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America Praises New York

NY's Accomplishments are Gaining Nationwide Attention

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — The hard work of New York National Guard men and women is attracting considerable attention around the country and from the highest officials within the defense community.

The "guardHELP" program is earning high-marks at the local level, while Pentagon leaders and even the Secretary of Defense are taking a close look at what the New York National Guard has accomplished in the last four years.

"Thanks to bold measures such as the establishment of the New York National Guard Tuition Incentive Program, 'guardHELP,' the aggressive search for new and increasingly relevant missions, and the judicious use of the Guard in emergency operations — troop strength is growing, esprit de corps is high, and lasting and meaningful improvements are being forged in hundreds of local communities," wrote Secretary of Defense William Cohen in a letter to Governor George Pataki. (See letter at right.)

"We just got a nod of approval from the 'Chief Operating Officer' of our industry"

A National Public Radio report, which aired last November, focused on the guardHELP Program and the re-invented New York National Guard. The story, which covered the efforts of the 206th Corps Support Battalion in Brooklyn and its project to help the community restore the Riverside Park in Manhattan, was heard nationwide. Even before it was heard in Albany on NPR's "Morning Edition" news program, state headquarters in Latham began getting telephone calls of praise from Department of Defense and National Guard Bureau officials in Washington, DC with requests for audio tapes and transcripts.

Less than a month later, personal letters of praise from Secretary Cohen were received by Governor Pataki — New York State's Commander-in-Chief and by Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore, The Adjutant General.

"We just got a nod of approval from the 'Chief Operating Officer' of our industry," said Brig. Gen. Bill Martin, Deputy Adjutant General. "When was the last time you ever heard of a Secretary of Defense taking the time to personally congratulate any state's National Guard? I've never heard of this happening before," said Martin.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

11 DEC 1998

The Honorable George E. Pataki
Governor, State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

On Friday, November 13, National Public Radio aired an informative and inspirational story of how the New York National Guard has reconstituted itself over the past three years. In 1995, your state military leaders were pondering a sad set of circumstances and a grim future. Strength levels had dropped from 21,000 in 1985 to under 11,400 ten years later. The New York National Guard was underutilized and waiting for an opportunity to serve.

Today's picture is much brighter. Thanks to bold measures such as the establishment of the New York National Guard Tuition Incentive Program, "GuardHELP," the aggressive search for new and increasingly relevant missions, and the judicious use of the Guard in emergency operations, troop strength is growing, esprit de corps is high, and lasting and meaningful improvements are being forged in hundreds of communities.

This turnaround is extremely impressive and comes as a direct result of your superb vision and outstanding leadership. I applaud the work you have done to return the National Guard in New York to a high state of readiness and relevance.

We must continue to employ our finite resources as efficiently and wisely as possible as we work together to meet the challenges of the next century. I am certain that the men and women of the New York Army and Air National Guard will continue to benefit from your experience and wise direction.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill Cohen

Guard Notes

New Commander for the 10th Mountain Division

FORT DRUM—In a February announcement, the Chief of Staff of the Army named a new commanding general for the Fort Drum-based 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

Brigadier General James L. Campbell will succeed Maj. Gen. Lawson Magruder in a March 23 public ceremony in the post's Magrath Gymnasium. Magruder leaves the 10th to become the Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort MacPherson, Atlanta, GA. He has been the 10th's commander since June 1997.

Campbell is returning to Fort Drum, where he previously served as the commander of the 10th's 1st Brigade from June 1992 to May 1994. During that period, he deployed to Somalia and commanded the United Nations Quick Reaction Force for Operation Restore Hope. His most recent assignment was as Assistant Division Commander for Operations, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

DMNA Reorganizes

LATHAM—The Division of Military and Naval Affairs announced a reorganization of directorates to meet future challenges. The changes reflect a move from a "unified" to a "joint" headquarters organization. The changes take effect on March 1.

Mr. Jaime Forero succeeds Col. Robert Schnurr as Chief of Staff. The DMNA Communications and Information Management Directorate was retitled Directorate of Information Technology (MNIT). DMNA has established a new Directorate of Military Support, which consists of the Plans, Operations and Military Support (POMSO) component of the former Operations, Training and Readiness Directorate (MNOT), Counterdrug (MNCD), and the Challenge Program (MNCP). In addition, the new WMD RAID Element will also be assigned for command and control. Retired Army Colonel Ken Curley has been named director.

DMNA has also reestablished separate Federal Human Resources (MNHF) and State Human Resources (MNHS) directorates.

A separate New York Army National Guard headquarters within DMNA has been reestablished. The NYARNG offices include the Commanding General, an Army Chief of Staff, Command Sergeant Major, the three MACOMS (27th Infantry Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division, 53rd Troop Command), Headquarters Detachment, Chaplain, Aviation and Safety, Logistics and Maintenance, Military Personnel, Recruiting and Retention and Training and Readiness.

NYARNG MACOM Leadership Changes

LATHAM—The Adjutant General of New York announced a series of leadership changes in New York Army National Guard major commands, in January.

Brigadier General Dale Barber was named new Commanding General of the Headquarters 53rd Troop Command based in Valhalla. (See story on Page 5.)

Barber succeeds Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, who was named new NYARNG Commanding General in the fall. Brigadier General Brian Winter returns to the Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division (Mechanized) to succeed Barber as Assistant Division Commander.

Colonel Robert Schnurr returns to Syracuse from his position as Chief of Staff at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, to take over as Commander, Headquarters 27th Infantry Brigade (Enhanced). Schnurr had previously served as the 27th Brigade commander during the period it was designated as a "roundout" brigade to the Army's 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum.

Weapons of Mass Destruction Readiness Conference Scheduled

WEST POINT—A joint-sponsored conference on Domestic Preparedness for Weapons of Mass Destruction will be held at West Point on Saturday March 27. The conference will take place in Thayer Hall's third floor auditorium.

The event is being sponsored by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Naval War College Support Unit 0119, the Military Association of New York (MANY), the Reserve Officers Association and the Naval Militia Association.

Following previously successful events on Korea, the Middle East, China and Terrorist Threats, this day-long professional development symposium will feature subject matter experts who will make presentations on such topics as terrorist use of WMD, the Cyber-Terrorist threat and NY's preparedness for a biological attack, to name just a few. Reservations are recommended and a \$20 per attendee fee is payable to the Naval Militia Association. For more information, contact Col. Wayne McGrath at (914) 949-5361 or the New York Naval Militia Office at (518) 786-4585.

TAG Talk

Cadet Corps Needs, Deserves Support from Soldiers, Commanders

By Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore
The Adjutant General

It is always pleasant – of course – to discuss "good news."

The Guard's resurgence here in New York is something I love to talk about – at almost any occasion – a visit to a unit; a meeting at the Capital in Albany with other members of state government, and across America, as I represent our state in many different forums.

What's more, that is "good news" of interest almost everywhere I go. It is not just because our successes are a reflection of the local, state and national support from which we here in New York benefit; it's also because so many others would like to adopt or emulate some of the things New York has done to boost its National Guard.

But this column also allows me to address "concerns." In this case, my concern is about a success story – the New York National Guard Corps of Cadets.

Most of you know about our support of Drug Demand Reduction programs – Galaxy, BrainStorm and the Corps of Cadets. Each of those is aimed at young people and focused on giving them the tools to resist substance abuse.

The Corps of Cadets program is for 12 to 17 year-olds. It's an afterschool program, conducted at 16 armories and airbases around the state. Some 700 boys and girls, young adults or people approaching that stage of life, gather weekly for programs that teach drug avoidance strategies and leadership skills and try to inculcate a sense of purpose and belonging. And since these weekly meetings take place in our facilities, they are safe, drug-free environments, with role models who give the young people adults to emulate.

The New York Counterdrug Program, headquartered at Stratton Air National Guard Base – puts major effort and resources into each of these. Unit Administrators for the cadet corps' regiments are Guard members assigned full-time to make the programs interesting and valuable for the young people. MNCD itself has staff whose responsibilities are exclusively directed to the Corps and the other programs.

So "why are there concerns?" you might ask.

The success of the program is the source. Nearly 100 Guard members volunteer to serve as cadre for the corps.



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

These are officers and NCOs who plan and conduct the cadets' drills; who support field trips and community service projects and who share their time with the youngsters who are the future of our communities.

The concern is that we need more volunteers – leaders at every level, around the state, both to augment the cadre of the existing cadet regiments, and to take many others from the planning phase to reality.

The Counterdrug Coordinator tells me the existing regiments still have openings for officers in charge. Many could also use more NCO volunteers – to teach drill and ceremony; to help cadets plan their community service projects; to share a few hours a week of their time with young people who need and deserve such support.

As current cadre members can tell you, it's a role with challenges and also a job with enormous rewards. Cadre members get to see and feel the growth the young people experience; to share the moments when Cadets feel the glow of jobs-well-done; to know that another member of the next generation is on a path to productive adulthood. It's also a role that carries more mundane rewards such as retirement and promotion points.

My intention in writing this column should be clear: success is its own challenge. We need and encourage all Guard commanders, staff and members to support this important, growing program.

From the Editor

Due to conditions beyond our control, Guard Times production has been running late for several months. The March-April 1999 issue is nearing completion and is expected to be published by mid-April. Guard Times is now returning to a bi-monthly production cycle. We regret any inconveniences caused by past production delays and are grateful for the support and patience of all readers.

Praise

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Martin was quick to praise the efforts of the troops and leaders like Lt. Col. Frank Hombre of the 206th Corps Support Battalion and the many other commanders engaged in developing and conducting guardHELP projects in communities across the state.

GuardHELP, NY's innovative approach to providing Guard support to communities through joint, non-emergency projects while providing training benefits to the Guard, was launched by Governor Pataki last May. The goal was to bring the Guard closer to the community in which it is based by making it relevant to local needs.

Seal of Approval

"If anyone still doubts the importance of guardHELP as being vital to the National Guard, they should take a good look at this letter from our nation's top defense official. This 'seal of approval' should speak for itself," said Martin.

And, there is still more.

One of the largest newspapers in the nation is actively participating in guardHELP community meetings. The New York Daily News has arranged and hosted two meetings with Guard officials and the Citizens Committee of New York.

These "Hear" and "Educate" meetings are expected to lead to future community projects which will also bring considerable visibility to the New York National Guard in the largest media market in the world—New York City. The unique partnership for community support now being forged in New York City between citizens groups, the media and the Guard is unprecedented.

West Coast Interest

Last December, a representative from the Los Angeles City Council contacted New York National Guard headquarters for information about guardHELP. The city learned about NY's program from a shared newsletter produced by NYC's Parks and Recreation Department. It featured a story about the Riverside Park clean up operation. Armed with detailed information from the Latham public affairs office, the Los Angeles City Council passed a resolution urging California's governor to duplicate NY's program for use on the West Coast.

GuardHELP is also featured in a cover story in the Winter 1999 issue of National Guard Review, a quarterly magazine on Guard affairs published in Charleston, WV. The coverage also featured an Adjutant General's Forum column by Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore.

Word about the guardHELP program continues to spread in NY as newspaper articles, TV news stories and radio reports continue to appear. In December, the 204th Engineer Battalion and Army Aviation Support Facility #1 in Ronkonkoma won National Guard Bureau environmental awards for guardHELP projects completed in 1998.

Increasing numbers of letters from pleased and satisfied community leaders are making their way to state headquarters. GuardHELP will have its first anniversary on May 20.

Guard Times Wants Your *guardHELP* Stories!

Guard Times is anxious to publish as many guardHELP project stories as possible. All units are urged to submit short stories and photos of their local community meetings and projects. See the back page for details on making submissions. We want to run your story!



A Message from New York's Commander-in-Chief

Good news travels fast. The word is out all across our great nation—the New York National Guard is back and better than ever.

Back in November, National Public Radio ran a nationwide broadcast highlighting the remarkable turnaround of the New York National Guard and its evolving mission. While such nationwide media coverage is obviously quite rare for a state National Guard command, the fact is that military and civilian leaders from coast to coast are now familiar with New York's GuardHELP and Tuition Incentive Programs. This national attention and recognition is proof positive that we're on the right track and that the New York National Guard is on the cutting edge of military thinking.

This was just the beginning. A month later, I was delighted to receive a letter from US Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, who had heard the broadcast. Calling the radio feature "inspirational," Secretary Cohen acknowledged the tremendous resurgence of New York's Guard forces, their greatly heightened readiness and improved troop strength.

The successes we have realized together were summed up by the "SecDef:"

"Thanks to bold measures such as the establishment of the New York National Guard Tuition Incentive Program, GuardHELP, the aggressive search for new and increasingly relevant missions, and the judicious use of the Guard in emergency operations, troop strength is growing, esprit de corps is high, and lasting and meaningful improvements are being forged in hundreds of local communities," the Secretary wrote.

The fact that the United States Secretary of Defense would take the time to personally recognize the accomplishments of the New York National Guard is not only a great honor, it speaks volumes for the exemplary level of commitment and professionalism regularly displayed by the men and women of New York State's Guard forces.

Whether its GuardHELP projects, support to law enforcement, or emergency response, the New York National Guard continues to make a lasting positive impact on the people of New York State. From crip-



Governor George E. Pataki

pling snows in Buffalo, to environmental concerns on Long Island, to widespread ice devastation in the North Country, the Guard continues to seek out and engage enemy threats wherever they may be found in our state.

Together we are "re-inventing the Guard;" creating a statewide military force which is at the same time is better prepared to fulfill its federal responsibilities, and more responsive to the specific needs of New Yorkers and their communities.

I am extremely proud that we have successfully ushered in a renewed commitment to the for Guard in New York State. Much of the credit the Guard's turnaround must go to you — the men and women of our National Guard, State Guard and Naval Militia on whom we depend.

Just as our state motto "Excelsior" (ever upward) urges us to do, we will continue to strive for excellence and continue to improve the level of service, support and protection the New York National Guard provides to the people of our great state. As we look toward the future, we must be diligent in our efforts to not merely hold our ground, but to boldly forge ahead.

Both as a citizen of New York State and the State Commander in Chief of New York State's military forces, I am extremely proud of the Guard's accomplishments over the past few years. The National Guard tradition was born in New York State, and New York's guardsmen and women continue to exemplify the highest ideals of public service.

To all those who serve in the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York State Naval Militia and the New York Guard, I say congratulations on a job well done and keep up the good work.

'We are Moving in a New Direction'

NYARNG Commander Promises Positive Change

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

LATHAM – The new commanding general for the New York Army National Guard is wasting no time in energizing his command for the future. Eager to apply his proven success formulas on a larger scale, Brigadier General Michael Van Patten promises that a reorganized Army National Guard headquarters is just the beginning.

Van Patten took command last December and is eager to bring dramatic change to his force as it enters the next century. He is a career, traditional (part-time) National Guard member with a long record of achievement in the Guard and in his civilian career as a Certified Professional Accountant and college professor. As chairman of the Siena College Accounting Department and president of his own CPA firm, leadership, vision and the importance of investing for the future are instinctual traits.

Mission Focus

Van Patten came to the Army Guard's top slot after leaving his command position at Headquarters 53rd Troop Command. Both prior to and during his tenure with the 53rd, Van Patten led the DMNA Initiatives Group. This is the think-tank office which gave birth to programs like: the National Guard Tuition Incentive Plan, guardHELP and the National Guard anti-Weapons of Mass Destruction RAID Element program – programs that are not only working in New York, but are being implemented and emulated nationwide.

"Remember, we are citizen-soldiers. We are members of the community who will drop everything to respond in an emergency – People helping people"

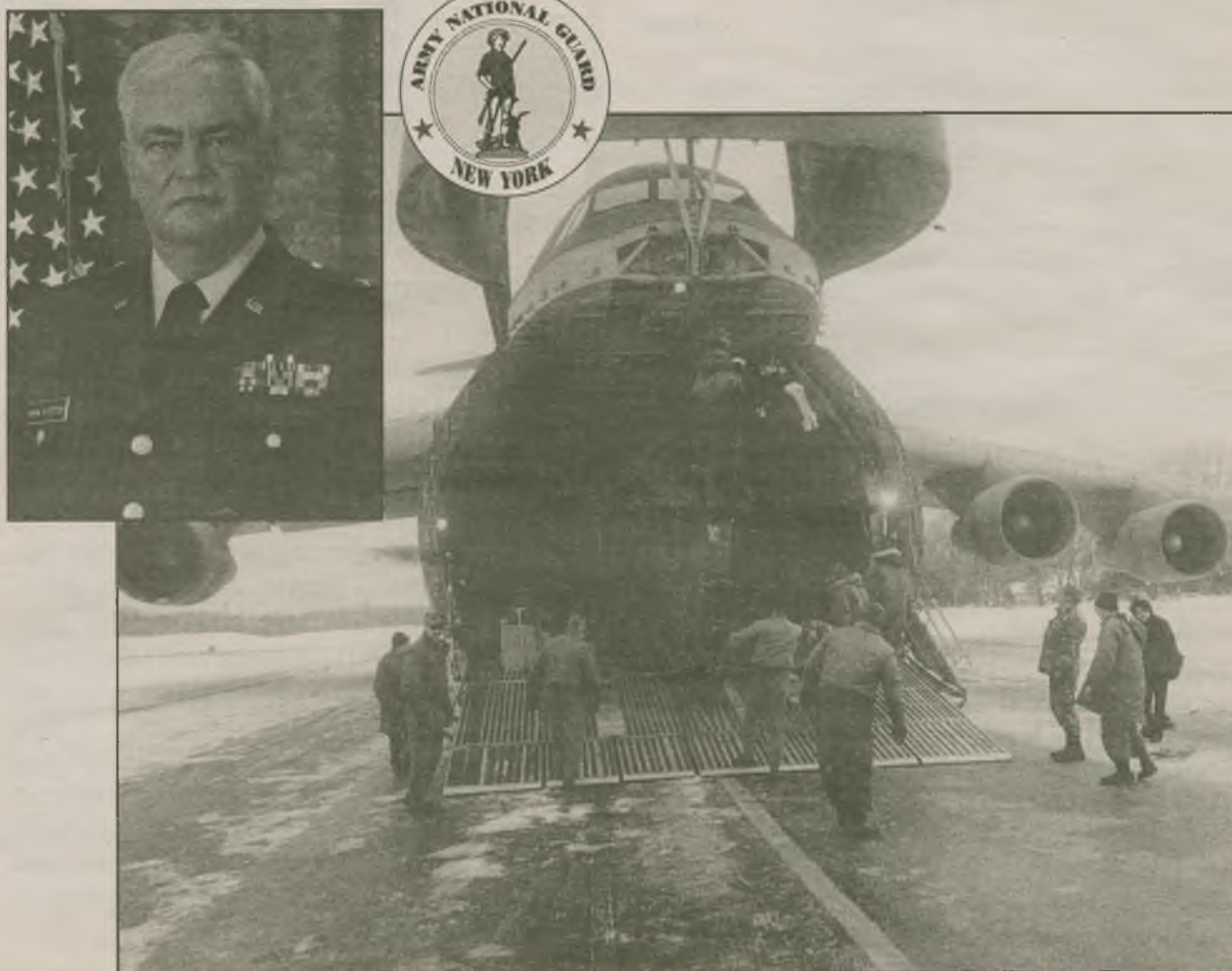
At the core, Van Patten's vision is based on service to customers, that he believes is the very foundation of the National Guard.

"Remember, we are citizen-soldiers. We are members of the community who will drop everything to respond in an emergency – People helping people. Mission focus for the National Guard comes down to maintaining and gaining force structure so we can better serve our state and nation," said Van Patten. This is the same message he has been sending since 1996, when he helped conceive and guide to passage the first state-sponsored education benefit for the National Guard in New York history. "Unless we have the soldiers and the units here and ready we can't meet the needs of our state or the nation," he said.

Innovation is Key

Van Patten's strategy to preserving and growing his force rests on three pinnacles: federal readiness, strength and community support. "When we accomplish these things – meeting federal readiness standards, keeping our strength high through recruiting and retention and earning visible and enthusiastic community support – we gain. We don't lose," he said. "To accomplish all of this under present conditions is tough, but we can do it and we will."

Van Patten routinely expresses impatience with bureaucrats and "red-tape" procedures. His leadership philoso-



Brigadier General Michael Van Patten, the new Commanding General of the New York Army National Guard, is determined to make important changes to improve conditions and better enable soldiers, like these members of the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation loading a UH-60 Blackhawk onto an Air Force C-5A for training in Honduras, to perform their mission. Photo by Scott Sandman.

phy leaves little room for subordinates who don't innovate or who deliver long explanations for why certain things can't be done. He expects his commanders to be out in the field, with the troops and where the action is.

"We need to develop a total sense of urgency in the things we do – from state emergencies to administration. It is not 'business as usual' in New York," he said. "We need to lean forward and be that 'tip of the spear.' I don't want to hear ten reasons why I can't do something. I want to hear ways I can get things done, therefore I want commanders and staffs to become thoroughly proactive and innovative. I don't want them getting bogged down by technicalities," he said.

"We will always do the right thing," he insisted. "When we were working on developing the Tuition Bill program, we knew it was the right thing, but we did run into obstacles. We kept driving. We stayed positively focused on the objective and didn't let the 'snipers' get us down," he said. Van Patten defines snipers as those who tell you why you can't do something.

"Take guardHELP for example," he said. "A lot of people told us that this program would be too difficult to do and pointed out a whole series of potential obstacles. Well, we cleared all those hurdles and just look how successful it is. And, it is successful. GuardHELP is helping us keep strength, improve readiness and create and gain community support. It is working," he said. "The troops are telling us this."

Change is a Process – Timing is Critical

For Van Patten, the process of change involves empowering leaders and decentralizing control from the headquarters to the field. "In 1998, during the Ice Storm, we learned that the old system for emergency mission approvals had to change. Early in the deployment we learned that a dam-

in the town of Minerva could burst and needed sandbagging. If we had waited for the normal mission review and approval process to take place, it would have been too late. We decided to jump in and do it and we were right. If we had waited, the town would have flooded. Commanders on the scene need to make the call, and we need commanders who are fit to make those kinds of decisions," he said.

Personnel Issues Number One Priority

Van Patten's first priority is on personnel issues. There are many. They involve both officer and enlisted personnel issues that appear to be based on resource shortages at every level. "I'm talking about essential military schools from MOS to professional development, the selection process for command assignments and promotions, our awards program and other retention-critical concerns. Another problem is that we have no depth of qualified personnel to fill key vacancies. We have done a poor job of grooming junior personnel for advancement. That was a mistake. Solving these issues is my number one concern," he said.

"I intend to reach out to the field and talk to commanders, first sergeants and soldiers – especially soldiers," said Van Patten. "They know the problems, and some of them have some great ideas on how we can attack them. These same problems are being felt force-wide, both active and reserve. Here in New York, we will study the problem and form new policies to solve them," he said.

Van Patten has outlined a two step approach. "First we need to fix our system and do it quickly. Next, I want to focus on the long-range challenge by identifying our best junior personnel and begin grooming them," he said. Van Patten intends to waste no time on getting started and bring new energy to his team.

'Leaning Forward' for the Next State Emergency

By Lt. Col. Robert Edelman
HQ 53rd Troop Command

CAMP SMITH – Last fall, one of the 53rd Troop Command's unit conducted a unique training exercise designed to prepare them for a potential state emergency.

To fulfill the commanding general's guidance, the 27th Finance Battalion developed and conducted an exercise to test their ability to practice their mission skills in support of a State Active Duty situation. Brigadier General Michael Van Patten instructed his command to organize and conduct staff and field exercises during 1999 as part of a pro-active, "lean forward" approach to being ready for either their federal or state mission. The exercises has units training on applicable war time tasks that also relate to missions that they would have to accomplish on SAD. This affords the opportunity to not only prepare for SAD, but to increase overall readiness.

The 27th is the first unit to conduct this training. The battalion conducted their exercise at Camp Smith in November. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Chris McKeon developed a fictional scenario where his unit was tasked to assume operational control of the state military finance operations to process payrolls for soldiers on SAD. The scenario called for a series of statewide weather disasters during the last week of December 1999. As the state was reacting to this crisis, the computer system collapsed on 1 January 2000 due to the effect of the "Y2K Bug."

The Battalion's mission, as stated in their operations order, was to process manual payrolls for activated military personnel, as well as payments to commercial contractors. All four of the Battalion's finance detachments (4th, 7th, 14th and 37th) were involved.

"It gave the Battalion the chance to practice the tasks we would have to accomplish whether activated for SAD or federal deployment," said McKeon.

By training on essential platoon and company tasks that also relate to SAD requirements, 53rd Troop Command units are expected to conduct better training events resulting in better prepared units.

Van Patten was pleased with the 27th's initiative. "As we approach year 2000 and possible computer shut down problems, this exercise is right on target. Throughout the training year I'm trying to develop the 'sense of urgency' that is critical for state emergency call-ups," Van Patten said.

guardHELP in Bayshore



A 5-ton Dump Truck of the 204th Engineer Battalion is filled with demolition debris by a civilian contractor working for the Long Island community of Bayshore. The New York National Guard Counterdrug Program in conjunction with the 204th is helping the community get rid of abandoned buildings that drug dealers had been using. New low-income housing construction is planned once the old buildings are gone. Look for the story in the March-April issue of Guard Times. Photo courtesy of the 204th Engineers.

New Commander for the 53rd

By Lt. Col. Robert Edelman
HQ 53rd Troop Command

VALHALLA – Brigadier General Dale Barber brings a wealth of leadership experience to his new assignment as Commanding General for the Headquarters 53rd Troop Command.

Barber succeeds Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, who served 11 months before being elevated to Commanding General of the New York Army National Guard. Barber's previous assignment was as Assistant Division Commander for Operations, Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division in Troy. In his career, he has also commanded the 27th Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) in Syracuse, the 42nd Engineer Brigade and 221st Engineer Group in Buffalo and the 204th Engineer Battalion in Binghamton. His command reputation is rooted on a "mission-first" foundation.

Barber met with his command staff in Valhalla recently. He told them he intends to move the command forward into the next century.

"The greatest responsibility you have is for the care of the very lives of your fellow soldiers," he told them.

When the Press Comes Calling

By Capt. Lou Martinez
HQ 27th Infantry Brigade (ENHANCED)

The skies over Baghdad lit up again this year just as they did during the "The Persian Gulf War" almost a decade ago.

President Clinton ordered air strikes on specific targets in Iraq because Saddam Hussein was continuing to interfere with United Nation's weapons inspectors.

Once network news programs began airing action pictures from Baghdad, local media nationwide mobilized. They went looking through old scripts, frantically searching for Gulf War veterans in their area to bring a local angle to a national story. Many New York National Guardsmen served in the Gulf. News organizations see each as a potential interview.

Local media began calling their area Guard units to speak to soldiers about the situation. They wanted soldiers to go on camera to express their thoughts or fears about going back to the Gulf.

Chief Warrant Officer Tim Fiorilli of Company B, 427th Support Battalion, spent nine months with the 134th Maintenance Company near Daharan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. Fiorilli, now with Headquarters 1st Battalion, 156th Field Artillery, in Kingston remembers the media spotlight when he returned from the Gulf.

"They were in everybody's faces. They came to the house occasionally when we were having parties. It was nuts," he said.

He is not surprised by the media's desire to seek out a veteran every time there is military action in the region. "They're just looking for somebody that's been there.

They're looking for an inside source, someone who has been there and can give them a feel for it," he said.

Bill Sietzler, the News Director for WHEC-TV in Rochester, agrees with Fiorilli. Sietzler says, he wants his reporters to personalize stories. "We want people stories, you know, experience. It's so hard for the average person to realize what is like to put your life on the line for your country," he said.

Many soldiers and veterans express frustration regarding media efforts to pull together a story. Many times reporters ask the inevitable question: "are you going?"

Sergeant Tim Johnson, from the 156th's C battery has his own simple answer. "We have no more knowledge about what's going over there than they do. We just hear it on the news too," he said.

When the media begins poking for Persian Gulf stories, Johnson, also a Gulf War veteran, would rather have someone else do the talking.

"That is where we can help," said Lt. Col. Paul Fanning, state headquarters public affairs section chief. "We encourage our troops to talk to news organizations, but we want to learn about press queries before units and troops attempt to respond," he said. "That way we can help."

According to Fanning, Department of Defense and Army policies support local news coverage of the military and has published guidance on how best to do it. Media training for the troops is included.

"We want units in the field to refer any press queries to the state headquarters public affairs office right away. When news organizations contact us and want interviews, we get back to the unit to talk about it and whether the unit is in a position to help."

"When a troop interview is the best way to respond, my office reaches out for volunteers. We provide the reporter's number and guidance to the soldier. It is up to the soldier to call the press. We never give out home numbers," said Fanning.

Usually reporters want to know how soldiers feel about the situation. Many soldiers feel uncomfortable about talking to the press. They shouldn't, said Fanning. There is a right way that is good for all.

Fanning advises soldiers to make sure their physical appearance and uniform looks good, and to feel free to talk about their personal duty experiences and about what they have personally seen or know to be true. Soldiers should not speculate and never divulge sensitive information. There is usually very little sensitive information available at company level.

Sietzler said he discourages his reporters from asking soldiers those types of questions. "I don't see any need for it," he said.

As military deployments and operations continue around the world, Guard members can expect local media to come looking for a local story angle. When they do, call the public affairs office at (518) 786-4581.

Son of 'Hellfighter Hero' Visits State Capital

By John Howe
369th Veterans Association

ALBANY – The son of the famed World War I hero from Albany, Henry Johnson, returned to the Capital District in February to visit the memorial monument to his father and participate in local festivities to celebrate "Black History Month."

Herman Johnson, a hero in his own right as a World War II Tuskegee Airman, helped Governor George Pataki and other state officials kick off the state's celebrations. This year's theme is "The Legacy of African-American Leadership for the Present and the Future."

A poster used to help promote Black History month featured an image of Sgt. Henry Johnson on the battlefield along with a quote from Teddy Roosevelt who described Johnson as "one of the five bravest men of World War I."

Henry Johnson was a member of the all-black 369th US Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard. He was decorated for uncommon valor by the French government. On May 14, 1918 in the Argonne, Johnson and comrade Needham Roberts were attacked and cutoff from allied lines by a 24-member German raider patrol. During the ensuing battle, Johnson was credited with saving Roberts from capture and certain death. Johnson engaged in hand-to-hand combat, killing several of the enemy and forcing them to withdraw.

A US Army poster celebrating the nation's bicentennial in 1976 described his actions as having "left a trail of destruction a half mile long." Roberts was severely injured and evacuated home. Johnson suffered over twenty wounds, but was asked to remain with his unit even though his infantry effectiveness was over. He served as a symbol of courage for the unit and helped keep up morale.

First Americans to win France's Highest Military Honor

Johnson and Roberts each were awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Gold Palm. These were the first Americans ever to be awarded France's highest military honor. Johnson was with his unit as it marched triumphantly up Fifth Avenue in New York City's victory parade in 1919.

The US government never recognized the bravery of these two soldiers with military awards even though both black Americans were known throughout France as heroes. Today, the State of New York and the 369th Veterans Association continue their efforts to obtain the Medal of Honor for Johnson through the Department of Defense. Johnson's World War I heroics were chronicled by a 1997 History Channel documentary entitled "The Harlem Hellfighters."



Henry's son Herman is a distinguished citizen of Kansas City, Missouri and graduate of Cornell University and the University of Chicago's graduate school of finance. He won his pilots wings during World War II as a Tuskegee Airman and served as executive officer for the group's commander Benjamin O. Davis. After the war, he became a successful entrepreneur and champion of the civil rights movement.

He was twice elected to the city council in Kansas City and was twice elected as a state legislator. He served as the Missouri Commissioner of Elections and in other government positions. He was president of the Kansas City NAACP and also served on the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Urban League and on the boards of several hospitals and colleges.

He is the Vice Chairman of the Douglas State Bank and is president of the Herman Johnson Companies. He was recently named by Ingham Magazine as one of the 25 most-influential people in the Midwest, and the Kansas City Star newspaper called him "perhaps the most pre-eminent citizen of that region."

While in Albany, Johnson was hosted by the Adjutant General and state Command Sergeant Major during a visit to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs. He took part in a special "When you need a hero" breakfast sponsored by the Sgt. Henry Johnson Memorial Monument Committee. The committee hopes to place a sculpture of Sgt. Johnson at the Albany County Airport in the future.

Fort Benning Range Dedicated to NY Hero

By Lt. Col.
Kevin Lynch
DMNA History
Directorate

FORT BENNING, GA – Back in 1970, the US Army Infantry School at Fort Benning dedicated seven of its ranges to distinguished soldiers. One of those honored was a fallen NY National Guard hero from World War I.



Range 7 was named after 1st Lt. Alfred J. Hook, Company F, 106th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division. The 27th was the NY National Guard Division, and was among the first American units deployed to France.

Hook was killed on 27 September 1918 leading an infantry charge of his company against German positions along the Hindenberg Line. Hook was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for displaying great courage under intense machinegun and mortar fire. He lies buried in France, near where he fell.

Of the seven dedicated ranges, only the Hook Range was named for a National Guard member. Records do not reflect how Hook's name was chosen from among other candidates. In the 1980s, the seven ranges were rebuilt. The Hook Range is now a shot gun range used by the Army's Olympic small arms team.

Over the last two years, Frank Hanner, the Infantry Museum director at Fort Benning and Lt. Col. (ret) Robert Aylward, deputy director of the Army's marksmanship unit have been researching the namesakes of the seven dedicated ranges. They contacted NY National Guard headquarters when they couldn't find enough information or photos of Lt. Hook for their research.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs History Directorate was able to gather a wealth of information about the young man who grew up in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn and joined the 14th Regiment NYNG in 1917.

A photo was located in the archives of the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper. The obituary in 1918 indicated he left behind a widowed mother and was an active member of the Holy Innocents Catholic parish in Brooklyn.

Using the materials supplied by NY, the Army Marksmanship Unit has commissioned a painting of Lt. Hook. DMNA is providing technical assistance to the artist to ensure accuracy of Hook's uniform and other details. An unveiling ceremony is tentatively scheduled for late spring 1999.

The Hook Range was a setting for the 1970 movie "The Green Berets" starring John Wayne.

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FY 99 Training Schedule

This information is subject to change, so check with your Unit Readiness NCO for availability of courses offered. Your Unit Readiness NCO must submit through ATRRS a completed application in order to be properly processed in these courses. Soldiers must meet prerequisites prior to applying for courses and must meet height and weight standards of AR 600-9, also must be able to pass the APFT.

UPCOMING COURSES:

- Advanced NCO Course, Ft Drum, NY 27-28 March 99
- Basic NCO Course, Ft Drum, NY 27-28 March 99
- Combat Lifesaver Course, Camp Smith, NY 10-11 Apr 99
- 13F10 MOSQ Phase 1 (ADT), Camp Smith, NY 15-29 May 99

Recent RTI Graduates

Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course FT DRUM 28 MAR - 7 JUN 98

- 27th Inf Bde. BODA ALAN CLARK E6
- 27th Inf Bde DURKISH JAMES ANTHONY E6
- 42nd Div FULLER DAVID C E6
- 53rd Trp Cmd GELLIZEAU MARIO L E6
- 42nd Div GRAWE RICHARD E E6
- 42nd Div HUGHES ANDREW JAMES E6
- 53rd Trp Cmd LOSON HAROLD J E7
- 27th Inf Bde SCHIN MICHAEL MATTHIAS E6
- 27th Inf Bde SMITH CORBETT E6

Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course FT DRUM 28 MAR - 7 JUN 98

- 27th Inf Bde BELANGA KENNETH J E5
- STARC COAGER MICHAEL KEVIN E5
- STARC COLEMAN JEFFREY DAVID E5
- STARC COLLOTON PETER MARK JR E5
- 53rd Trp Cmd DONOGHUE JOHN PATRICK E5
- 27th Inf Bde DURIS MARK WILLIAM E5
- 53rd Trp Cmd FARRINGTON PATRICIA MARIA E5
- STARC HANLEY JOSEPH M JR E5
- 53rd Trp Cmd JOHNSON MAX WALTER E5
- 42nd Div KNOWLTON RANDY L E5
- STARC LOCKETT BETH ANN E5
- 42nd Div MACK EDISON P E5
- 27th Inf Bde NEWELL MICHAEL E5
- 42nd Div PACKARD JAMES A E5
- 42nd Div RICHMOND RODNEY WILLIAM E5
- STARC ROBINSON ALTHEA E5
- 42nd Div ROLL ROBERT A E5
- 27th Inf Bde RUTTER MICHAEL ANTHONY E5
- 42nd Div SHAW RANDY C E5
- 42nd Div SLUPSKI JOSEPH KEITH E5
- 27th Inf Bde TARABULA RICHARD L E5
- 27th Inf Bde WILSON THOMAS A E5

19K10 JAMESTOWN 28 MAR 98 - 3 MAY 98

- 42nd Div BOOTH JASON L E3
- 42nd Div CLARK JOHN M E4
- 42nd Div FINK ALLEN WILLIAM E4
- 42nd Div FOLCKEMER CHRISTOPHER A E3
- 42nd Div FOLGA RONALD VINCENT E4
- 42nd Div JOHNSTON MARK R E5
- 42nd Div KENT GREGORY R E4
- 42nd Div KURTZ EDWARD THOMAS JR E4
- 42nd Div LAPARE TROY H E4
- 42nd Div LORD THEODORE K E4
- 42nd Div LOSEL KURT WILLIAM E4
- 42nd Div MASTYKARZ RICHARD G E4
- 42nd Div MEAD STEVEN A E3
- 42nd Div MOORE JEFFREY S E5
- 42nd Div MULCAHY JASON T E4
- 42nd Div SEBRING WILLIAM E E6
- 42nd Div SEEKINS FRANK W JR E4



- 42nd Div SIRIANNI JAMES R E6
- 42nd Div SPENCER GORDON R E7
- 42nd Div TEETER ERIC S E4

SGI CAMP SMITH 20-24 JUL 98 (ADT)

- 42nd Div HALL GORDON H E5
- STARC HAMEL STEPHEN A E7
- STARC SAUTER CYNTHIA JOY E6

BFITC CAMP SMITH 13-17 JUL 98 (ADT)

- STARC COLBURN MICHAEL JAMES E6
- 42nd Div COOPER DONALD J E7
- STARC GIEMAN DOUGLAS C E5
- STARC HAMEL STEPHEN A E7
- STARC HEBEISEN THOMAS E7
- 27th Inf Bde MOORE BRIAN DAVID E4
- 42nd Div PORTER TRINA MARIE E5
- 27th Inf Bde POTTER CHAD JEREMY E4
- STARC SAUTER CYNTHIA JOY E6
- 42nd Div SWIDERSKI PETER E5
- 42nd Div WALKER KARL DAVID E5
- 42nd Div ZEGACZEWSKI STANLEY E7

11C10 CAMP SMITH 08-22 AUG 98 (ADT)

- 42nd Div LEIGH GODFREY RONALD E4
- 27th Inf Bde MACDONALD JAMES D E4
- 27th Inf Bde MURPHY PATRICK DANIEL E4
- 27th Inf Bde NIELSON ROBERT T E5

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New York Soldiers Awarded

Connecticut 'Medal of Merit'

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL -- Captain Norman Easy, Officer Candidate School Commander for the New York Regional Training Institute, and Capt. William Pepper (NYG) were awarded military honors from the Connecticut Army National Guard last fall.

Both soldiers received the "Medal of Merit" for outstanding performance during Phase III of OCS at Camp Rolands, Connecticut. The award citation recognizes Easy's significant contributions in enabling OCS Region A to become the first federally-accredited operation of its type in the nation. The awards were presented by Connecticut's Adjutant General, Major General Donald Gay.

RTI Introduces New 'Heartsaver' Course

By Maj. Henry Gallo
 106th Regional Training Institute

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL -- New York's Regional Training Institute has been certified by the American Heart Association to teach the Heartsaver Automatic External Defibrillator course.

This unique new lifesaving course was made possible through collaboration between the RTI and state headquarter's Detachment 6 Health Services. The 3 1/2 hour training block is the first in the nation to combine hands-on automated external defibrillator instruction with the American Heart Association's Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training. RTI is a certified AHA training center.

AEDs, which are slightly smaller than a laptop computer, monitors heart rhythms and delivers electric shocks to restart normal heart contraction should it be necessary.

"The national survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest is only 5 percent," said Maj. Ferg Foley, RTI executive officer. "The AHA believes thousands of lives can be saved every year if AEDs and AED training is more accessible to emergency responders," he said.

If defibrillation is started within the first 5 minutes of a heart arrest, odds improve to a 50 percent survival rate. With each passing minute, the rate is reduced by as much as 7 to 10 percent. After 10 minutes, there is little chance of resuscitation.

The New York State Senate recently passed legislation for the use of AEDs by trained personnel and included such use under the "Good Samaritan Act," which provides liability protection for members of the public attempting to bring medical aid to emergency victims.

The safe and reliable AED is now in use by police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Their use helps save lives on airlines, in casinos and on golf courses. It could even be used on a battlefield or during state emergencies like last year's Ice Storm of '98.

Unit and Community Bond following A-10 Crash

An Accident Involving a Massachusetts Fighter has Led to a New Friendship between a NY Air Guard Unit and a Local Town

By Lt. Col. Mike Waters
174th Fighter Wing

SYRACUSE – A tranquil February evening in an Oswego County community north of Syracuse, was shattered when a Massachusetts Air National Guard A-10 Thunderbolt plowed into a secluded wooded area. On the way back to its base from Fort Drum, the aircraft ran into trouble and the pilot had to bail out.

Fortunately, there were no injuries or personal property damage in the mishap, but for the next week, the peaceful hamlet of Williamstown, in a very rural part of the county, was abuzz with activity. Members of the local community mobilized to support the rescue, recovery and investigation of the crash.

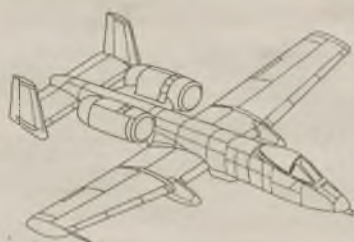
The Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department and New York State Police were immediately dispatched to begin emergency operations. The pilot was located and picked up by an Army helicopter from Fort Drum. Firefighters evacuated nearby homes as a precaution. State Police and firefighters secured the crash area for the remainder of the night.

Williamstown is roughly 40 miles northeast of Syracuse and home of the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard at Hancock Field. In accordance with Air Force regulations, the 174th became responsible for initial military activities associated with the crash. Members of the base disaster response force were notified at their homes and directed to report to Hancock Field. Those who lived close to the crash site, went directly to a command post established by local civilian authorities. By first light the next morning, members of the 174th were in full operation on the scene.

The hospitality shown to the Air Guard members by the townspeople, especially members of the fire department and its auxiliary, exceeded all expectations. In an area where snowfall is measured in feet and temperatures can drop to 20 below zero or less, military operations on scene might have been conducted from tents. Meals could have been MREs served cold. Instead, the community opened their hearts and their doors to the military. According to military officials, the community provided "outstanding" support to a group of airmen they'd never met before.

The Williamstown fire station became home. Firefighters offered a large office space as a military command post. It was soon complete with computers, maps and communications equipment. Members of the fire department and auxiliary prepared and served three hot meals each day. Neighbors brought a steady flow of fresh baked pies, cakes, brownies, and more. Children even pitched in to make beds for those who had slept over night in the fire station.

"I have never seen anything like this," exclaimed Maj. Clark Davenport, an active duty Air Force officer from Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. Davenport is a member of the Air Force accident investigation team who came to the scene soon after the incident. Despite the situation, the spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation was infectious – downright friendly. At times, it was difficult to tell who was enjoying the encounter more – local citizens or members of the military.



Above, Senior Airman Andrea Doctor, a member of the 174th Fighter Wing Security Police, patrols the crash site of a Massachusetts Air National Guard A-10 near the Oswego County community of Williamstown. At left, Staff Sgt. Michelle Kuzio, a 174th Life Support Technician, outfits a student at the Williamstown Elementary School with pilots equipment during a presentation at the school. Photos courtesy of the 174th Fighter Wing.

A day and one-half after the crash, a request came from the local elementary school. The Principal wanted someone to come to the school and talk to the children about all the recent activity. The following Monday afternoon a 174th pilot, Capt. John Raphael and a life support technician, Staff Sgt. Michelle Kuzio spoke to more than 200 kindergarten through fifth grade students. During each presentation, Kuzio dressed one of the students in flight gear explaining each piece as it was donned. The 174th also gave the children Air National Guard pictures, posters, and balloons. News organizations gave the presentations prominent coverage.

The following evening, the fire department opened their doors to the entire community. Col. David Williamson, the accident investigation board president, and Col. Robert Knauff, 174th commander conducted a town meeting to explain the investigation process and answer questions.

A highlight of the evening was Knauff's presentation of a battle dress uniform shirt, adorned with patches and insignia, to Tim Nystrom; a disabled Williamstown youth confined to a wheel chair. Nystrom is a regular visitor to the fire station who always offers to help in any way he can. Knauff proclaimed him an honorary master sergeant in the 174th.

Disappointment was shared between the military and the community when the investigation concluded and it was time for the military to leave. According to Master Sgt. John Urbaniak, 174th security forces first sergeant, "There was some sorrow on both sides as new found friends parted. But there was also a great sense of accomplishment. All the local kids who wanted to become firemen now want to join the 174th. We're all looking forward to getting back together."

The 174th is grateful to the town of Williamstown and its fire department. The unit is anxious to repay the community's kindness. Now the base is studying ways they can provide support to Williamstown through guardHELP projects, once good weather arrives. As far as the 174th is concerned, there's a big favor to return.

174th to Compete in 'Readiness Challenge'

By Lt. Col. Mike Waters
174th Fighter Wing

SYRACUSE -- Members of the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard have been selected to participate in a unique international training competition.

Approximately 35 men and women of the Syracuse-based unit, will travel to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida in April to compete in Readiness Challenge VII. The 174th was selected to represent the entire Air National Guard in the event.

"We're extremely proud the 174th was chosen as the Air National Guard's entry in this prestigious event," exclaimed Maj. Harvey Van Wie, commander of the wing's Support Group. "Once again it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our ability as an equal partner in the 'Total Force.' We have very talented people whom I know will do well."

Readiness Challenge is a biennial U.S. Air Force civil engineer, services, public affairs and chaplains war skills competition. Seventeen teams are expected for this year's event April 24 – 30. All major commands within the U.S. Air Force and teams from Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway and Japan are scheduled to participate. Competition focuses on the ability of teams to set-up and maintain, contingency support operations during wartime field conditions.

Immediately prior to arriving in Florida, 174th team members will spend two weeks honing their skills at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. This additional practice time will allow traditional Guard members to compete on a "even playing field" with their active duty counterparts.

Air Guard Member Wins top Engineering Award

By Staff Sgt. Trish Heikkila
105th Airlift Wing

STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, NEWBURGH—Technical Sergeant Bill Pullar, an engineering technician with the 105th Airlift Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron, was recently awarded the "1998 Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Goddard Medal."

The SAME Goddard Medal is awarded annually to enlisted members of the Air Force and Air National Guard to recognize outstanding contributions to military engineering. Pullar received the award during February ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington D.C.

Pullar, a guardsman with the 105th and full time engineer with the New York Department of Transportation, said he was surprised to receive the prestigious award. "I didn't think I had a chance," he said. But others, like Maj. Tom Stanley, the 105th's assistant base civil engineer, would beg to disagree.

"He's one of the best site developers I've ever worked with," said Stanley, "both in terms of his commitment to the Guard and to his community. Bill comes in on his own time in the evenings and on some of his days off to help out. He's consistently used not only his military time, but his personal leave to support the Air Guard mission. He deserves all the recognition he can get."

Pullar's military career began in 1980, when he joined the Navy after a family visit to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, piqued his interest. He spent four years on active duty as a "SeaBee," the Navy's version of civil engineering. "I loved the traveling and the challenges of the job. We would build bases out of basically nothing," he said.

Once off active duty in 1984, Pullar joined the Naval Reserves, based out of Poughkeepsie, until learning of the 105th Airlift Wing. He joined the 105th in 1989 as a machinist. Four years later, when a job opened in the Civil Engineering Squadron, Pullar hopped on board. In his civilian career, he has nine years with the DOT under his belt.

Pullar said he uses different skills for his civilian and military jobs. "For the Air Guard, I do very little road work, it's more design and construction of facilities or structures of some type," he said.

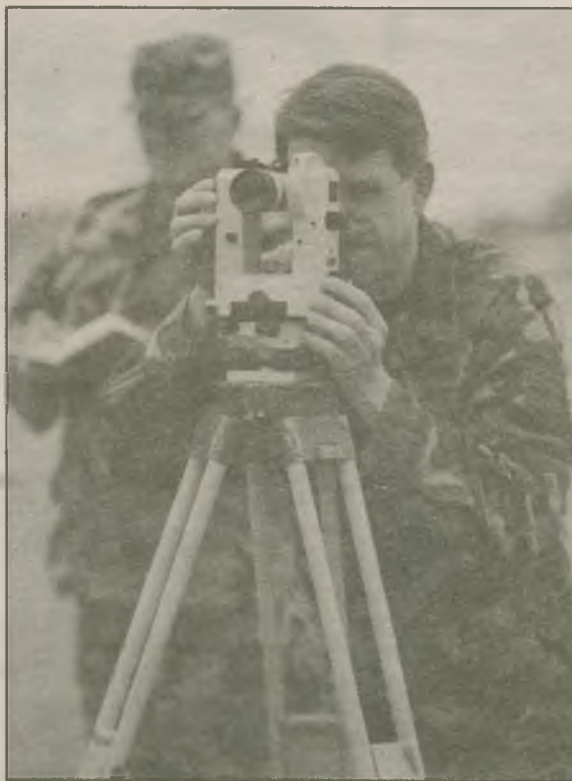
"I enjoy the challenge of taking something designed on paper and making it a reality. That's the fun in it," he said. Though the engineer said he doesn't have a preference when it comes to architectural style, he did say his personal building material of choice would be good, old-fashioned brick.

He's had plenty of opportunity to put his design skills to use. Stanley said Pullar's knowledge and experience is what prompted him to recommend Pullar fill an officer deployment vacancy to Alaska.

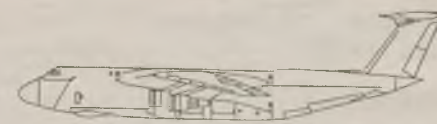
"A unit was looking for an officer—an engineer—to design a mobility storage facility at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks in Alaska. I recommended that Bill go and that he would meet or exceed their expectations. The feedback from the site manager there was that his work was phenomenal. Civil engineers are now constructing the building that Bill designed and to his requirements. The quality of his work is top-notch."

Stanley, a past-president of the Idaho State SAME chapter, said Pullar was selected for the prestigious award by members of both the military and civilian engineering communities.

"He was not only selected for his engineering achievements, but for his contributions to his community as well," Stanley said. "Bill is a total person. He contributes to the growth of the 105th, to his family and to his community."



Tech. Sgt. Bill Pullar uses a transit to establish line and grade for a base construction project. Photo by staff Sgt. Trish Heikkila.



Pullar, a New Windsor resident, is a 15-year veteran volunteer firefighter in the community, continuing with a family tradition begun by his grandfather. He also coaches Little League and is a member of the Board of Directors, helping to manage games for about 40 teams.

He said a one-time favor to help coach turned into a lifetime commitment. "I got involved in Little League when I was a senior in high school. One of my coaches asked me to help out once because his assistant was sick. That 'one time' turned into 19 years. I do it for the satisfaction of helping the kids," he said.

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

Syracuse NCO Named 'Outstanding Airman'

By Lt. Col. Mike Waters
174th Fighter Wing

SYRACUSE – A member of the Syracuse-based 152nd Air Operations Group has been named "Outstanding Airman of the Year" for the New York Air National Guard.

Master Sgt. Rita Scheirer, was selected as the outstanding airman in the senior non-commissioned officer category.

"She has always been an outstanding member of this unit and a superb employee. We're all very proud of her well-deserved recognition at the State level," said Col. Tom Webster, 152nd commander, who originally nominated her for the honor.

Scheirer works as an information manager for the 152nd based at Hancock field, Syracuse. Before joining her Guard unit, she served on active-duty at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. Her Air National Guard career in New York began with the 174th Fighter Wing also located in Syracuse.

Born in Syracuse, Scheirer has consistently been a high achiever. She graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School where she lettered in track and was a member of the student council. While attending Maria Regina College, she was selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" and Phi Theta Kappa, National Junior College Honorary Fraternity. She graduated Magna Cum Laude.



Master Sgt. Rita Scheirer

She has since earned an additional Associate and two Bachelor's degrees, completing these programs with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

From basic military training through numerous technical schools, she consistently graduated at or near the top of her class.

Her many decorations include: two Air Force Commendation Medals, three Air Force Achievement Medals, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two devices and the Humanitarian Service Medal. She has also qualified as an expert small arms marksman.

Scheirer has participated and/or chaired events in the region for the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation, March of Dimes, and the Salvation Army among others.

As chair of two bone marrow registration drives, she led efforts that resulted in more than ten percent of Hancock Field personnel being registered; one of the highest rates in the country.

She currently serves as a Cadre Leader with the New York National Guard Corps of Cadets and as a Senior Staff member with the Civil Air Patrol. Together, these

two organizations require a minimum involvement of eight hours each week. The New York National Guard Corps of Cadets Program relies on volunteer National Guard cadre who serve as role models for young people aged 12 to 17 during weekly meetings at armories or air bases.

"The strength and survivability of our country rests on the shoulders of our nation's children," she said. "For generations adults have said that they don't want their kids to go through what they went through, or that they want their children to have it better than they did.

"And, previous generations gave so much that today's generations take too much for granted," said Scheirer. "It's the effort that you personally put into something that gives it value."

"I enjoy the demands of the Corps of Cadets and the Civil Air Patrol," Scheirer continued. "These organizations raise young people's awareness of the freedoms and blessings America offers each citizen. Both organizations stress self-discipline, honor and integrity, subjects that should be emphasized in our schools with as much importance as reading and math."

Scheirer's will now go on to compete for national Outstanding Airman honors at Air National Guard headquarters at National Guard Bureau.

Troops Assault Buffalo's Snow-filled Streets

during 'Operation

Sgt. Raymond L. Drumsta
138th MPAD

BUFFALO – At the direction of the state commander-in-chief, New York's military forces went into action in January to help Western New York communities get out from under what one weather forecaster described as the "snowiest two-week period in Buffalo history."

Before it was over, members of New York's Army and Air National Guard and Naval Militia cleared more than 90 miles of Western New York roadways during a 9-day activation. They also cleared more than 100 vital intersections in an operation featuring a unique combination of military equipment and service branches.

Governor George E. Pataki ordered the activation of 30 members of the 152nd on January 11 following Buffalo's request for help. Within hours, troops operating front-end loaders and 5-ton dump trucks were clearing lanes for emergency vehicles down Buffalo's narrow streets. The engineers dubbed the mission "Operation Digout" and worked 12-hour shifts around the clock. Rest periods and maintenance was spent at the 152nd's home in the Connecticut Street Armory.

Other Communities Ask for Help

As snow continued to fall, the communities of Dunkirk, Lockport and North Tonawanda also appealed for assistance to the State Emergency Management Office. On January 12, the Governor ordered additional troops to duty, including other Army National Guard personnel and members of the Air National Guard and the New York Naval Militia.

The task force was lead by the Buffalo-based headquarters of the 42nd Infantry Division's Engineer. The brigade coordinated the efforts of approximately 140 personnel - drivers clearing snow, and logistical, maintenance, safety, medical, and administrative staff needed to keep the vehicles and drivers going.

Participating units included the 107th Air Refueling Wing from Niagara Falls, 152nd and 204th Engineer Battalions, the 827th Engineer Company, 342nd Forward Support Battalion, 127th Armor Battalion, and 1st Battalion 108th Infantry, plus Naval Militia "Seabees" who helped operate engineer equipment. The Binghamton-based 204th drove 17 hours to join the Western NY snow clearing operation.

Front-end loader and five-ton dump truck drivers worked alongside State Department of Parks and Recreation and Transportation personnel, and local municipal public works employees. They also worked closely with police. Sergeant 1st Class Joseph Kirsch, the 152nd operation sergeant, said the police helped the engineers complete their mission by blocking streets and controlling traffic.

Kirsch said front-end loader operators had to be cautious with the vehicles wide front scoop so as not to hit buried cars parked along the streets. "With cars parked on either side of the street, it doesn't leave much room," he said. Kirsch also said mobile telephones contributed by Cellular One of Buffalo enhanced communication and coordination with the snow clearing teams.

"Local support was outstanding," said Capt. Russell Clark, an engineer brigade staff officer, who led the snow clearing efforts in Dunkirk. He described a plethora of donated food from local residents to troops as they worked.



Clark's team concentrated on removing snow piles from intersections to increase visibility and safety.

North Tonawanda operations were led by the Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing Support Group. Lt. Col. Dale Howard led a joint force of 10 Army National Guard engineers, 10 Air National Guard civil engineers, and two Naval Militia seabees. Howard said his force worked hand in hand with the city's public works department to clear snow.

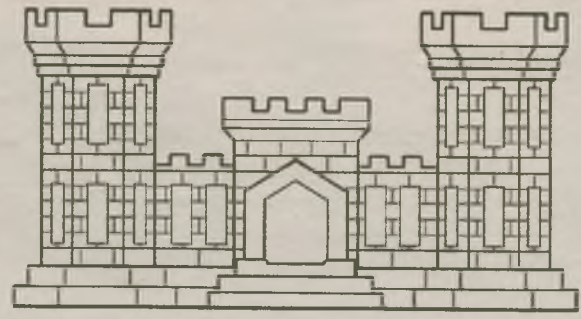
It was a unique experience for him to work with troops from all three branches of the military services. "I never had so much fun working with the Army and Naval Militia," Howard said. "These kids worked their hearts out. It was a pleasure to work with all these guys."

"Normally when they have a call-up, they think of Army engineers," said Lt. Col. Charles M. McNeil, engineer brigade executive officer. "They forget about the Navy and the Air Force engineers." McNeil said the joint service aspect of the operation presented a challenge, in that the different branches have different acronyms and different reporting systems. But, he said, the emergency

Above, a front-end loader of the 152nd Engineer Battalion clears snow from one of Buffalo's neighborhoods as local residents try to cope with the conditions. Buffalo was paralyzed by record snowfalls and wind-swept drifts which closed roads and halted most transportation. At right, a hemmit wrecker tows a 5-ton Dump Truck back to the armory for servicing. Long hours and cold temperatures tested the engineers and their equipment as they worked round-the-clock shifts to re-open the city's streets. Upper right, a 5-ton Dump Truck empties its load of snow in one of the established drop sites. Lower right, a line up of Guard dump trucks and municipal escort vehicles fills an urban street. Photos by Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta.



Digout '99'



'Seabees' Help Restore Bulgarian Hospital

By Lt. Meg Reed

USNR "Exercise Cornerstone" Public Affairs

TRUN, BULGARIA – Several members of the New York Naval Militia used their construction skills to benefit poor residents in Central Europe recently when they participated in a good will exercise in a former Eastern Block nation.



stocked supplies of baseball caps, T-shirts, candy and small toys which they distributed children in the village during after hours.

The US Navy Reserve's Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21, based in Lakehurst, NJ deployed to Bulgaria as part of exercise "Cornerstone '98" along with other reserve component support units. The joint engineering effort is sponsored by European Command and is part of the US "Partners for Peace" Program. This program promotes regional stability in Europe by enhancing political and military understanding and cooperation among nations.

With the flags of two nations flying side by side, active and reserve forces from both the US and Bulgaria helped renovate a neglected and dilapidated hospital near the Bulgarian capital of Sofia. The hospital serves nearly 50 communities. It was built in the 1980s, but fell into disrepair at the end of the former communist government ten years ago. It was selected for renovation because of the compelling need for medical services in the region and because it provided an optimal training opportunity for the troops. The work included removal and replacement of flooring, plumbing, electrical systems, plastering and repainting. All work had to be completed in six weeks.

To support the effort, NMCB 21 sent two rotations of 30 personnel. The US team was led by the Tennessee Army National Guard's 194th Engineer Brigade which managed the overall project. In addition to the Army National Guard, the joint team was comprised of active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Air National Guard and Navy Reserve units. Duration staff included a command team, medical personnel, a chaplain, a civil affairs group, a public affairs team and food service personnel. The troops camped in a former Bulgarian Ministry of Defense building in a local farming village. American and Bulgarian troops spent each day grouped together for mustering, travel to the work site, working, berthing and eating.

Bulgarian forces concentrated on outside work while the US worked on the interior. As expected, the biggest challenge was the language barrier. Patient interpreters helped smooth the way for each two-week rotation. Within the first days of each new arrival effective communications were achieved. The cultural interaction proved to be the most valuable experience for the participants.

"People in Bulgaria know Americans only from the movies," said Sgt. Emil Ivanov of the Bulgarian Armed Forces. "Now that I am here, I live and work with Americans and they are my friends. They are professional and I like to work with them," he said.

"Meeting Bulgarian soldiers on a personal level shows me once again that people across the world are very much the same," said Builder Second Class Philip Bohn of NMCB 21.

The Seabees were praised by Army Guard leaders. "I have been personally impressed with the technical skills, motivation and professionalism of my fellow engineers," said Maj. Bart Butler, from the 194th. Task force commander Maj. Bob Wenzler said flatly, "the Seabees have been a vital part of this task force."

New York Naval Militia participants included Builder Third Class Scott Trudell, Builders Second Class Richard Waite, Chris Wood and Adrian Buhaj. Buhaj used his knowledge of Russian to communicate directly with Bulgarian troops who also spoke Russian. Waite and Wood

New York Guard Award List

New York State Long & Faithful Service Decoration:

Herod, Frank	E-9	4th BDE	50
Green, Robert	E-8	4th BDE	35
Arico, Ernest	O-7	HNNYG	30
Meador, John	O-6	HQArmy	30
Wadelton, Stephen,	O-4	56th BDE	30
Cohen, Paul	O-7	HQNYG	25
Gallo, Joseph	O-4	56th BDE	25
McDermant, Robert	O-5	56th BDE	20
Dann, Phillip	E-9	4th BDE	15
Massar, George	O-4	4th BDE	15
Maul, David	O-7	HQNYG	15
Preziose, Thomas	O-6	14th BDE	15
Schor, Joseph	O-6	HQArmy	15
Conroy, Barry	O-6	56th BDE	10
Copenhag., William	W-2	4th BDE	10
Darmos, James	O-5	HHC NYG	10
Duffy, Gerard	O-3	56th Bde	10
Hall, Arden	E-6	4th Bde	10
Harp, Robert	O-4	4th Bde	10
Kless, Ronald	O-5	4th Bde	10
Lynch, Kevin	O-4	10th Bde	10
Maros-Victoria, S,	O-3	56th BDE	10
Merkel, Robert	O-4	4th BDE	10
Palermo, Carl	E-6	4th BDE	10
Whalen, James	O-4	88th BDE	10
Baird, Russell	O-5	4th BDE	5
Blascovich, Leonard	O-6	HQ NYG	5
Bly, James	O-4	10th BDE	5
Bly, Robert	O-3	10th BDE	5
Bradley, Carol	O-2	4th BDE	5
Carlisi, Roy	O-5	4th BDE	5
Carpenter, Gary	E-6	10th BDE	5
Cohen, Peggy	O-2	88th BDE	5
Connelly, Peter	O-4	4th BDE	5
Dabkowski, Joseph	O-3	4th BDE	5
Dean, Guy	O-6	HQ NYG	5
Gibson, George	O-3	88th BDE	5
Gick, William	O-4	4th BDE	5
Goodman, James	E-8	10th BDE	5
Hembrook, Lawrence	E-5	4th BDE	5
Mangieri, Robert	O-3	88th BDE	5
McCallen, Jay	E-8	10th BDE	5
McCauley, Jeremiah	E-8	4th BDE	5
Nestel, Victor	E-8	4th BDE	5
Stratton, Martin	E-6	10th BDE	5
SwedenHjelm, Timothy	E-7	4th BDE	5
Utter, Sidney	E-6	10th BDE	5
Van Splinter, Rober	E-9	10th BDE	5

New York Guard Recruiting Medals:

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

Other Awards:

Liebner, George	O-8	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
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Maul, David	O-7	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Holzbaur, Frederick	O-6	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Brady, Thomas	Civilian	HQ	1-Conspicuous Service Medal
Gailliard, Amos	O-7	14th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Levine, Joseph	O-7	CMAD	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Blum, Herbert	O-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Jenkinsor, John	O-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Mancabel, Charles	O-6	HQ	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Manner, Harry	O-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Molik, David	O-6	HQArmy	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Blascovich, Leonard	O-5	HQ	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Colloton, Peter	O-5	STARC	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Parker, Kimball	O-3	56th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Dann, Phillip	E-9	4th Bde	2-Medal for Meritorious Service
Liebner, George	O-8	HQ	3-Military Commendation Medal -3OLC
Cleland, Thomas	O-6	HQArmy	3-Military Commendation Medal
Reynolds, Peter	O-6	HQArmy	3-Military Commendation Medal
Leblanc, Leslie	O-4	4th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Leventhal, Michael	O-4	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Whalen, James	O-4	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Parker, Kimball	O-3	56th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Gattsek, Gordon	E-7	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Komisin, John	E-6	88th Bde	3-Military Commendation Medal
Herod, Wayne	O-4	HQ Army	1 -NYG Meritorious Service
Becker, Frank	E-9	4th	1 -NYG Meritorious Service
Romano, Richard	E-6	56th	1 -NYG Meritorious Service
Schell, Gary	E-6	HO NYG	1 -NYG Meritorious Service
Moloon, Joseph	O-5	GLO	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Bertorelli, Jennifer	O-3	4th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
McCauley, Kimball	O-3	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Robinson, William	O-3	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Leblanc, Jeremiah	E-8	4th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Parker, Richard	E-8	NYARNG	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Peper, Anthony	E-5	56th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Holland, James	E-2	88th	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Barbetta, Philip	CW-2	HQ NYG	2-NYG Commendation Medal
Farbman, Pamela	E-7	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Parker, Joel	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Burgos, Ronald	O-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Healy, Frank	O-3	HQ ArD	3-NYG Achievement
King, Gerard	O-3	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Ortiz, Ronald	O-3	GLO	3-NYG Achievement
Taimade, Albert	O-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Bartol, James	O-2	4th	3-NYG Achievement
King, John	O-2	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Romano, Carl	O-2	HQ NYG	3-NYG Achievement
Schell, Gregory	O-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Weis, Wayne	O-2	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Bucci, James	O-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Duffy, Timothy	O-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Feldman, Robert	E-7	14th	3-NYG Achievement
Flavin, John	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Nofi, Richard	E-6	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Peters, Gary	E-6	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Wensich, Elizabeth	E-6	88th	3-NYG Achievement
King, John	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Pepitone, Richard	E-5	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Pepitone, Thomas	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Vine, Douglas	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Zinner, Mark	E-5	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Coffey, George	E-3	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Gattsek, James	E-3	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Kimball, Richard	E-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Morrison, Albert	E-2	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Pagan, Michael	E-2	10th	3-NYG Achievement
Parsakian, Gordon	E-2	88th	3-NYG Achievement
Copeletti, Matthew	CW-2	14th	3-NYG Achievement
O'Connor, Matthew	CW-2	14th	3-NYG Achievement
Quinn, Michael	CW-1	56th	3-NYG Achievement
Sexton, Elizabeth	CW-1	4th	3-NYG Achievement
Petteys, Eugene	W-1	HQ	NYG Service Ribbon
Murphy, Edward	E-9	HQ	Good Conduct Medal
Scheffier, Stanley	E-8	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Nestel, Victor	E-8	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Somers, Richard	E-7	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Romano, Richard	E-7	56th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Schell, Gary	E-6	4th Bde	Good Conduct Medal
Molik, Steven	O-5	4 th Bde	New York State Fitness Ribbon
Micalone, Nicholas	O-3	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon
Logan, John	O-3	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon
Bartol, Carl	O-2	HQ	New York Guard Service Ribbon

Guard and Cadets help Clean Up Historic Cemetery

By Master Sgt. Jeannine Mannarino
138th MPAD

TROY — Last fall, the New York National Guard Counterdrug Program helped a volunteer community group clean up a cemetery and fight youth drinking and substance abuse.

Terry Page, the founder of Troy's "Friends of Oakwood Cemetery" learned about the guardHELP Program and asked for help for the cemetery's three-member staff combat underage drinking, vandalism, and drug use that was plaguing their landmark.

The Counterdrug program sent a three person work crew to help cut back trees, weeds and overgrowth that concealed drug and drinking parties from police scrutiny. Over the years, financial problems forced the Oakwood Cemetery to cut its staff. The resulting neglect of the grounds created conditions favorable for substance abuse and other criminal activity.

The Guard and volunteers from the "Friends of Oakwood Cemetery" joined forces in December to make the revitalization project a community effort. Fifty-five volunteers from three New York National Guard Corps of Cadet programs (from Albany, Saratoga Springs and Gloversville) and several volunteer Guard members helped clean up the 625-acre cemetery. Page gave the cadets a grand tour of the grounds and a lesson about the cemetery's historical significance.

The Oakwood Cemetery is the resting-place of "Uncle Sam" Wilson — the symbol of our nation, Emma Willard — the founder of Emma Willard School, and Russell Sage — after whom the Sage Colleges are named.

Retired Officers Association to provide Scholarships

ALEXANDRIA, VA — Under a new program, dependents of Guard members are eligible to apply for two hundred \$1000 scholarships for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Retired Officers Association's (TROA) "Scholarship 200" program is open to all college-bound or currently enrolled military dependents, including those of Guard and Reserve members.

The scholarship awards will be based entirely on merit. Scholarship, citizenship and leadership will be among the most important criteria, according to TROA President LtGen Michael A. Nelson, USAF (Ret). No financial disclosure or essay is required for application.

There are no paper applications for the "Scholarship 200" program — instead applicants are asked to apply via the world wide web. To apply, simply access the TROA website at: <http://www.troa.org>, goto "members services," and click on "Scholarship 200." The Introduction Page details all information necessary to complete the application.

Deadline for application submission is Thursday, 15 April, 1999.

If selected as a semi-finalist, the applicant will be asked to provide a certified transcript to TROA to verify his or her grade point average (GPA), SAT scores and honors.



"I am really pleased that my Corps wanted to volunteer their own time to clean up the historic site," said Maj. John Sacca who supports the Albany cadets.

"We believe volunteerism is one of the ways we can teach these cadets leadership, community understanding and responsibility," said Col. Dennis Kavanagh, Counterdrug Program Director.

Volunteers from three Corps of Cadets programs take a break for a group photo while cleaning up the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. The cadets come from the Albany, Gloversville and Saratoga Springs corps. The cemetery is the resting place of "Uncle Sam" Wilson — the figure who inspired the national symbol of Uncle Sam. Photo courtesy of the NY National Guard Counterdrug Program.

NY National Guard Corps of Cadets Program Statewide List

Jamaica, Queens
Harlem
Brooklyn - Marcy Avenue
Brooklyn- Bedford Avenue
Peekskill
Newburgh
Albany
Schenectady
Saratoga Springs
Gloversville
Utica
Syracuse
Rochester - Culver Road
Buffalo - Masten Avenue
Buffalo - Conneticut Street
Fort Drum (Forming)
Ronkonkoma (New)
Binghamton (Forming)
Glens Falls (Forming)

**For more information, call
1-800-NY-CADET**



Everybody is getting into the guardHELP act! Latham Superintendent John Fallarino inspects one of the several trophies reconditioned by Bill Libby a state employee at the headquarters facility. The used trophies were restored for use by local Boy Scouts as part of an awards program. An Air Guard member later produced new engraved plates. All services were donated. Guard Times photo.

NY Fields WMD Team

Guard Times Staff

Imagine, for just a few minutes you are a civilian emergency response manager.

It's 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon. The sun broke through as you finished clearing fresh snow from your doorway, and you're looking ahead to a hot cup of coffee.

The phone rings.

It's an emergency service dispatcher. Several ambulances and two fire companies are responding to the Alma Mater gym, where dozens of fans at this afternoon's showdown game are "down," in the bleachers, on the floor and outside the exits.

As you approach the college, a police officer stops you. As you try to explain why you have to pass through, he interrupts. "I recognized you, Director... but we don't know what's wrong in there. In fact, my partner hasn't checked back since he headed in and none of the ambulances that went in have come back out."

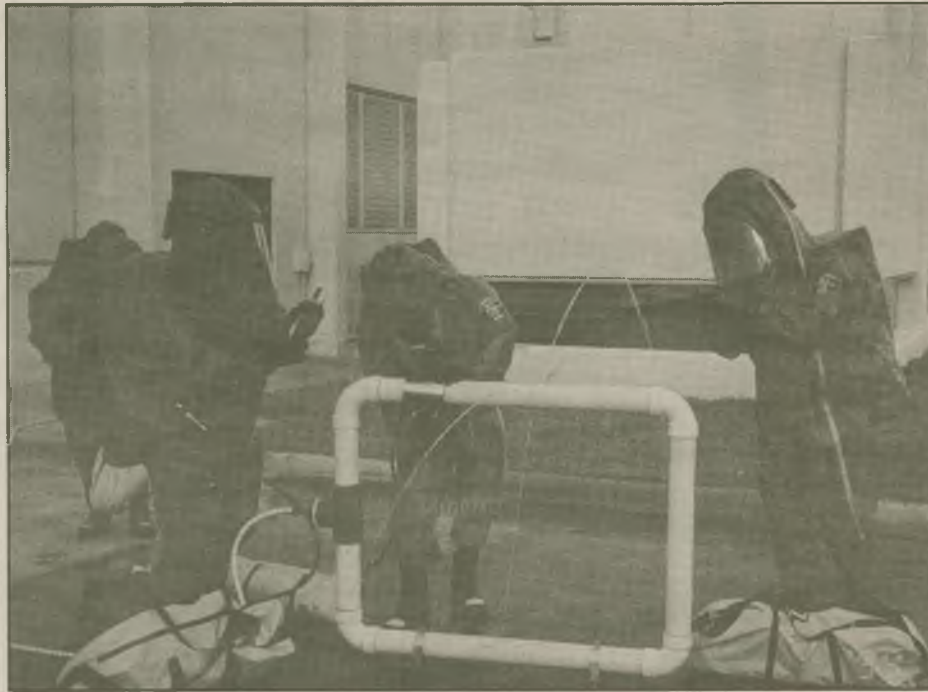
If that sounds like an emergency manager's nightmare, sparked by memories of the Tokyo gas attack; the Oklahoma City Federal Building and World Trade Center bombings or any number of other recent incidents, help for community response professionals is on the way.

Should such a situation ever confront a NY community, there will be a new National Guard unit ready to respond — ready to help identify an agent; to provide technical and logistical support for the Incident Command on scene. It will be equipped with communications and other "high-tech" support for the police, firefighters and EMS personnel.

It's called the 2nd Military Support Detachment (RAID). The "RAID" part stands for "Rapid Assessment/Initial Detection." The special capabilities of this 22 member organization will be available for immediate deployment to a requesting emergency management organization, anywhere in FEMA Region II, on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year basis.

Governor George E. Pataki announced just over a year ago, that New York had been selected to host the team, one of ten assigned to host-state National Guards across the country. Since then, the detachment has recruited its personnel from throughout Department of Defense units worldwide, acquired equipment, completed specialized training, and begun a round of validation exercises.

The RAID members come from across the military spectrum — Army, Air, Navy and Marine Corps — and from active duty and reserve assignments. Many signed on with the New York unit after performing related duties in overseas assignments. Some have earned advanced degrees; virtually all are certified in areas from HazMat practices to the latest communications techniques. Their specialties range from Nuclear Medicine to Computer Science and beyond.



RAID team members in special protective suits conduct a training exercise at an Army school in the SouthEast. Photo courtesy of the 2nd Military Support Detachment.

When called up, through the SEMO Warning Point, the team can deploy by air or road, within a 4-hour deadline. The unit works under the local Incident Commander to safely sample and identify a suspect agent and to provide help in obtaining additional resources. The uniquely trained medical element in the RAID team will arrive with on-scene capabilities to detect and identify several tens of thousands of types of industrial or military chemicals. If conventional communications have been disrupted, the RAID teams have extraordinary integral capabilities — "reach-back" capacity to provide video, audio, data, and voice links to local and distant resource providers and coordination centers.

The RAID team is not intended to deal with nightmare terrorist takeovers in Hometown, USA, though. These teams are military units, and as such, are NOT law enforcement resources, nor is it their mission to don body-armor and storm a strongpoint. Their focus, training and duty is "consequence management" — that is, helping to deal with the lives and safety of the community.

The RAID units have pre-crisis roles as well; working with state and local First Responder agencies, to help those units "train up" for the day we may prevent, by being ready to deal with it.

Guard Seeks Runners for State Marathon Team

By 1st Lieut. Curt Schreiner
HQSTARC

LATHAM — The New York National Guard is seeking men and women from the Army and Air National Guard to compete on its Marathon Team.

At this time, all runners who can run a sub 4-hour marathon are welcome. The premier event for this year is the upcoming National Guard Bureau Marathon Trials in Lincoln, Nebraska in May.

Team members are issued warm up jackets and pants, T-shirt, running shorts, singlet and an equipment bag.

Those who qualify for the 4-man/1 woman team will receive pay, travel and per diem to compete in the NGB Marathon. Qualifications are based on the athletes' fastest marathon times within the past year (according to official results).

Other events will be funded on a case by case basis depending on the availability



of funds. If you are interested in competing on the team, contact the author at (518)696-5495.

RUNNERS WANTED

National Guard Bureau



The National Guard Bureau Marathon Trials will be held on 2 May 1999 in Lincoln, Nebraska. These trials are the qualifying race for the National Guard Marathon Team. If you are interested in participating please provide the following information.

For more information contact

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Or mail to:

Army National Guard

Attn: 1SG Shottenkirk

1776 North 10th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-1006

Name: _____ M _____ F _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: (____) _____

Facts You Need to Know:



Uniform Services Employment Act of 1994 Provides Guard Member Protections

1. Is there a law governing reemployment rights after military training or service?

Yes. Since 1940, there has been such a law, known as the Veterans' Reemployment Rights law. On Oct. 13, 1994 the President signed the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, a comprehensive revision of the VRR law. It became fully effective Dec. 12, 1994.

2. Am I eligible for reemployment rights under this law if I perform federal or state military service?

The answer is "Yes," provided you meet five conditions, or eligibility criteria: 1.) You must have a civilian and be employed as your period of service begins, 2.) You must provide notice to your civilian employer that you will be leaving the job for military training or service, 3.) You must not exceed the 5-year cumulative limit on periods of service, 4.) You must be released from service under honorable conditions and, 5.) You must report back to your civilian job in a timely manner or submit a timely application for reemployment.

3. Do I have reemployment rights following voluntary military service? State active duty callups?

This act applies to voluntary as well as involuntary military service, in peacetime as well as wartime. It does not apply to state active duty, so-called SAD callups. Any protection for such duty must be provided by the laws of the state involved. Currently under New York State Law there are provisions which provide reemployment rights for public sector employees.

4. When is prior notice to my civilian employer required? How is such notice given?

It is necessary that the person who is performing the service, or an official representative of the uniformed services, give advance written or verbal notice to the employer. The notice requirement applies to all categories of training or service. Notice is not required if precluded by military necessity or, if the giving of such notice is otherwise impossible or unreasonable?

5. How is the 5-year limit computed?

Service that you have performed, except the service described below, counts towards the cumulative 5-year limit of service you can perform while retaining rights under the act. When you start a new job with a new employer, you receive a fresh 5-year entitlement. The act's cumulative 5-year limit, however, does not include certain types of military training or service. Exceptions are grouped into three broad categories: 1.) Required drills and annual training and other training duty certified by the military as necessary for professional or skill training, 2.) Unable (through no fault of your own) to obtain orders releasing you from active duty service or service in excess of five years to fulfill an initial period of obligated service, generally imposed on active component aviators or others who undergo extensive initial training in certain MOSs, and 3.) Service performed Voluntary service in support of a mission contingency, or military requirement is also exempt.

6. Can I be required to use my earned vacation while performing federal military service?

No, as under the previous legislation, the act provides you may not be forced to use earned vacation. You are entitled to earned vacation or leave in addition to time off to perform military service. A rare exception would be a case where there is a standard plant shutdown at a certain time of the year and all employees must take their vacations during that period and your period of military service happens to coincide with that period.

7. When I return from military duty will I get my old job back?

The act requires that, if your period of service was less than 91 days, you are entitled to the job you would have attained if you hadn't left, provided that you are still, or can become, qualified for that job. If unable to become qualified for a new job after reasonable efforts by the employer, you are entitled to the job you left.

8. Does the law protect me from discrimination by my boss or a prospective boss?

Yes, Sect. 4311 (a.) of the act provides that, "a person who is a member of, applies to be a member or, performs, or has an obligation to perform service in the uniformed services, shall not be denied initial employment, reemployment, retention in employment, promotion, or any other benefit of employment by an employer on the basis of that membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation." A separate provision also prohibits reprisals against any military member regarding job reemployment rights.

Nominate Your Boss for an ESGR Employer Appreciation Award

By P.C. "Pete" Kutschera
Guard Times Staff

You've got a great boss. Right? And you want to let him/her know you're appreciative of the cooperation they give you when you're called for National Guard emergency duty or training on short notice.

Do something about it. Why not nominate them for a National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR) Committee boss appreciation award? Recently over 600 public and private sector employers of National Guard and militia force members in New York State were provided "Seven Seals" certificates of appreciation for their service away from work in support of the Ice Storm '98 emergency for the North Country.

Doing this is easier than filling out a the paper for a lotto ticket, and may turn out to be a lot more rewarding. All members of the Guard are eligible to nominate a deserving boss for the "Seven Seals" award. It's a nice certificate containing the Department of Defense seal and those of the various service branches, the Coast Guard, and the National Guard and Reserve.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the DMNA/National Guard Headquarters Public Affairs Office at 518-786-4581, DSN: 489-4581, ATTN: Ms. Gail Terwilliger, or by unloading them off the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR) internet homepage: (www.ncesgr.osd.mil).

When completing the employer recognition form, take a few reflective moments to explain why your boss deserves recognition. Your explanation will actually be reviewed when consideration is given for higher level employer support awards by your local ESGR state committee. Mail the application to the National ESGR Committee in Arlington, VA.

Once processed by the national committee, the signed "Seven Seals" certificate is sent to your unit commander, or your ESGR state committee, along with suggestions on how best to present it.

Recognition is the essence of the awards program. Help tell "The National Guard Story" by recognizing your boss!

Ombudsman Service Can Help Guard Members Cope

National Guard members or their employers who experience problems resulting from employee participation in reserve military service may request assistance from the ombudsman service of the National and New York State Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Committee.

Ombudsmen provide information about rights and responsibilities under the law and seek a solution through mediation that can provide quick problem resolution. The service is informal; discussions are not entered into personnel records. The objective is to eliminate misunderstandings and resolve difficulties to the satisfaction of all.

First and foremost any soldier, airman or woman, sailor or Marine experience difficulties with an employer should report the difficulty to the chain of command. The first attempt to resolve a problem should then be made at the employer-employee level. Often, a calm, objective discussion can reveal solutions if conducted in an atmosphere of mutual cooperation. If that fails, unit commanders should be consulted. Commanders have a vested interest in the problem and may be able to explain the

situation or suggest compromises that will satisfy everyone's needs.

Soldiers who feel they may benefit from the services of an ombudsman should contact the state ESGR Committee, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Norbert Rappl at 716-458-1920 or write him: c/o COMAC Builders Supply, 186 Norman St., Rochester, NY 14613. General Rappl is a Rochester area businessman and former commanding general of the 98th Training Division, U.S. Army Reserve.

Another source is to contact the National ESGR Committee ombudsman hotline number at 1-800-336-4590, or write: Ombudsman Services, National ESGR Committee, 1555 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200; Arlington, VA 22209-2405.

Note that ESGR's ombudsmen handle only employer-employee conflicts involving military service. Recruiting and inspector general complaints should be forwarded to the appropriate agencies. None of the sources listed above have authority to enforce the law. Cases that require legal advice or assistance should be referred to appropriate judge advocate general or legal channels.

State ESGR Committee Key Contact List

The following is a list of key contacts on the state Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee who can help generate and coordinate ESGR activities at your armory and air base.

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MARCHI GLENN R HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
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Promoted to the rank of: MAJ

BOULIO CHRISTOPHER S HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
BURCH ROGER L HHC(-) 1BN 127 ARMOR
DESERIO JOSEPH M DET 2 HQ STARC-NY (TNG SITE)

Promoted to the rank of: CPT

COBB CHARLES CARMEN DET 2 HHS 1-156 FA
DALEY ONEIL GARFIELD HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
GALUSHA RICHARD C HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
LOOMIS JOHN HENRY DET 1 272D CHEMICAL CO
PACOS GARY ALLAN CO C 1 BN 142 AVN
PRUDEN JOSEF M HHB 1 BN 258 FA
SANTIAGO ARAMIS E HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV
WONG HENRY HHB 1 BN 258 FA

Promoted to the rank of: 1LT

GARDNER DEVON LIVINGSTON HHS (-) 1-156 FA
LANCE ROGER DUANE JR CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR
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WILLOUGHBY SILAS JR CO D 1-108TH INF

Promoted to the rank of: CW5

KRUTKA EDWARD J HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
VUMBICO JOSEPH A HHD STARC (-) NYARNG

Promoted to the rank of: CW4

BERKY WALTER ALVIN CO F 142 AVN
SCHNEIDER MICHAEL R CO C 1 BN 142 AVN

Promoted to the rank of: CW3

JOHNSON MICHAEL WADE CO A 3-142 AVN

Promoted to the rank of: CW2

COMBS BENJAMIN MARION HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
PANARESE CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CO C 3-142 AVN
THOMPSON JAMES 145TH MAINT C (DS)

Promoted to the rank of: 1SG

DIAZ SANTOS JR 145TH MAINT C (DS)
HUTTON JOSEPH A HHS (-) 1-156 FA
MUSICO ROBERT TORBITT CO C (-) 1-108TH INF
PALMIERI DOMINIC JOSEPH CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
WILLIAMS THOMAS JAMES HHC 2 BN 108 INF

Promoted to the rank of: MSG

HEADLEY LLOYD O CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN
LOPEZ MIGUEL A DET 2 HQ STARC-NY (TNG SITE)
MORRIS GARY W HHD ENGR BDE 42 IN DIV
SQUIRES GARY BERNARD 56TH PERSONNEL SVC BN

Promoted to the rank of: SFC

HARTZEL MICHAEL J 2D MILITARY SPT DET (RAID)
HERNANDEZ HECTOR L HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN
ISLEY ARVILLA F HHC 107 SUPPORT GROUP
JONES SAMUEL B HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN
MCDOWELL ARTHUR RUFUS HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
RUGAR ROBERT MERL CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR
RYCRAFT JAMES C JR 27TH SPT CTR (CORPS RAOC)
SCHROEDER STEPHEN T HHC 1-142ND AVN
TILLMAN CHARLES D HHC 3-142 AVIATION
TRUITT FREDRICA M DET 2 HHC 27TH IN BDE

Promoted to the rank of: SSG

ALDRICH TIMOTHY ALAN CO D 1-108TH INF
BEL KATHLEEN AGATHA HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
BORUCINSKI JOHN ALLEN DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
BRYANT BERNARD MICHAEL DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
COLEMAN JEFFREY DAVID HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
COLLTON PETER MARK JR HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
DAUBENSCHMIDT ROBERT ERNEST CO B 342D FSB
DEROCHER BRUCE ALLEN DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
DREISENSTOCK RALPH E JR CO D 1-105 INF
FOTIS SOLOH HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
FRANK ALLEN PATRICK CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
GANNON WILLIAM JOHN DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
GARCIA VINCENT CO F 142 AVN
GREENE BILLY JOE CO B 342D FSB
GUAJARDO RONNIE 2D MILITARY SPT DET (RAID)
HANNUM ALBERT LEO CO D 1-108TH INF
KEOUGH REBECCA CHRISTINE 227TH MI CO
LASSETER KEVIN BRIAN CO C 1-69TH IN (M)
LUCAS RICHARD FRANK CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR

ORTIZ WILLIAM ROBERT CO F 142 AVN
RAMOS ERNESTO 7TH FIN DET
REYES ARNOLD GROPE CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
ROSE JOHN PATRICK CO D 1-105 INF
SARGEANT VASQUES DEBRA A DET 2 1569TH TRANS CO
SWIDERSKI PETER F CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
WAINWRIGHT EARL D 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
WALLS FRANK JOSEPH CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
WINTON FLOYD A 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO (-)

Promoted to the rank of: SGT

BENNETT RONALD ROBERT JR CO D 1-105 INF
BURROWS TIMOTHY A CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
CIOCH MARK ANTHONY CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
COONS BRIAN JOHN BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
CURIT RICHARD CRAIG DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
DOOLEY KEVIN JOHN BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
DZIEKOWICZ WALTER A 107TH MIL POLICE CO (-)
FREYN JOSEPH RICHARD 227TH MI CO
GANZ ALLEN DOUGLAS CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
GERACE THOMAS PETER III 105 MP CO (-)
GOLDEN SCOTT DAVID CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
HAGER KEITH ERIK CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
HILDERBRANDT THORANIC MICHAEL 105 MP CO (-)
KANE PATRICK KELLEY HHS (-) 1-156 FA
KIANES RAFAEL ANGEL JR DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
KIM TOK HYUN HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
KLIMES JOHN FRANCIS CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
KNOWLES DENNIS H SPT PLATOON 152D ENGR BN
LUPIANI SCOTT MICHAEL HHC 1-142ND AVN
MAKOWSKI JEFFREY THOMAS 827TH ENGR CO
MOLGAARD MICHAEL JOHN CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
PITTS DAVID GREGORY CO B 1 BN 127 ARMOR
RIVERA JAVIER RICARDO DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
RIVERA JOSE JR BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
ROGERS CHRISTOPHER DANIEL 227TH MI CO
SIRLES RENAE JANETTE HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
SWEET JOSEPH RICHARD CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
WALSH RICHARD SEAN 107TH MIL POLICE CO (-)
YUNG JASON TODD SR CO D 1-105 INF

Promoted to the rank of: SPC

ABRAHAM CHRISTOPHER S P DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
ALEXANDER ROBERT JAMES JR CO D 1-108TH INF
ALJUWANI HASHIEM 827TH ENGR CO
ANDERSON VICTOR DAMON BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA
ARLINGTON DANIEL ARTHUR JR 105 MP CO (-)
BABIN STEPHEN JUSTIN HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
BAILEY DAVID ALAN HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
BELL GLENN 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
BESIO MICHAEL STEVEN HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
BEUTNER ROBERT ALAN 827TH ENGR CO
BILKA RUSSELL BRYAN DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
BOOTH SHAWN DOUGLAS 827TH ENGR CO
BORLANG IAN GRANT DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
BOUGHTON VINCENT PAUL JR HHS (-) 1-156 FA
CASSAR JAMES PATRICK CO F 142 AVN
COZART SHARLEAN LYNETTE 442 MP CO(-)
CRUZ JOHN SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA
CRUZ RICHARD JAMES II BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA
CULHANE STEPHEN PATRICK BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
DARLING STEVEN ERIC CO C (-) 1-108TH INF
DECIANO MICHAEL JOSEPH CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
DENSE MARTHA FRANCES CO D 1-108TH INF
DEPUE SEAN CHRISTOPHER 105 MP CO (-)
EDGCOMB ELIESE MARIE 29TH PERS SVC DET
EGGLESTON JOHN LOGAN DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
EVANGELISTA LEEROY 102 MAINT CO (FWD DS)
FERTIG JAY ALLEN JR BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
FLUENT BRADLEY CHARLES CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
GARCIA LARRY S HHD 342 FORWARD SUPPORT BN
GEISLER SHADRACH LEE CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
GREEN WILLIAM DOUGLAS CO E 3-142D AVN
HEENEY WILLIAM JAMES CO D 1-105 INF
HERBST SUZANNE MARIE 29TH PERS SVC DET
HUEBER JEFFREY PAUL 105 MP CO (-)
HULBERT WILLIAM THOMAS CO D 1-108TH INF
HUNTER CONRAD JR DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
JAMES TECHELLE WILLIAMS HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
JOHNSON YVETTE SHAWNTRICE 29TH PERS SVC DET
KENNEDY PATRICK JAMES 227TH MI CO
KIBBLE JOHN CHARLES BTRY C 1 BN 156 FA

KIMBLE CHARLES ALLEN JR HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 KLEEMANN MARK CHESTER 105 MP CO (-)
 KUPCHENI STACY LYNN 642D MI BN
 KURRASCH MICHAEL SCOTT CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
 LAPLACA STEPHEN JAMES CO D 1 BN 142 AVN
 LASSEY KENNETH ALLEN HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
 LEOMBRUNO SHAWN MICHAEL CO A (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 LOCKWOOD ALAN MICHAEL CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 MAHER MICHAEL FRANCIS BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
 MALDONADO MARK CO A 342 FWD SPT BN
 MCCREATH HENRY DEAN 827TH ENGR CO
 MCGILLIS TIMOTHY JAMES CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 MCLILLY TIMOTHY CLAYTON HHB 1 BN 258 FA
 MEAD STEVEN ALVIN CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 METTILE MICHAEL JAMES 827TH ENGR CO
 MOQUIN AARON EMILE CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 MYERS JOSHUA CARL CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 NIEVES ISRAEL BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA
 PARRILLA JOR EL DAVID 7TH FIN DET
 PENCE TIMOTHY STEVEN JR CO B 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 PEREZ LUCRECIA SILVIA DET 2 CO B 50TH MSB
 PETTI MICHAEL JOHN CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
 POTUCEK RICHARD JOHN 227TH MI CO
 PRELL CHARLES JOSEPH JR CO C 152 ENGR BN
 PRITCHARD TIMOTHY JOHN DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
 REICHERT BRIAN MIKAL 105 MP CO (-)
 RIENHARDT KEVIN EDWARD CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 RUDY CHAD ANTHONY 827TH ENGR CO
 SAAVEDRA CHRISTIAN J 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET
 SABULSKY DAVID NATHANIEL CO B 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 SANDERS JAMES SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA
 SANTANA FELIX III HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 SCHMIDT ERICH KEITH DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 SCOFIELD SALLY DEBORAH CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 SEALS LEONARD ALLEN CO A 342 FWD SPT BN
 SHERMAN JOSHUA WESLEY TROOP E 101ST CAV
 SILVA DAVID JR 37TH FIN DET
 SMITH CHEYENNE MICHAEL CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 SMITH DONALD ERIC CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 SMITH ROBERT EDWARD JR 642D MI BN
 SOTO ANGEL LUIS JR BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA
 SOTO JEFREY ALEXANDER SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA
 SPINNER LEE THOMAS CO B (-) 204 ENGR BN (CBT HVY)
 STANSBURY ETHAN JETHRO II CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 STEARNS BRIAN ROBERT 105 MP CO (-)
 STJOHN BRUCE ALLEN CO B 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 SYMONDS JAY EDWARD CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 TEETER ERIC SHAM CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 THABET NADER ZEID 29TH PERS SVC DET
 TRIGILIO PAUL 29TH PERS SVC DET
 TUCCIARELLO ADAM 442 MP CO (-)
 TUTHILL DAVID JOSHUA CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 VANVORST CHRISTOPHER JOHN 642D MI BN
 VASQUEZ JOSE L 827TH ENGR CO
 WENDEL JOSEPH DONALD 105 MP CO (-)
 WURSTER THOMAS JOSEPH HHC (-) 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 YEAGER STEVEN WILLIAM DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
 ZAPKEN MICHAEL MATTHEW HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 ZEBROWSKI DANIEL HHD 342 FWD SUPPORT BN

Promoted to the rank of: PFC

ADKINS IVAN EUGENE DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
 ATKIN RICHARD MARK JR CO C 152 ENGR BN
 BAILEY CHRISTOPHER M H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 BALESTIER SELINA CARMEN 7TH FIN DET
 BANFIELD IVAN LAMONT CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
 BARROWS BEAUREGARD JAMES CO D 1-105 INF
 BLACKMAN CARL ROGER HHD STARC (-) NYARNG
 BONILLA LUIS ENRIQUE 145TH MAINT C (DS)
 BRUSEHABER JOSEPH KENNETH CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
 BURDICK LAWRENCE OWEN JR HHC 2 BN 108 INF
 BURKE KEVIN MICHAEL 105 MP CO (-)
 CAHOON JOHN ERIC CO D 1 BN 142 AVN
 CAIN RICHARD RODNEY CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
 CALORDINO SCOTT M DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 CAPUTO ELISA G DET 1 CO C 427TH SPT BN
 CASIANO ELVIN JR BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA
 CASTELLANO DANNY DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
 CEPUCHOWSKI JOHN CHARLES CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
 COLE SHAWN ENOCH DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
 CORBY DAVID ALEXANDER CO A (-) 1-108TH INF

CORDELL TROY MICHAEL JR HHC 1-142ND AVN
 CRYDERMAN JASON CARL DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
 CUSKER JOHN COLIN HHC 1-142ND AVN
 DAVIDSON JEFFREY RYAN CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
 DENOFRIO JASON MICHAEL HHC 2 BN 108 INF
 DIAZ DANIEL HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 DIPNARINE GARY DERICK CO F 142 AVN
 DUEKER SARA JANE CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
 ECK ROBERT EDWARD SR CO D 1-105 INF
 ELAM DAVID DWIGHT DET 1 CO C 1-105 INF
 EMERY NORMAN DEAN H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 FRENCH GORDON BURTON DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
 GARAYELLIOT BENJAMIN HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 GARCIA GABRIEL HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 GARDNER JAMIE L CO B (-) 204 ENGR BN (CBT HVY)
 GARWOOD DANIEL LEE CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
 GOMEZ FRANKLIN OISIRIS CO B 1-69TH IN (M)
 GONZALEZ ALEXANDER DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 GRAY PAUL BERNARD CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 HART TARIQ LEMAR DET 1 CO C 342 FSB
 HARTIGAN JASON ANTHONY DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 HULTS FRANK JOSEPH JR CO A (-) 204 ENGR BN
 JOHNSON ALLEN CO B 1 BN 101 CAV
 JOHNSON TARIF DARNELL JR CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
 JOHNSON TERENCE WILLIAM CO E 1-69TH IN (M)
 JONES CATHERINE M 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)
 JONES CLINT CO A 1-69TH IN (M)
 JORDAN SONYA DENISE CO B (-) 427TH SPT BN
 KAZMIRSKI JAMES WILLIAM 227TH MI CO
 LAFONTAINE ALBERTO HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 LENNON JOHN HOWARD IV CO D 1-105 INF
 LOCKENWITZ FRANKLIN ROBERT HHC 1-105TH INF
 LOPEZ EDGAR 442 MP CO (-)
 LOPEZ JOSE 145TH MAINT C (DS)
 MACDONALD PAUL ROBERT CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
 MARSHALL KEITH ALAN CO B (-) 1-108TH INF
 MARTINEZ DAVID BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA
 MARTINEZ RAFAEL BTRY C 1 BN 258 FA
 MAZARUL MOHAMED K SVC BTRY 1 BN 258 FA
 MCCRORY JONATHAN JOSEPH CO C 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 MCKANE CHRISTOPHER D HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
 MIRANDA ANGELA MARIE CO A 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 MOLIK JONATHON TRAVIS 642D MI BN
 NAVY GERARD ALAN HHC 3 BDE 42 INF DIV
 NERI DAVID CHARLES DET 2 CO C 1-108TH INF
 NEWTON JAMIE JAY DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
 NOSKER JOEL THOMAS HHS (-) 1-156 FA
 ORIENTAL PATRICK CO A 342 FWD SUPPORT BN
 PALMER JEROME MATTHEW H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 PATTERSON JAMES DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
 PEREZ CARMELO LEON 145TH MAINT C (DS)
 PHIDD RIAN AUDIE DET 1 CO C 342 FSB
 PLACENCIA JULIO CO C (-) 1 BN 105 INF
 POMPEO TIMOTHY JOSEPH 827TH ENGR CO
 QUINN MICHAEL PATRICK JR HHC 3 BDE 42 INF DIV
 REBOY MARK WILLIAM HHC (-) 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 REILLY PATRICK KELLERHOUSE HHC 1-105TH INF
 REILLY RICHARD ALLEN HHC 1-105TH INF
 RICCOBOBO JUSTIN BTRY B 1 BN 156 FA
 RILEY ANTHONY KWAMI BTRY A 1 BN 258 FA
 RIVERS JEROME DET 1 CO C 1-108TH INF
 ROBERTS LEE L 719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)
 RODRIGUEZ CECILIO A CO A 342 FWD SUPPORT BN
 ROSSBORO TRACY NICOLE 29TH PERS SVC DET
 SCHIFFMAN RICHARD 7TH FIN DET
 SCHIFFMAN DANIEL PHILLIP 827TH ENGR CO
 SEAMANS DAVID WILLIAM CO D 1 BN 127 ARMOR
 SMITH KEITH HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 SNYDER DANIEL EDWARD HHC 1-105TH INF
 SONGIN WILLIAM JAMES HHC 1-142ND AVN
 SPENCER CHARLES ARLEY HHD ENGR BDE 42 IN DIV
 SPENCER DERREK ARTHUR HHC 2 BN 108 INF
 SWINGLE KENNETH JAMES CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
 TAYLOR OBN KITSON HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
 THIBODEAU DENNIS TAMBOLERO CO D 1-105 INF
 THOMAS XIOMARA 145TH MAINT C (DS)
 TOBEN MICHAEL HHC 1 BN 101 CAV
 TORRES WILLIAM JR CO B (-) 1 BN 105TH INF
 TORRES YOLANDA DET 1 CO C 342 FSB
 TROMBLEY JARED IAN DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 VAZQUEZ JOSEPH 133 MAINT CO (FWD DS)

VEGA RICKY CO A 1-69TH IN (M)
 WASHINGTON RYSHAUN HHB 1 BN 258 FA
 WATERMAN THOMAS D DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF
 WETHINGTON MARVIN DWAYNE HHC 1-69TH IN (M)
 WILKERSON SEAN EDWARD CO C 152 ENGR BN
 WILLETTS STEVEN EDWARD HHC 1-105TH INF
 WILSON KAREEM A DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN
 ZENON FRANKLYN BTRY B 1 BN 258 FA

Guard Support to Women**Veterans Memorial****Guard Times Staff**

ALBANY — The New York State Women Veterans Memorial was unveiled December 3rd in a ceremony at the state capital. The Adjutant General and a color guard from state headquarters was present.

Members of the New York Army and Air National Guard helped in the design of New York State's most recent public monument. The memorial was authorized by the State Legislature in 1995 and 1996, and is located next to the State Museum at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. It honors New York women who have served in or with the military since before the Revolution.

Three large stones on one side of a small plaza are the base for a central statue adopted from the figure of "Liberty" from the Great Seal of New York and two base relief panels. Three smaller stones directly opposite support bronze tablets with historical information.

Major General Rosetta Burke, recently retired from the NYARNG and now Director of Selective Service for New York State, was a member of the advisory committee to the Office of General Services, which oversaw the creation of the monument.

"This is not merely an imitation of the National Memorial," General Burke explained. "The entire design is focused on the unique contributions of women from New York."

Also involved was Major R. H. von Hasseln, Director of the DMNA Initiatives Group and DMNA Historian. "Only figures with a strong New York connection were selected for depiction on the bronze base relief panels," said von Hasseln. One example is the US Army Signal Corps Women's Telephone Unit from the First World War. This unit was primarily recruited from AT&T Long Lines office in New York City and was comprised of bilingual switchboard operators who connected the American military and French military and civilian telephone networks. Uniformed, sworn, subject to military discipline, and several times under shellfire, these women were not accorded veterans' rights until the late 1970's.

The unique additional contributions of women National Guard members — to the state, above and beyond their federal service — is recognized both visually and in the monument's inscriptions.

The central figure of the right or "modern period" panel is a New York Air National Guard Air Police woman. Airman Christine Ford of the 109th Airlift Wing was the model. Heidi Hilderbrandt, a DMNA civilian employee volunteered to be the model for the central figure of the "historical period" panel. She represented a woman defender of the New York frontier during the American Revolution.

In a coincidence of recent New York National Guard history, their involvement touches on the Tuition Incentive program. Ford enlisted for the program and is a student at Hudson Valley Community College. Hildebrandt is the Administrative Assistant of the program at DMNA.

Army National Guard Awards
1 Dec 98 thru 31 Jan 99

FEDERAL AWARDS**LEGION OF MERIT:**

ROBERTO, JOSEPH A. LTC HHD STARC (-)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL:

GALLERIE, SCOTT F. CPT HHD STARC (-)

PULLUM, LARRY B. SFC HHD STARC (-)

WALBURN, GERALD W. SFC HHD STARC (-)

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL:

ADAMS, BARBARA M. SFC HHD STARC (-)

DONES, JESUS M. SFC HHD STAC (-)

* RIVERA, ANGELO L. SFC HHD STARC (-)

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL:

ALFALLA, ALBERT SFC HHD STARC (-)

BROWN, ELIZABETH M. SFC HHD STARC (-)

COLLORAFI, JOSEPH A. WO1 HHD STARC (-)

HALL, DEAN D. SFC HHD STARC (-)

LAKE, EDWARD C. JR SSG HHD STARC (-)

LECCEARDONE, JOSEPH SSG HHD STARC (-)

MOSCATO, THOMAS J. SFC HHD STARC (-)

PERRY, MOSE SFC HHD STARC (-)

SANCHEZ, JOSEPH SFC HHD STARC (-)

STATE AWARDS**CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL:**

BOUCHARD, KENNETH E. CW5 NGB

DESO, CHRISTOPHER B. SSG HHC 1 BN 105 INF

GALLERIE, SCOTT CPT HHD STARC (-)

MILITARY COMMENDATION MEDAL:

ADDLEY, DAVID J. CW2 HHD 369 CORPS BN

ALI, ANTHONY CPT HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

ARMINIO JR, ROBERT J. SFC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

BAKER, WALTER F. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF

BALCOM, TODD W. SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF

BARKSDALE, ANTHONY E. SGT CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF

BENNETT, RICHARD W. CPL DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF

BISSONETTE, TIMOTHY D. SSG DET 1 CO A 2 108 INF

BORST JR, HENRY J. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF

BOYLE, JOSEPH P. CPT 642 MI BN

BRADIGAN, THOMAS R. SSG 105 MP

BRAY, JAMES E. SGT DET 2 CO B 108 INF

BRIGGS, RAYMOND E. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF

BROCKMUM, STEVEN J. SGT CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF

BURROUGHES, STEVEN H. CPL DET 2 CO A BN 108 INF

CAMPILANGO, JOSEPH S. SPC DET 2 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

CARCATERRO, GREGGORY K. SGT CO D (-) 2 BN 108 INF

CARPENTER, JOHN B. SSG HHC 2 BN 108 INF

CHANDLER, DAVID C. SGT DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF

CHAPMAN, THOMAS J. SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF

CLAUSEN, ANGEL SFC HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

CLEMENTS, PHILIP J. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF

CZEPIEL, THOMAS P. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF

DAVIS, VICTORIA SPC HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

DENHAESE, CHARLES R. SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF

DESGROSIELLIER, RICHARD SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF

DIFFEE, VELJOHN P. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

DIXON, MATTHEW M. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

DUMAS, JAMES SPC DET 1 CO B 108 INF

DUMAS, JOHN SPC DET 1 CO B 108 INF

DURPUI, MICHAEL J. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

FELICIANO RIGOBERTO SSG DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF

FISHER, JOSEPH V. SSG DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF

FROST, JACK B. HHC (-) 27TH INF BDE

GARCIA, RAY ANDREW PFC HHC 427 SPT BN

GARDNER, CATHERINE E. SGT HHD STARC (-)

GLINES, DAVID L. PFC DET 1 CO D 2 BN 108 INF

GOODRIDGE, FRANKLYN SSG HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

GUYETTT, GLEN J. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF

HARE, ROBERT B. SGT HHC 1 BN 108 INF

HARGER, MATTHEW F. SPC DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF

HEIDORF, CHRITIAN J. MAJ HHC 42 IN DIV

HERES, ANA 2LT HHD 369 SPT BN

HILDENBRANDT, EDWARD J. CPL HHC 2 BN 108 INF

HOFFMAN, MICHAEL S. SSG 105 MP

HOLMES, GREGORY SGT HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

HOLMSTEDT, DAVID SGT DET 1 HHC (-) 27TH INF BDE

JONES, SAMUEL B. SSG HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN

KATZMAN, BENJAMAN M. PFC DET 2 CO B BN 108 INF

KENYON, BRIAN D. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF



KIEDA, EDWARD D. SGT CO B 1 BN 142 AVN
KIESLING, JAMES W. SPC CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
KILLORAN, ERIC J. SPC CO D (-) 2 BN 108 INF
KLIPP, PHILIP MSG HHD 369 CORPS BN
KROPP, KEVIN SPC HHS (-) 1 BN 156 FA
LAGOY, ROBERT M. SPC CO B (-) 2 BN 108 INF
LAMBOY, RAYMOND J. CPT HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN
LAMPFRON, MELWIN W. MSG HHC 42 IN DIV
LAVASTIER, JULIANA SSG HHD STARC (-)
LEARY, PAMELA S SPC DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
LEE, JEFFREY L. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
LORENSEN, RONALDO L. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
LUPKE, CHARLES A. SFC HHD STARC (-)
MACVITTE, DENNIS K. SSG CO D (-) 2 BN 108 INF
MADISON, SCOTT D. SPC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
MANLEY, DWANYE R. SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF
MANNEY, WILLIAM C. SGT DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
MARCHESE, BRIAN M. PFC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
MAUS, ROBERT P. MSG HSC CO 204 EN BN
MAYO, KEIR M. SGT 2 BN 108 INF
MCDERMONT, MARRY J SFC HHD STARC (-)
MCHOWAN, JAMES F. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF
MCNEIL, SIDNEY MSG HHD 369 CORPS SPT BN
MEYLE, JENNIFER L. PFC HHC 427 SPT BN
MIEREK, VINCENT, R. SGT CO D (-) 2 BN 108 INF
MILONOVICH, WENDY L. SGT 642 MI BN
NATO, MICHAEL J. SGT HHC 42 IN BN
NEWELL, MICHAEL J. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF
NORCROSS, LESLIE R. SGT DET 1 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
OCONNOR, ERIN P. SPC DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
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PIKE, ROBERT A. SPC DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
PRIVETT, JOHN L. PFC HHC 2 BN 108 INF
QUINN, TAMARA SPC DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
RAIMO, SHAWN C. SPC DET I CO 2 BN 108 INF
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SMITH, BERNARD J. SPC DET 2 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
SMITH, EDWARD D CPT HHC 1 BN 108 INF
SMITH, JOSEPH H. CPL DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
SPERRY, TIMOTHY P. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
STEARNS, GLENN E. SPC DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
STEVES, ARON J. SPC CO A 2 BN 108 INF
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STREET, CURTIS F. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF
THORNTON, JAMES H. PFC HHC 427 SPT BN
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VERGIS, JOHN M. SPC CO D (-) 2 BN 108 INF
VRELAND, RICHARD A. 1SG HHC 1 BN 108 INF
WEAKLEY, JONATHAN E. SPC DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
WEIMER, DANIEL R. SSG HHC 2 BN 108 INF
WILCOX, JOHN M. PFC CO C (-) 2 BN 108 INF
WITT, JOEL A. SGT DET 1 CO A 2 BN 108 INF
WITTER, RICHARD A. SGT HHC 2 BN 108 INF
WOODS, SHANNON L. SPC DET 1 CO C 2 BN 108 INF
WOODS, RALPH E. PFC DET 2 CO B 2 BN 108 INF
YAGER, JAMES H. SPC HHC 2 BN 108 INF

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TSG	TIMOTHY LARKIN	174 FW
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Melanson, Debra YNC AD41 Det 10 Horseheads
Burke, John GMG2 WPNSTA Earle 1202 Horseheads
Simons, Michael ET2 AD41 Det 10 Horseheads
Cirri, Samuel BM1 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Wolff, Scott TM1 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Spindler, Robert BU1 NAVAK UK Det 401 Syracuse
Curry, William GM1 NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse
Dougherty, Peter EO1 NMCB-7 Syracuse
Fasnacht, Charles CMDR COMFAIRMED Glens falls
Bochenek, Theodore TM1 COMFAIRMED Glens Falls

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Belmore, Tracey BM1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
Carr, Ronald IC1 DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse
Molligi, Catherine YN1 MSCO MED 102 Syracuse
Robidoux, Scott CE1 NMCB-7 Syracuse
Waite, Richard BU2 NMCB-7 Syracuse
Winnewisser, John SK2 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
DeHaven, Charles MMCM DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse
Meeker, Judy SKC NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
Whedon, Karen SKC MSCO MED 102 Syracuse
Bryan, Joseph SM1 MSCO MED 102 Syracuse
Dykeman, Dennis SK1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
Ketchum, David MR1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
Mays, Sandra SH1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
Prime, Michael MA1 NAV ACT UK Det 402 Syracuse
Weathers, Richard MM1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
Wilcox, Stuart AO1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
Brophy, Richard MM2 DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse
Haberek, Richard BM2 NR ABFC F2 Cart Det 401 Syracuse
Stephens, Jonathan RM2 DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse
Storey, John EM3 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
Chalmers, Nellie HM1 NR NH PTSMT 501 Horseheads
Ross, William EO2 NMCB-7 Horseheads
Sutera, James BMC NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Lemmon, Donald OS1 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Bundschuh, Noreen RM2 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Oathout, Terry BU2 NR NMCB -7 Det D Rochester
Saffen, Johnathan CM2 NMCB-21 Det 1621 Rochester
Harrison, Christine YN3 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
Walton, Kenneth MR3 NMCB-7 Det D Rochester

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Natale, Lawrence BM1 CRGOHNDLBN 6 Det B 602 Syracuse

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Belmore, Tracey BM1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
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Waite, Richard BU2 NMCB-7 Syracuse
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 Bryan, Joseph SM1 MSCO MED 102 Syracuse
 Dykeman, Dennis SK1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
 Ketchum, David MR1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
 Mays, Sandra SH1 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse
 Prime, Michael MA1 NAV ACT UK Det 402 Syracuse
 Weathers, Richard MM1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
 Wilcox, Stuart AO1 NR ABFC F2 CART Det 401 Syracuse
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 Haberek, Richard BM2 NR ABFC F2 Cart Det 401 Syracuse
 Stephens, Jonathan RM2 DESRONLANT 22 Syracuse
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 Harrison, Christine YN3 NYS NORVA 405 Rochester
 Walton, Kenneth MR3 NMCB-7 Det D Rochester
 Sailors of the Quarter(Albany)
 Nygren, Jacqueline RM1 MICFACT LANT Albany
 Sailors of the Year(Bronx)
 Suozzi, Anthony BM1 NR MSCO PERSIAN GULF 102 Bronx

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Carroll, Charles CWO4 HQ New York Naval Militia
 Perry, Michael F. LT NMCB-27 Albany
 Levy, Joseph LT HQ New York Naval Militia
 Dott, Arthur F. MS1 LST Support Det C, Albany(3rd)
 Trozzo, Robert CWO3 HQ New York Naval Militia
 Daniels, Adrienne SKC LST SUPPORT Det C Albany
 Krause, William LCDR NR SEAL TM Newport RI
 Alderdice, James STG1 HQ NYNM
 Rielly, Thomas LCDR RCA EAST FT DIX NJ
 Kline, Jeffrey LT NMCB 133 Glens Falls
 Siek, Richard CWO3 HQ NYNM
 Parry, Christopher CE3 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo (2nd)
 Giambrone, George EOC RMCB -7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 Hufnagel, Mark BU3 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 Knoloff, Bradley EO1 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 Wood, William EO2 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 Hartman, Edwin. BU2 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 Volk, Eric EO3 RMCB-7 Det 1521 Buffalo
 LaPoint, Edward EO1 HQ NYNM
 Baertchi, Edward EOC HQ NYNM
 Cassidy, Mark CWO4 RMCB 21 Buffalo
 Rucker, Harry EQCM RMCB 21 Buffalo
 Summers, Charles CM2 RMCB 21 Buffalo
 Perrault, Andrew UT2 RMCB 21 Buffalo

Promotions

Gierbolini, Richard Willow Grove Pa to IS1
 Raynor, Bernard NMCB-21 Det 1721 to SW3
 Hawley, David DESRON LANT 22 Syracuse to CDR
 Devinney, David MSCO PERSIAN GULF, Bronx to LCDR
 Gibney, Scott MSCO PERSIAN GULF, Bronx to CDR
 Maylor, George MSCO PERSIAN GULF, Bronx to CDR
 Hurley, Christopher MSCO PERSIAN GULF, Bronx to CDR

Retirements

Gerstman, Lewis CAPT NRNH PTSMT Albany
 Cioffi, Nancy CDR NRNH PTSMT Albany
 Cuningham, Fred CWO4 NRNH PTSMT Albany

Annual Journalism Competition

WASHINGTON, DC—Members of the New York National Guard were recently named winners in annual journalism competition.

Major Marianne Theophilis, commander of the 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment won second place in Army National Guard journalism competition for "News and News-Feature Articles" for her ice storm story.

"Guard Times" won second place in "Special Achievement in Print Journalism" for its special Ice Storm of '98 collaborative issue.

The 105th Air Wing's "Stewart Flyer," edited by Staff Sgt. Trish Heikkila won third place in "Magazine Format Publications." Senior Airman Crystal Scalesci, also with the 105th, won first place in NGB's competition for "Commentaries" and went on to win third place in Air Force competition in the same category.

'Soldiers, NCOs of the Year' Announced

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — The New York Army National Guard recently announced the winners of the 1999 Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Year.

The Active Guard/Reserve Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year is Sgt. 1st Class Randy Ross, of Ballston Lake, assigned to State Headquarters, Latham.

Staff Sergeant Corine Lombardo, a traditional Guard member from Scotia, also assigned to State Headquarters, was named Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Specialist Rocco Paciello, of Whitesboro, assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, in Utica was named Active Guard/Reserve Soldier of the Year.

Specialist Adam Richardson, from Pittsford, a traditional member of Company B, 427th Support Battalion in Rochester was named Soldier of the Year.

Enlisted personnel are nominated annually by their unit commands based on their overall military performance. They compete for selection based on their knowledge of military subjects, Army programs, current

events and for their leadership abilities. Additionally, soldiers are judged on their appearance, military bearing, self-confidence, and wear of the Army uniform. As winners of this competition these soldiers go on to represent New York in the First United States Army Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition in Little Rock, Arkansas in April.

"I commend these soldiers for their many hours of hard work which led to their selection as NCO/Soldier of the Year," said Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, commanding general of the New York Army National Guard.

"These soldiers represent the very best in the New York Army National Guard and were selected above all other soldiers for their dedication to excellence," said State Command Sergeant Major Don Brawley, Jr. "We are confident they will do an excellent job representing New York, competing against Non-Commissioned Officers and soldiers from 28 other states and territories," he added.

Annual Citizen Soldier of the Year Award

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — The Adjutant General has named Staff Sgt. Antonio Serrano of the 27th Finance Battalion the winner of the 1998 Colonel Gouvernor Morris Citizen Soldier Award.

The state honor is given annually to a member of New York's organized militia who best distinguishes himself or herself through outstanding service to the force and to the community. Serrano is a 19-year veteran with more than eight years of active duty experience, including tours of duty in Korea and Germany. He was activated and deployed during the Persian Gulf War as a member of the New York Air National Guard.

As a member of the 27th, Serrano deployed to Kuwait, Panama and Germany during the last five years. He has earned college Associates, Bachelors and Masters degrees, with help from military education benefits. He is a volunteer cadre member for the Brooklyn-based 9th Corps of Cadets for the National Guard Corps of Cadets and is actively involved as a parent in with New York City Public Elementary School 379.

Serrano is credited with outstanding military performance and selfless support to the community and the Corps of Cadets. Following completion of the Advanced NCO



Brigadier General William Martin, Deputy Adjutant General, presents Staff Sgt. Antonio Serrano with the plaque naming him winner of the 1998 Colonel Gouvernor Morris Citizen Soldier Award.

Course in which he is enrolled, Serrano will be promoted to sergeant first class.

Soldier Completes Sniper School

SCHENECTADY — A member of Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 105th Infantry in Schenectady recently completed the Army's Sniper School at Fort Benning, GA.

Sergeant Michael Ward completed the month-long training in February. Upon graduation, he was given an additional skill identifier and was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sniper school included intense training on camouflage and concealment, target identification, range estimation, individual movement techniques, shooting with M24 sniper rifle and .50 caliber Barrett Rifle, engaging targets, and memorizing and drawing panoramic and topographical sketches. These are essential skills for an infantry scout. Ward will now lead similar training for his own platoon.

Ward is full-time college student who lives in Cherry Valley and is veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division and V Corps Long Range Surveillance Detachment in Germany.

Three-Time Olympian wins Guard Biathlon

LATHAM — A 13-year member of the New York Army National Guard and three-time Olympic athlete has won the National Guard Bureau's Biathlon Competition.

First Lieutenant Curt Schreiner of HHD STARC, led his team to a Second Place finish in the relay event while he won both singles 10K events at Lake Placid in February. This was the best-ever finish for a NY team. There were more than 120 Guard competitors from around the nation.

The Biathlon is a Nordic sport combining marksmanship and cross-country skiing. Schreiner has recently begun a hiatus from competition after serving several years as a member of the military's "World Class Athlete Program." The Winter Olympics scheduled for Salt Lake City may draw him back in an effort to rejoin the US team. Schreiner came in 37th in Lillehammer, Norway almost six years ago. It was the best Olympic finish for an American Biathlete.

Blue Team plus Green Team equals Purple Team

Family Support Groups Partner to Help Buffalo MP Unit

By Pat Bradt
State Family Program Office

BUFFALO – Late in February, representatives of two Western NY-based family support groups joined forces to help another local unit prepare for a possible deployment.

The state family program volunteer for the Air National Guard, the 107th Air Refueling Wing's Family Program coordinator, and a representative of the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Wing's Family Readiness Center got together to help the 105th Military Police Company from Buffalo organize its own family program. The 107th is also located at the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. The joint effort marked another "first" for the new York National Guard's Family Program by bringing together Army and Air National Guard and Reserve support groups to help meet another mission.

The MPs have recently learned of a potential activation of their unit for deployment as part of Operation Joint Forge, the NATO Peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. In anticipation of this, the unit is preparing its troops and families. State volunteer Monica Waskosky, Sue Blanton from the 107th, and Master Sgt. Laura Coseglia, from the



914th Air Wing came together as one team. These "blue-suit" ambassadors jumped at the chance to partner, and to brief readiness issues to soldiers and family members on the green side of the military.

Waskosky, representing the State Family Program, briefed families on the mission, vision, and objectives of the family program and how the State Family Program Office can help soldiers and families. Coseglia extended use of the resources available at the 914th Family Readiness Center while Blanton stressed the importance of establishing a "telephone Tree" to support communication between Family Support Group members.

"I believe that we did bridge the gap between the Air Force and the Army to help families," said Blanton. "The missions may be different but the feelings that the families have during separations are the same."

107th Provides Holiday Support to Local Charity

By Capt. Linda Blaszak
107th ARW

NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION - The 107th Air Refueling Wing based at the Niagara Falls Reserve Station continued their tradition of community support in Niagara Falls this year by again sponsoring an annual food and clothing drive to benefit a local charity.

In December, members of the 107th delivered the second of two truckloads of donations to the community mission on Falls Street. These contained \$3,247 in groceries, \$261 in personal care items, a \$500 gift certificate and clothing donated by 107th members and families. A pallet of flour and ten cases of cereal donated by General Mills, was also delivered to help the community. A truckload of clothing was delivered to the Mission in November.

The 107th has been contributing to the Niagara Falls City Mission for six years. Technical Sergeant Eugene Spino, a member of the 107th's City Mission committee, stated "gratitude and appreciation of the people we're helping makes it all worthwhile and we wish we could do more."

The 107th's Family Support Group also sponsored an annual holiday party in December, where more than 30 children plus family members played games, decorated cookies and, of course, enjoyed a visit from Santa. Both events highlighted the 107th's celebration of the season.



Staff Sgt. Lynn Doyle of the 107th Logistics Group helps stock the Mission's shelves.

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Artillery Unit Gets Support Group Training

By Pat Bradt
Family Program Office

LATHAM — The State Family Program Office in Latham conducted family support group training for 11 volunteers and three members of a Bronx-based artillery unit in February.

In addition to the members and volunteers of Battery B, 1st Battalion 258th Field Artillery, Maj. Kristin Davis, Deputy Personnel Officer for the Headquarters, 42nd Infantry Division also participated along with Patricia Penree, a volunteer from the 27th Infantry Brigade family program.

The battery commander felt that it was important to his unit's overall readiness posture to establish a family support group and requested assistance from the state family program office on how to do it. He sent three NCOs, including the unit first sergeant to attend the training.

Penree shared her knowledge and experience as the Family Support Coordinator for the 427th Support Battalion and in her present position as the 27th Brigade Volunteer. She designed a Family Support/Readiness Plan for the 427th Support Battalion that has proven successful for the 427th and has been adopted by the 27th Brigade as well.

The State Family Program Office continues to conduct Family Support/Readiness Training and nurture and encourage family support group volunteers. Positive things happen to units that have strong family involvement.

Recruit Soldiers ...Retain Families