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Hovered for re-up

Wounded Soldier reenlists aboard Army National Guard helicopter

By Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — When Staff Sgt. Troy Mechanick, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry flew out of Iraq in April 2004 after being wounded by an insurgent's rocket propelled grenade near Samarra, it was unknown what the future would hold.

Almost two years later his future is brighter. His broken arm and the multiple shrapnel wounds to his legs, back and arms have healed. He's made a decision to stay in the New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) to carry on his service to state and nation and is ready to continue to move forward, which means leaving the past behind.

"The thing is to me is that I am proud to wear the uniform," Mechanick said. "I want to be part of the team again."

In doing so, Mechanick requested to reenlist in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. The same type aircraft used to move him out of combat to receive medical treatment for his wounds.

"I just wanted my next experience in a helicopter to be a favorable one," Mechanick said.

So on Feb. 23, Mechanick climbed aboard a training flight in Latham and Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, Adjutant General, administered the oath of reenlistment while



Staff Sgt. Troy Mechanick reenlists into the New York Army National Guard, with The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, on a UH-60 Black Hawk over the State Capitol. Photo by Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo.

flying over the Capitol buildings in Albany. Taluto is also a recently returned veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he commanded the headquarters 42nd Infantry Division and Task Force Liberty.

"I'm honored to administer the oath and be a part of this experience for sergeant Mechanick, Taluto said. "There's a tremendous satisfaction seeing him come back and join the team."

Mechanick, from Hudson Falls, returns to his duties in the NYARNG without any physical restrictions as a result of his combat injuries.

"My limitations are only what I put on myself," Mechanick said.

Mechanick isn't the only Soldier to make the commitment to continue serving after combat duty. Since 2003, many NYARNG Soldiers that served in Iraq have reenlisted;

however, few have had the opportunity to retake their oath in a helicopter 500 feet in the air.

"We wish we could do this for everyone. Under the circumstances, it was just the right thing to do and we were fortunate to have a training flight scheduled," said State Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Van Pelt. "All the pieces fell into place for Staff Sgt. Mechanick and we are proud to keep him on board." □

FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Allow me to first welcome home my fellow Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the New York National Guard who returned from overseas service in the past year. It is really a tremendous time to be back with family and among my fellow Guardsmen and women in New York again.

I am proud and honored to be asked to continue my military service as your Adjutant General. I can think of no better position from which to represent the careers and concerns of our National Guard's men and women and their families.

This issue of the Guard Times will include coverage of the National Guard's Freedom Salute ceremonies that welcome home our Citizen Soldiers and give thanks to our families and community leaders who made our work possible. It is a fitting tribute to our nation that the Guard is family and a great public recognition of the sacrifice of our loved ones while so many in our state forces were deployed overseas.

Just one year ago, more than 1,500 of our comrades were serving overseas to protect



Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto
The Adjutant General

our freedoms here. Today, that number is less than 100 and we are thankful for their safe return, for their service and for the support of their families and communities across our great state.

Now that hundreds of New York veterans of the Global War on Terror have returned from Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, the Philippines or elsewhere having successfully completed our combat mission for the nation, we must transition back to another front in that war.

Our homeland security effort began on a sunny morning in September 2001, when radicals and fanatics attacked our shores. We watched the towers fall, and as citizen soldiers we responded. Thousands of Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and N.Y. Guard militia members sacrificed to help New York City respond and recover from that horrific attack.

That threat still looms over the horizon. Even as our nation continues to engage the threat overseas, we must rededicate ourselves to the statewide mission of Homeland Defense. We have proven, once again the value of the National Guard as we conducted the combat mission overseas. Now, it's time to refit and reorganize in order to support our communities and our state as we prepare for whatever the future holds.

Like so many Guardsmen back from overseas duty, it is time to get our heads back into the game of homeland security. □

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Award ceremonies continue for Iraq service



Spc. William C. Rhodes is awarded the Purple Heart Medal by Brig. Gen. Michael Swezey, commanding general, NYARNG.

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

GLOVERSVILLE—The Army continues to process award recommendations for Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans following their return from active duty, and ceremonies are being held as medals are awarded.

Four Bronze Star Medals and three Purple Heart Medals were awarded here, Jan. 8, to five members of Company C, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry and one member of the battalion Headquarters Company.

Their regiment, which was recently featured in a special television news report entitled to "War and Back", held the special awards ceremony to recognize the Soldiers for their Iraq service.

Army commendation medals and certificates of achievement were also presented here, and Brig. Gen. Michael Swezey, commanding general, NYARNG, presided.

The Soldiers were called to federal active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2003. Following post mobilization training at Fort Drum and other installations, they deployed to Iraq with their regiment. The regiment returned home in January 2005 after nearly one year of combat duty.

Bronze Star Medal Recipients

Staff Sgt. Gregg Moore from Saranac Lake was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device for exceptionally valorous achievement during ground combat near Samarra, Iraq on May 26, 2004 during an insurgent attack on a traffic control point. Moore rapidly engaged insurgents who were attempting to launch a surprise attack at a checkpoint his unit was operating; an insurgent leapt from a vehicle and threw a grenade. After calling out a warning, Moore led the effort to engage and destroy several-armed men who were attacking. His awareness and quick actions saved the lives of fellow Soldiers while defeating the enemy.

Capt. George Rodriguez, Jr., from Salisbury, Vt. was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as the commander of Company C, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Rodriguez was recognized for his outstanding dedication to the mission

and to the Soldiers under his command.

Sgt. 1st Class Kirk Reinhardt from Port Ewen was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service while assigned as Company C fire support officer. Reinhardt was recognized for his dedication to duty and organizational skills in organizing and managing the unit command post, developing an effective tracking system for ground operations, rapidly processing vital intelligence on enemy operations and for his many significant contributions to mission success during operations in Samarra, Iraq.

Sgt. Major David C. Henry from Westmoreland was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service while assigned as the battalion operations sergeant major. Henry was recognized for maintaining a highly effective battalion tactical operations section, supervising pre-deployment training and the qualifications of staff, and, through relentless attention to detail and preparedness, supervised activities in the operations center through high-tempo combat operations during the course of the deployment. His dedication to the mission and to the Soldiers reflects great credit to him, the task force and the US Army.

Purple Heart Medal Recipients

Spc. William C. Rhodes from Schenectady for wounds received in action on Nov. 11, 2004 in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Nelson from Bloomingdale for wounds received in action on Nov. 23, 2004 in Iraq. □



Sgt. 1st Class Kirk Reinhardt, left, and Sgt. Major David C. Henry receive the Bronze Star Medal for their service in Iraq. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

GUARD NOTES

Knauff named Deputy Adjutant General

Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, the Adjutant General, announced the appointment of Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert A. Knauff to the Deputy Adjutant General of the New York National Guard. Prior to this assignment, Maj. Gen. Knauff served as the Commander of the N. Y. Air National Guard.

"General Knauff's immense depth of proficiency has greatly benefited the New York Air National Guard," Taluto said. "We are confident that his selection to this important assignment and the experience he brings will benefit the Army and Air National Guard and the people of New York."

As the Deputy Adjutant General, Knauff directs the activities of the Headquarters NYNG, located in Latham and is the primary advisor to the Adjutant General on all National Guard matters and co-leads the agency.

SGLI reimbursement approved

Governor George E. Pataki signed into law the provisions of Patriot Plan III initiatives. One of these initiatives established provisions for the reimbursement of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) premiums for eligible service personnel.

The recently published DMNA Regulation 1-2 has specific information on the program including eligibility and the process to receive reimbursement. A servicemember must be an active member of the New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard or the New York Naval Militia with an active status in the US Navy Reserve, US Coast Guard Reserve or US Marine Corps Reserve.

Servicemembers apply for reimbursement by completing an application (DMNA Form 1-2) and submitting it along with the required supporting documentation to the appropriate office at DMNA for certification. Servicemembers must submit separate applications based on the type of duty performed.

Applications must be submitted by Nov. 1 of each year for duty performed in the previous federal fiscal year. Servicemembers should receive reimbursement in late December or early January, but state reimbursement will only be made once a year.

Get Help with tax problems

If you have been unable to resolve an ongoing tax problem through normal IRS channels, contact the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

The office is an independent organization within the IRS, headed by the national taxpayer advocate; the advocate's mission is to help individuals and businesses resolve problems with the IRS. Call their toll free phone number at: 1-877-777-4778. Find their link on the IRS web site at: www.irs.gov/advocate. Call the N.Y. Office of the Taxpayer Advocate at: 518-427-5413. Or write Taxpayer Advocate, Leo O'Brian Fed. Bldg., Room 354, Albany, NY, 12207.

Free education credit for JAGs

Twelve non-transitional New York Continuing Legal Education Program (CLE) credits are available to military lawyers to include two ethics credits. The New York Guard, Army Division, 88th Brigade, 7th Civil Affairs Regiment will conduct its annual CLE on April 25 - 26. This CLE is offered without charge, but is limited to attorneys serving or interested in serving in any branch of the State or Federal military. Contact Capt. Chris Cardillo, NYG, at cardillolaw@aol.com.

GI Bill Top Up program available

If you are taking classes at a college that cost more than your Military Tuition Assistance covers and you have the GI Bill, the Montgomery GI Bill Top Up Program may cover the extra costs. You cannot use your regular GI Bill in conjunction with TA, only the Top Up portion. The amount of Top Up funds used is deducted from your overall GI Bill educational benefits. Contact the Veteran's Administration, Eastern Region at 1-888-442-4551, or P.O. Box 4616, Buffalo, NY, 14240-4616.

EANYNG campaign extended

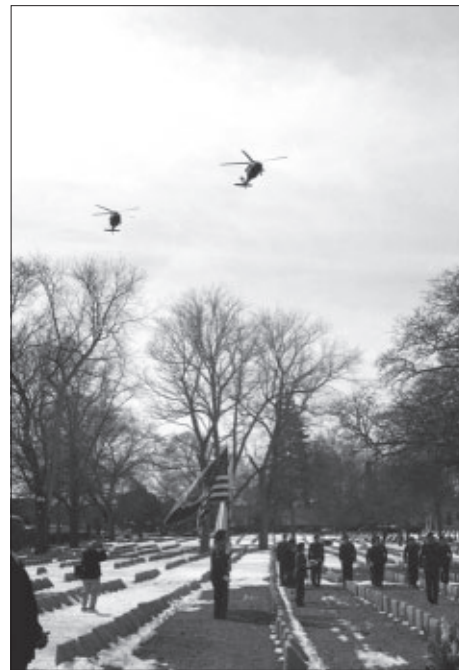
The Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard has extended its statewide recruiting campaign deadline to June 30. For more details, please visit their web site: www.eanyng.org.

Guard honors fallen comrade

Volunteer Citizen Soldier returns home too soon

By Maj. Richard Goldenberg
Guard Times Staff

BUFFALO – A Soldier honored for his selfless service was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo on March 5 when Pfc. Benjamin Schuster returned home from Iraq only weeks into his combat tour.



UH-60 Black Hawks fly over the graveside ceremony of Pfc. Benjamin Schuster.

Schuster, 21, from Williamsville, N.Y., died in Ar Ramadi Iraq on Feb. 25 from a gunshot wound. He had volunteered to deploy with a National Guard brigade from Pennsylvania in order to serve in Iraq.

Funeral services held at the St. John Lutheran Church included eulogies from his brother, Andrew Davis and his former squadron commander, Lt. Col. David Zysk.

Zysk, from the 27th Brigade's 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry, spoke of Schuster living up to the Army value of selfless service and the squadron's motto, "to the utmost."

"When our unit reorganized last year, Ben's aptitude scores gave him the ability to pick

any job he wanted," described Zysk to family and friends at the church. "He chose to remain with the cavalry and serve as a scout."

"Ben had a plan," said Zysk. "He wanted to be a combat veteran and was persistent in his efforts to get his request processed. I'm told that he would call the state headquarters a couple of times each week to check on the status of his request, just to keep the process moving forward," he said.

Pfc. Schuster mobilized with troops of the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th Infantry Division and deployed with the unit's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He served with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force west of Baghdad in Al Anbar Province in Iraq.

"I saw Schuster just before he deployed to theater in early February, the day we promoted him to private first class," Zysk said in his remarks. "He was upbeat, he was doing what he wanted to do."

Schuster's brother, Andrew Davis, recalled Benjamin's retelling of his reasons for volunteering for service in Iraq.

"Ben would say that he was going so that another Soldier somewhere else wouldn't have to," Davis told the hundreds of mourners who filled the St. John Church to overflowing.

Schuster's family received the posthumous awarding of the Army Commendation Medal and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross for his duties in Iraq. In a graveside ceremony that included full military honors from Schuster's comrades from the 2-101 Cavalry, Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, The Adjutant General, presented the awards as well as the flag from Schuster's casket to his family.

"Like so many brave Citizen-Soldiers, Private Schuster answered the call of duty in Iraq to spread the cause of freedom and to protect us from threats of terror," said New York State Governor George E. Pataki in a statement released before the funeral. "His courage and patriotism will always be remembered." □



Family and friends carry Pfc. Benjamin Schuster from funeral services held at the St. John Lutheran Church, Buffalo. Photos by Maj. Richard Goldenberg.

Outstanding Airmen

State's 2005 top Air Guard members announced

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM—Aiming higher than any other enlisted Airman can be a challenging target. For the New York Air National Guard, it's an aspiration only six in 5,000 Airmen accomplish yearly.

The New York National Guard, here, identified six Airmen in January as the Outstanding Airmen of 2005: Airman of the Year Senior Airman Jason Cole, NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Catherine Masson, Senior NCO of the Year Master Sgt. Kevin A. Foster, First Sergeant of the Year Master Sgt. Daniel Durant, Honor Guard Member of the Year Master Sgt. Donald Roberts and Honor Guard Manager of the Year Master Sgt. Brian Sedgwick.

The selections were made from statewide entries submitted by the NYANG's six major commands.

Airmen were rated in four categories: leadership; job performance; significant self-improvement; base or community involvement; other accomplishments.

"Recognizing top performers is an active duty Air Force tradition, which carried over to the reserve components," said the State's highest ranking enlisted Airmen, State Command Chief Master Sgt. Hardy Pierce. "These Airmen are the best at what they do because they are what the Air Force and the Air National Guard are all about: our Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do."

"These Airmen are the best at what they do ..."

— **Chief Master Sgt. Hardy Pierce**
State Command Chief Master Sergeant

For their recognition, the selected Airmen are awarded the "Concord Minuteman" statuette, the NYNG Leadership Ribbon and certificate, a USAA medallion, special recognition at the 34th Annual Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard Banquet, April 6, in Utica and at EANGUS's national conference, their photo on display at the NYANG Headquarters, here, and a State Command Chief coin from Pierce.

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Jason Cole

Senior Airman Jason Cole is an aerospace control and warning systems journeyman assigned to the Northeast Air Defense Sector

(NEADS), Griffiss Business and Technology Park, Rome.

Cole enlisted in the Air National Guard in 2004. He attended technical training at Keesler Air Force Base, Mich., finishing as Top Graduate. He was additionally selected as the 81st Training Wing's Airman of the Month and as a "Red Rope", which is the highest status for student leadership, there.

At NEADS, Cole qualified as a tracking technician and completed his professional development course work eight months ahead of schedule. Cole then assisted fellow Airmen with their professional development by creating presentations, practice tests and study guides.

Cole was selected as NEADS Airman of the Month several times in 2005 as well as Airman of the Quarter and Airman of the Year.

NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Catherine Masson

Staff Sgt. Catherine A. Masson is an air surveillance technician assigned to the NEADS.

Masson enlisted in the active duty Air Force in 1985 and was assigned to the 1836th Engineering and Installations Group, Lindsey Air Station, Wiesbaden, Germany. In 1989, Masson completed her active duty enlistment, and after an eight-year break in service she joined the 169th Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron, Wheeler Army Air Field, Oahu, Hawaii. In 1999, Masson transferred to the NEADS.

Masson was nominated for NCO of the Quarter four times. Masson earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for her service on 9/11. She was deployed to the newly established National Capital Region Coordination Center, Herndon, Va., where she worked closely with the Transportation Security Agency, Secret Service, Federal Aviation Authority and the Joint Air Defense Operations Center. She has volunteered as member of the NEADS Honor Guard and has worked as a member of the Enlisted Council.

Senior NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Kevin A. Foster

Master Sgt. Kevin A. Foster is an aerospace control and warning technician assigned as Assistant Flight Superintendent, NEADS.

Foster enlisted in the active duty Air Force in 1980 and was assigned to the 20th Aircraft Generation Squadron, RAF Upper Heyford, UK. In 1987, he transferred into the NYANG at Hancock Field, Syracuse, as an Administrative Specialist. In 1989, he transferred to the 107th Fighter Wing, Niagara



Senior Airman **Jason C. Cole**
Northeast Air Defense Sector, NYANG
Aerospace Control and Warning Specialist



Staff Sgt. **Catherine A. Mason**
Northeast Air Defense Sector, NYANG
Aerospace Control and Warning Craftsman



Master Sgt. **Kevin A. Foster**
Northeast Air Defense Sector, NYANG
Aerospace Control and Warning Technician



Master Sgt. **Daniel P. Durant**
107th Air Refueling Wing
First Sergeant



Master Sgt. **Donald B. Roberts**
Northeast Air Defense Sector, NYANG
Aerospace Control and Warning Craftsman



Master Sgt. **Brian K. Sedgwick**
109th Airlift Wing, NYANG
Survival Equipment Craftsman

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Soldiers of 2006

Army Guard names its 'Best of the Best'

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM—New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) units from across the state sent their best representatives to the State Headquarters this February to determine the NYARNG's top Soldiers.

The 2006 NYARNG Soldier and noncommissioned officer (NCO) of the year board was held and was tasked with selecting the outstanding traditional and Active Guard Reserve Soldiers and NCOs of the year.

New York State Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt welcomed each of the candidates to the board before administering a 90-question written test. Once the candidates completed the test, they reported to the drill hall, here, and were tested on six predetermined Common Task Training (CTT) tasks.

Subject matter experts from the State Headquarters administered the CTT. The tasks tested each Soldier's knowledge on first aid, weapons and communications. With the CTT completed, the candidates were then taken to the Guilderland Range to test their proficiency on improvised explosive devices, movement under fire and land navigation. Each candidate was evaluated to Army standard for each event.

"They are all winners," Van Pelt said. "But the task before the board was to select the best of the best to represent the NYARNG."

In the evening, Van Pelt said the major commands' command sergeant majors hosted the candidates, guests and support personnel at a restaurant in Wilton. This

provided board members time to interact with the candidates and continue their evaluation process.

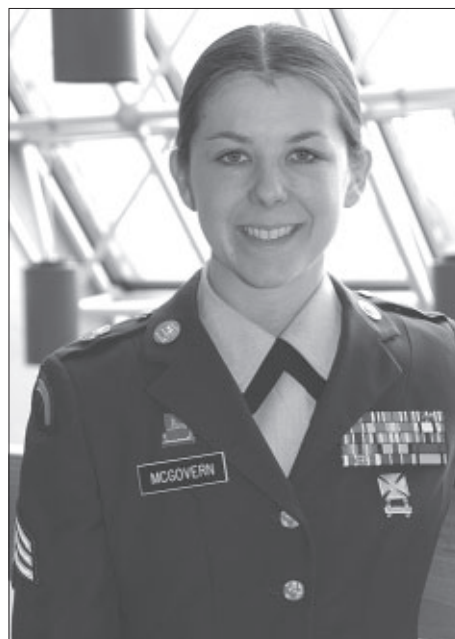
"It was nice, because it made us more comfortable knowing we were going to stand in front of them in the appearance board," Sgt. Katie A. McGovern, candidate, said.

The members of the selection board were Van Pelt, Command Sgt. Maj. Dick Fearnside, 42nd Infantry Division, Command Sgt. Maj. Judd Cappon, 53rd Troop Command and Command, Sgt. Maj. Randy Pinkowski, BSTB, 27th Brigade Combat Team.

On Sunday, each candidate reported in his or her Class-A uniform for the 30-minute appearance board. Each Soldier answered a series of 48 questions. Once all candidates completed this process, their scores were tallied, and the winners were announced: Traditional Soldier – Spc. Kevin T. Smith, Co. A, BTSB, 27th Brigade Combat Team; Traditional NCO – Sgt. Katie A. McGovern, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 642nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division; and AGR NCO – Sgt. Scott E. Walker, HHC, Joint Forces Headquarters.

"I studied a lot, and my battalion board also prepared me very well," McGovern said.

In the First U.S. Army Competition, each state can only send one Soldier and one NCO to the Region North Board in Vermont. This year, Specialist Smith and Sergeant McGovern were selected to represent New York at this selection board. There, one Soldier and one NCO will move on in the competition and represent the eight states



Sgt. Sgt. **Katie A. McGovern**
42nd Infantry Division, NYARNG
642nd Military Intelligence Battalion
Headquarters Detachment



Spc. **Kevin T. Smith**
27th Brigade Combat Team, NYARNG
27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion

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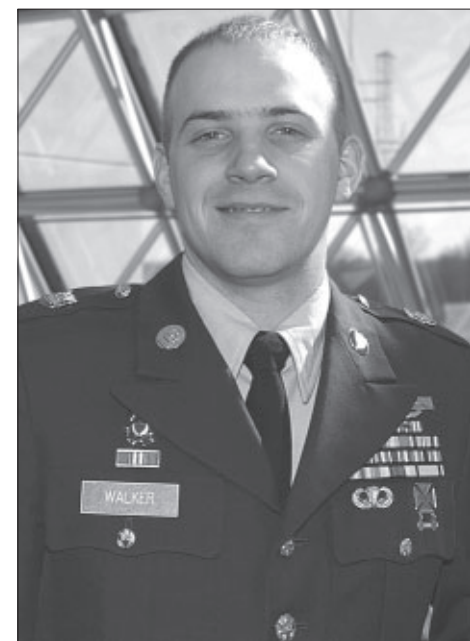
— **Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt**
State Command Sergeant Major

from New England, New York and New Jersey.

"I'm looking forward to representing my state; hopefully, representing them well," McGovern said. "I've been pretty busy preparing for it."

"With the quality of Soldier we see, the future of the NYARNG is in good hands, but that goes without saying," Van Pelt said.

The First Army selection board will be held in July at Fort Bragg, N.C. where Soldiers will compete for the U.S. Army Soldier and NCO of the Year, this fall. □



Sgt. **Scott E. Walker**
Joint Forces Headquarters, NYARNG
Headquarters Detachment

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Falls, and cross-trained into the operations career field. After a short tour, he transferred back to Hancock Field and gained experience as a weapons threat monitor and surveillance technician. He was selected for a full time position at the NEADS in 1995.

Foster was selected as the 2005 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and SNCO of the Year at the NEADS.

First Sergeant of the Year

Master Sgt. Daniel Durant

Master Sergeant Daniel P. Durant is First Sergeant for the 107th Air Refueling Wing Maintenance Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

Durant completed the AF First Sergeant Academy in 2005 and deployed as a First Sergeant with the 107ARW Maintenance Squadron to Guam. During this deployment,

he managed billeting and transportation issues. Durant additionally deployed in September 2005 to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. During that time, Durant worked with Airmen operating in Gulfport, Miss. and New Orleans. There, his relief efforts resolved family care issues as well as coordinated benefits for deployed Airmen.

Durant is actively involved in his church. He volunteers with the NOW generation youth program as a youth mentor. He additionally mentors young adults on life choices, leadership, honor and integrity.

Honor Guard Member of the Year

Master Sgt. Donald Roberts

Master Sergeant Donald B. Roberts, Jr., is assigned to the NEADS as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Charlie-flight, Weapons Section.

Roberts enlisted in the Maine Army National Guard in 1979. After serving more than five years with the 133rd Engineering

Battalion, Portland, Maine, he enlisted in the active duty Air Force. His first assignment was with the 43rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam. There, he trained as a plumbing apprentice. Roberts transferred to the 27th Civil Engineering Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M., in 1987. He cross-trained to aerospace control and warning systems. His next assignment was as NCOIC Bravo-flight, 325th Weapons Controller Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla. After a three-year tour, he was assigned to the 932nd Air Defense Squadron, Iceland. In 1994, Roberts accepted an assignment with the NEADS.

Roberts was selected as the NEADS Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, three times.

Honor Guard Manager of the Year

Master Sgt. Brian Sedgwick

Master Sergeant Brian K. Sedgwick is a survival equipment craftsman assigned as a

shop supervisor for the 109th Airlift Wing Maintenance Squadron, Stratton Air National Guard Base, Scotia.

Sedgwick enlisted in the active duty Air Force in 1980. He was assigned to Rheinmain Air Base, Germany, for the duration of his active duty tour.

Sedgwick joined the NYANG in 1985. Sedgwick was selected for a full time position in the Survival Equipment Shop in 1989. He was additionally assigned to the 109th Security Forces Squadron as First Sergeant and was recognized as the 109AW First Sergeant of the Year in 1998.

Master Sgt. Sedgwick assumed responsibility as noncommissioned officer in charge of the Stratton Honor Guard Program in 2001 and now serves as its program manager.

Sedgwick is an active member of the American Legion as Commander of Floyd Carlton American Legion Post #1236, New Lebanon. □

Vice Chief thanks Soldiers

42nd ID Soldiers honored at Freedom Salute ceremony

By Guard Times Staff and Army News Service

TROY — The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Richard A. Cody, saluted members of the 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard, on behalf of a grateful nation Feb. 18 at a Freedom Salute ceremony for the troops here.

The ceremony was held at Hudson Valley Community College, a few miles from the 42nd ID armory.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard recognition endeavors in history. The National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., launched the campaign nationwide as a way to recognize members of the Army National Guard for service during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom and to thank their spouses, children, and employers for the support they have shown to their Soldiers.

Each Soldier received an encased American flag, a lapel insignia, a commemorative coin and certificate of appreciation. Soldiers' spouses were presented with a National Guard honoree lapel insignia and children

received a commemorative board game that included National Guard trading cards.

During the event, General Cody said that in Iraq he witnessed "the same emotions I feel in this room today: abounding pride in unit and community... loyalty to our nation and to our cherished values, and resolution to see the mission through."

"I have seen the fruits of your success with my own eyes," Cody told the Soldiers. "I just returned from a week in Iraq, visiting the troops deployed there now. They are benefiting from your efforts and continue to rebuild damaged infrastructure and repair tattered civic institutions in a land long torn by conflict."

Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, who commanded the 42nd ID, known as the 'Rainbow Division' during its deployment to Iraq, and who now serves as the Adjutant General for the State of New York, said "today is a day of recognition that you all so richly deserve. We had the honor and privilege to command and control 25,000 of America's sons and daughters," adding, "your dedicated oversight to a successful deployment in Iraq made a significant contribution to our country's efforts on the war on terrorism. We did what we set out to do, and then some."

Throughout the deployment Task Force Liberty Soldiers neutralized the insurgency in North Central Iraq while

organizing and training some 20,000 Iraqi soldiers and 25,000 police officers, beginning the process of transitioning security responsibilities to Iraqi forces. The Task Force conducted combat actions and raids, seized weapons caches, destroyed IEDs, refurbished and protected vital oil and electrical infrastructure. Additionally, they greatly improved water treatment facilities and availability and helped organize four

"I have seen the fruits of your success with my own eyes."

— Gen. Richard A. Cody
Vice Chief of Staff of the Army

potential governments in the provinces that made up their area of responsibility. Soldiers made a difference in the economy of North Central Iraq by building business centers and agricultural cooperatives and provided an environment where free elections were possible for the people of Iraq.

Task Force Liberty was responsible for closing 10 coalition force bases out of a total of 17 in Iraq, effectively downsizing of the coalition force footprint by the merging of North Central and North West Task Forces into one area of operations.

"Because of Task Force Liberty over 3,000 Soldiers did not have to deploy to Iraq," said Taluto. "We made history, we made a difference." □



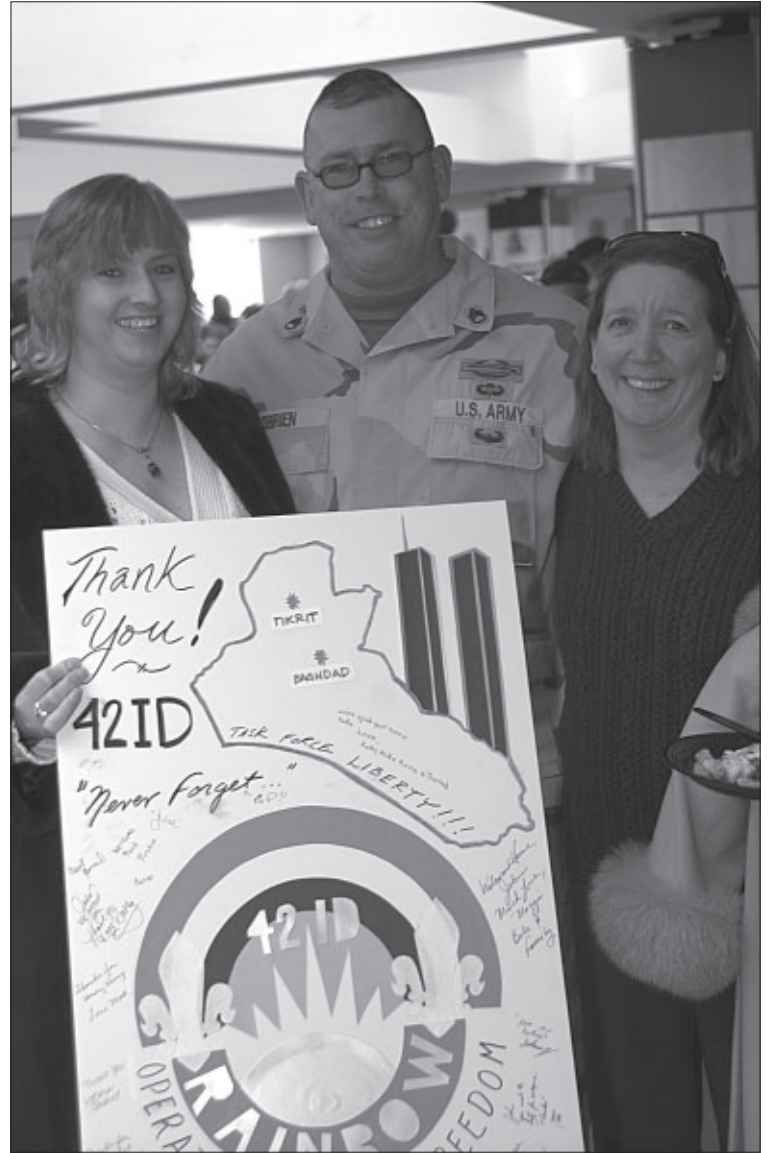
Family Readiness Group co-leaders, Kathy Andonie and Donna Antal, are recognized by Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto and the Rainbow Division for supporting Soldiers and families during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.



Soldiers and families await the start of the Freedom Salute awards ceremony.



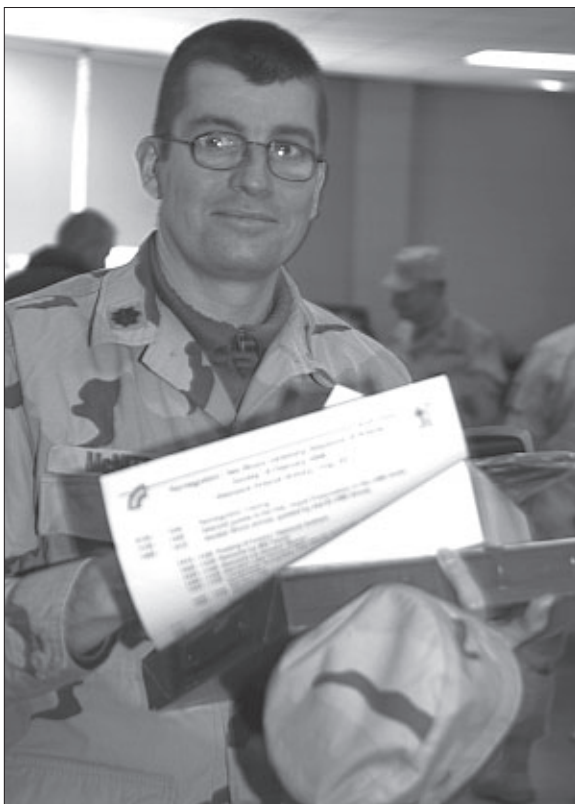
Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Richard A. Cody, speaks with 42nd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto. Right: Staff Sgt. Timothy P. O'Brien and family display an autographed sign.



The 42nd Infantry Division Freedom Salute ceremony. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.



1st Lt. William F. Morrissey, left, receives an encased American flag, lapel insignia, commemorative coin and certificate of appreciation (below). Soldiers' spouses received an honoree lapel insignia.



Above: Friends reunite before the ceremony. Left: Maj. Dage E. McNitt carries awards that recognize his Operation Iraqi Freedom service.



Air Guard Recruiters press on with award winning team

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — Staff Sgt. Joana Galli understands and embraces the challenges of recruiting people into the Air National Guard.

That's why she joined the 109th Airlift Wing's recruiting team in October 2005, transferring from the Connecticut Air National Guard.

"There are five of us, here ... I'm the rookie," Galli said.

Galli is usually the first Airman to meet and greet visitors with a welcoming smile to the 109AW's recruiting office. She hopes to enlist as many of those visitors as she can.

With its current strength numbers holding somewhere around 95 percent, the New York Air National Guard continues to look at projected losses to develop yearly recruiting goals and transform its approach to maintain an appealing choice for enlistees. On the front lines, honing themselves as the NYANG's critical edge is an award winning, and relatively young, team of recruiters. Some, including Galli, are fresh from recruiters' school, but these new recruiters are coming into their own, in fact, they have been recognized among some of the nation's best (see side-bar).

"They are motivated," said Senior Master Sgt. N. Dion Adamson, State Recruiting and Retention Superintendent, NYANG. "We have 24 NYANG recruiters of which 15 are rookies." Retirements over the past few years have passed the recruiting mission to these "rookies".

Compared nationally, the NYANG has a large annual recruiting goal, and a broad-based staff to meet it with recruiting offices at each ANG Base. These offices are primarily responsible for their individual Air Wings, but State, regional and national recruitment are included. The

A Critical Recruiting Edge



For Fiscal Year 2006, the New York Air National Guard's recruiters and retainers were selected at the Northeast Regional Recruiting and Retention Awards in the following categories:

Recruiting/Retention Superintendent of the Year
Recruiter of the Year
Rookie Recruiter of the Year
Top Accession Recruiter of the Year
Retention Office Manager of the Year

These NYANG recruiters and retainers also earned similar awards, in 2004, and at the national level.



Recruiters, Master Sgt. Jim Reeves and Staff Sgt. Joana Galli look over their recently revised recruiting logo at the 109th Airlift Wing. The logo was designed by Senior Airman Brett Bouchard. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

NYANG offices are part of the ANG's Region Five, which encompasses N.Y., N.J. and the New England states.

"As a region, we work well together, and our common goal is 100 percent manning," Adamson said.

Galli has enlisted four new Guard members since her arrival.

"At first, it's hard because no one knows you ... you have to get yourself out in the community," Galli said. Her business cards are a mainstay for this; she has handed out nearly 1,000 cards since November.

Recruiting for the Air National Guard is a special duty assignment, normally lasting four years, but assignments are extended on a case-by-case basis. After training, recruiters are mandated a specific goal of recruitments per month, which changes annually.

The National Guard Bureau's recruiting goal is three recruits per-recruiter, per-month. Adamson is allowed to set an additional goal to meet the State's strength requirement. He said his top recruiters exceed the three-recruit goal regularly and only drop to quotas during their more challenging months. But he admitted that these goals can be stressful, and today's goals do not always reflect future, unforeseen challenges.

Since her arrival, Galli's recruiting goals were matched with her skills; in her first month, she was assigned one enlistment, then two enlistments the following month, and now she is expected to meet the NGB goal.

"To make quotas, you have to find your knack," she said. "That's what I'm trying to do. It's been good, and it feels great when I find a match."

Galli said that the experienced recruiters take the time to explain programs, paperwork and challenging situations. "I see how they handle situations and try to find my own way, using their advice," she said.

Some of the current and future challenges in recruitment include expanding the Guard's relationship with schools and families. Adamson said the Air National Guard is rethinking the way it sells itself, and it recently hired an independent company to help transform its aggressive recruiting style.

"Today, not only do we attract the recruit, we appeal to the family," Adamson said. "The Guard is a family, we live by that. So, we show the family what their loved one is joining by inviting them to visit their Wing."

"If the family wants to come out with them, I encourage it, Galli said. "It allows them to walk around the base, see who's here, and meet those who love the job."

As recruiters, Adamson said they want to sell the "right tool" by finding out what the recruit's "real need" is. He explained that someone may, at first, say they want to join the Guard to "get away from home", but discover later that what they really wanted was a specific training or benefit.

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— Senior Master Sgt. N. Dion Adamson
Recruiting and Retention Superintendent, NYANG

"If you don't find out what their real need is, it will affect their retention. Putting people ahead of the numbers, in the long run, benefits all," Adamson said.

Word-of-mouth recruitment — also called "unit member referral" — is the ANG's greatest source of recruitment; the ANG's web site, www.goang.com, runs second. But leads are the most basic and beginning part of the recruiting process, Adamson said. "They are as basic as a name and phone number on a piece of paper."

"Phone calls on 20 leads do not make 20 enlistments," Adamson said. Maybe one in 20 leads qualify for enlistment when you submit them through tests, background checks, age requirements and physical exams. It's that filtering process recruiters spend much of their time on. The worst part of the job, Adamson said, is finding someone who wants to join but can't because they don't meet an Air Force standard.

"It's hard to tell someone who wants to enlist that they don't qualify," Adamson said. "We genuinely want to help them."

To save everyone's time, Galli said she tries to answer qualification standards before scheduling interviews. She can also suggest study materials and techniques for passing entry tests.

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Returning Rainbow Soldiers ring closing bell

By Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo
42nd Infantry Division

LATHAM — A handful of Rainbow Division Soldiers accompanied Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, their former 42nd Infantry Division Commander and newly appointed Adjutant General in ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 21 signifying the end of daily trading.

Like most returning Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, reuniting with their families and civilian jobs is a joyous occasion. For 42nd Infantry Division Band members Sgt. 1st Class John Wilson and Staff Sgt. Kevin Brown this was an occasion like no other. Their return to work was witnessed by millions of viewers and accompanied a rousing cheer of shouts and applause from coworkers, as they once again walked the bustling floor of the stock exchange.

“It is so great to see everyone again,” said



The New York Stock Exchange's events screen displays the 42nd ID's visit.

Brown. “This has been an incredible experience.”

According to Wilson, the N.Y. Stock Exchange provided tremendous support throughout the deployment and adopted the division band, sending numerous care packages.



Sgt. 1st Class John Wilson shakes hands on the New York Stock Exchange floor.



Rainbow Division Soldiers accompanied by Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange Feb. 21 signifying the end of daily trading. Photos courtesy of the New York Stock Exchange.

“The exchange made up the difference in our pay and health benefits while we were deployed and routinely checked on us and our families while we were away,” said Wilson. “It really made a difference.”

Employees of the Stock Exchange also established Operation Iraq Pack while their coworkers were deployed and continue to send care packages to Soldiers serving in Iraq.

“The Exchange is extremely grateful to all the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, who are defending our nation in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom,” said John Thain, Chief Executive Officer of the New York Stock Exchange. “We could not have the greatest capital market in the world were it not for the greatest military in the world.”

Taluto said he was also touched by the welcome home and support Soldiers received, “the New York Stock Exchange is symbolic of corporate America taking care of our Citizen-Soldiers,” said Taluto. “This is a wonderful thing for our returning Soldiers.” □

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“We abide by standards; unfortunately, some people don’t meet them, but that’s the Guard,” Galli said. “There’s a unique situation with every person, and I try to find a way that benefits both the enlistee and the Guard.”

The average enlistee joins for a median of college and incentive programs, wants to serve their state and community and get career training, Adamson said, but what satisfies them is being a part of something larger.

“We still get a lot of kids that join for the college money, more than ever,” Adamson said. But Adamson went on to say that there’s a challenge to retain them after graduation. “The Airmen that stay are the patriotic ones who love the mission and their service to the community.”

After 9/11, the NYANG witnessed a surge in recruitment, but that wave ebbed, and Adamson said it’s important for communities to remember the need for a strong National Guard. The NYANG’s rookie recruiters may need to sell that message, and time will tell of their

success.

“Experienced recruiters say it takes six months to a year to discover the job fully and whether it fits you,” Galli said. “I’m still learning, but for me, I like it.”

“The drive is something that’s in you ... you see the opportunities all around,” Adamson said. If you’re at dinner, you try to recruit the waiter, and if you’re on the operating table, you try to recruit your nurse, which he did.

“That nurse now serves with the 174th Fighter Wing,” he said. □

42ID JAGs' public service earns best in State Bar Association

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 42nd Infantry Division, earned the New York State Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Public Service Jan. 24 during the State Bar's 129th Annual Meeting in Manhattan.

Lt. Col. Robert Moscati, staff judge advocate, 42ID, accepted the award from Vincent Buzard, President, New York State Bar Association, on behalf of all 20 JAGs of which 19 recently returned to the United States from nearly one year's service in Iraq. The 42ID JAG office shares the award with two additional awardees: Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Hon. Jonathan Lippman; retired New York State Court of Claims Chief Clerk David B. Klingaman (posthumously).

According to the state bar public affairs office, The Award for Excellence in Public Service recognizes excellence by a member or members of the legal profession in the commitment to, and performance of, public service.

"In recognition of the scores of talented and hard-working men and women who serve the state and the profession in their steadfast commitment to public service, this year, for the first time, the committee has chosen three recipients for our annual award," said Hon. James F. Horan in a January press release; Horan is the Administrative Law Judge, state Department of Health, and chair of the state bar's Committee on Attorneys in Public Service, which presented the award.

"These New York citizen-soldier JAGs were daily in 'harm's way', in offices in Tikrit, Iraq and elsewhere in their area of responsibility that is the size of the West Virginia," said Robert G. Conway, Jr., Director of Legal Affairs/Counsel, State Division of Military and Naval Affairs. "Their courageous and selfless service providing legal support to the commanders and soldiers of the 42nd ID and to citizens of Iraq is in the highest tradition of public service attorneys."

According to the state bar's public affairs office, past award recipients include: state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer; New York County District Attorney Robert M.



Seven of 20 Judge Advocates awarded the New York State Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Public Service. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Gino Calandra.

Morgenthau; Joseph W. Bellacosa, former Associate Judge of the state Court of Appeals and dean of St. John's University School of Law; the late Archibald Murray, former State Bar president; Albany Law School professor Patricia E. Salkin; Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director of the New York State Committee on Open Government; and Walter E. Muggan, Regional Counsel of the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency.

According to the state bar's public affairs office, its 72,000-member association is the official statewide organization of lawyers in New York and the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. Founded in 1876, its programs and activities have continuously served the public and improved the justice system for more than 125 years. □

Big money for recruiter assistants

Two programs allow opportunity to earn \$1,000 to \$2,000

By Maj. Kathy Sweeney
Joint Forces Headquarters

LATHAM — It's practically as easy as making a phone call. Guard members now have the chance of earning thousands, yes, thousands, of dollars by referring Soldiers into the Army National Guard. The Guard has launched the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) and 2006 Referral Bonus Pilot Program in order to establish a position of strength from which the National Guard can achieve its accessions mission of 70,000 enlistments and meet the end-strength goal of 350,000 Guard members.

The G-RAP is a contracted program designated for individuals who voluntarily apply online at www.GuardRecruitingAssistant.com to serve as a part-time Recruiter Assistant (RA). The RA applicant will be verified and hired by a contractor, not the ARNG.

Each RA will cultivate quality potential Soldiers from within their individual spheres of influence. Once a potential Soldier is identified and pre-qualified, the RA will facilitate a meeting engagement with their local Recruiting and Retention NCO (RRNCO). The triad of RRNCO, RA and potential Soldier will then work closely to process the potential Soldier and move them towards accession.

G-RAP some \$\$\$

with the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program

New York Army National Guard Soldiers can earn up to \$2,000 for every person they refer to a Recruiter who enlists into the New York Army National Guard.

Upon enlistment the Recruiter Assistants will receive an initial \$1,000 payment. The subsequent \$1,000 payment will occur upon completion of AIT for non-prior service recruits or after the Soldier completes a prerequisite number of drills for prior service Soldiers. Any M-day, New York Army Guardsmen can choose to participate in this program by becoming a part-time Recruiter Assistant. Active Guard Reserve, Federal Technicians or those on ADSW orders are currently not eligible.

**For more details and to register
visit www.guardrecruitingassistant.com**

Upon enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of \$1,000, PLUS a second \$1,000 payment upon successful shipment to Basic Training. Exact payment timelines may vary depending upon prior service or non-prior service status and availability of training seats.

Unfortunately, at this time, AGR, ADSW, Technicians and civilians are not eligible for the G-RAP program. However, these categories are qualified for the 2006 Referral Bonus Pilot Program.

This Referral Bonus Program will permit a bonus payment of \$1,000 to eligible

Cashing in on Recruitment



Payment upon Enlistment

 \$1,000

Payment upon shipment to Basic Training

 \$1,000

Art layout by Maj. Kathy Sweeney

Soldiers who refer an applicant who has not previously served in the Armed Forces. The applicant must subsequently enlist in the Regular Component of the Army, Army Reserve or ARNG and successfully complete Basic and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). The referral bonus program is a pilot test. It is open to individuals in the Regular Component of the Army, the Army Reserve as well as ARNG to include Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) Soldiers, ADSW and Technicians.

The referrals may be made to any component of the Army (Active, Reserve or National Guard) and do not have to be in the same component as the referring Soldier. Referrals to the ARNG must be made to www.1800goguard.com/esar/ or call 1-800-GOGUARD, ext. 3727. For applicants interested in joining the regular Army or Army Reserves, the referring Soldier must either submit the referral through a process via the SMART link at www.usarec.army.mil/smart or through the 800-223-3735, ext. 6-0473, which is dedicated to this program. □

'Brothers of War' Speak Out



101st Cavalry troops reflect on service, tragedy and friendship

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

TROY — Ever since William Shakespeare first penned the expression “Band of Brothers” in his play entitled “Henry V,” the term has been repeatedly used to describe the fierce bond formed between men who have seen and experienced combat together.

The unique nature of the National Guard and its community roots combined with the reality of this age of the Global War on Terror and Operation Iraqi Freedom has created a new generation of veterans and Bands of Brothers across the land. These unions are celebrated story lines for American culture and the imagination of the public, which celebrates demonstrations of courage, sacrifice and honor.

Soldiers, universally, never see or refer to themselves as “heroes” even though the term is commonplace. There is clear and daily evidence, however, that members of communities nationwide are

reaching out to touch “their hometown heroes” and in the process, hear from them. The public honors its military men and women in recognition of their volunteer status, and the fact that service members have made the safety and freedom of the nation a personal responsibility.

Increasingly, groups of Guard Soldiers are coming forward to speak publicly and grant press interviews in order to share their experiences and feelings. They are cautious, though, and more than just a little concerned with some public attitudes and political impressions about the war that they have encountered at their civilian work places, at school and occasionally at home. Privately they express deep concern with the tone of rhetoric that many feel has been fostered by news stories that have focused primarily on violence perpetrated by the enemy and not balanced with enough stories about successes and achievements by coalition and U.S. forces in support of the Iraqi people.

In response, groups of “buddies” are responding to invitations to speak out and to inform the public about “what it really is like over there.” For many this is extremely difficult because it means talking once again about difficult times

and sometimes, great tragedy involving the injury and death of friends. As difficult as this often is, many still choose to proceed in an effort to educate the public and, in their own way, sustain a level of public support – but not for themselves. They are quick to point out that the fighting is not over in Iraq and there are still U.S. forces in theater. Those troops are still in danger and very much in need of public support.

Officially, the chain of command is encouraging this. Many community organizations like colleges and veterans groups are offering forums for such discussions. Reporters are especially interested in listening to Soldiers talk about what it was like to be called to duty, to serve in a war zone and to come home and begin to transition from their combat role back to being a civilian professional or college student and being a here-in-person member of a family at home.

Serious listeners hear Soldiers stories reflecting humility towards self yet pride in their team and comrades. Soldiers express a willingness to talk more about their friends than themselves. Through their comments they present a firm grasp on the mission they were assigned to accomplish and then often go on to describe in some detail their determined



Soldiers of the 101st Cavalry on the streets of Iraq. NYARNG file photos.

efforts to carry out their orders.

In February, five members of Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry based out of the Glenmore Road Armory in Troy accepted an invitation to participate in a team interview with veteran reporter Paul Grondahl from the Albany Times Union newspaper. With the permission of the Soldiers and the reporter, the public affairs office recorded the nearly three-hour interview session at the armory on a video camera, as a means to capture some oral history reflections for the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs.

Following the interview, the Soldiers posed for some pictures for the newspaper photographer and additional photos taken by unit members during the deployment were provided to the newspaper as a way to illustrate the experiences each spoke about. The reflections by each Soldier were extracted from the interview and are shown on this page.

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Soldiers of the 101st Cavalry in Iraq.

On the conditions in Iraq:

"It's war. You're not going to be safe..."

On helping the poorest of the Iraqi people:

"There's a whole other class of people even other Iraqi's call the 'mud hut people...'"

On staying alert for dangers:

"The driver of our first vehicle noticed an Iraqi in another vehicle look at him funny so we followed and pulled him over. He was definitely getting ready for something because he had two machineguns, RPGs, a mortar tube and a lot of ammunition..."

On the first election in Iraq:

"Those three days were incredible. People came out saying thank you, giving us cake. People served us meals left and right. We watched schools being built and opening up."

On the children of Iraq:

"Kids were good to us. I know it seemed like, at times, a pain because they kept coming up to us for candy and things. But, they came and told us about the bad guys and IEDs. They showed us that one IED (gesturing to Holland). If that one had gone off... that one would have been catastrophic, four dead Soldiers at least..."

—Sergeant Nick Pardi, age 22,
Niskayuna, four years service

On remembering his fallen friend:

"We grew up together, went to school together. We started at Hudson Valley (Community College) together and joined the Guard because we wanted a change..."

On reacting to an ambush as a gunner in an up-armored humvee:

"At first I didn't know what happened, then I went right to work using my training. I put out a burst of 25-30 rounds and then the gun jammed. I had to fix it. It took a couple of seconds..."

On training the new Iraqi military:

"There's a lot of small stuff with them. It's going to take a long time to train 'em up."

—Sergeant Chris Holland, age 22,
Watervliet, three years service

On reacting to an ambush during a patrol:

"We got two trucks exploded. I got a tail wound. I didn't stop. I was shot in the back. I was still moving out..."

— Staff Sgt. I
Rensselaer, 10 years



Five members of Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry stand under the "Hands of Victory" monument in Baghdad, Iraq. NYARNG file photos.

ambush on the third day
hit by an RPG. It blew out
tires. There was a loud
explosion and we started
fighting. The driver held
control of the vehicle so it
didn't flip. After the vehicle
stopped we looked to see
where the shot had come from
and started firing... At first it
wasn't clear what they had.
Then I started ...

Keith Myers, age 29,
 three years service

On providing shoes to Iraqi children:
 "They would see us coming and chase
 us barefoot down the road. We
 would put a kid on the hood of the
 humvee and start trying on shoes.
 When they found a fit, it was
 theirs.... We built a rapport with
 the children and they helped
 us. They showed us things,
 brought things like RPGs and
 ammunition. They didn't
 realize what they had. We did
 not ask them to do this. They
 would just do it."

Looking at contributions:
 "When you look at the overall...
 we'd hand out frozen chickens,
 conduct presence patrols, we were
 in certain areas to provide security,
 we did things like make chalkboards
 for the schools to help them rebuild, we
 would deliver medical supplies to clinics...I
 feel we accomplished things on a small
 scale..."

— Specialist Mark Gorman, age 32,
 Troy, three years service



On reacting to an ambush:

"I was driving the lead truck. We were
 going down the road and I started
 hearing the sound like stones
 hitting the doors, then the sound
 of a lot of stones hitting the doors.
 I watched a tracer round hit the
 windshield right here (in front
 of his face). That's when I
 started swearing. A whole
 bunch of RPGs started
 popping off. I was going as
 fast as I could make it go. A lot
 of the RPGs were duds – it still
 scares you when it hits you, like
 'dunk.' As I'm going back
 through the kill zone, I can see
 guys lined up along the berm
 shooting at us. All my tires were flat,
 the radiator is out and steam is pouring
 out over the roof..."

On getting packages from home:

"I got 150 boxes of shoes (everybody
 laughing.) I asked my mom for some of
 her extra shoes that I could give to the
 people. She went to my aunt, who then
 went to the schools. So we gave these to
 our translators, the Iraqis in our camp, to
 the kids and the Mud Hut people – they
 were desperately poor..."

— Sergeant James Montesano, age 26,
 Berne, nine years service

Background Information

One company of the 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry was mobilized and deployed in May 2004 as part of Task Force Wolfhound, the 1st Battalion 69th Infantry. The 101st was an M1 tank battalion, but for this deployment the troops were reconfigured and trained as motorized infantry. Since a tank company at full strength contains nearly 50 fewer Soldiers than an infantry company, upstate members of the 101st Companies B and C were transferred into the Newburgh-based Company D to bring it up to the required total troop number. In Iraq since the fall of 2004, members of the 101st were based at Camp Liberty at the edge of Baghdad. They operated as motorized infantry using up-armored humvees. They conducted patrols, security

operations and performed both offensive and defensive operations against insurgent and terrorist forces. They also distributed food, clothing and toys to impoverished Iraqi families and children. One member of Company B was lost when his vehicle rolled over as the driver swerved to avoid a possible Improvised Explosive Device. The unit returned home in September 2005 after more than 10 months of difficult duty in a combat zone. Members of Company B joined in the Freedom Salute Ceremony for the Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division Feb. 21 (See "Vice Chief Thanks Soldiers", page six). The family of the late Sgt. David Fisher was also present as guests of honor. □

State Surgeon: Critical Incident Stress real but manageable

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM—Thousands of New York National Guard members have experienced combat overseas. Many more walked the ruins of 9/11 and natural disasters like hurricane Katrina. What's familiar between them is the burden of "Critical Incident Stress", a stress that's different from starting a new job or being stuck in traffic. Critical Incident Stress comes from wartime experiences or serving in the middle of death and disaster. Left unchecked, this type of stress can potentially damage people and missions. This is why the Guard wants its members knowledgeable on stress, and learning how to prepare for and handle the National Guard's critical incidents of stress has become essential.

More than 60 attendees from the New York Army and Air National Guard, Naval Militia, New York Guard, family support and state and federal civilian offices attended Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training, here, Jan 25 - 27.

The purpose of the training is to certify individuals in CISM skills and ultimately establish regional Joint Crisis Emergency Response Teams (JCERTs), which respond to critical incidents Guard members have and are likely to experience, said Dr. Michael Lonski, trauma psychologist and lead trainer, here. "This is the proactive way to provide preventive support, education and information that leads to greater health, resiliency and hope for people who experience the after effects from traumatic incidents."

Police, fire and ambulance services, which share a common disaster role with the Guard, have taken the lead in CISM. Their trainers, said Lonski, have testified before

Congress on its value for personal health and well-being. In the training role, here, they don't replace the Guard's counseling but complement the "tremendous" work already done.

"This program is designed to identify stressors and counteract their negative effects," said Col. Russell H. Zelman, State Surgeon and NYARNG Medical Command Commander. "CISM will help keep our Guard members ready to defend our freedom and serve our State."

CISM will help keep our Guard members ready to defend our freedom and serve our State

—Col. Russell H. Zelman
State Surgeon



Civilian and military personnel ask questions on CISM.



CISM Seminar attendees work through group exercises. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

The training is conducted in a twofold process: after initial course work, the JCERTs will be certified for critical incident response. This involves making use of their communities to increase response times for unforeseen events like disasters or deaths. Program officials say these actions create a secure safety net to identify area resources and put together local teams of clergy, health professionals, schools and community organizations to participate with CISM's proactive outreach.

At the one-on-one level, said Lonski, preparing for future events, including deployments, will "give a leg up on awareness." Listening to and helping each other is a major part of CISM's outreach plan, during, and after, incidents.

It is really a peer model based on peers who trust one another, Lonski said. You wouldn't send someone into combat without training them, and this is like emotional hazards training where your learning how to metabolize stress; one student shared an analogy that, like a diabetic who needs assistance to metabolize built-up sugars, stress builds up in the body and must also be "metabolized" through peer assistance.

"The buddy system works," Zelman said. "We find it in the Boy Scouts, the military and even in the operating rooms in our hospitals. We are training many different groups in our CISM to saturate all that will come in contact with disaster victims."

"No one who has experienced a critical incident is untouched by it," Lonski said. This helps keep peers strong, it gives peers the tools for listening and asking each other if they are "all right" to where its second nature. Helping each other in the appropriate time in the appropriate way, so no one is stigmatized, grief is respected but the layers of stress are lifted away.

"The greater number of CISM trained Soldiers, Airman, family readiness members, psychologists, social workers and medics the better off our Guard members will be," Zelman said. He explained that preventive therapy is "much cheaper" than therapy for post traumatic stress disorder, which is extensive."

The ultimate goal is to prevent the progression of stress from wartime and natural disasters, Zelman said. "Our trained personnel will see the signs ... and hopefully provide some support." □



Critical Incident Stress comes from wartime experiences like combat in Iraq, above, or serving in the middle of death and disaster at events like 9/11, right. New York National Guard file photos.



COLONEL PFEIFFER CARL EDWARD	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	CONSTANTINE TAMMY	105TH MP CO	ILLESCAS ERICKSON	145TH MAINT CO
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MAJOR CALLERY RICHARD	DET 4 42D MP CO	ESPINAL CRISTINA	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN	KIEVIT MARK MAXWELL	101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR
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STUDINER JOHN ROBERT	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	GILCRIST AMY MARIE	CO C (-) (MED) 427TH BSB	MILES CHAD MARSHALL	DET 1 222D MP CO
CAPTAIN BAYLESS VARNUM	CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN	GILLEY JOHN MICHAEL	105TH MP CO	MONTALVO JERRY	719 TRANS CO
BRADY JOSEPH PHILIP	HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN	GILMORE CHAD R	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN	MURRAY CHRISTOPHER	222D MP CO (-)
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JOHNSON YOLANDA	MEDICAL COMMAND	HAUF DAVID LYNN	CO B 204 ENGR BN	OVERBY CRYSTAL	BSTB 27TH IN BDE (BCT)
MUMFORD SARA JO	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN	HERNANDEZ JAMES	727TH MP DET	POLLARD KEVIN JAMES	HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
MURRAY WALTER	HHC 107TH SPT GROUP (-)	HOLDER NATALIE A	442D MP CO	PURDY CHRISTOPHER	A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN
VILLACRES ROLANDO	CO C (-) 204TH ENG BN	INWOOD ARRON ALLEN	TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)	QUINTANA DEREK FELIX	CO A 1-69TH INF
FIRST LIEUTENANT BENSON TERRY SCOTT	CO C (-) 2-108TH INF	JEANFRANCOIS MICHAEL	DET 1 HHC 107TH SPT GROUP	RAAB JONATHAN PAUL	CO A 2-108TH INF
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 COOLBAUGH RAYBURN	DET 1 CO B 3-126TH AVIATION	JOHNSON DARRYL JAMES	CO B 204 ENGR BN	RANDEL AMANDA LYNN	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN
DEGUISTO EDWARD C III	CO A 3-142D AVIATION	KUSYJ JEFFREY B	HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)	RICHARDS NORDIA	145 OD CO MAINT FWD
SERGEANT MAJOR MANGELS TRACEY B	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	LOGALBO MARC J	CO C (-) (MED) 427TH BSB	ROCHA FELIX T	HHC 427 BSB
MASTER SERGEANT CANELLA JOSEPH PAUL	NYARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 29	LUOMA JAMES E II	206TH MP COMPANY	ROSALES EDGAR HERNAN	1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD
JOHNSON LARRY T	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	MACK ARMOUR GORDON	249TH MED CO AIR AMB (-)	ROSS CHRISTOPHER M	204TH ENG DET
NUWERE VERNADINE E	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN	MANCUSO CHARLES E	105TH MP CO	SANDERS ROBERT E	CO D 2-108TH INF
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANDINO EDNA JUDITH	145TH MAINT CO	MANNIX TIMOTHY	DET 1 HHC 2-108TH INF	SCELIA MICHAEL PAUL	CO D 1-101ST CAV
BREWER JAMES CLAY JR	107TH MP CO (-)	MOLESKY JOHN M	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	SLAYTON SHANE WYATT	CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
HIGGINS MICHAEL LEO	CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB	MONTESANO JAMES E	CO B 1-101ST CAV	SOLLENBERGER JASON	CO C (-) 1-69TH INF
KNUTSEN JESSE LEE	HHD 104TH MP BN	MORALES ABRAHAM	719 TRANS CO	STRATHEARN SEAN A	CO A 2-108TH INF
MEJIAS EPIFANIO JR	DET 1 CO A 1-224 EN BN	NICHOLS DENNIS CHRIS	105TH MP CO	TANZABEL GREGORY	42D INF DIV BAND (-)
MORRIS JOHN ALVIN	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN	OQUENDO MANUEL A	MEDICAL COMMAND	TITKA AARON JAMES	CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN
PAGE GWANANCII M	145TH MAINT CO	OTERO KATHERINE M	1569TH TRANS CO	VARAYON SETH TEE	DET 1 CO C 2-108TH INF
STAFF SERGEANT ANTONY JOBY	CAMP SMITH	PARDI NICHOLAS JAMES	CO B 1-101ST CAV	WARR CHRISTOPHER	DET 1 CO B 3-126TH AVI
AYALA HERMAN	CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN	PATTERSON DEAIN J	HHC 1-101ST CAV	WATSON MARLANA S	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
BRADO MARK WILLIAM	CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB	PERSAUD VINCENT	RECRUIT AND RET CMD	WILLIAMS MARCUS K	642 CS BN HSC REAR
CASSICK THOMAS J JR	CO D (FSC RSTA) 427TH BSB	PRITCHARD ELIZABETH	466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT	ZHU SHARON	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN
CERQUEIRA JOSEPH	CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN	PRIVITERA ADAM JOHN	HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AQUINO GABRIEL	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
DACRE RONALD J	107TH MP CO (-)	REARDON CASEY HAYES	DET 2 CO B 2-108TH INF	BARNES LEJANET E	133RD QM SUPPLY CO
DEYO ROBERT JAMES	CO B 204 ENGR BN	ROBINSON JOHN H JR	CO D 1-101ST CAV	BENJAMIN THOMAS JR	642 CS BN HSC REAR
EDGHILL JOSEPH	719 TRANS CO	RODRIGUEZ MIGUEL	4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET	BUTTON JUSTIN A	642 CS BN HSC REAR
FLINT MARK WILLIAM	102 MAINT CO	RYAN JASON GARY	CO B(-) 642D SPT BN	CAPUTO ANTHONY	727TH MP DET
FRANCOIS CARLYLE	DET 1 107TH MP CO	SABATER ERIC BERNARD	CO A 1-69TH INF	CARD JOSHUA DAVID	TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
GAINER JON PETER	249TH MED CO AIR AMB (-)	SANCHEZ ANDY	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	CASIMIR MARIE	HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN
GRAFFER KERRY WAYNE	CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN	SANTOSKY DEANA	727TH MP DET	CHAN WHITMAN	133RD QM SUPPLY CO
GUILE OWEN DAVID	DET 1 CO A 1-224 AVN S&S BN	SILVERNAIL BRANDON C	HHC 427 BSB	CHEN CHUNG HAN	145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
HAZELTON ASHLEY	CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB	SPINNER SHANE ML	CO B 204 ENGR BN	CHRASTON LOUIS	DET 1 CO A 2-108TH INF
IRIARTE RICHARD	442D MP CO	STJOHN TODD A	CO B (-) 2-108TH INF	CLARK DIANE MIOSHA	CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
KIPP DAVID EUGENE	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN	STROH RONALD J	CO D 1-101ST CAV	CLARK JUSTIN	727TH MP DET LAW ORDER
KOCH CHRISTIAN	CO A 2-108TH INF	TORRES BERNARDINO	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN	CLARK ROBERT JAMES	CO D 2-108TH INF
KOESTLER RONALD	187TH ENG CO DUMP TRUCK	TOUSSAINT WILLIAM	133RD MAINT CO	COMBS DARRYL J	HHC (-) 2-108 INF
LIGHTNER CHRISTOPHER	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	TURNER LASHIMA K	DET 1 HHC 107TH SPT GROUP	CUMMINGS KASEY	CO A 2-108TH INF
MCKINNEY PAUL E	107TH MP CO (-)	WEISENBORN MARK P	249TH MED CO AIR AMB (-)	CURRY DAVID	MEDICAL COMMAND
MYERS KEITH PHILIP	CO B 1-101ST CAV	WILLIAMS ANDRE H	CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN	DANFORTH ANDREW D	222D MP CO (-)
NIEVES RAYMOND	133RD QM SUPPLY CO	WILSON CRYSTAL	RECRUITING AND RET CMD	DOLAN REBECCA ANNE	HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION
PRILLWITZ CARLOS A	HHC 427 BSB	WONG MELISSA LOLITA	56TH PERSONNEL SER BN	DOUGHERTY DAVID LEE	DET 1 222D MP CO
ROBLES DAVID CRISTINO	NYARNG ELE JFHQ	WRIGHT TERRY	727TH MP DET LAW ORDER	DRIES DANA EDWARD	222D MP CO (-)
SPENCER PETER	CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN	SPECIALIST ACOSTA PABLO JR	CO A 1-69TH INF	ECK JUSTIN LEIGH	642 CS BN HSC REAR
STACY SUSANNA G	CO B 204 ENGR BN	ADAMS PATRICK M	CO A 1-69TH INF	ELWOOD THOMAS W	107TH MP CO (-)
SERGEANT ACOSTA RAQUEL	27TH SPT CTR (CORPS RAOC)	AHRENS COLLIN M	CO C(-) 638 SPT BN	FLORENO KATHLEEN	1156TH ENGR CO PO
BARNES BYRON E	CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB	ASHLEY GORDON SCOTT	102 MAINT CO	GERSHAL KEVIN DAVID	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN
BARRIGAR LLOYD LEROY	HHC (-) 2-108 INF	BARTLETTKING JERRY	DET 1 CO B 2-108TH INF	GUTIERREZ ROSARIO	133RD QM SUPPLY CO
BEAVER CHRISTOPHER	CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB	BAYNES CLARISSA A	133RD MAINT CO	HEMPSTEAD MICHAEL	HHC 1-101ST CAV
BLAIR SEAN MICHAEL	CO C (-) (MED) 427TH BSB	BIELSKI ROBERT	(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN BDE(BCT)	HENNEL BRIAN	CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB
CAPRIA LEO N III	HHC (-) 2-108 INF	BIGLER JERRY WAYNE JR	105TH MP CO	HOOPER DONALD LEE	CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
CASTILLO EDGAR D	133RD MAINT CO	BOHN JASON JOSEPH	442D MP CO	IRELAND BRADLEY E	642 CS BN HSC REAR
CHATTEN SHANNON M	105TH MP CO	CAMACHO GEORGE	MEDICAL COMMAND	JOHNSON REGINIA	BSTB 27TH IN BDE(BCT)
		CAMPBELL LEIGH C	138TH MPAD	JOSLYN MATHEW	466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT
		CLEMENT JONATHAN	CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB	KAGEL JOHN ERIC	TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
		COMSTOCK RYAN DAVID	CO C (-) 2-108TH INF	KENNEDY KANASH	DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH IN
		CRITTON BRIAN C	50 CS BN CO B DET 1 REAR	LAFORREST BRIAN DAVID	CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
		CURTIS DANIEL SCOTT	CO B (-) 1-69TH INF	LASHURE MATTHEW	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN
		DANIEL LANCE OSBORN	37TH FINANCE DET	LEE MICHELLE JUSTINE	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
		DEYO GARY PAUL II	1569TH TRANS CO	LESLIE KADEEN K	466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT
		DIAZ BILLYE	719 TRANS CO	LESPINASSE ANTHONY	DET 1 CO B 2-108TH INF
		DREW JOSEPH JAY	CO C (-) 2-108TH INF	MARDAKHAYEV IZGIL	133RD QM SUPPLY CO
		DUMAS JOSEPH ST CLAIR	204TH ENG DETACHMENT	MARTH CHRISTOPHER	TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
		DURNEY JESSE DONALD	CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB	MELLOTT WILLIAM A	CO B 1-101ST CAV
		GADDIS MELISSA A	466TH MED CO AREA SPT	MILANO TIMOTHY J	101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR
		GOLDING NICOLAS CARL	HSC 642D SPT BN	MILLER QUANISE N	7TH FINANCE DET
		GOMEZ GERALD	442D MP CO	MILLER THOMAS JOHN	187TH ENG CO DUMP TRUCK
		GRADY SEAN ROBERT	CO A 2-108TH INF	MOORE DOUGLAS R	CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
		HOFFMANN MICHAEL	HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION	MULLEY THOMAS	DET 1 CO A 2-108TH INF
		HONEYWELL DAVID	CO B 1-101ST CAV	MUNSON JOSEPH JOHN	1156TH ENGR CO PORT
		HORTON DALE ROBERT	204TH ENG DETACHMENT	NORTON DOUGLAS P	CO C (-) 2-108TH INF
		HRITZ MICHAEL JAMES	107TH MP CO (-)	OKAYAMA SHUN	DET 1 CO B 1-69TH INF
		HYPOLITE TROY C	133RD QM SUPPLY CO	PAGAN VICTOR A	56TH PERSONNEL SER BN

PLA LUIS FRANCISCO HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN
 PUTMAN KYLE CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
 RAMOS KENNETH CO A 1-69TH INF
 RESSLER DAVID JOSHUA 27TH INF (BCT)
 RIVERA LEONARD V 1156TH ENGR CO
 ROSE JAMES HENRY JR CO A 3-142D AVIATION
 SALNAVE DAVID C 42 HHC HVY DIV REAR
 SANCHEZ JULIO 69 IN BN 01 CO A REAR
 SAYERS HEATHER B HHC (-) BSTB 27TH IN BDE
 SCHUSTER BENJAMIN NYARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 23
 SEGER KURT JAMES DET 1 222D MP CO
 SLATER JOSHUA GEORGE CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 SLEASMAN ERIN E 102 MAINT CO
 SMITH MATTHEW CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 SMITH RANDY CARL JR 222D MP CO (-)
 STEVENS CHRISTOPHER (-) 2-108 INF
 STICKLE JOSHUA REID 642 MI BN HHC REAR
 STIGER TIA MARIE 222D MP CO (-)
 STRAHIN ANTHONY TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 SWIFT STEPHEN HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION
 TAMBURRINO DAVID P HHD 104TH MP BN
 VANSTEENBURG JOSHUA 204TH ENG DET
 WEILAND CYNTHIA ANN CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN
 WELCH ERIC MICHAEL 727TH MP DET
 WILLIAMS ANTHONY HHD 27TH FINANCE BN
 WOLCOTT JUSTIN GARY CO B (-) 1-69TH INF
 YOHE STEVEN CLIFFORD 187TH ENG CO DUMP TRUCK
 ZAJAC FRANK THOMAS DET 1 222D MP CO

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ALVAREZ MELVIN A CO A 1-69TH INF
 ANDERSON MICHAEL HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 ASHFORD RICHARD CO A 2-108TH INF
 BAILEY EDWARD HUGH CO B 1-101ST CAV
 BALL JEREMY MICHAEL 222D MP CO (-)
 BAREFOOT JOHN W HHC (-) 2-108 INF
 BARNES STEVEN ERIC TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 BARRACK DYLAN T 206TH MP COMPANY
 BARRANT STEPHEN P CO D 3-142D AVIATION
 BARROWS BRANDON DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH IN
 BERSANI DOUGLAS C CO B (-) 1-69TH INF
 BESTE JORDAN CODY HHC 1-101ST CAV
 BOULERICE MICHAEL P 466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT
 BOWER DANA JAMES TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 BRIGGS STEFAN DWIGHT BATTERY A 1-258TH FA
 BROWN MICHAEL C CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB

BULLA JESSICA CORRIN 27TH INF (BCT)
 CARRAWAY DEREK 102 MAINT CO
 CHRYSLER BENJAMIN L 222D MP CO (-)
 CLAVIJO CESAR F CO D 2-108TH INF
 COATES KAYLA MARIE 222D MP CO (-)
 CONROY BRENDON 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR
 COPELAND SHAQUEENA 37TH FINANCE DET
 CORNELL BRADLEY J DET 1 222D MP CO
 COSME JANIRA L DET 1 HHC 107TH SPT GROUP
 CRESSMAN MATTHEW J 105TH MP CO
 CRUZ JOSE JR CO A 1-69TH INF
 CUMMINGS BRENDEN A 727TH MP DET
 DAVIS CODY T HHC (-) 2-108 INF
 DAVIS LAUREN MARIE HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION
 DERITTER JESSICA LYNN 222D MP CO (-)
 DIAPIA JACKELINE CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
 DIBATTISTA FRANK D CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
 DINOVO CANDI LYNN HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION
 DOUD WARREN S JR TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 DOUGHERTY RONALD R HHC 1-69TH INF
 DUFFUS NATALIE 466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SPT
 EASTWOOD GUY CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
 FLORES ERICA IVANIA CO C(-) 638 SPT BN
 FOSMIRE SCOTT F CO C (-) 2-108TH INF
 FREEMAN JOSHUA G HHC (-) 2-108 INF
 GAO DAVID HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN
 GAUNAY MICHAEL A 206TH MP COMPANY
 GLADDEN SEAN K 102 MAINT CO
 GREEN PETER O CO A 1-69TH INF
 GUCK DAVID R 222D MP CO (-)
 HAMMERL STEVEN CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
 HARIPASHAD MAHINDRA CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
 HERSCHA JOSHUA ALLEN CO D 2-108TH INF
 HOAD KEVIN CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 HOLDEN JONATHAN M 102 MAINT CO
 HUETTINGER JOSEPH J HHD 104TH MP BN
 HULA JOHN MICHAEL II CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB
 KELLER JONATHAN CO B (-) 1-69TH INF
 KELLY ADAM J CO A(-) 204 ENGR BN
 KELLY EDWARD G CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN
 KELLY WILLIAM JOHN DET 1 CO B 2-108TH INF
 KIESECKER MARK E CO B (-) 1-69TH INF
 KING BRIAN DENNIS CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 KLEIN AMANDA NICOLE 29 AG HHD PSC REAR
 LANNON JEFFREY S 222D MP CO (-)
 LEE JOO SUNG CO B (-) 2-108TH INF

LEWIS VERONICA V 42 HHC HVY DIV REAR
 LONDONO CARLOS 7TH FINANCE DET
 MADRID KAREN ANABEL DET 1 HHC 107TH SPT GROUP
 MARX JOHN D JR 206TH MP COMPANY
 MATHEWS MELODY A HHC (-) BSTB 27TH IN BDE
 MENDEZ MAXIER HHC 1-69TH INF
 METROS DAVID C 105TH MP CO
 MICHAELS AMELIA E HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION
 MILLER MEGAN TERESA 642 CS BN HSC REAR
 MOORE JAMES E JR HHC (-) 2-108 INF
 MORALES JOHNATHON M 727TH MP DET LAW ORDER
 MORAN DOUGLAS R CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB
 MOSES DWAYNE CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
 MYERS BRANDON J DET 1 CO B 3-126TH AVI
 MYERS COREY MICHAEL CO D (FSC RSTA) 427TH BSB
 ORR WILLIAM DOUGLAS 222D MP CO (-)
 OTT PATRICK D HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 PEABODY BLAKE R CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB
 PFEIFFER NATHAN 1156TH ENGR CO
 POIRIER TIMOTHY LEE DET 1 HHC 2-108TH INF
 RHEA CHROSTOPHER J HHC 1-101ST CAV
 RIBERDY JOSEPH M HHC 1-101ST CAV
 RIOS RAFAEL DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
 SACCHITELLA ERIK C CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 SAEZ RAFAEL L CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
 SCHORER JOANNE L 56TH PERSONNEL SER BN
 SENATUS JOSEPH CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
 SHARPSTONE RYAN J CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
 SHINE SAITH JARAM TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 SKADRA CODY STEVEN CO D 3-142D AVIATION
 SOWKA DUSTIN J 204TH ENG DETACHMENT
 SWAN ROBERT PETER TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)
 THOMPSON KELLY CO C (-) (MED) 427TH BSB
 TIEDEMANN ARTHUR CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB
 TORNEY VINCENT J 27TH SPT CTR (CORPS RAOC)
 VASQUEZ DAVID CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN
 VERDEJO ANIBAL III 206TH MP COMPANY
 VERTUCCI CLARK D HHC (-) 2-108 INF
 VILLAFANE JOSE A CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB
 WALLACE BUCHANAN J 105TH MP CO
 WIGINTON DANIEL C CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB
 WILLETTE ELIJAH CO D 3-142D AVIATION
 WILLIAMS PRECIOUS L 27TH INF (BCT)
 ZHOU MICHAEL HHC 1-101ST CAV
 ZWINGE MATTHEW E CO C (-) 2-108TH INF



Receiving thanks and praise from the Governor, Legislature, Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division are honored during Governor George E. Pataki's State of the State address Jan. 4 at the State Capitol in Albany. The 20 Soldiers, who deployed to Iraq with more than 400 other 42ID Soldiers in 2005, attended the Governor's address as ambassadors of the New York National Guard and its service to State and country. During the address, they received a standing ovation from the State Assembly (right) and afterwards had their photo taken in the Capitol's "Red Room" (above). Photos courtesy of the Governor's Office.

102 MAINT CO
SPC ASHLEY GORDON SCOTT
SPC REITZ DUSTIN KEITH
SSG SUTHERLAND MARK A
SPC URTZ MICHAEL JON
SSG WOODS GREGORY J

105TH MP CO
SGT FRAY ROBERT JAMES
SGT GILLEY JOHN MICHAEL
SGT MANCUSO CHARLES ERNEST A
SPC RAMSEY JEREMY RICHARD

107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)
SFC BREWER JAMES CLAY JR
SSG DACRE RONALD J
SGT GATES LAWRENCE RICHARD
SFC JAWORSKI PAUL HENRY
SSG MINER JOHN DAVID
SGT SCHWARZ CASTILLO JOSE RAUL
SGT WHITTAKER BRADLEY GEORGE

1156TH ENGR CO PORT OPENING
SGT DEGROTE TIMOTHY ALLEN
SPC PURCELL ANGEL TANYA
SPC WYCKOFF MICAH CLAY

133RD MAINTENANCE CO
SGT CALDERON WILSON
SSG GAMA JORGE
SFC PALOMINO JOSE ALEXANDER
SGT THOMPSON SANDRA M
SGT TRAVIS SCOTT CHRISTOPHER
SGT WHITE ADOLPHUS

133RD QUARTERMASTER SUPPLY CO
SSG LONDON TOM

1427TH TRANS CO (-)
SGT TREACY ZAERIN CHRISTOPHER

145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
SGT BURGOS YOLENE
SPC COLEMAN COREY NORMAN
SPC ORTIZ EILEEN
SGT SANTIAGO GILBERTO

145 OD CO MAINT FWD
SPC COLON ANIBAL
SGT COLON LIXANDRO
SGT DESIMONE ROBERT ANTHONY
SPC MASON MICHAEL SCOTT
SPC PEREZ CARLOS
SPC VAZQUEZ GILBERTO

145TH MAINTENANCE CO
SFC ANDINO EDNA JUDITH
SPC FELICIER FELIX A
SFC LAMPKINS ANDREW HENRY
SGT MAISONET HECTOR JR
SSG MARTINEZ WILFREDO
SGT PARNTER ANDRE
SGT RAHIM MUSTAPHA ABDUR
SSG RIVERA HARRY

14TH FINANCE DET
SPC THOMAS LESLIE

1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD
SSG LOVELL KENNETH CEIL
SPC MAZZARELLA LEE FRANCO
SGT WALKER BERNARD CARLTON

1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO
SGT BERRIOS WILLIAM JR
SPC HUNTER OCHUN TERRELL
SSG LEVY JOHN EDWARD
SPC PALMERI JOHN P

187TH ENGINEER CO DUMP TRUCK
SPC SKOMPINSKI SCOTT RAYMOND
1ST BATTALION 142D AVIATION
SPC IMBURGIA STEPHEN LAWRENCE
SGT LEY JONATHAN EDWARD
SPC MALONEY JOSEPH ADAM
SFC WILSON ROY DELBERT

206 CS HHD CSB REAR
SPC CAPERS BRIAN SCOTT
SGT DENNIS JOHN NORMAN III
SPC FRAZIER KENNETH LEE

222D MILITARY POLICE CO (-)
1SG JONES HAROLD IV
SFC MILLER JAMIE LEE

249TH MED CO AIR AMBULANCE (-)
SGT DUCLOS JOANN GINNA
SPC GINTY REGAN KENT
SPC JONES RONALD EDWARD JR
SSG KIEDA EDWARD DOUGLAS
SPC MALY MICHAEL ANTHONY JR
SPC SALISBURY MICHAEL JOHN
SGT TEMPLAR JEROMIE VON

27TH INF (BCT)
SGT ATNIP DANIEL ROY
SGM CROSSETT LESLIE F
SSG NEAL MELANIE ANN

27TH SUPPLY AND SERVICES BN
SFC SWIFT RAYMOND

29 AG HHD PSC FWD
SPC ANDREWS JULIA STEWART
SGT LONGO KIMBERLEY ANN
SSG MARTIN DERRICK LAMONT

29 AG HHD PSC REAR
SGT RADDER MARK JAMES
SGT RAINEY JOHNATHAN MICHAEL
SPC WRIGHT RACHEL LYNN

29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE DET
SPC ALEXIS JASON JOSEPH
SGT PEREZ MELISSA GERET
SPC PIACENTE JASON THOMAS
SGT PREVOST NICOLE MARIE

2ND BN 106TH REG (RTB)
SFC HATCH ROGER LEE
SSG STEED DAVID DOUGLAS

37TH FINANCE DET
SFC VELILLA NELSON M

42 HHC HVY DIV FWD 2
MSG IVERY KEVIN

42 INFANTRY DIVISION DET
SSG DUNNE STEPHEN ANDREW

42D INFANTRY DIV BAND (-)
SGT CASTLE WAYNE PHILLIP
SSG FITZGERALD GERALD JAMES JR
SGT LAWSON THOMAS R
SGT TRONTI MARIO
SGT WEVERS ANTHONY JOSEPH JR

442D MILITARY POLICE CO
SSG IRIARTE RICHARD ANTHONY
SGT JONES CRAIG LAMONT
SPC WONG VICTOR AUGUSTO

466TH MEDICAL CO AREA SUPPORT
SPC HUSBANDCLARKE SHEERVON M
SPC LEWIS TARAH MICHELLE
SGT PRITCHARD ELIZABETH ANN
SGT SMITH JENNIFER EILEEN

4TH FINANCE DET
SPC LOPEZ DEMETRIUS DAVID
SGT ROSS MICHAEL ALLEN

56TH PERSONNEL SER BN
SFC ORMISTON ANDREW SCOTT

642 CS BN CO B REAR
SFC PEARSON GARY G

642 CS BN HSC REAR
SGT FARRINGTON PATRICK EDWARD
SFC SMITH ALBERT JOHN

642 MI BN CO C REAR
SPC BIELING HERMAN FREDERICK
SPC POSS LYNDA DENISE

642 MI BN HHC FWD 3
SSG BARNES J DANIEL

642 MI BN HHC REAR
SPC GISHEY LOREN
SSG WAIT JEFFREY B
SSG WAIT JOHN F JR

69 IN BN 01 CO A REAR
SPC COLON RICHARD

69 IN BN 01 DET 1 HHC REAR
SGT FLORES ROBERT

69 IN BN 01 HHC FWD 2
SFC PAYNE ANTHONY R

719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)
SSG EDGHILL JOSEPH RANVILLE
SGT LATORRE MIGUEL ANGEL
SPC LLOYD EDWARD JAMELL
SSG MITCHELL DARLENE
SPC MORILLO SERGIO TOMAS

A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH IN BDE(BCT)
SSG WYMYCZAK SCOTT FRANCIS

BATTERY A 1-258TH FA
SSG DIGESO MICHELE
PFC FISHER DARRYL DEAN
SSG LLOYD THEODORE HAROLD
SPC RIVERA LUIS ENRIQUE JR
SFC DELANNOY ALEXANDER
CPL DUCKETT THOMAS MARCUS JR
SPC PEREZ ROBERTO
SSG SUME PIERRE EDSON

C CO(SIG)BSTB 27TH IN BDE(BCT)
SSG DOLSON DAVID LAWRENCE

CAMP SMITH TRAINING SITE
SSG ANTONY JOBY CHAKKALAKAL
SPC JOHNSON DAVID
SGT MATAMOROS FERNANDO
SGT STILWELL RAYMOND E
SGT WOODTON DAVID G

CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB
SGT BARNES BYRON EDWARD
SGT DIAZ GERARDO
SGT DRAPER JORDAINE TARRA
SGT LANEY KELLIE JO
SGT LANTRY DANIEL ALLEN
SGT LORENZO ROBERTO
SGT PLEDGER CHRISTOPHER ANTON
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On Patriot Hills

Airmen manage operational risks in Antarctic missions

By Maj. Mark Armstrong
Chief of Tactics, 109th Airlift Wing

SCOTIA — Lot's of hard work went into the 109th Airlift Wing's recent Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection (EORI) in Antarctica and resulted in a good performance for the deployed members supporting Operation Deep Freeze (ODF), there.

With the EORI results behind them, and the 109AW facing further inspection in April, it's easy to forget that they are accomplishing some challenging and exciting missions in support of the National Science Foundation. These missions require detailed planning, teamwork and a little luck with the weather.

One such mission was to Patriot Hills, Antarctica, situated in the Elsworth Mountains. Patriot Hills lies at approximately 80 degrees south latitude and 81 degrees west longitude and is about 1,100 miles from McMurdo Station. The site is popular with wealthy tourists looking for the "Antarctic experience" through tailored packages by specialty tour groups, which includes skiing trips, excursions to the South Pole or climbing expeditions to the continent's highest mountain: Vinson Massif.

These expeditions can run as much as \$70,000 dollars a person and are commonly staged out of South America. But price is not the only obstacle to overcome when getting to Patriot Hills. The area is beset by rapidly changing weather conditions, which makes landing on the Blue Ice runway one of the more challenging sites in Antarctica.

Each year the National Science Foundation accepts proposals for science projects. These proposals are carefully scrutinized for science benefits, logistical feasibility and undergo a comprehensive peer review by the scientist leading in a particular area. The National Science Foundation has been interested in Patriot Hills through the years as a base for projects; however, every landing at Patriot Hills is full of potential danger from out-of-limit winds, lack of emergency divert options and rapidly changing weather



Maj. Kathy McNulty on Castle Rock, Antarctica. Photos by Maj. Mark Doll



A 109th Airlift Wing LC-130 Hercules refuels from a fuel bladder on an ice runway in Antarctica.

conditions. Previous mission reports detailed these and other hazards, and most seasoned pilots recommend against flying into this site given current conditions.

Current proposals for the 2005 – 2006 ODF season included a planned science project, designated G-087, at Patriot Hills. The G-087 project encompasses plans to install a Global Positioning System and make initial measurements of motion in the

West Antarctic Ice Sheet. The key was to make landings at Patriot Hills more of a sure thing. Through persistent Operational Risk Management processes, the 109AW was able to convince the National Science Foundation of the utility of building a ski landing area situated away from existing terrain and oriented into the prevailing wind.

The 109AW's Tactics Shop along with its Antarctic Shop plans initial



Engines create a whiteout of ice outside an LC-130 Hercules.

put-ins to new or infrequently used sites. There are a myriad of details to consider such as where the LC-130 Hercules can refuel to carry enough cargo to the site, what weather requirements will optimize mission completion and flight safety, and who will provide weather reporting services. Additionally, scientists in the Navy's research laboratories expend extensive effort to make sure the site is clear of crevasses, which is accomplished using high-tech satellite imagery and through detailed review. After an extensive risk analysis considering the many variables, the wing commander

maintainers getting the aircraft mission ready and finally mission execution by the aircrew and others on the continent.

Thorough planning and great weather at Patriot Hills ensured a smooth mission accomplishment. The scenery was spectacular with the Patriot Hills forming a majestic backdrop for the ski landing area. The cargo was combat off-loaded and the scientists were de-planed to begin their research. Several weeks later, and after a couple of resupply missions, the scientists were ready to pullout. Camp pullout was essentially the same exercise in planning; however, it was complicated by aircraft problems and poor weather at the refueling site and at McMurdo Station.

Shortly after takeoff from McMurdo Station, the LC-130 Hercules' autopilot failed, and we had to manually fly the aircraft. This confronted the aircrew with the fatiguing prospect of flying the aircraft by hand for more than nine hours and a crew duty day of more than 14 hours. The mission was complicated further as the forecast weather did not materialize at the refuel site. As we started to enter holding at the refuel site, with limited emergency divert options, the weather improved enough to shoot an instrument approach. As bad luck would have it, the weather rapidly deteriorated on our return to McMurdo, and we had to shoot another minimum weather approach. Again, teamwork and proper planning resulted in a successful mission.

The 109AW makes difficult missions to places like Patriot Hills look routine; however, behind the scene, a multitude of tasks by many organizations are accomplished with limited resources and time. The end result is another National Science Foundation project completed and mankind's quest for knowledge furthered. □

approves the mission for execution.

I was fortunate to be included as part of the crew executing the Patriot Hills put-in mission; a mission that the Tactics Shop helped plan. The mission was a culmination of a large expenditure of time and expertise ranging from preseason coordination, cargo buildup by the Aerial Port Flight and the civilian cargo loaders, logistic support by specialty tour groups to build and operate a ski landing area,

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106th Rescue Wing tests new rescue basket

By Master Sgt. Orville F. Desjarlais, Jr.
Air Force Print News

WESTHAMPTON BEACH—An Air National Guard rescue unit successfully tested, March 1, the world's first multi-person rescue basket, a cage-like device that, once certified, can carry up to 15 people.

"We really could have used this after hurricanes Katrina and Rita," said Lt. Col. Brad Sexton, a program manager in the Air National Guard-Air Force Reserve Command Test Center at Tucson, Ariz.

The colonel was one of the first to fly in the Heli-Basket, a 4-and-a-half foot by 8-and-a-half foot metal cage that hangs on a 125-foot cable below an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter.

After the three successful test flights, Colonel Sexton forwarded his findings to higher headquarters to start the certification process. He doesn't know when Air Force officials will deem the device safe enough for actual rescues.

The inventor, John Tollenaere, said it was the first time a rescue device like his has been tested for human use.

An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter carries a rescue basket during certification training at Westhampton Beach. Volunteers from the 106th Rescue Wing tested the basket so it can be certified for use in rescuing people. It was the first time humans were used in the testing. Photos by Master Sgt. Jack Braden.



Volunteers from the 106th Rescue Wing move to board (above) and ride on (below) a rescue basket during its certification testing.



Since the Pave Hawk is a highly modified version of the Army Black Hawk helicopter, the Air Force accepted the Army's certification of the Heli-Basket for cargo use in June 2003.

Mr. Tollenaere said he invented it to stabilize helicopter loads, like plywood, which catch the wind like an airplane wing and become unstable during transport. He said it was a natural progression to try to certify the Heli-Basket to carry people.

"I've got a picture of a lot of helicopters flying around the MGM Grand Hotel (in Las Vegas, Nev.) when it was on fire," said Robert Massey, support contractor for the test center. That 1980 fire was the worst in Las Vegas history. It killed 84 people and injured hundreds more.

"Rescuers had to pick those people up from the roof one at a time," Mr. Massey said. "I also remember the images of Katrina victims getting lifted out one at a time. Using the Heli-Basket, the Air Force will be able to pick up entire families from rooftops and not be forced to separate families, which is what happened during Katrina."

Because rescuers came from diverse organizations — military and nonmilitary — and they were based at different locations, they inadvertently separated family members plucked one at a time from rooftops.

Using a litter or a harness, pararescuemen normally only rescue one person at a time. In extreme circumstances, they can rescue two people if all three's combined weight is not more than 600 pounds. The Heli-Basket's can carry up to 8,800 pounds, or 15 people, which exceeds the Pave Hawk helicopter's maximum cargo weight of 8,000 pounds.

The Heli-Baskets can carry up to 8,800 pounds, or 15 people ...

"It is going to make our jobs easier," said Staff Sgt. Bryan Walsh, a 101st Rescue Squadron pararescueman. "It'll be another tool in our tool box that will allow us to evacuate more people at one time. It is very versatile. We'll be able to rescue people from swamps, fields, water and rooftops — everywhere except jungles.

"Any tool that will help us save more lives is a great asset to us," the sergeant said.

The Pave Hawk's primary mission is to conduct day or night operations in hostile environments to recover downed aircrew during war. Because of its versatility, the military uses the helicopter in other-than-war operations. These tasks include civil search and rescue, emergency aero-medical evacuation, disaster relief, international aid, counter-drug activities and NASA space shuttle support. □

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On a February patrol, Naval Militia Patrol Boat, PB281, prepares to come along side the CUTTER PRIVATEER, Feb. 8, on the Hudson River near Indian Point on its return from regular maritime security patrol. The NYNM's patrol boats have performed maritime security at Indian Point since October 2001 and can be ordered into any state waters as directed by Governor George E. Pataki and the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto. New York Naval Militia photo.

Marriage seminars available

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM—The New York National Guard Family Program and the Chaplain's Office have teamed up to offer Guard members and their spouses free Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) seminars April 22-23 and May 5-6 in Lake George and Montauk.

According to the State Family Programs Office (SFPO), here, the seminars teach couples how to communicate effectively, work as a team to solve problems, manage conflicts without damaging closeness and preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship.

"The approach is based on 25 years of research in the field of marital health and success," said Beverly Keating, SFPO director.

Keating said they hope to hold additional seminars, scheduled for various locations across the state, throughout 2006.

"The purpose of these workshops is to help service members and their spouses cope with the adjustment necessary due to separation or expected separation by deployment," Keating said. "Attendees will be trained on skills to enhance their relationship following or prior to deployment."

According to the SFPO, couples spend most of their time in special discussions or

practicing skills during the seminar. Key topics include expectations, commitment, forgiveness, feeling understood and sensuality.

"It's not therapy," Keating said. "And it's probably unlike anything to which couples have been exposed to." Keating explained that there are no "encounter" groups or sharing of personal concerns at the seminar. "There's no dry psychobabble.... it's simply thrilling insights into more loving, growth-filled relationships."

Keating said that the seminar begins with teaching effective communication skills, addresses problem resolution strategies that work, reveals how to discover the hidden issues in every relationship, and then moves into caring, fun and friendship.

"PREP has proven so effective that it has been featured on major television shows and in the printed media," Keating said.

According to the SFPO, people ordinarily pay \$150 for the seminar, and along with materials, hotel and food, costs can easily exceed \$300. Thanks to special funding, however, this workshop is provided at no cost; spouses of military members are put on Invitational Travel Orders for reimbursement of travel to and from the event, one night hotel expense and per diem. Also, the N.Y. Army and Air National Guard allow its Soldiers and Airman to attend in paid duty status.

"The New York National Guard cares about family relationships, Keating said. "It's a huge boost to family readiness."

To register for a seminar, call Stephanie Duell, SFPO: 1-877-715-7817. □

Our fathers' faces are our strength

Commentary by Maj. Patrick Chaisson
42nd Infantry Division

TROY — Every year a group of current and former National Guardsmen gather at the Hoosick Falls Armory in Upstate New York. They come to celebrate their service, renew friendships and perhaps share a story or two from "the old days".

Only Guardsmen who have served in the Hoosick Falls Armory may attend this annual gathering, known as the "Stag Dinner". It's a close-knit group: at one table a general officer dines with the village barber while in another corner World War II veterans trade tales with young unit members fresh from the war in Iraq.

It was at a stag dinner several years ago that I discovered for myself the strength of the bonds that tie together our National Guard family.

I was with two friends who once served with me at the Hoosick Falls Armory — 1st Sgt. (retired) Nick Ciampolillo, Jr., and Capt. (retired) Scott Gallerie. The three of us found ourselves at a historical display, looking through a copy of the 27th Infantry Division yearbook from 1948.

Nick turned the faded pages until he found Company A of the 105th Infantry Regiment, then headquartered in Troy.

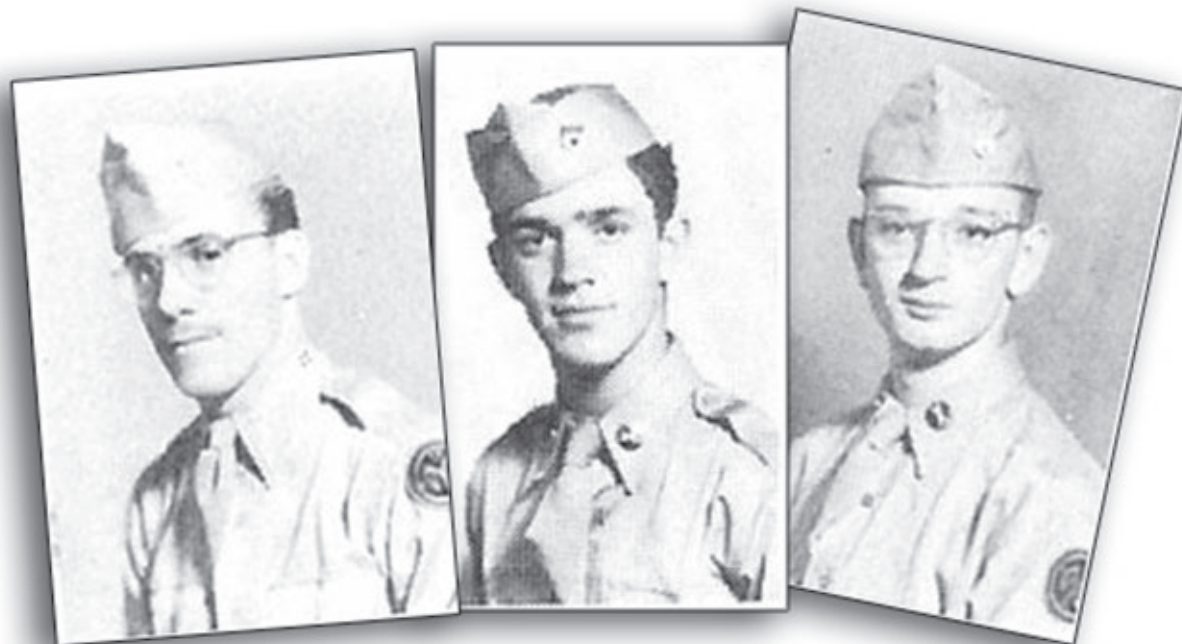
"Look at this," he said to us, tapping the top row of soldiers' faces. "There's my father, Pvt. Nicholas Ciampolillo, Sr."

A determined young infantryman in khaki stared back at us from the photograph.

It was Scott's turn next. Quickly finding the Cohoes-based Company B, he pointed to a photo of an impish-looking private with his overseas cap cocked at a jaunty angle.

"That's my dad, Pvt. Frank Gallerie."

As I took the yearbook from Scott's hands I felt a sense of wonder. The Guard had connected my two friends in a unique way. Could I make that connection?



NYARNG file photos

My fingers stopped at Company H, 105th Infantry, which was stationed in Schenectady. There, halfway down the page, was a photograph of this thin, 18 year old radioman — my father, Pvt. Tom Chaisson.

Nick, Scott and I smiled at our lucky discovery: All three of our fathers served in the same regiment almost 60 years ago. They undoubtedly stood together with their unit on the parade field at Pine Camp (now Fort Drum), when the 27th Infantry Division held its first review since being reactivated after World War II.

Each of our fathers retired from the New York National Guard as a senior Non-Commissioned Officer. Each also inspired his children to enter careers in the military. The Ciampolillo, Gallerie and Chaisson families all have several members serving in or recently retired from the Armed Forces.

Nick Sr., Frank and Tom are no longer with us. Sadly, neither is their regiment, the famed 105th Infantry "Appleknockers". These old Soldiers knew that the military changes constantly. Proud units must reorganize, just as the khaki fatigues of 1948 have

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been replaced by today's "digital" Army Combat Uniforms.

Veteran Guardsmen like our fathers helped build the National Guard into the well-trained force it is today. After seeing these old photos I can better appreciate their sacrifice and commitment, which is why I continue to attend social events like the Hoosick Falls Stag Dinner. These gatherings have become an important way for me to say thank you to those who came before. They are also a way to connect with the proud tradition of service that our fathers helped forge. □

Family Offices provide valuable Guard services

The State Family Programs Office (SFPO) facilitates training for contractors and volunteers to ensure their level of knowledge is consistent and conducive to administer appropriate levels of valuable services to the military families of New York State.

The SFPO is also tasked with budgetary, policy and procedure as well as administrative duties to appropriately oversee all aspects of the New York National Guard Family Programs. It is the SFPO duty and responsibility to ensure that the successful delivery of services are employed in the most efficient and effective manner, so that the service member's families obtain the fullest support through out their service members career.

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The New York State National Guard Youth Program

The Youth Program is designed to implement support and training to New York State military youths. Its programs offer training to various community base organizations, to include community schools, which also explore the unique issues specifically related to military youth.

The Youth Program considers the implementation of skills training in leadership, mentoring, and resource coordination will ensure that the program, and the services provided, reflect the unique needs of all military children.

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New York National Guard Family Readiness Assistant (FRA)

The core function of a FRA is to work with Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), Military Point of Contacts (MPOC), Rear Detachment Commanders (RDC) (during deployment), and volunteers to provide training and hands-on assistance for establishing and maintaining an effective Family Readiness system within units and commands.

The FRA coordinates all aspects of the family readiness triad: Family Readiness Groups, Rear Detachment Command and Family Assistance Centers.

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When Military Service members are at basic training, annual training, drills, or are away serving their State or Country, the staff of the New York National Guard's Family Assistance Centers are ready to help families on the home front.

Located in seven New York locations, MFAC'S and WFAC'S are easy-to-reach, one-stop shops for information and assistance.

The Center staff put service members and their families in touch with personnel or programs that meet their individual needs. Their locations are:

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On the web, in print or via satellite

Public Affairs Detachment brings coverage into combat

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
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LATHAM — The 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment is doing great things in Iraq, wrote its commander, Maj. David Albano, in recent correspondence.

Albano and his New York Army National Guard Soldiers are several months into their deployment in Mosul, Iraq. He said the detachment has survived some “rigorous, but outstanding” training at Fort



Digital video cameras are an essential piece of equipment for NYARNG's 138th MPAD.



Sgt. 1st Class Steve Petibone, videographer, center, records active duty Army Soldiers during Iraq elections.



Lt. Penny Bartelme, officer in charge, print and broadcast, shows an Iraqi woman her video camera while on a mission. Photos by Sgt. Dennis Gravelle.

Dix, N.J. and completed their in-theatre training in Kuwait before moving to their current location.

The detachment is supporting public affairs missions for Task Force Band of Brothers (TF BOB), which includes documenting the 101st Airborne Division, specifically the Army's 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team and the Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armor Division.

“These Soldiers are the finest in the world, and I am very proud of them,” Albano said. “We can, will, and do just about anything, and these public affairs professionals tell their stories by traveling throughout Iraq's northern region, covering all TF BOB units in its area of responsibility (AOR).”

Albano said their missions bring them into the combat zone daily, so they shoulder their M-16 rifles along with their camera gear.

We ride on Strykers in the early morning, out in the mean streets of Mosul, to record raids on suspected insurgents, we additionally create video memorials for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we cover morale, welfare and recreation events, we cover distinguished visitors including recent visits by Secretary of Defense, Mr. Donald H. Rumsfeld, and Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Albano said.

When the 138th has its stories, photos and video ready for release, they distribute them through newsletters, websites and satellite uplinks. Soldiers and their stateside families, as well as media outlets, rely on their coverage for information, and Albano said few events are left uncovered.

The nearly 20-member detachment is anticipating its own good news, specifically, the arrival of NYARNG Master Sgt. Denise Slater.

Slater was assigned to the 138th MPAD as a print journalist, photojournalist and administrative specialist from 1991 to 1999 and covered New York's 1998 Ice Storm and the detachment's deployment to Honduras. She now deploys to Iraq as one the detachment's senior noncommissioned officers, but said she hopes to provide support any way she can.

“I'm looking forward to the experience, some of the work is similar to a press embed where you join the missions to take photographs or video and write stories ... I like that.”

But Slater said she is aware of the danger there, specifically for photographers and videographers who focus their attention through a camera lens.

“I look differently at the photos being recorded over there because I see the dangers around the photographer taking those photos,” Slater said. “But it's important to document what were doing and give coverage to the good missions we're accomplishing.” □

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