who are traditional guardsmen, assisted. Police Sergeant Justin Lenz — an operations sergeant major in the 104th Military Police Battalion, Kingston — met the group to discuss his duties as a police supervisor. Chief Tom Sweeney — a retired lieutenant colonel from the 53rd Troop Command, Valhalla — greeted them at One Police Plaza and gave a presentation on how the NYPD selects and trains its officers. Both Sweeney and Lenz explained how traditional guardsmen manage to successfully balance their military and civilian careers. The ENSP members additionally toured the New York Stock Exchange and concluded their day with a visit to Ground Zero.

The following day the group had a magnificent view of the Hudson River as they took the train northward to visit the U.S. Military Academy and the 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base.



Visiting ENSP participants and 105th Airlift Wing Guard members stand in front of a C-5 Galaxy at Stewart Air National Guard Base.



Visitors enjoy a tour of the C-5 Galaxy, the military's largest aircraft.

Brig. Gen. Michael Swezey, Commanding General, NYARNG, and Col. Harry McDonough, Joint Forces Headquarters met the group upon their arrival at West Point. As a graduate of the Military Academy, Swezey shared his memories as a cadet there.

Brig. Gen. Dana Demand, 105AW Commander, and Col. Charles Faro, 105AW Vice Commander, met the African officers at Stewart ANGB. Also in attendance was Capt. Timothy Coleman, a 105AW Guard member who served as New York's first Bilateral Affairs Officer, European Command Office of Cooperation, South Africa, from January 2004 to March 2005. After a C-5 Galaxy tour — given by the aircraft's crew and maintenance personnel — Demand and Swezey exchanged mementos with the Executive National Security Program members. RSA Brigadier General Mann presented the New York National Guard with a plaque on behalf of the South African National Defense College and in appreciation of the hospitality throughout the trip. He commented that the visit had “afforded a better understanding of South Africa's strategic partner.” □



Maj. Michael McDermott, U.S. Military Academy, speaks to the ENSP participants above the Hudson River during a tour of the academy at West Point. Photos by Maj. Rich Sloma.

# National Media features N.Y. Soldiers' Iraq service

## Guard members the focus of NBC, CBS and History Channel coverage

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

**LATHAM** – Members of the New York Army National Guard were featured in prominent network news and documentary programs seen nationwide in the November-December time frame. The programs have earned high praise from both civilian and military audiences that tuned in.

### NBC News: Tom Brokaw Reports

A one-hour NBC News special entitled “Tom Brokaw Reports: To War and Back,” was broadcast on Sunday evening December 18<sup>th</sup>. It focused on members of Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry and their experience as a “Band of Brothers” in

Operation Iraqi Freedom. The special received considerable pre-broadcast promotion on NBC network news programs, including the Today Show, NBC Evening News, The Tonight Show, even the Daily Show on Comedy Central with the personal appearance of veteran news anchor Tom Brokaw who hosted and narrated the documentary. Similarly, The New York Daily News and other newspapers published pre broadcast reviews. News organizations from the capital district also promoted the program as follow on coverage to earlier reports during the documentary’s 10-month production period. Adding to the impact of the program was the timing of the premier in the time slot immediately ahead of a special nationwide address by the President of the United States regarding the War in Iraq.

### CBS 60 Minutes

On Sunday Nov. 5, CBS 60 Minutes ran a story entitled “The Baghdad Airport Road,” which reported on the efforts of NY’s Fighting 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry in securing the most dangerous road in Iraq. Reporter Lara Logan and a film

crew embedded with the 69<sup>th</sup> in August prior to the unit’s redeployment home in the September time frame. Through in depth interviews with task force members from New York and Louisiana, including the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Geoff Slack, viewers learned about the dangers and challenges the Soldiers of Task Force Wolfhound faced daily and the extraordinary efforts they put forth. The report also referred to the 69<sup>th</sup>’s central role at Ground Zero in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, which is considered to be the opening moments of the global war on terror.

### History Channel Documentary

A one-hour History Channel documentary on the History of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve was broadcast Nov. 10, the eve of Veterans Day. The program made considerable use of video footage provided by the state headquarters and Sgt. John Byrne and Spec. Ray Ramirez, both Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry, as well as recently returned members

of the Fighting 69<sup>th</sup> still out-processing from active duty at Fort Dix, N.J. were among those interviewed. By clearly highlighting the National Guard’s state emergency response role, the program was able to articulate the mission difference between the Guard and the Reserve.

### Important Stories Told Well

Taken together, the reports offer in depth understanding of the Guard’s Homeland Defense and federal wartime role that is rarely conveyed in most news reports. Viewers were able to see, in context, the service of New York Army National Guard Soldiers from Ground Zero to the Sunni Triangle and then home. Public response shared with the state headquarters public affairs office has been extremely positive in that the stories were generally seen as accurate, balanced and true. In addition, the Soldiers who participated expressed satisfaction that they were given the chance to tell their team story and were pleased, in their own words that “for once” the press got it right. □

## ‘Just another day at work’ for the 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing

By Capt. Matthew Bates  
Air Force Print News

**LONG ISLAND** — Tred Barta claims to be one of the “best big game fishermen in the world,” with a reputation for doing things the hard way.

His blunt talk and nonconformist style has made him a popular, if controversial, star of the television show, “The Best and Worst of Tred Barta,” and he’s teamed up with an elite Air Force pararescue unit for the show’s season premiere.

Mr. Barta used to be irritated by the sight of the aircraft from the 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, the unit close to his home in Long Island, New York. He’d often see HH-60 Pave Hawks and C-130 Hercules flying overhead before he’d set off on his fishing expeditions 100 miles off the Long Island shore.

“Down on the dock . . . at the marina, we’d see (them flying) and say to ourselves, ‘There they go again, burning American tax dollars.’”

But filming the show and seeing the men and women of the 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing perform their job, “like it was just another day at work,” changed his mind.

The famed unit has been performing rescue missions since 1975, saving mostly fisherman and recreational boaters who found themselves in dangerous situations in the Atlantic Ocean. The 106<sup>th</sup> was at the center of the book and Hollywood movie “The Perfect Storm,” which chronicled the heroic attempt of pararescuemen to save fishermen caught in a



A Helicopter Landing Signalman directs 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Airmen, piloting a HH-60 Pavehawk. Photo courtesy of the 106RW.

treacherous Nor’easter. Most recently, they saved more than 160 people from their rooftops in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In all, the unit has saved 464 people.

Mr. Barta and Mark Freedman, the show’s executive producer, thought an episode on boater safety could be entertaining and save lives if it was done right. On any given Sunday, they say, there are about 3,000 boats off the New

York and New Jersey coast, and accidents are bound to happen.

Mr. Freedman said the idea for the show came from asking himself a simple question: “If my boat sank off shore, what would I do?”

“I’ve got a life raft and read all the books about safety. But would I follow the checklists in an emergency, would I panic? I had no idea what would happen if I had to abandon ship at sea,” he said.

Mr. Barta loved the idea, and they went to the 106<sup>th</sup> to ask for their help in simulating a real life emergency rescue operation at sea.

“We were completely on board in helping with this episode,” said Col. Mike Canders, the wing commander. “All too often we see boaters and fisherman ill-prepared for emergencies at sea. Many tragedies could be avoided if people would heed the advice given in this episode and have a plan.”

“What started as a possibility to pick up a guy off shore turned into an unbelievable shoot that lasted six days of actual filming,” Mr. Freedman said.

Before filming started in October, it took Mr. Freedman four months of planning with the wing to work out all of the necessary details.

Filming a television show is hard enough, but re-creating a search and rescue scenario takes careful coordination. Seven cameramen had to shoot from air and sea, all under the watchful eye of pararescuemen supervising every aspect of the shoot. The footage was all shot in high-definition, including jaw-dropping footage by one of the unit’s own pararescuemen, Master Sgt. Jules Roy, as he jumped backwards out of a C-130 to the “shipwrecked” crew below.

“This episode captures the intensity of a potential real life harrowing situation,” said Marc Fein, Outdoor Life Network’s senior vice president of programming and production. “Tred is great television—whether he is teaching us about surviving a catastrophe at sea or hunting mallards with a long bow.”

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## New rules reinforce Guard, Reserve reemployment protections

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON**—The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is lauding a Dec. 16 Labor Department announcement that it's issuing rules clarifying reemployment rights for citizen-soldiers as a major step forward for Guardsmen, Reservists and their civilian employers.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao announced final rules interpreting the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act that helps ensure job security for reserve-component members returning to civilian life from military duty. The rules will be published Dec. 19 in the Federal Register.

Speaking at the National Press Club here, Chao noted that this is

the first time since the law's passage in 1994 that regulations have been developed to enforce it. The rules are particularly critical now, she said, when the United States has the largest group of mobilized National Guard and Reserve members since World War II. Since 9/11, almost 530,000 reserve-component members have been mobilized, many for more than a year of duty.

The new rules, drafted in an easy-to-read question-and-answer format, explain how the USERRA law protects against discrimination and retaliation because of military service and prevents servicemembers from job setbacks due to performing their military obligations. The law also ensures that Guard and Reserve members have ample time to report back to their civilian jobs after completing

their military duty.

"Our citizen-soldiers put themselves in harm's way to defend our freedoms, and now it's our turn to be there for them," Chao said. "These regulations will ensure that the seniority, promotion, health care, pensions and other benefits of our citizen-soldiers are protected when they return home to the jobs they left to serve our country."

Air Force Maj. Rob Palmer, a public affairs officer for the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, said putting teeth behind the USERRA law benefits citizen-soldiers as well as their employers. "Anything that makes it easier for Guard and Reserve members to work with their employers and understand their rights and responsibilities under the law is a benefit to everyone,"

he said.

With more than 50 percent of the military's manpower in the reserve components, employer support is critical to U.S. national security, Palmer said.

But making the relationship work "is not a one-way street," he said, noting that Guardsmen and Reservists also have responsibilities under USERRA.

Among those responsibilities is keeping their employers informed about their military commitments. "We encourage Guard and Reserve members to communicate early and often with their employers about upcoming military obligations," Palmer said.

Thanks largely to efforts by the Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and solid support from employers, work-related complaints from

returning Guard and Reserve members are down 30 percent since their last major deployment, in the early 1990s.

During Operation Desert Storm, one in 54 demobilized troops filed work-related complaints with the Labor Department, officials said. During the war on terror, the rate has dropped to one in 81.

Officials hope this trend will continue and see the new USERRA rules as a big step toward that end.

Other Labor Department initiatives also are expected to help. These include providing briefings to more than 270,000 servicemembers and others about the law, responding to more than 36,000 requests for technical assistance and publishing information about the final notice on the department's web site. □



Lt. Col. Tammy Mandwelle, right, and Capt. Jude Maulvey, HHC 42nd Infantry Division, listen to a child's question at Bell Top Elementary School, East Greenbush. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

## Students cheer returned Troops

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
Guard Times Staff

**EAST GREENBUSH**—The teachers said the assembly was unusually quiet. The elementary school children were fixated on two New York National Guard Soldiers dressed in desert camouflage uniforms and equipped with photos, video and foreign mementos.

Soldiers from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division visited Bell Top Elementary School, here, Dec. 2 to share their experiences in Iraq with the entire student body.

Lt. Col. Tammy Mandwelle and Capt. Jude Mulvey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, gave a presentation on the division's Iraq deployment to include the Iraqi people encountered in its area of operation.

"The presentation was a big success," Mandwelle said. "The teachers and parents said 'you could have heard a pin drop' as the children watched and listened."

The children filled the school's auditorium as Mandwelle and Mulvey introduced themselves and dimmed the lights for several minutes of narrated video footage of the division in Iraq. After the video, the Soldiers talked about their individual roles. Then they told the assembly how to distinguish from the military's different service uniforms. Finally, many hands went up, and the Soldiers answered a barrage of questions from curious children. But speaking about Iraq with

elementary school children posed a unique challenge.

"The first thing most children ask is 'have you ever killed anyone'," Mandwelle said. "We told the children straight away that we had not and that we did not want to discuss such topics."

Instead, the Soldiers focused on the benefits of the division's OIF service and how they provided fresh water, rebuilt roads and helped replace the country's infrastructure. They mentioned how the division trained Iraqi soldiers and police to protect the country's budding democracy. And they spoke of the relations and interactions they had with the local communities and children.

"It's information they do not receive much in the news," Mandwelle said.

The New York Army National Guard's 42<sup>nd</sup> ID mobilized in May 2004 for Operation Iraqi Freedom III, and their division took command in Tikrit, Iraq, in February 2005. The division transferred command to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in November and returned home.

"These children sent care packages and holiday treats to us during our deployment, and we were very happy to thank them in person," Mandwelle said.

That evening, at a local Boy Scouts meeting, parents were sharing stories their children brought home about the "real Soldiers" who visited their school, Mandwelle said. "They

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# Quick Response

## Guard teams join for mass-casualty, WMD exercise

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy McCracken,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Fires  
Guard Times Staff

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — A controversial figure was speaking at Skidmore College when, suddenly, the audience fell ill. Some in the audience were able to call for help while others succumbed to an unknown agent and collapsed. Emergency responders faced this challenging scenario in a recent exercise, here.

New York National Guard and New York Guard members participated in an emergency response exercise Nov. 5 to practice, test and train with civilian responders.

The multi-agency exercise included members of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, New York State Police, Saratoga Springs' Police and Fire Departments, Saratoga County Sheriffs Office, Emergency Medical Services Council and Hazardous Material Team, Skidmore's Campus Safety Office,



An exercise volunteer is decontaminated. Photos by Sgt. Ed Balaban.



Guard members prepare to enter a building suspected of NBC contamination.

administrative officials and area volunteers.

The Guard had two specialized teams on site: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team (CST) and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package team (CERFP). Both teams carry out substantial roles in supporting civilian response.

"Both of these teams work for the [civilian] incident commander by advising, assisting and facilitating them, they do not take over a scene," said Army Col. Donald Britten, Division of Military and Naval Affairs Homeland Defense Director.

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### The Guard's response teams quickly setup an array of equipment tents and trailers ...

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The autumn day was warm and sunny. The Guard's response teams quickly setup an array of equipment tents and trailers on a leaf-covered parking lot. Select Guard members donned protective suits, rubber boots, gloves and breathing apparatus. Their setup included the CST's high-tech mobile lab and communications vehicles.

The CST, commanded by Army Maj. Matthew Cooper, is comprised of New York Army and Air National guardsmen. Their mobile lab can identify an array of radiological, biological or chemical agents, and they can communicate with laboratories across the country through their transportable satellite system. Additionally, their equipment includes a portable decontamination station. With all this capability at their disposal, the

team can inform and empower incident commanders faced with life and death decisions.

During the exercise, volunteer "victims" were directed to decontamination stations, which included a chilly cold-water wash down by CERFP members. If victims were unable to walk, they were brought to safety on flexible toboggan-like litters called "Skedcos".

"The CERFP specializes in mass casualty response," Britten said.

Commanded by Army Maj. Pete Goetchius, who oversees a highly trained joint militia of New York Guard, New York Army National Guard and New York Air National Guard, the CERFP team can mobilize in short notice to extract and treat large numbers of people.

Britten said the New York Guard, an all-volunteer state militia, plays a "large role in the CERFP."

"We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the New York Guard ... they do a great job for us," Britten said.

"We go down range and remove casualties to a [triage] point, which may be as simple as directing people out of harm's way or in other cases using litters," Goetchius said.

2nd Lt. Thor Johannessen, Officer in Charge of the extraction element, said that rescue situations can require breaching or shoring structures to extract people, which means team members have knowledge in rescue rope systems to raise or lower victims.

Members of both specialized teams said they are ready, reliable and relevant to the state's homeland defense and emergency response. This includes their Federal Emergency Management Agency region of responsibility, which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. □

# New Youth Program looking for Kids

By Master Sgt. Corine L. Lombardo  
Guard Times Staff

**LATHAM**— In many instances, children of National Guard personnel are dealing with challenges and issues that vary drastically from the everyday struggles faced by most children growing up today.

For children with loved ones away from home, whether deployed abroad in support of the Global War on Terror, state emergencies or long periods of training, the challenges of separation can be immense. With so many lifestyle changes taking place during a deployment, these challenges, fears and issues don't necessarily disappear just because a loved one returns home. Everyday childhood concerns such as peer pressure, bullying, divorce and sibling rivalry can have an impact and be difficult to deal with.

To help, the New York National Guard Family Program began a youth program in 2005 to support the unique needs of military children and provide recreational, social and educational programs for National Guard youth. The new program is designed to identify problems and concerns of military youth, and provide opportunities and activities to deal with these challenges. Most notably of these is support to kids coping with stress related to deployment.

The program is working to create community support networks for youth with deployed parents, collaborating with schools to ensure staff are attuned to the unique needs of military students and educating the public on the impact of deployment on Soldiers, families, children



Young adults participate in an annual youth symposium in Boston, Mass., where participants were trained on ways to help children of deployed National Guard members cope with separation issues. Photos courtesy of the New York National Guard Youth Program.

and the community as a whole.

Since the program began in New York in mid-2005, more than 60 children have participated in activities offered through the program. Getting the word out to kids depends on Guard members sharing program information and opportunities with their children.

The New York program is still in its infancy and continues to grow. "It can only get better with kids' participation. We don't know what they need unless they tell us," said Shelly Aiken, the newly appointed New York National Guard Youth Program Coordinator.

"We are all very excited to bring some fun and exciting programs to our military youth," said Aiken, adding, "our biggest hurdle right now is establishing our Youth Council. We are looking for kids who want to help make a difference in the lives of our military teens and youth."

The program is youth driven and will be run by the kids through their own youth council.

Nine council positions are available and the program is actively looking for teens to fill them. The council President is a two-year appointment and will act as the state representative, speaking on behalf of the youth program. An additional eight positions are available for one-year appointments. The council members will act as peer educators and work to incorporate youth into National Guard activities. Other responsibilities include involvement in camp counseling, family readiness group activities and fund raising for program initiatives, all in an

environment that stresses having fun and meeting new friends. Quarterly meetings and coordination will be accomplished primarily through email, phone and video conferencing when possible, so geographical distances won't hinder applicants. Some travel is involved and the youth program pays for all expenses. Deadline for applications to the Youth Council is June 2006 and specific information is on the web site at [www.proudnymilitarykids.org](http://www.proudnymilitarykids.org).

According to Aiken, the youth program is partnering with reputable organizations that currently assist youth. "We are working with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Inc., to help children with deployed parents," said Aiken. The program is also working to establish youth camp opportunities in partnership with the National Guard, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4H organization, health and fitness programs and peer mentor/tutor programs. "It is great for kids to have an outlet to share their experiences and solutions to individual problems," said Aiken.

Involvement in the various program opportunities is based at the discretion of the child and parent. Interest and participation in events and activities is generated primarily through the program newsletter and website, leaving participation choices.

Children are also encouraged to contribute their thoughts and ideas through a monthly newsletter and program web site. The newsletter provides great activities, such as art and writing contests

and numerous safe web sites for fun and educational activities. One program involves pairing up children as pen pals, so they can share stories about military life and learn different cultures from around the globe. Currently 45 students from grades two through 12 have received pen pals reaching worldwide. The program remains ongoing and open to anyone interested in participating.

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— Shelly Aiken  
Youth Program Coordinator

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For parents, the newsletter focuses on a myriad of information, from advice on effective communication with children and normal adolescent development, childcare opportunities, web site information for referral services and scholarship programs, to name a few.

"The New York National Guard Family Program is prepared to provide the resources necessary to make this a success but adult volunteer participation is needed," said Aiken, adding, "what better way to grow as a family than involvement

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Jessica and Rachel Turner of Liverpool display stuffed animals they received from MilitaryKids.org, an organization that supports the New York National Guard Youth Program. Additional items in the program's "Hero Packs" include letter writing materials and a disposal camera, which the Turner girls will use to keep in touch with their father, Staff Sgt. Ralph Turner who is deployed to Iraq with the 138<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. Both girls have been paired up with other dependent pen pals through the Youth program.



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States Air Force Air-Ground Operations School Battle Staff Course, National Defense University Reserve Components National Security Course, National Guard Executive Seminar on Quality, US Army Logistics Management College ORSA Analytical Skills Development Course, and the US Army War College.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass device, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, and various State awards. □

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must not let al Qaida get hold in any country. It will result in our worst nightmare. Picture life in Afghanistan under the Taliban — that is what Al Qaida's ideology has as a goal," said Gen. Abizaid.

"If you look at the geography (of al Qaida), there is no place to put a military solution. They are networked and they are all over the world. They are a virtual organization connected by the Internet. They use it to proselytize, recruit, raise money, educate and organize," the general explained. "They have many pieces that we must focus on: the propaganda battle in the media, safe houses, front companies,

sympathetic members of legitimate governments, human capital, fighters and leaders, technical expertise, weapons suppliers, ideologically sympathetic non-government organizations (charities), financiers, smugglers, and facilitators. A lot of their money comes from drugs," he said.

"We are winning but we have got to maintain constant pressure over time with the international community and across the U.S. government agencies. No one is afraid that we can't defeat the enemy. Our troops have the confidence, the courage, and the competence. We need the will of the American people to be sustained for the long haul," he said. □

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were very surprised to hear the Iraqi children had not seen marshmallows before and that Iraqi men wear 'dishdashas', much like the nightshirt the husband wears in 'The Night Before Christmas'," Mandwelle said.

Mandwelle has returned to teaching

chemistry at South Glens Falls Senior High School. She is assigned as HHC 42ID Chemical Officer and was additionally assigned in Iraq as Joint Visitors Bureau Chief. Mulvey served in Iraq as the HHC 42ID Contract and Fiscal Law Officer and has since returned to her job as an attorney with the State Department of Health. □

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with your children."

The youth program initiative began at the National Guard Bureau in 2003 to support children of deployed personnel, but the program is not just for kids with parents deployed. The program also focuses on preparing all National Guard children for success by providing leadership, resources, services, and education.

According to Kathryn Goedde, National Guard Bureau, Director of Child and Youth Services, NGB provides the training, resources, materials and funding for these programs and assists in building partnerships within communities. "It is ultimately the state coordinators and the individual state National Guard leadership that makes a difference in how well the program fares," said Goedde, adding, she "expects New York will do very well since Shelly Aiken is so proactive and passionate about National Guard youth."

As a Guard wife and mother of three, Aiken understands the unique challenges

of raising a family in the National Guard. She brings over a dozen years of volunteer service to her new job as Youth Program Coordinator working with military families since 1997 when she became the lead volunteer for Company A, 2/108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Family Readiness Group, Camp Smith, Peekskill.

"Shelly has a true understanding of the needs of our military youth. She is highly motivated and creative. She has done outstanding things for the youth of NY National Guard members," said Beverly Keating, New York National Guard State Family Program Coordinator. "Shelly has been instrumental in making first time connections with community agencies and has initiated many programs that all benefit our youth."

To find out more, join or volunteer in this new program, contact Shelly Aiken, NY National Guard Youth Program Coordinator, Camp Smith, Bldg 501, Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. 10567 or at shelly.m.aiken@ny.ngb.army.mil. Shelly can be reached at (914) 788-7405. □

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Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, Commander of the 42nd Infantry Division, is welcomed home at Fort Drum by Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey Nov. 5 during the Rainbow Division's redeployment from Iraq. Army photo.

# Rainbow returns from Iraq

By Maj. Richard Goldenberg  
HQ, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech)

**TROY** – Hundreds of Army National Guard Soldiers from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division redeployed from Iraq this fall, completing the unit's historic mission as the Multinational Division for North Central Iraq.

The redeployment of the more than 400 Soldiers of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division Headquarters to its home armory in Troy marked the end of the division's duties as Task Force Liberty for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Soldiers arrived back at Fort Drum in multiple groups throughout November and early December. Each group of division Soldiers conducted demobilization tasks and briefs as part of their release from active duty.

The headquarters, along with thousands of Rainbow Division Soldiers from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and Florida provided the foundation of the task force and led combat operations in Iraq since February of 2005.

The division base units mobilized from the New York Army National Guard included the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Brigade Headquarters, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Brigade Headquarters, the 642<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, the 642<sup>nd</sup> Division Aviation Support Battalion, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Band and 42<sup>nd</sup> Rear Operations Cell.

The historic deployment marked the first time since the Korean War that an Army National Guard divisional headquarters deployed to a theater of combat.

Present for the return of the division headquarters was Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey who greeted the initial 200 returning Soldiers along with the division commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto.

"You vividly demonstrated to the country what we in the Army have known for a long time," said Harvey to the returning Soldiers, "and that is the National Guard

is a very competent organization that is very well-led with Soldiers who are dedicated, courageous, disciplined and professional."

"What I saw of our Soldiers, day in and day out, was just incredible," Taluto said.

The division headquarters was based in Tikrit, Iraq and oversaw combat operations in an area roughly the size of West Virginia. The area was one of the largest areas of operations controlled by a single division headquarters in Army history.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Division led a task force made up of two National Guard brigades, the Idaho-based 116<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade and the Tennessee-based 278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. These two brigade combat teams were joined by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Teams of the Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

"I am extremely proud of the National Guard, Reserve and active-duty Soldiers for the competent and professional manner in which you have all worked together," Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Fearnside, the division's senior enlisted Soldier said in his final remarks published for the task force. "We evolved into one team and one Army task force. I commend each and every one of you for a job well done."

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Division, as Task Force Liberty, contributed to the continuing stabilization and progress in Iraq through the training and development of nearly 50,000 Iraqi Security Force members in the Iraqi army, police and department of border enforcement. Division combat operations led to the capture of nearly 2,000 suspected insurgents, the capture of 65 high-value terrorists and the killing of 279 other insurgents across North Central Iraq.

"We have seen marked progress throughout our area of operations as the Iraqi people continue their momentum towards liberty and security" explained Maj. Gen. Taluto in his concluding published remarks to the task force.



**Both ends of the rainbow:** 42nd Infantry Division Soldiers who served in Iraq wear the division's combat patch on the left shoulder. The wearing of the wartime service patch indicates the 42nd Infantry Division has served in combat.



Maj. John Columbo, right, prepares his vehicle for a combat patrol near Samarra, Iraq, to the Iraqi police forces there. Photo courtesy of the 42nd ID.

"The progress made by Iraqi Security Forces allowed Task Force Liberty to reduce its footprint in North Central Iraq," Taluto continued. "This year we returned security control to Iraqi police and army forces in As Sulayminayah Province and closed or transferred to Iraqi control ten forward operating bases across our area. These included three palace complexes in Tikrit and are symbolic of returning control to the Iraqi people," he said.

The redeploying Citizen-Soldiers joined thousands of other 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Soldiers from across the unit's nine states who mobilized in the nation's war on terror. In 2004, hundreds of Guardsmen deployed from New York's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and New Jersey's 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 112<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery to perform security duties in Iraq.

In 2005, the division's 50<sup>th</sup> Brigade from New Jersey deployed a security task force to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba while some 700 Rainbow Soldiers of the New

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Capt. ... provided in Tikrit



Iraq now wear two Rainbows: the Division patch on the right shoulder, and the rainbow shoulder sleeve insignia marks the first time since World War II that the 42nd



...ra, Iraq, during 42nd ID operations. Columbo served as an advisor and mentor



Teresa Metze, a physician's assistant in the 42nd Division Headquarters, ... sports drink mix to Iraqi army soldiers near Forward Operating Base Danger ... t, Iraq. Photo courtesy of the 42nd ID.



Above: Pfc. Kenneth Geib stands at port arms in a color guard during the 42nd Infantry Division's transfer of authority Nov. 1 at the Iraqi training island, Tikrit, Iraq. Army photo.

**“These Soldiers represent all that is right and good about our Nation ... clearly they have helped advance the cause of freedom.”**

—Mr. Francis Harvey  
Secretary of the Army

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York Army National Guard's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry, including a company of armor Soldiers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry deployed for combat operations with Task Force Baghdad in Iraq.

Following the division headquarters and base units' deployments in 2005, the division's 86<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade from Vermont also mobilized, and its elements have served throughout Southwest and Central Asia.

“These Soldiers represent all that is right and good about our Nation,” said Harvey, “and clearly they have helped advance the cause of freedom.” □

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FRANZDIANACOLLEEN 466TH MED CO A SUP  
GEYERNICHOLASERIK CO B (-) 1-69TH INF  
GILBERTWILLIAMC 642 CS BN HSC REAR  
GILLINGHAMCHARLES 204TH ENG DET  
GRUMANFELIX HHB 1-258TH FA  
GUARINOCHRISTOPHER A CO (ENG) BSB 27TH IN  
HAMICRONNIE DALE JR 107TH MP CO (-)  
HARDAWAY ANDRE KEL III 69 IN BN 01 DET 1 HHC REAR  
HASENEYJOHNJENSEN 442D MP CO  
HISERTJAMESFREDERICK HHC (-) 2-108 INF  
HOTALINGDANIELROBERT 42 IN CTR REAR  
INGERSOLLNICOLEMARIE CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
JEMISONGEORGEJR CO B 152D ENG BN  
KIMBALLSTEPHANIMARIE 727TH MP DET  
LAURENTPATRICIA HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN  
LEENICOLE 42 HHC HVY DIV REAR  
MARSCHILOKRYAN CO A 2-108TH INF  
MEDEROALBERTO DET 1 HHB 42 DIV ARTY  
MELENDEZJOSELUIS CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB  
MILLERKYLETIMOTHY DET 1 CO C 1-69TH INF  
MITCHELLDANIELJAMES CO D 3-142D AV  
MONTALVOJERRY 719 TRANS CO  
MULEDESIREEMARIA DET 2 CO B 638 SPT BN  
ORTIZSABRINAROSE 727TH MP DET  
PIERSONDEANNAMARIE HHC(-) 3-142D AV  
PILIEROMICHAELJOHN 69 IN BN 01 CO B REAR  
PLATECHERELEE 719 TRANS CO  
PORTERFIELDZACHARY TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
POUNCEYMELVIN EDWARD DET 1 133RD MAINT CO  
RAFFANELLO DENNIS JAMES 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR

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| RAYMOND THOMAS MICKEL    | H & S CO 204 ENGR BN     | CARPENTER JEFFREY WINTERS | NY ARNGELEMEN T JFHQ       | MCLAUGHLIN PHILIP JOSIAH  | CO A 642ND MI BN         |
| RITTER JAMES MICHAEL     | H & S CO 204 ENGR BN     | CASALINUOVO SAMUEL NELSON | A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN      | MCMILLER RICHARD RONELIV  | 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR     |
| ROBERTUCCINI NICHOLAS    | CO D 1-101ST CAV         | COEBRYAN MATTHEW          | CO D 2-108TH INF           | MILLER DOMINICK ANTHONY   | 442D MP CO               |
| RODRIGUEZ RICARDO        | CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB  | CORREATHOMAS              | 69 IN BN 01 DET 1 HHC REAR | PFLANZ CHADM              | CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN   |
| RUNEY BRANDON EDUARDO    | DET 3 CO E 3-142D AV     | COVINGTON ELMALIKS        | 133RD QM SUPPLY CO         | PIPER KEVIN JAMES         | CO B 204 ENGR BN         |
| SCHOLER JOSHUA MICHAEL   | CO D 3-142D AV           | DALLAIRE MICHAEL C        | 642 CS BN HSC REAR         | PLYMPTON DAVID HENRY      | CO C (-) 638 SPT BN      |
| SHAFFER DOROTHY JEAN     | H & S CO 204 ENGR BN     | DAVID CHRISTOPHER EDWARD  | 442D MP CO                 | QUINONES UNIQUE C         | DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN   |
| SIMON BRIAN MICHAEL      | 187TH ENG CO             | DEWITT BALSEY DEAN III    | DET 1 CO C 1-69TH INF      | RIVERA FELIX HUMBERTO     | 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR     |
| SMITH MICHAEL            | 133RD QM SUPPLY CO       | DOLAN REBECCA ANNE        | HHC (-) 3-142D AV          | RODRIGUEZ JIMMY           | HHC 1-69TH INF           |
| STEWART COLINGRAHAM      | CO D 2-108TH INF         | ESMEL NICODEME CLOVIS     | CO A 3-142D AV             | ROSARIO EDGAR NOEL        | 187TH ENG CO             |
| SUTTON ANDREW JAMES      | H & S CO 204 ENGR BN     | FERNANDEZ MICHAEL ANTHONY | DET 2 CO B 638 SPT BN      | ROTKO JOHN III            | DET 1 CO C 1-69TH INF    |
| THOMAS STEVES            | DET 1 107TH MP CO        | FERNANDEZ MIGUEL ANGEL    | CO B 101ST SIG BN          | SCOTT JAMES MITCHELL      | DET 1 107TH MP CO        |
| TOWNSEND CARL DAVID      | 69 IN BN 01 CO A REAR    | FIGUEROA MAINOR ALBERTO   | DET 1 HHC 107TH SPT GP     | SHANKS THERESA JEAN       | DET 3 CO E 3-142D AV     |
| VANBUSKIRK PAUL RICHARD  | DET 3 CO E 3-142D AV     | GATES JUSTIN POWELL       | CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB    | SITNIK JAMES EDGAR        | DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH IN   |
| VEGA GERMAN JUNIOR       | 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR     | GERWITZ BRYAN JOSEPH      | A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN      | SOUVANNARATH KITTA        | 249TH MED CO AIR AMB (-) |
| WALDEN TIMOTHY LARCRAICE | 442D MP CO               | GRUDZINSKI GARY DANIEL JR | A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN      | SQUIRER RODNEY            | HHB 1-258TH FA           |
| YANUSH JULIYA            | DET 1 107TH MP CO        | ICILIEN LIDWIN            | 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR       | STURM WILLIAM NOAH        | CO D 2-108TH INF         |
| YATSONSKY DENICE DOREEN  | CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN   | KENNEDY TIFFANY R         | 466TH MED CO A SUP         | TUCKER CHRISTOPHER DAVID  | 222D MP CO (-)           |
| ZIMMERMAN BRENT TAYLOR   | 222D MP CO (-)           | KOEHLER JAMES CHRISTOPHER | HHC 1-69TH INF             | VALDEZ MICHELLE CATHERINE | 442D MP CO               |
| <b>PRIVATE 2</b>         |                          | KROLL LONGIN WILLIAM JR   | 1156TH ENG COR PO          | VALENTIN DENNIS           | 719 TRANS CO             |
| ALSHEIMER JAMES JOSEPH   | DET 1 HHC 2-108TH INF    | LAWLOR BRENDAN JR         | DET 3 CO E 3-142D AV       | VONLEUE EDWARD VINCENT    | HHC 427 BSB              |
| ARCE EDDIE               | 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR     | LEAVY SEAN MICHAEL        | CO A 2-108TH INF           | WILSON JESSE JAMES        | 442D MP CO               |
| ARROYO DAVID MITCHELL    | CO A 101ST SIG BN        | LOVEJOY SEAN PATRICK      | DET 1 133RD MAINT CO       | WICZARD DANIEL BERNARD    | 69 IN BN 01 CO B REAR    |
| BARBER JOSEPH MARTIN JR  | HHC (-) 2-108 INF        | LUCKETT DONALD CURTIS     | HHB 1-258TH FA             | WONG JAMES L              | CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB |
| BARNES FRANCINE JOANNE   | CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB  | MAJEWSKI STEPHEN ANDREW   | TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)   | YOUNG DANIEL JAMES        | 466TH MED CO A SUP       |
| BARTLER ALPH STEPHEN     | DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH IN   | MARSHALL HORACE HASANI    | 133RD QM SUPPLY CO         | ZOOK RYAN P               | H & S CO 204 ENGR BN     |
| BROTZMANN NATHAN COREY   | TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA) | MATTESON JOSEPH MICHAEL   | 204TH ENG DET              |                           |                          |
| BYRDRONE EUGENE          | HHC 1-69TH INF           | MCCARTHY IAN KENNETH      | CO B (-) 2-108TH INF       |                           |                          |
|                          |                          | MCCOWN DUANE              | CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB   |                           |                          |

## Army Reenlistments

**101 AR BN 01 DET 1 HHC**

SGT BUTLER RICHARD JASON  
SFC EISENBERG JONATHAN  
SSG FRAZIER AARON PHILLIP  
SGT POON HARRY HEI YIN  
SGT WILSON SPENCER

**102 MAINT CO**

SPC BARR TIMOTHY ALLEN  
SPC BURROUGHS DARIN  
SPC BURT JOHN THOMAS  
SGT GRAFFI JOHN MARTIN  
SGT HARDY CHARLES  
SPC MILLER DONALD  
SGT O'DONNELL DALE LLOYD  
CPL SHEPARD KEITH  
SSG WASHBURN THOMAS

**105TH MP CO**

MSG CONROY WILLIAM T  
SPC LEHNER CRAIG EVAN  
SPC NICHOLS DENNIS CHRIS  
SSG WRIGHT THANE

**107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)**

SGT ORSINI AARON PAUL  
SGT TESKE KENNETH JR  
SPC ZUHLKE JEFFREY

**1156TH ENGR CO PORT OPENING**

SGT CLUMP PETER ANDREW  
SFC FOLTA MICHAEL STANLEY

**133RD MAINTENANCE CO**

SGT REYES JOSE EFRAIN

**133RD QM SUPPLY CO**

SSG ALEXANDER JUNIOR ERIC  
SPC JIMENEZ RICHARD  
SPC MCNAUGHTON KARA

**145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR**

SGT BORRERO GRACE  
MSG MACK HENRY BENJAMIN JR

**145 OD CO MAINT FWD**

SPC BASILIO JAVIER ERICK  
SPC CORANILSA  
SGT HERNANDEZ OLIVERIO JR

SPC MARSHAM JULIENNE

SGT NOA JULIO ANTHONY JR

**145TH MAINTENANCE CO**

SPC ANCRUM MELISSA TWANA  
SGT BORDACK ANGELA MARIE  
SGT DISLA EMILIO ALEXANDER  
SGT GILFREDDY  
MSG GINTHER RICHARD M  
SGT GRACE KIMICOE ULANDA  
SGT GUZMAN ROBINSON  
SGT POLK KIMBERLY TATJANA  
SGT QUEZADA HAROLD  
SPC URENA ROSANNA

**1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD**

PFC CARDONAS ERNALUIS

**1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO**

SPC FERNANDEZ ALWEN JR  
SPC KAINA MARA MAHEALANI  
SPC OTERO KATHERINE MARIE

**187TH ENGINEER CO DUMP TRUCK**

SGT KOESTLER RONALD JAMES  
SGT LOPEZ LUIS  
SPC MORGAN RUSSELL JOHN IV

**199TH ARMY BAND (-)**

SFC BURCHILL KENT STEWART  
1SG FOLTS MARCUS HOWE  
SSG KINDRED RONALD KEVIN

**1ST BATTALION 142D AVIATION**

MSG HARTER RONALD M  
SGT SANSOCIE DAVID CARL

**204TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

SSG NORTON WARREN JR

**206 CS HHD CSB FWD**

SPC RIOS DEYANIRA

**206TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY**

SFC MARTEL JOSEPH ANTHONY  
CPL VENNE DERRICK ADRIAN JR

**222D MILITARY POLICE CO (-)**

SPC CLARK GARY MICHAEL  
SGT GRIDLEY BRYON EDWARD

SFC MILLER JAMIE LEE

SPC WALKER WENDY ANN

**249TH MED CO AIR AMBULANCE (-)**

SSG BANNING PETER WAYNE  
SGT BELANGER EDWARD JR  
SGT CZACHOROWSKI KEVIN  
SPC LUPIANI MARK DANIEL  
SGT PRATT SHANNON MARIE  
SGT WEST MICHAEL EUGENE

**27TH INF (BCT)**

SFC CUNNINGHAM GILES  
MSG GARRIS EDWIN LEE  
SGM PRZYBYL ANTHONY PAUL  
SGT STORRS STEPHAN JAMES

**27TH SPT CTR (CORPS RAOC)**

SPC RAMOS CECILIO G

**29 AG HHD PSC REAR**

SGT BRECKENRIDGE LARRY JR

**29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE DET**

SGT CANNAMELA MATTHEW

**2ND BN 106TH REG (RTB)**

SFC GILHEANY JOSEPH

**2ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM (WMD)**

SSG VILARDO KEVIN DOUGLAS

**37TH FINANCE DET**

SPC BOLDLEY RAMONA CAMILLE  
SFC BUTRON-SANTULLI ELISE

**42 AG BND BND DIV FWD 2**

1SG SAROKA LESLIE GEORGE

**42 HHC HVY DIV REAR**

PFC LEWCZYK TOMASZ

**42D INFANTRY DIV BAND (-)**

SGT CASTLE JENNIFER LEE  
SGT CASTLE WAYNE PHILLIP  
SPC CLARK GERARD JR  
SSG FITZGERALD GERALD JR  
SPC HOSANNAH CARL JR  
SGT LAWSON THOMAS R

**442D MILITARY POLICE CO**

SPC BATTLE QUENTIN KURDRIC  
SPC CARPENTER STEVEN  
SGT JIMENEZ HUGH HENRY  
SGT JONES CRAIG LAMONT  
SPC KONNER NICHOLAS  
SGT RAY DANON EDWARD  
SGT SALES SANTOS W

**466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SUPPORT**

SGT DEWERT FRANCIS JOHN  
SSG MEARNES RICHARD JR

**56TH PERSONNEL SER BN**

SSG TREMBLAY ANTHONY

**642 CS BN CO B REAR**

SPC MCALLISTER JEFFREY JOHN  
SPC RAMIREZ JOSE RAMON

**642 CS BN HSC FWD**

SGT TERRY TONY ANZEL

**642 CS BN HSC FWD 3**

SFC BILLINGSLEA WILLIE  
SGT REYES NORBERTO

**642 CS BN HSC REAR**

SSG ELLIS LAURENCE ELLIOTT  
SPC OYOLA JESSENIA

**69 IN BN 01 CO A REAR**

CPL ANDRUS ERIC STEVEN  
SPC COLON RICHARD  
PFC MONTALVO EMILIO  
SSG NICHOLS JESS T  
SPC POKU JUDE OWUSU  
SGT SALMON MICHAEL  
SGT VARGAS FELIX  
SGT VISCIO LENNY JAMES

**69 IN BN 01 DET 1 HHC REAR**

SGT ALVARADO JONAS  
SGT FLORES ROBERT  
SGT GONZALEZ RICHARD  
SPC LAFONTAINE ALBERTO  
SPC RAMOS MIGUEL ANGEL

**69 IN BN 01 HHC FWD**

PFC VETTER JONATHAN

**69 IN BN 01 HHC FWD 2**  
SFC PAYNE ANTHONY R

**69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR**  
SPC BERRIOS NORBERTO  
SPC COLOMBANIAN ALAN  
SPC JOHNSON PAUL  
SGT MAIELLA DANIEL PAUL  
SGT MALDONADO FABIAN  
SGT MELENDEZ ADRIAN  
SGT MIRANDA EDWARD  
SPC SAAVEDRAGON ZALEZ JOSE  
SPC STEVENSON THOMAS

**719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)**  
SGT ACOSTA JUAN PABLO  
SSG BARRIOSERGIO EDWARD  
SSG ESCOTTO CHRISTIAN  
SPC LLOYDE EDWARD JAMELL  
SSG LUKE PERCIVAL ST RICHARD  
SPC VARGASELIZANDER  
SGT WAIELEANOR

**727TH MP DET LAW AND ORDER**  
SGT GUCKIAN ANDREW JR

**A CO (ENG) BSTB 27TH IN BDE (BCT)**  
SGT LECHANSKI ANTHONY II  
PV2 TORRES GEORGE LUIS JR  
SPC VINCTON CHAD MICHAEL

**AV HHC DIV AV BDE FWD**  
SPC BARBATON NICHOLAS  
SPC FRANK BRYAN  
SSG MONACO JOHN JOSEPH

**BATTERY A 1-258TH FA**  
SPC SANTANA JON GILBERT  
SSG HERRERA CARLOS MANUEL  
SPC JACKSON TOMMY L  
SPC MORALES PETER  
CPL REYES CARMELO

**CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB**  
SGT BROWN OWEN ROBERT  
SPC COOPER NIKKI DEE  
SFC KELLY JOHN THOMAS  
SPC LEE JEREMY HENRY  
SGT MILLIMAN THOMAS JAY JR  
SPC SLATTERY MICHAEL

**CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY**  
SPC BEVACQUA ERNEST ROMAN  
SFC CARRASQUILLO NORBERTO  
SPC CLORES BALDOMERO  
SPC DASILVA DIEGO MARIANI  
SSG DEVENECIA FRANCIS  
SPC FLORES KENNETH GARY  
SPC GARCIA MARLON NIGEL  
SGT GUIDO JASON JOHN  
SSG HAWKINS JAMES VINCENT  
SGT HONEY EUGENE JEROME  
SSG JARAPIONCE JORGE ANGEL  
SPC JOSEPH WOODY  
SPC LEINFELDER DONALD  
SPC LICHAO YANG  
SSG LIVERGOOD AARON MICHAEL  
SPC MALDONADO JEFF  
SGT MELECIO JOSE LUIS  
SGT RAMIREZ MARLONG  
SGT SOMERSET JUSTIN RANDY  
SPC STEWART JAMES ALEXANDER  
SPC VASQUEZ RAFAEL JR  
SSG WYMYCZAK SCOTT

**CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN**  
SGT DEVINERICHARD LEE  
SFC MARKHAM BRIAN KEITH  
SGT SAEZ GILBERT

**CO A 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SPC GAUDIOROBERT ALAN  
SSG HOFFMANN MICHAEL  
SGT SPANTON MICHAEL LEE

**CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN**  
SGT POLULECH THOMAS JOHN

**CO B (-) 1-69TH INFANTRY**

SSG BOONE RICKY D  
SPC CHADWICK SAMUEL LEE  
SPC DELEO THOMAS JOSEPH  
SSG ELLIS MICHAEL ALAN  
SPC FAUGHNAN JOSEPH LIAM  
SPC FORREST MATTHEW  
SPC FRANKS MARION BERNARD  
SPC FROIMOVICH ARIE  
SPC FULLER SCOTT ALAN  
SPC GIORDANO CARLO THOMAS  
SPC KRAUS TERRENCE MICHAEL  
SSG LEGRADY STEPHEN A  
SSG MARCIANO JOSEPH DANIEL  
SGT MARTENARCISO DANIEL  
SSG O'BRIEN CHRISTOPHER  
SGT POGACNIK ANDREW  
SGT QUINN LONNY ADAM  
SPC RYAN CHRISTOPHER  
SSG SMITH JEFFREY JOHN  
SGT SURFACE ERIC SEAN  
SFC SWIDERSKI PETER F  
SPC TABALES FELIPE JR  
SPC TRUJILLO FERNANDO  
SGT URIBE LEONARDO JOSE

**CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SFC STONE ARNOLD ALBERT JR

**CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB**  
SGT BRADO MARK WILLIAM  
SPC LEASURE STEPHEN THOMAS  
SPC MENDZEF ADAM RICHARD  
SPC WOOD NATHAN EDWARD

**CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN**  
SGT AYALAH ERMAN  
SSG LUGO JAVIER FERNANDO  
SFC MARTIN DWUANERSKIN  
SSG RAMOS CATHERINE ANNE

**CO B 204 ENGR BN**  
SPC BROWN BARTH ANDERS

**CO B 3-142D AVIATION**  
SFC HERNANDEZ FELICIANO

**CO B (-) 642D SUPPORT BN**  
SPC ALEMANY NELSON JR  
SPC BOLA STEPHEN HORATIO  
SPC CABALLERO CARLOS  
SPC DECOTEAU JOSEPH  
SPC GONZALEZ MICHAEL ANGEL  
SPC HARDY MICHAEL MAURICE  
SGT HARVEY ALACIA ALLISON  
SPC MOSES MICHAEL ANDRE  
SPC ORMAZACARRILLO CRISTIAN  
SGT PALACIO GILBERTO WILSON  
SPC PAULIN JOYINN JOSETTE  
SPC PORTER MICHAEL JOHN  
SPC WILSON CLEVELAND S JR

**CO C (-) (MED) 427TH BSB**  
SPC BOBB MARY ALICE  
SPC BOHLEN LISA

**CO C (-) 1-69TH INFANTRY**  
SPC BEST REGINALD OSCAR  
SGT DENNIS MATTHEW RICHARD

**CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SPC DURIE TIMOTHY DANIEL

**CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN**  
SFC JONES BRAD FRANCIS  
SGT JONES ERNEST FRANKIE  
SSG MEJIAS EPIFANIO JR

**CO C (-) 638 SPT BN**  
SGT ARZU PAUL  
SFC GARCIA VINCENT  
SGT HAYNES MATTHEW EDGAR  
SGT LENTO LAWRENCE G  
SPC MENDEZ JAIME JR  
SPC NORTON DONALD JR  
SGT ORTIZ HERBERT

**CO D (FSC RSTA) 427TH BSB**  
SSG CRUZ RICHARD  
SPC MCGRATH MICHAEL

SPC REDDECLIFF JASON  
SFC SWANSON GLENN STEVEN

**COD 1-101ST CAVALRY**  
SGT BERNAL DAVID LAWRENCE  
SGT BINGAY ROBERT EDWARD  
SGT CANDIA PEDRO  
SGT CARPENTIER LUKE  
SSG CARROLL CHARLES J  
SSG CHARPENTIER MARK  
SSG CHIARIERI JAMES PAUL  
SGT COLON BILLY  
SFC DETHOMASIS FRANK  
SGT DIAZ DANIEL  
SGT ECCLESTON DALLAS  
SSG ENCARNACION DOUGLAS  
SPC ESPARZAMESTRESSIAN  
SSG FERNANDEZ FRANK  
SPC FERRARO JOSEPH STEVEN  
SPC GALARZA JOSE RAMON  
SPC GOMES DANNY EL  
SGT HOFFMAN CHRISTOPHER  
SPC JACINTO JOSE NIETO  
CPL KELLY THOMAS PATRICK JR  
SGT MADERA JOHNNY  
SSG MCMAHON BRYAN MICHAEL  
SPC MCMULLEN DAMON NYE  
SFC NIEVES HERBERT  
SGT PARK EDWARD KIM  
SFC PENSON STEVEN ROSS  
SPC PERRY DERRON  
SSG PIZARRO ALVIN  
SPC PUKHOVITSKIY BORIS  
SGT ROSADO EDDIE  
SFC SCHELLENBERG JODY  
SFC SIMON WILLIAM C  
SGT TREACY ZAERIN  
SGT VALDEZ MATTHEW

**COD 1-69TH INFANTRY**  
CPL BRADLEY DEXTER

**COD 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
1SG FEGLEY ANDREW CLINTON

**CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB**  
SGT BAILEY WILLIAM ALLEN  
SPC BANEWICZ ANTHONY  
SPC RILEY DAVID EDWARD

**CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB**  
SGT FOULKES GEORGE L  
SGT HOUSTON LIVINGSTON  
SGT MYERS ELROY

**DET 1 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO**  
SPC HINTON KORY ALLEN

**DET 1 222D MILITARY POLICE CO**  
SPC QUICK JOHN CURTIS

**DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR BN**  
SPC ANGEL JOHN KENNEDY  
SGT RIOS FAVIAN LUCIANO

**DET 1 CO B 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SGT COLERUSSELL GREER  
PV1 CREE STEVEN PETER  
SGT CHECK PAUL N  
SGT MIENS DAVID EUGENE

**DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)**  
SPC BANAS ROBERT FRANCIS  
SPC BEAN ALVIN KEITH  
SGT CARLSON RICHARD H  
SPC COLON MELENDEZ JEFFREY  
SPC DALSLEY GEORGE N JR  
SGT GARCIA JOSE RAMIRO  
SFC MABRA LEON W JR  
SSG MAHADEO ISRAEL  
SGT OKUN CHRISTOPHER  
SPC PAGE ROBERT DOUGLAS  
SPC RIVERA JORGE  
SPC TANNER MICHAEL CARL

**DET 1 HHC 107TH SUPPORT GROUP**  
SSG CANNON GERALD JOSEPH  
SPC STRIDIRON KENT

**DET 1 HHC 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SPC SEEMAN SHANE JAMES  
SPC SNYDER JAMES JR  
DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH IN BDE BCT  
SPC KESSLER SCOTT MICHAEL

**DET 2 CO B 2-108TH INFANTRY**  
SPC ELLIS RICHARD WILLIAM  
SPC HANSON RONALD GEORGE  
SPC REARDON CASEY HAYES

**DET 2 CO B 638 SPT BN**  
SGT CATENA RICHARD

**DET 3 CO E 3-142D AVIATION**  
SSG CIRILLI ARNOLD J

**EN HHD HHD BDE FWD 3**  
SSG AIELLO MAURICE

**EN HHD HHD BDE REAR**  
SPC QUINONES EVER S

**H & S CO 204 ENGR BN**  
SSG CARPENTER PAUL OWEN  
SGT KNISELY NEVA LOUISE  
SGT MUELLER EDWARD JR  
PFC RAYMOND THOMAS

**HHB 1-258TH FIELD ARTILLERY**  
SGT BANAGA JOEMAR  
SGT BETANCUR HENGELBER  
SGT BLUE GREGORY  
SGT COLON JOSE M  
CSM CUSH COREY KEVIN  
SSG DAVIS RANDOLPH  
SSG YOUNG ALLAN GLENDON

**HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY**  
SPC CAPRIA LEON III  
SGM HENRY DAVID C  
SPC MADISON MICHAEL  
MSG WILLIAMS THOMAS

**HHC (-) BSTB 27TH IN BDE (BCT)**  
SPC DOTY THOMAS EDWARD  
SPC SANTIAGO LISSETTE

**HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY**  
SGT ABENOJA MICHAEL BEJER  
SGT PADILLA PAUL JR  
SPC PATTERSON DEAIN  
SGT SLOW CHRISTOPHER  
SPC SWIFT DANIEL JAMES  
SSG VANDUSKY ROBERT

**HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY**  
SPC BARRERAS JOHN  
SGT BATISTA KELVI  
SGT BHOORASINGH RYAN  
SGT BROWN KENNETH  
SPC BURBON HECTOR LUIS  
SGT BUSCAGLIA JOSEPH III  
SPC DANIS BRIAN  
SGT DAVIES BRYAN MICHAEL  
SSG DELAUNAY ALBERT  
SGT DIAZ EFRAIN M  
SGT DODSON AXEL KING  
SPC ESPAILLAT JUAN  
SPC ETSCH WILLIAM HENRY  
SGT FIRESTONE ANDREW  
SPC FORRESTER HASHANI AKIL  
SGT FRANK JAMES JOHN  
SPC GONZALEZ HARRY  
SPC HARRIS ROBERT BRIAN  
SSG HERNANDEZ BOLIVAR  
SGT JUNG YOUN HUN  
SPC LEQUE JOHN JOSEPH  
SGT LOPERENA REINALDO  
SGT MAKISH EMIL CHARLES  
SGT MCRAVIN FABIAN BENTON  
CPL MUCCILEROY JUSTIN  
SSG MUELLER CHRISTOPHER  
SGT PAPADATOS GREGORY  
SPC PARKES IRA MARK  
SGT RIVERA RENE  
SGT ROOF TIMOTHY MICHAEL  
SSG ROSAS JULIO S  
SSG RUIZ ALFREDO

SPC RUSSOEDWARD JAMES  
 SPC SOTO ISRAEL JR  
 SPC TICHY ROBERT GLENN  
 SPC VAZQUEZ DENNY  
 SPC VILLEGAS LUIS A  
 SSG WALSH ROBERT EDWARD  
 SGT WALTER PAUL CHRISTIAN  
 SPC WILLIAMS SEAN PATRICK  
 SGT WONG ARTHUR YANHONG

**HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN**  
 SFC KUSHNER MARCE  
 SPC LINDSEY JOHANN  
 MSG MANCUSO DANIEL A

**HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)**  
 SPC KITTLE WILLIAM JAMES

**HHC 42 IN DIV (-)**  
 SPC LAMONTER RICHARD  
 SGM LEONARDO LAWRENCE  
 SSG MARTINGREGORY ALAN  
 SGT PROL KENNETH JAMES  
 MSG WALDRON DAVID ALAN

**HHC 427 BSB**  
 SPC ROSSIGNOL DANIEL PAUL  
 SPC SMITH VALLON OLIVER  
 PFC WHITNEY SARAHL  
 SGT YOUNG TERRY JOSEPH

**HHC 642D MIBATTALION**  
 SSG ARROYO DAVID JR  
 SPC AUSTIN ARTHUR LEE  
 SGT BERNABE MICHAEL  
 SGT COOTER DANIEL JR  
 SGT CRAWFORD TAMMY LYNN  
 SGT DREIER DAVID JOEL  
 SGT GASTON TRENT J  
 SSG HARGE FRED III  
 SGT HERNANDEZ ELIZABETH

SGT LINGO ROBINSON WAYNE  
 SPC LONG ROBERT PAUL III  
 SGT MASTROPIETRO JASON  
 SPC NELSON RICHARD  
 SPC ORCUTT THOMAS  
 SPC PIERRELOUIS FRANTZY  
 SGT POTTS SHANNON RICHARD  
 SGT RAMEAU ALAIN STACY  
 SFC STOCKWELL ROBERT LEE  
 SPC TRELOAR BARRY FRANK  
 SGT VANVORST CHRISTOPHER  
 SGT VETTER DAVID ARTHUR  
 SGT WHITE RAMSEY ISAAC  
 SSG WOOD TIMOTHY CHARLES

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 SPC BUCK CHARLES DAVID  
 SGT CANNAVA PAUL JOSEPH  
 SPC KANE ROBERT MICHAEL  
 SPC KELLNER SHARON  
 SSG KLEIN ERIC W  
 SPC LAMBERT TONY CURTIS  
 SGT SOZIO MICHAEL GERARD

**HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION**  
 SGT REILLY PATRICK

**HHD 27TH FINANCE BN**  
 SGT CARTER ANN  
 SPC CLAYTON PATRICK PAUL  
 SPC CONWAY CHRISTON  
 SSG FELICIANO YOLANDA  
 SSG MORRIS JOHN ALVIN  
 SPC SMITH KIMBERLY  
 SPC TAVERA DAMARISTELLA

**HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN**  
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 SSG MAHABIR RAYMOND DEVI

SFC MARTINEZ JACQUELINE  
 SPC HART KEVIN ROBERT  
 SPC THOMAS JACQUELINE

**HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID**

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 SGT KAIER JUSTIN PAUL  
 SPC MELTON SHAKION

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 SGT GEMZA BENJAMIN JAMES  
 CSM HUTLEY WILLIAM LARUE JR

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**HQ 53D TRP CMD**

SGT CRUZ RAMOS CYNTHIA  
 SFC PICARELLO ANAJ

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 SPC FRASER TERRY M  
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 SPC MARCELLE TERESE MARY  
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 SSG GRODNICK WILLIAM  
 PFC DONOVAN PATRICK  
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 SSG CAPORALE CLARKE  
 SFC GEENE STEPHEN ANDREW  
 SSG MUSTICO JOHN MICHAEL  
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 SGT KISNER BRYAN A  
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 SPC ROGERS PETER JON  
 SSG SMITH JAMES EVERETTE  
 SGT STEFANKO JOHN PAUL  
 SPC WEBSTER DAVID ELWOOD  
 SGT CALHOUN JARED ALLEN  
 SFC COLBURN MICHAEL JAMES  
 SGT LAWRIE STEVEN PATRICK  
 SSG BARKER MATTHEW WILLIAM

# Joint Forces honor fallen Guard members

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
 Guard Times Staff

**LATHAM** – The losses span the New York National Guard's nearly three years of service and sacrifice in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Starting with the tragic loss of Sgt. Heath A. McMillin, 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, in July 2003, and ending with the deaths of Pfc. Hernando Rios and Spc. Anthony N. Kalladeen, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, in August 2005, New York's fallen Guard members mustered from across the State to support the global war on terror and gave their lives far from home. Their memories endured this holiday season in a solemn role call.

Guard members and civilians of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs gathered Dec. 14 to honor the lives of 21 New York Army National Guard Soldiers and one Naval Militia Marine who died in the line of duty in Iraq:

Sgt. Heath A. McMillin; Spc. Michael L. Williams; Spc. Nathan Brown; Sgt. Michael A. Uvanni; Spc. Segun Akintade; Sgt. David L. Roustum; Staff Sgt. Philip Engeldrum; Spc. Wilfredo F. Urbina; Sgt. David M. Fisher; Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry; Sgt. Joseph O. Behnke; Sgt. Kenneth G. VonRonn; Spc. Alain L. Kamolvathin; Pfc. Francis C. Obaji; Spc. Wai P. Lwin; Spc. Azhar Ali; Marine Cpl. Joseph S. Tremblay; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Louis E. Allen; Capt. Phillip T. Esposito; Sgt. Manny Hornedo; Pfc. Hernando Rios; Spc. Anthony N. Kalladeen.

"Please keep these men, their sacrifice and their families in your thoughts and prayers," Brig. Gen. F David Sheppard,

Acting Adjutant General, said.

During the role call, State Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Van Pelt spoke the name of each Guard member three times consecutively, a brass Navy bell clanged and a Soldier of the State Military Forces Honor Guard lit a white candle. When all names were read, 22 candles were alight — illuminating the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Lt. Col. Allen D. Ferry, Chaplain, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Aviation Brigade, gave a benediction, and Ms. Jaime Myers, daughter of DMNA employee Lori Myers, sang two songs: "Please Remember" and "Dust in the Wind".

The State Military Forces Honor Guard additionally unfolded and refolded the Colors before the gathering, and, afterwards, encased the flag for display at the Iraqi Freedom Memorial Wall in the main lobby, here. □



Master Sgt. Noel Adams prays before 22 ceremonial candles following a Dec. 14 memorial ceremony at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs for New York's Guard members killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

**MAJOR GENERAL**

KNAUFF, ROBERT A NYANGHQ

**BRIGADIER GENERAL**

RADA, ESTHER A NYANGHQ

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL**

FILKORN, EMIL J NEADS

TOMASELLI, ALFREDE 174FW

CISEK, DONNA L 109AW

**MAJOR**

MACKAY, DAVID A NEADS

**CAPTAIN**

GANCASZ, JOHN L NEADS

PYKE, DAVID W C JR 174FW

RIZZO, ELIZABETH A 152AOG

REYNOLDS, SHAWN P 107ARW

MELENDEZ, EMILIO 106RQW

PASSARELLA, NICHOLAS J 106RQW

CAPUTO, NICOLAS 105AW

IUDICA, CRAIG A 106RQW

**FIRST LIEUTENANT**

SCHULTZ, NICHOLAS P 174FW

SCHROEDER, TRACY L 174FW

GARDNER, STUART T 174FW

RICHARDSON, GARY 174FW

HOCKEY, JAMES V 174FW

CORDOVA, PATRICK H 105AW

WEDDING, FRANK G 105AW

**SECOND LIEUTENANT**

HULLSIEK, JONATHAN C 174FW

MCQUESTON, GYONGYI 105AW

**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT**

GRANATO, MICHAEL J NEADS

NIELSEN, DARRYL W 174FW

MARINO, ANGELO 105AW

DAVIES, SAMUEL S JR 107ARW

CONNELLY, SCOTT W 109AW

TAVENIER, PHILLIPE 107ARW

CARTICA, JAMES T 105AW

**SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT**

WILLIAMS, RANDY E 109AW

CROWDER, TIMOTHY G 109AW

RAMIREZ, CHARLES A 106RQW

HAFF, JUDITH L 105AW

YOUNG, EARL R JR 105AW

HETHERLY, BRIAN D 105AW

BAKER, JEFFREY J 106RQW

**MASTER SERGEANT**

SUAREZ, ABRAHAM NYANGHQ

FLEISCHMAN, MARALYNE P 213EIS

MALIN, WILLIAM J III 174FW

HAGGARD, MICHAEL M 174FW

CHAYKA, WILLIAM D 152AOG

DLALLO, MICHAEL J 152AOG

JANKORD, EMERY T II 109AW

LEGAULT, SUZANNE M 109AW

SCHOFIELD, KENNETH M 105AW

FORLENZA, PHILIP O 105AW

PINGITORE, MICHAEL A 109AW

MARTIN, PATRICK A 107ARW

CLARK, ROGER K 107ARW

SLABYK, MARKIAN W 107ARW

HARRIS, DERRICK J 107ARW

GARCIA, PATRICK 105AW

GAGLIARDO, FRANK 105AW

**TECHNICAL SERGEANT**

STEARNS, KRISTYL NYANGHQ

FLAVELL, GEORGE W JR 174FW

CHACK, JASON L 174FW

MARTINEZ, HILDAR 174FW

VIRE, TYNIKKA C 174FW

MUSENGO, ROBERT F JR 174FW

ROGERS, DOUGLAS N 174FW

COX, CHRISTOPHER G 174FW

MATTHEWS, BRIAN F 174FW

CONTI, JENNIFER K 109AW

DECKER, MICHAEL H 109AW

PIEDMONT, ADAM R 107ARW

OWCZARZAK, MICHAEL J 107ARW

GUSTAFSON, THOMAS D 107ARW

HULL, ROBERT A II 107ARW

MEYER, WILLIAM K 106RQW

MACQUILL, JAMES R 106RQW

ADAMS, ANTHONY D JR 105AW

GAFFNEY, SUSAN M 105AW

HEINTZ, KEITH R 105AW

STONE, ERIC 105AW

WEISGARBER, MATTHEW J 105AW

FIGUEIREDO, ANTONIO M 105AW

JORDAN, DALE C 105AW

WARREN, KEVIN JR 105AW

NEWELL, OTTO K 105AW

POST, ALFRED C JR 105AW

VILLAFANE, WILFREDO J 105AW

LAHODA, ERIK M 105AW

MOLINA, JOSE L JR 105AW

BURKE, KERIG 105AW

WILCOX, DAVID J 105AW

**STAFF SERGEANT**

GRIEPSMA, MICHAEL J 174FW

REINHARDT, TIMOTHY S 174FW

GUERTIN, MICHAEL J 174FW

BROWNSSELL, GEORGE W IV 174FW

VANWINKLE, JOSHUA J 174FW

MALDONADO, JEFFREY 105AW

MESSARE, MARK P 109AW

FIORILLO, GARY S 109AW

HOUCK, THOMAS G 109AW

HOVAK, KYLE S 109AW

FAGNAN, KEITH R 107ARW

THOMAS, ADAM C 107ARW

HAYNES, JEFFREY A 107ARW

ZANGERLE, JACOB L 107ARW

CAROWICK, FRED M 107ARW

POST, AARON J 107ARW

REYNOLDS, RUSSELL C 107ARW

WEERHEIM, JENNIFER L 107ARW

NEGLIA, JOSEPH A 107ARW

DORSETT, MASUD KAPRI 105AW

CRISPELL, RAYMONDE 105AW

FRENCH, TREVOR M 105AW

HARGETT, DAVID 105AW

BELOFSKI, JAMES M 105AW

JONES, SHONDRA M 105AW

**SENIOR AIRMAN**

IOZZO, ERIC J 174FW

WILLIAMS, TAKEYA A 174FW

BULLOCK, JAMES J 174FW

SCHMITT, DANIEL P 174FW

COX, PRESTON J 174FW

ORTIZ, LORIN N 105AW

PATTERSON, PERCY P III 107ARW

FRONDEN, JASON M 107ARW

LEONARD, JOSEPH H 107ARW

HAWKES, PAUL F JR 106RQW

DAVIUS, SORFFLY 106RQW

CALKINS, LAUREN P 105AW

ZAUNER, CRYSTAL G 105AW

ENCARNACION, LIAM R 105AW



**With a barrel of holiday cheer,** Staff Sgt Steven Streeter, right, and Tech. Kimberly McKean, 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Syracuse, carry one of many collection barrels for donated food and clothing to a central drop off area at the Shopping Town Mall, Dewitt, in early December. Nearly 50 Guard members worked with the Salvation Army to setup the barrels throughout the Dewitt community over the 2005 holiday season to create care packages for those needing assistance. Additional 174FW Guard members helped distribute the care packages in time for the holidays. Photo courtesy of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.



VERDEUR, MARK J 105AW  
WEIR, SHANNON T 105AW  
SIMON, GERARD L 105AW  
FLANAGAN, BRIAN J 105AW  
HORAN, PATRICK T 105AW  
MOHAMED, SHELLON KEON 105AW

**AIRMAN FIRST CLASS**

HANAVAN, JASON P 174FW  
POTTER, KYLE J 174FW  
LAWSON, AMEER M 174FW  
MCDADE, CASEY E 174FW  
FIRE, MICHAEL R 174FW  
COLLALTO, CHRISTOPHER F 174FW  
BRADKE, BRIAN S 174FW  
JACKSON, JEANNE C 174FW  
SMITH, MATTHEW W 109AW  
KING, MATTHEW H 109AW  
ALLEN, CLAYTON D 109AW  
NOWACKI, ANDREW R 109AW  
ROTH, JAMES M 109AW  
BOWEN, JUSTIN C 109AW  
MANCUSO, NICHOLAS W 109AW  
DEROSE, JASON T 109AW  
LEWIS, COREY R 107ARW  
WU, HAO 107ARW  
TRICHEL, KATIE N A 107ARW  
BADOLATO, MICHAEL J 107ARW  
ZIMMERMAN, CHRIS M 107ARW  
POPADYN, GEORGE M 107ARW  
TYMCHUCK, LUKUS L 107ARW  
MANG, RYAN A 107ARW  
OAKLEY, ERIN M 107ARW  
BAUER, CHRISTOPHER M 107ARW  
WARE, ALFONZO S IV 106RQW  
METCALF, EDWARD H 106RQW  
GUZMAN, JONATHAN NMN 105AW  
HOEY, JUSTIN D 105AW  
LOFARO, ANTHONY J 105AW  
BARTLEY, BRIAN T 105AW  
CAMPBELL, PATRICK T 105AW  
SCOTT, HILARY J 105AW  
HARRISON, ADAM K 105AW  
HELMS, DUSTIN D 105AW  
JAROSCH, DANIEL R 105AW

**AIRMAN BASIC**

COLLINS, KYLE G 174FW  
KINGSBURY, SUZANNE B 107ARW  
JOHNSON, ERIK R 107ARW  
MODERACKI, JOZEF M 107ARW  
GRECO, COURTNEY K 107ARW  
STRACUZZI, PATRICK A 105AW  
SPAULDING, BRIANNAL 105AW

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“This was a very important episode for us to make,” Mr. Barta said. “You can be the best fisherman, the best hunter out there, but if you do not plan ahead for something like this, that skill will do you no good. Situations like the one we recreate happen on a daily basis, as the brave men and women of the 106th can tell you. Your plan must be thorough and you must be able to execute it flawlessly to survive. I’m grateful to the 106th for lending their time and their resources to help us relay this very important message.

“When you’re in the raft with the ones that you love and they answer your mayday and come to your aid, it’s worth every single penny. God bless the men and women of the Air National Guard and the 106th,” Mr. Barta said. □

# Changing face of war means morphing Guard, Reserve

By **Samantha L. Quigley**

American Forces Press Service

**SAN DIEGO** – The days of the weekend warrior are over, a top defense official said here recently.

Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said the country has entered the era of an operational reserve force v.s. a strategic one.

Hall spoke at WEST 2006, a technology, communication and national security conference co-sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and the U.S. Naval Institute.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 500,000 reserve component servicemembers have been mobilized, Hall said. Mobilized guardsmen and reservists currently number 130,000.

Though the number of mobilized reserve component servicemembers is on the decline 50,000 less than a year ago the unprecedented and extended reliance on these forces brings to the forefront a number of issues. These include methods of mobilization, support systems and benefits, Hall said. He pointed to successes in changing reserve component mobilization policies put in place during the Cold War. But there is still much to do, Hall said.

Support systems for these changing reserve forces are in place, but they need refining, he said, citing an example. “We have some 37 categories by which we can pay guardsmen and reservists,” he said. “It’s very flexible, but it’s very confusing. We probably need three or four categories.”

Equipment also raises concerns, he said. Equipment that returns from Iraq and Afghanistan will need repair, and what is left behind must be replaced. And considering the reserve components’ recent stateside humanitarian activities, such as with Hurricane Katrina, what equipment is appropriate for their missions becomes an issue. It all carries quite a tab.

“We must have the kinds of equipment that (reserve components) can train on and use,” Hall said. “There’s a big bill involved with that, but we’re going to have to face that.”

One important issue is benefits, he said. He used the analogy of an active duty servicemember, a guardsman and a reservist in a foxhole.

“They look at each other and say, ‘Are your benefits the same? The same bullet’s going to get us,’” Hall said. The benefits are not the same, he noted, adding that efforts are being made to change this.

Just as important as benefits is consideration for the reserve component servicemembers’ civilian lives.

The Guard and Reserve become less attractive if a military employee has to worry about possibly losing out on a job opportunity because of service. And the loss of income because of mobilization also can be worrisome.

Hall requested that defense industry leaders attending the conference help other employers understand the value of hiring a guardsman or reservist. He pointed to a leading building supply company’s philosophy on hiring reserve component servicemembers as a positive example, naming the qualities that Robert Nardelli, the company’s chairman, president and chief executive officer, said he sees in military employees.

Nardelli, Hall said, has found former servicemembers his company’s sought to be model employees: They’re drug-free, they’re honest, and they’re team leaders.

Hall called Nardelli’s hiring actions both the “patriotic ... (and) economic thing to do.”

In working toward the goals of restructuring the Guard and Reserve so that they better meet the country’s needs, Hall said, the military is building a new institution. “I believe history is going to write that this is the next Greatest Generation, and we need to support them,” he said. □

## Tips offered for Tax Season

By **Sgt. Sara Wood**

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Tax season has once again arrived, and military personnel should know several things to make their returns easier and more beneficial, a military official said here yesterday.

Servicemembers who spent time deployed have important things to keep in mind when filing their taxes, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

For example, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo all qualify as combat zones where military income is tax exempt, she said. For enlisted servicemembers, all income earned in a combat zone is exempt, but for officers, income is excluded up to a certain limit. For 2005, the limit for officers’ tax-exempt income was \$6,529 a month, she said.

Tax-exempt income is a great thing,

but it has worked against some servicemembers by exempting them from important credits, Fenton said.

Two credits that military members often qualify for — earned income credit and child tax credit — require earned income to be claimed, she said. Starting this year, servicemembers can elect to include their combat zone income to qualify for these credits, she explained. She stressed that this income will not be taxed, but will allow servicemembers to receive credits they qualify for.

“Just because you think you didn’t have earned income due to your combat zone time, it’s worth your effort to go to the tax center and find out if you do qualify for these two important credits,” Fenton said.

Servicemembers in a combat zone during tax season get an automatic extension to file their taxes, Fenton said. Servicemembers have six months from the time they leave the

combat zone to file, she said. Servicemembers who are stationed elsewhere overseas have a two-month extension to file.

Military personnel can also get help online with their taxes, Fenton said. The IRS provides a Free File service on its Web site, which lists several tax preparation services, many of which provide free service to military members, she said. The Web site Military OneSource also provides free tax assistance to military members.

“The Internet’s invaluable; it allows you to file your taxes from your own home, if you’re comfortable enough to do that,” Fenton said.

To prepare to file taxes, servicemembers should make sure they have their W-2 forms from the military and any other jobs they had in the past year, Fenton said. Servicemembers should also make sure they have Social Security cards for themselves and their dependents, she said.

W-2s are available on MyPay. □

# World War History



**Above:** Spc. Ray Ramirez, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, leans on a vintage Army jeep in the museum's main display area. **Below:** The Orion patch is seen on a steel helmet with gas mask inside the World War I exhibit entitled "Fiery Trial and Sacrifice". **Below, right:** Wool field jackets of the American and German armies on display in the World War II exhibit entitled "United for Victory".



## State Military Museum opens WWI and WWII exhibits

Courtesy of the Governor's Office  
Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Governor George E. Pataki marked Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, by announcing the official opening of a new World War I and World War II exhibit at the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center, here.

The exhibits commemorate the contributions of New Yorkers in the "War to End All Wars" and as members of the "Greatest Generation".

"These exhibits pay tribute to the sacrifices of our brave men and women who fought for our freedom and to make the world a safer place," Governor Pataki said.

There is **no admission charge** to view the exhibits. The Museum is located at 61 Lake Avenue in the old Saratoga armory building, which is approximately three blocks West of Broadway. Viewing hours are **Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

"I encourage all New Yorkers to visit our Military Museum for an opportunity to learn and reflect on the sacrifice and courage our service men and women displayed throughout our history to protect our freedom," Governor Pataki added.

"With the opening of these galleries, we are honoring veterans of the War to End All Wars and the Greatest Generation, to whom the nation owes a great debt," said Maj. (Retired) Fred Altman, President of the New York State Military Heritage Institute.

Entitled "Fiery Trial and Sacrifice: New York and the First World War", the museum's WWI exhibit, its largest exhibit to date, provides an overview of WWI and focuses on individual New Yorkers and New York State military units. Featured New Yorkers include noted American poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer of the Fighting 69th; Medal of Honor recipient and founder of the Office of

Strategic Services (predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency), Wild Bill Donovan; hero of the Harlem Hellfighters, Sgt. Henry Johnson; aviation ace George Vaughn; and Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commander of New York's 27th Division.

Notable New York State military units in the exhibit include the 27th New York National Guard Division, the "Fighting Irish" of New York City's 69th Regiment, the "Lost Battalion", Harlem's famous 369th Infantry and the 77th "Statue of Liberty" Division.

The museum's World War II exhibit, "United for Victory", provides an overview of the conflict and focuses on the Pacific and European theaters. Artifacts seldom displayed from the State's Military Heritage Institute are on exhibit with two items shown at the museum for the first time: the original Medals of Honor awarded to Col. William O'Brien and Sgt. Thomas Baker, both of the 105th Infantry, which was originally formed from a Capital District New York National Guard unit.

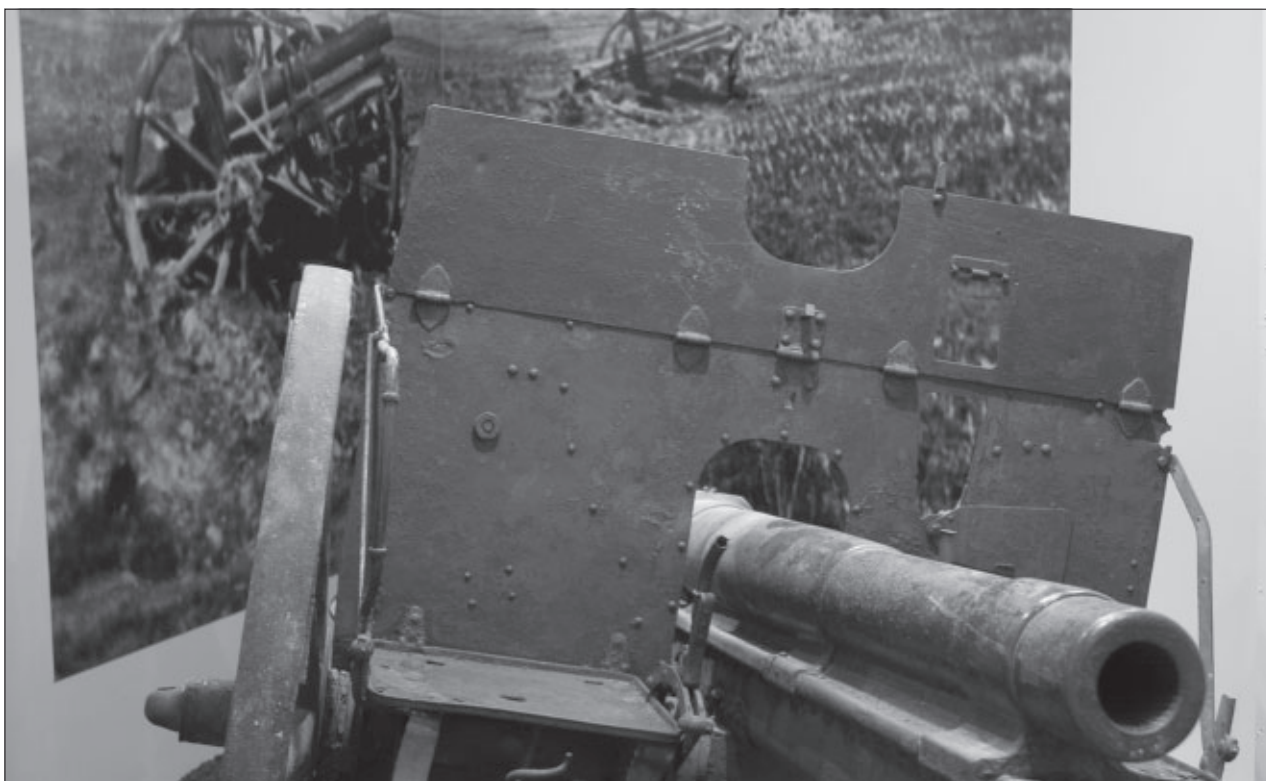
The New York State Military Heritage Institute is comprised of veterans who provide support and promotion to the NYS Military Museum and Veterans Research Center through volunteerism and donations.

The museum houses the state's collection of more than 10,000 military artifacts, some dating before the American Revolution, as well the State's collection of over 1,800 historic battle flags, many from the Civil War. The collection, which includes uniforms, artwork, weapons, equipment, photographs, documents and other pieces of priceless memorabilia, is the largest of any state.

In 1995, Governor Pataki ordered the first comprehensive inventory of the collection. This effort reassembled most of the collection to a secure location at the Watervliet Arsenal where each item was carefully identified, registered, cataloged, marked and photographed. Prior to this effort the only records on the military history collection were sketchy notes contained in shoe boxes full of index cards and this new detailed information of each artifact is now contained in a central database. For the first time ever, accountability and record keeping for the collection had been brought up to accepted U.S. Army museum standards, ensuring that it can be made readily available to educators, researchers and historians.

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**The 31,000 square foot armory, which is listed on both the State and National Historic Registers, was built in 1889 ...**

**Left:** A World War I German Krupps 77 field gun, M-96, on display.  
**Below:** The Saratoga Armory/Military Museum from Lake Avenue.



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Since 1995 Governor Pataki has dedicated nearly \$1 million to the preservation of New York's historic military artifacts. In 1998, DMNA began working with the New York State Police to investigate cases of missing or stolen artifacts. This cooperative effort, which includes monitoring of auction-related web sites, has resulted in the recovery of several priceless items including historic cannons and battle flags.

"Governor Pataki's leadership and commitment to New York's fighting men and women has made this museum, and the preservation of a myriad of artifacts from New York's proud military heritage, a reality," Acting Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. F David Sheppard, said.

"It's through these historical treasures that all New Yorkers can remember and learn from New York's military members who proudly served in defense of our state and nation."

The 31,000 square foot armory, which is listed on both the State and National Historic Registers, was built in 1889 and remodeled in 1902. Designed by Isaac G. Perry, one of the architects of the New York State Capitol, the armory reflects a style of architecture born in New York State and copied throughout the nation. The armory was originally home to the Saratoga Citizens Corps, a local state militia force established in 1878. Members of this regiment and its descendant National Guard units marched from the armory to fight in the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II. □

# Emergency Boat Service aids in commemoration

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
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**WEST POINT** – If New York Naval Militia members had been at this same spot on the Hudson River 225 years ago they may have witnessed cannon fire from Teller's Point and may have heard of Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold's plot to betray the Continental Army and hand over the defense plans of West Point to British Adjutant, Maj. John Andre.

"Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the 'Key to Victory', " Col. James M. Johnson (ret.), executive director of Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, said. Johnson was one of the lead sponsors of Patriots' Weekend 2005.

The Westchester County region has observed Patriots' Weekend since 2002 to commemorate and celebrate the

Revolutionary War.

A New York Naval Militia patrol boat and crew participated in the 2005 commemoration, Oct. 1, and joined auxiliary craft escorting the sloop Clearwater to and from Croton Point so that it could act as the British ship of war HMS Vulture as it acted in 1780.

In September of 1780, Andre had conspired to meet with Arnold aboard the HMS Vulture, which was anchored off Teller's Point. But Arnold sent word for Andre to meet him on the shore. During their meeting, the militia fired upon the HMS Vulture and forced her to move downstream. Andre, separated from his ship, crossed the river in an American uniform, but he was captured and, under the order of Gen. George Washington, hung as a spy.

"I extend my thanks to the New York Naval Militia and the coxswain and crew of their patrol boat, who played a key role in making this event a success," Johnson



Re-enactors of Mott's artillery and the 5th New York Regiment of the American Revolution engage the "H.M.S. Vulture" portrayed by the sloop Clearwater. The Clearwater was escorted by the New York Naval Militia during the event. Photo courtesy of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College.

said. "Having boats in the river was particularly important since the Teller Point firing on the HMS Vulture led to Andre's capture and thus helped to spoil Arnold's plot."

"The New York Naval Militia's Military Emergency Boat Service enjoyed the

opportunity to support this historical event and made practical use of its time on the water to train its expanding number of crew members on call to crew the MEBS patrol boats," said Kevin Ettrich, NYNM Executive Assistant, Joint Forces Headquarters. □

# Vice President welcomes Rainbow Troops home

By Maj. Richard Goldenberg  
HQ, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech)

**FORT DRUM** – Celebrating the recent return of Soldiers from Iraq, Vice President Dick Cheney spoke to troops of the Army's 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry and 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at a rally held at Wheeler Sack Army Airfield, here, Dec. 6.

The Vice President and Mrs. Cheney traveled to the North Country and Fort Drum to honor the returning Soldiers and host a town-hall meeting with Rainbow Soldiers and their families to discuss their views on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division deployment to Iraq.

"This morning we take special pride in recognizing those who have recently returned from duty in Iraq," Cheney said to the assembled troops of both divisions.

"We're also grateful to the historic group of Soldiers that Douglas MacArthur called the "Rainbow Division." The 42<sup>nd</sup> ID headed to Iraq and became the first Army National Guard division headquarters to deploy into combat since the Korean War. They've conducted thousands of raids and search missions, killed and detained terrorists, helped train Iraqi forces, and provided security for the constitutional referendum in October."

"We know your country asked you to carry out some difficult and some dangerous missions. You went about that work with tremendous focus, skill, and regardless of the conditions. Your performance in combat — not just the progress you've made, but also the character you've shown — has left a lasting impression on people up and down the chain of command," he said.

"One unit of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ID, the "Fighting 69th" from New York City, showed its toughness in confronting insurgents around Baghdad," the Vice-President said. "Fighting the war on terror requires skilled, well trained units of the National Guard, and the Rainbow Division is one of the best."

"You've been taking on tough assignments, adapting to enemy tactics, pressing on and hanging tough. I want to thank you for a job well done and to say on behalf of all Americans, welcome home."

Following Cheney's rally for the troops, some 50 Soldiers and family members gathered privately with the Vice President and Lynne Cheney to hear personal reflections on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division's deployment and operations in Iraq.

The meeting included enlisted Soldiers, NCOs and officers from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division Headquarters, 642<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Engineer Brigade Headquarters and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The meeting was closed to the press to encourage greater candor and discussion.

Cheney asked a group of Soldiers to briefly discuss their roles and missions in Iraq and share their personal reflections. Topics discussed with the Vice President included the military's long-term role in Iraq, support and benefits for Guard families and employers and the likelihood of additional National Guard deployments for returning Guardsmen.

"You've met every challenge with focus and courage, and with great effectiveness, and, above all, with honor," the Vice President told the assembled crowd during the rally.

"Standing here today, in the presence of U.S. Army combat veterans, I am reminded once again of what a privilege it is to be a citizen of the United States of America. Your Commander-in-Chief and your fellow Americans are very proud of you, and it's my great honor to bring you that message." □



From right, Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, Vice President Dick Cheney, Mrs. Lynne Cheney and Lt. Col. Jim Lettko discuss the 42ID's mobilization and deployment to Iraq at a town hall meeting.



Vice President Dick Cheney thanks the Rainbow Division and the 10th Mountain Division for their service. Photos by Spc. Sam P. Dillon.

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