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# Wielding Empire Shield

**Soldiers,  
Airmen go  
'On Guard' at  
Mass-Transit  
System**



New York National Guard Soldiers and Airmen patrol New York's Croton-Harmon train station in August as part of Joint Task Force Empire Shield. Governor George E. Pataki ordered hundreds of additional Guardmembers to State active duty to bolster security efforts following the London transit system bombings. See story on page 10. Photo by Staff Sgt. Donald Masse. Photo-art by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

## GUARD NOTES

### DoD seeks more Business with Service-Disabled Veterans

The Department of Defense, the federal government's biggest buyer of goods and services, is working to dramatically boost the contracts it awards to small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans, according to the defense secretary's chief advocate for small business affairs.

DoD currently awards about \$500 million in contracts every year to businesses owned and operated by veterans with service-related disabilities. Their goal is to increase that amount more than tenfold within the next five years.

The DoD Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is conducting an extensive outreach and education program and launched a Web site — [www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/](http://www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/) — to help educate service-disabled veteran-owned businesses about government contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Service-disabled veterans interested in contracting with the Defense Department should evaluate the department's needs and come forward with concrete ways to meet them.

More information is posted on the Small Business Administration and DoD Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Web sites.

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Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a DoD agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation, and if necessary, mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

As the 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR will continue to be the informational agency for the employers of America's servicemembers. More information about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities is available online or by calling the national committee office at 800-336-4590.

### Free online training for Army National Guard

Technology and the military are closing the learning gap. Nearly 1,500 courses are now available to Soldiers online, and the courses include information technology, business, leadership and personal development. In addition, more than 40 technology certification programs are offered. Enlisted personnel can earn promotion points through many of these programs and can also earn college credits.

The Army National Guard Education Support Center has counselors available to answer your questions. These counselors will guide you on the enrollment process. Call today, 1-866-628-5999, toll free.

To access Army e-Learning, go to [www.virtualarmory.com](http://www.virtualarmory.com), and click on the Education tab.

For technical questions, email Leslie York, eLearning Program Office, at: [leslie.a.york@us.army.mil](mailto:leslie.a.york@us.army.mil).

# Celebrating Citizenship

## Soldier receives U.S. Citizenship at Baghdad Ceremony



Commentary by Spc. Chi Wen Cen  
69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — What could be more American than coming from Canton, China, to join the U.S. Army in support of the war against terrorism?

My best friend in Elementary School, Pfc. Tseller, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, and I hadn't seen each other since Junior High School. So, who would have thought we would see each other in Baghdad, Iraq, as we were sworn in as United States citizens.

Pfc. Tseller was stationed in Fallujah and I was attached to the New York Army National Guard's 69th Infantry in Baghdad, but we both shared the same commitment to defend the democracy and freedom of our country. Now we have one more thing in common, we are new U.S. citizens.

For me, there was no other place to be sworn in at than with 143 Soldiers. Most of all, it was inside the Al-Faw Palace, which made it more memorable. More than a dozen Soldiers from my battalion attended the citizenship ceremony. They cheered for me, for they had supported me through the naturalization process. It was an event and an experience I will never forget.

What does it mean to be a U.S. Citizen? To me, it's a symbol of hope and freedom that should not be taken for granted.

In Iraq, I witnessed the denial of freedom — the Iraqi people had no rights under Saddam Hussein's dictatorship. In its liberation, I witnessed Iraqi citizens who marched to polling sites to vote despite threats not to vote. Their march defines the term "the right to vote" as they were willing to risk their lives for that right — I will always be grateful for the right to vote.

Becoming a U.S. citizen did not make me feel more "American". It's something I feel in my heart. I joined the Army in 2002 because I felt an obligation to defend our country. I knew that the chance of me going to war was inevitable due to 9/11.

The best people I will ever meet in my life are those who serve. Every one of them is a volunteer risking their life to keep our families, friends and loved ones from harm's way. I am proud to be a U.S. citizen and a Soldier in the New York Army National Guard. □

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Spc. Chi Wen Cen, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and Pfc. Tseller, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, in Baghdad, Iraq. Photos courtesy of Spc. Chi Wen Cen.



## From the desk of State Command Sgt. Maj. Robert VanPelt

### Enlisted Association of the National Guard holds 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

A ribbon was cut by Command Sgt. Maj. John Gipe and Chief Master Sgt. Richard Smith Aug. 21 opening the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual EANGUS Conference at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

Of particular note this year was that NGB authorized the attendance of junior enlisted Soldiers and Airmen, based on strict written criteria, to attend this year's conference so that they might participate in the Professional Development Program offered by EANGUS.

These Soldiers and Airmen were scheduled to attend forums where information was exchanged amongst those in

attendance. In attendance were delegates representing enlisted members from all 54 States and Territories that make up the National Guard, as we know it. The Soldiers and Airman were also exposed to guest speakers that included the Honorable Mr. Thomas Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) and Lt. Gen. Steven H. Blum, Director, National Guard Bureau. In addition they attended a town hall meeting with Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, Director, Army Guard or with Lt. Gen. Daniel James, Director, Air Guard. They also met with Command Sgt. Maj. John Leonard, Jr., Senior Enlisted Advisor, National Guard Bureau, Command Sgt. Maj. John Gipe, Army National Guard and Chief Master Sgt. Smith, Air National Guard, where they had the opportunity to ask questions of the senior enlisted leadership of the National Guard.

Not to imply that it was all work, the Soldiers and Airmen were able to attend social events



From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt, Spc. Alois Renggli, Sgt. Mike Wicks, Sgt. Mike Caster, Spc. Jacob Davis, Sgt. Cory Coyne, Sgt. Jerid Massaro, Spc. Allison Andolina, Spc. Tony Lechanski, Spc. Jamie Phillips, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Claude Imagna, NYEANGUS President. Photo courtesy of Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Van Pelt.

where some forged friendships with their counterparts from all across the Guard. The highlight of the week was a formal EANGUS Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening where all the outstanding Soldiers and Airmen from the National Guard were

recognized for their achievements. There was a poignant moment at the beginning of the banquet when a video roll call of the members of the National Guard who have paid the ultimate sacrifice during the war on terrorism was displayed;

those in attendance will not soon forget that video.

If you would like more information on EANGUS or the Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard, you can go online to [www.eangus.org](http://www.eangus.org) or [www.eanyng.org](http://www.eanyng.org). □

## From the desk of State Command Chief Master Sgt. Hardy Pierce

### How to succeed as an Air Force Supervisor

*This was written by an active duty Air Force Airman, and I find it very enlightening and an educational awareness tool for supervisors and military leaders:*

If you want to be respected, you need to be knowledgeable. As a supervisor, you don't always have to have the right answer, but show that you are constantly in search of it. For example, many noncommissioned officers have crosstrained into new jobs. Obviously, they do not have as much experience as the Airmen they supervise in this new field. They should be constantly trying to learn new information to get up to speed quickly. One of the best supervisors I had was a staff sergeant who came to our base from another unit. She threw herself into learning as much as she could, as quickly as she could. Now, those who work for her respect her technical knowledge.

Show Airmen that you know how to ask for help. Airmen know more than NCOs when it comes to certain tasks. That's OK. Everyone has his area of specialty. When an NCO asks for help, it shows the Airman that it is OK to ask how to do something.



File photo

Give your Airmen the benefit of the doubt. All of us make mistakes, but most of us don't make them on purpose. Believe your Airman when he tells you why he did something and explain the consequences of his actions. But don't hammer him for first offenses, because often this destroys his self-esteem. I have seen my staff sergeant really fight to keep an Airman in the service while everyone else was ready to give up on that Airman. Someone who is willing to stand up for you inspires you to work hard for him or her.

Establish clear and fair standards and make them known to your troops. Too many times, Airmen have no idea what their supervisor expects of them. They think they are doing a good enough job, but their enlisted performance report says otherwise. My supervisor brings everyone in for a meeting after each quarterly shift change. She lets us all know what is expected and answers questions. This lets us know where we stand.

No matter what, Airmen are going to complain. Let them. Complaining is a stress reliever. My supervisor has taken me outside to listen to my complaints when I am frustrated. Advise Airmen on what they can do to fix the problem. If there is nothing that can be done, tell them that.

Give positive reinforcement. It goes a long way toward making your troops feel appreciated. The more your work is appreciated, the better you feel about working and the more your productivity will increase. I mean a simple pat on the back and a "way to go". My supervisor constantly gives praise, especially to new Airmen. It is definitely motivating.

Don't treat all of your Airmen the same. Your super troops should get more rewards than the average troops; they are working harder for them. This way, you make it known that you appreciate their

hard work. Also, you motivate average troops to work harder. Be careful not to make the goals too high or they will seem unattainable.

Stick to one policy. Don't hold their hands when they do everything and then punish them when they make a mistake because they should have known better. You can have it only one way. Make us responsible and hold us accountable for our actions. My desire to continue being treated as an adult motivates me to take care of things correctly.

Always remember that you are the supervisor. If you want people to work for you, they need to respect you. You don't have to be their friend. Your Airmen have enough "buddies". They need a mentor and a leader. You should demonstrate proper customs and courtesies to your superiors and, in turn, expect the same from your subordinates. Your troops are always watching.

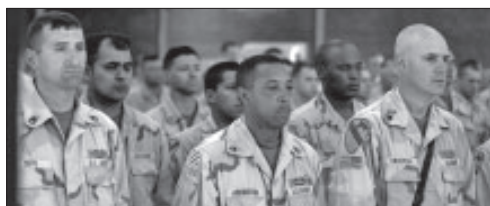
The most important key to motivating Airmen: Get your hands dirty! Show your Airmen that you wouldn't give them something to do that you yourself wouldn't do. They will respect you more. My supervisor works late consistently to get things done, so when she asks me to work late, I don't get upset. I know she will be there helping me out. And that is the best way to motivate anyone. □

# 'Fighting 69<sup>th</sup> grieves Warriors

By Spc. Erin Robicheaux  
256th Brigade Combat Team

**CAMP TIGERLAND, Iraq** — Task Force Baghdad Soldiers gathered in a small chapel Aug. 11 to honor, remember and mourn the loss of two New York Army National Guard warriors.

Sgt. Anthony N. Kalladeen and Spc. Hernando Rios, both assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment and attached in Iraq to the 3rd Infantry Division lost their lives Aug. 7 when their patrol was hit by improvised explosives and small-arms fire.



Staff Sgt. Antonio Soto, Staff Sgt. McKinley Arrington, Jr., and Sgt. 1st Class Peter Swiderski mourn the loss of fellow Soldiers, Spc. Hernando Rios and Sgt. Anthony Kalladeen.

Sgt. Daniel Barr, 69INF, said both Soldiers left lasting impressions.

Kalladeen was a Soldier through and through, Barr said. As a former Marine, the Purchase native constantly compared the way the Army did things as opposed to the Corps' way.

Kalladeen's heart was as big as his stature, Barr said, and he adopted an Iraqi family inside his area of operations.

"He took pictures of them all the time, developed them and brought copies to the family," Barr said. "The road that runs to the family's house is called 'Kalladeen Road'."

Rios joined his unit just a short time ago, but in that period, he made a name for himself with the 69th Infantry Regiment.

Assigned as a vehicle driver and dismount rifleman, Rios was eager to jump into his missions, and proved to be an outstanding Soldier who always looked out for his friends, Barr said. Rios switched trucks, from time to time, to fill in when needed, and they always had a hard time getting him back.

"If you met him, you wanted him with you [on a mission]," Barr said. Barr went on to say that Rios never backed down from a debate. "He was political and could argue any point well."

Barr said both Soldiers will be tremendously missed, and their absence will be felt. "The loss was extreme," he said. "They were not ordinary Soldiers, by any means."

Sgt. Rafael Molina, Headquarters Company, 69th INF was friends with both Kalladeen and Rios, and he indicated that both characterize the ideal Soldier.

Molina said Kalladeen always volunteered himself — if not at the armory, then with his unit. Molina went on to say that Kalladeen loved the Army uniform, loved Army training and loved anything having to do with being part of the team. "He never knew the word can't," Molina said. "He always knew he could figure a situation out, whatever it was."

Kalladeen had more military gear than anyone Molina



**Spc. Anthony N. Kalladeen**

Age 26, Purchase  
Bravo Company  
1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment

Killed Aug. 8 from injuries sustained Aug. 7 when improvised explosive devices and small arms fire struck his military vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq.



**Pfc. Hernando Rios**

Age 29, Queens  
Bravo Company  
1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment

Killed Aug. 8 from injuries sustained Aug. 7 when improvised explosive devices and small arms fire struck his military vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq.

ever met. "He had more stuff than most National Guard units have," he said, jokingly. "I'm sorry for those who never got a chance to meet him ... those who did feel that empty space that I do," Molina said.

Molina said that Rios was a big guy, and his weight held him back when he wanted to join the Guard. Rios was determined, though, and made the necessary changes. "His determination to reach his [weight] goal is something to be admired," he said. "If just one person gets that, then they know what [Specialist Rios] was like."

Molina said on the day the Soldiers gave their lives, a part of him died with them. "It's a day I wish never happened, and I wish it was a nightmare and I could just wake up," he said. He went on to say that his world is lonelier without his buddies but he knows that God has a special place for them.

Both Soldiers were laid to rest in New York with full military honors.

"The people of New York are deeply saddened by the loss of Spc. Anthony N. Kalladeen and Pfc. Hernando Rios," Gov. George E. Pataki said. "Like so many brave citizen-Soldiers, Kalladeen and Rios, bravely answered the call to duty in Iraq, risking their lives to spread the cause of freedom and to protect us from threats of terror," said Governor Pataki. "On behalf of all New Yorkers, we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Specialist Kalladeen and Private First Class Rios during this difficult time."

Rios was a graduate of Middle College High School. He is survived by his wife, Liliana Rios, and two children, Marlene and Gabriella. His medals include the National Defense Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, New York State Medal for Valor, New York State Conspicuous Service Cross.

Kalladeen was a graduate of White Plains High School. He is survived by his mother, Maria Vidal. His medals include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Marine Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraqi Campaign Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraqi Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M device, Army Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, New York State Medal of Valor, New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. □



Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Mays, 256th Brigade Combat Team, remembers two fallen Soldiers, Sgt. Anthony Kalladeen and Spc. Hernando Rios, both of 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, attached to 1st Battalion, 156th Armored Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Photos by Sgt. Thomas Benoit.



# 258<sup>th</sup> Troops ‘Saluted’ for Homeland Defense, Iraq Service

## Historic ‘Washington Greys’ unit closes new, distinguished chapter

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

### YORK COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, JAMAICA, QUEENS

– The service of hundreds of members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery was celebrated and saluted Aug. 14 during an emotion-filled Freedom Salute Awards Ceremony held at a local college in Queens close to the Jamaica Armory. Local officials joined hundreds of family members to cheer for their New York City and Orange County-based Guardsmen.

The ceremony acknowledged the service performed by unit members from their deployment to Ground Zero within hours of the terrorist attacks through recent combat actions in Iraq.

“From the moment the Twin Towers came down to this day, you have helped protect this nation, your friends and families,” said Capt. Seth Morgulas, who commanded Company A during the deployment. Morgulas spoke of the historic role that National Guard volunteers have long played during critical periods in history and described the “Minutemen” as ideal Soldiers who rose to defend the nation and then quietly returned to their labors when the threat had passed. “There is no nobler service than that,” he said in praise of his men.

The 258<sup>th</sup> is one of New York’s most historic units. The regiment traces its origins to the Revolutionary War, when a battery of Colonial artillery was dubbed the “Washington Greys” in honor of Gen. George Washington. The 258<sup>th</sup>’s Distinguishing Unit Insignia is the Washington family Coat of Arms, the same crest appearing on the certificate for the Purple Heart Medal. The 258<sup>th</sup> through its predecessor units has seen combat service from the War of 1812, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War and now the Global War on Terror—Operation Noble Eagle (homeland defense) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. It has been an active participant in the Global War on Terror from the opening moments on 9/11 right to the present.

### From Ground Zero to the Sunni Triangle

The 258<sup>th</sup> is recognized as being among the very first units to arrive at the World Trade Center site following the towers’ collapse, and Soldiers of the 258<sup>th</sup> were among the first National Guard members to provide security at Ground Zero and assist with the recovery effort. Two serving members of the battalion were lost on 9/11. Sgt. Larry Bowman was a security guard at the World Trade Center and Spc. Roshan Singh was an employee of Windows on the World.

The following year, the 258<sup>th</sup> was once again called upon, this time for federal active duty for Homeland Defense as part of Operation Noble Eagle. Members of the unit deployed to West Point from late 2002 through mid 2003, to help secure the U.S. Military Academy.



Staff Sgt. Eduardo Pacheco, 258<sup>th</sup> FA, sits with the awards he received.

In December of 2003, the 258<sup>th</sup> was again called up, this time for overseas deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mobilized at Fort Dix, N.J., in January 2004, more than 380 New York National Guardsmen deployed to Iraq under the 258<sup>th</sup>’s colors. Trading in their howitzers for Humvees, elements of the 258<sup>th</sup> spent nearly a full year in country as Military Police. With missions ranging from convoy escort and route security throughout Central Iraq to conducting reconnaissance and surveillance patrols in Baghdad, Bravo



258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Soldiers line up to receive an encased American Flag, a lapel insignia, a commemorative coin and a certificate of appreciation. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

and Charlie Companies of the 258<sup>th</sup> played an essential security role in one of the most dangerous areas in Iraq. Additionally, the 258<sup>th</sup> helped train over 10,000 Iraqi policemen.

Capt. Andrew Espinoza, commander of Company C, had special praise for the enlisted Soldiers of his unit for their courage, dedication and performance

first and only loss in a war zone since World War II. Sgt. Joseph Otto Behnke, of Brooklyn, assigned to Charlie Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, died of injuries received in a vehicle accident while on patrol in Central Iraq. During the ceremony, a special video tribute was presented in remembrance of Behnke, and at awards time, his son, a full-time Guard recruiter was first on the stage to receive his father’s awards.

After a year of fire-fights, roadside bombings and mortar attacks, the 258<sup>th</sup> finally came home in March 2005.

In addition to the Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom Federal missions, members of the 258<sup>th</sup> continue to perform essential homeland security tasks in New York City as part of Task Force Empire Shield. Throughout this period of time, Soldiers of the 258<sup>th</sup> have provided security at bridges, tunnels and subways, supported New York City during the blackout of 2003, and contributed troops for the Guard’s Joint Task Force providing security in New York City during the Republican National Convention in 2004. The Citizen-Soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery are among the select and proud few who have gone from Ground Zero to the Sunni Triangle and have come home to further serve their community, state and nation. □

during more than 1,400 combat escort missions, in the face of frequent ambushes and fire-fights, and for helping to apprehend three “most wanted” insurgents during the course of duty. “You made it happen. You stepped in. You took command of patrols,” he said. According to Espinoza, much responsibility came to the junior enlisted members of his command and they rose to the challenge. “You are worthy of respect as combat veterans now,” he added.

On Dec. 4, 2004, the 258<sup>th</sup> suffered its



1st Lt. Joseph Reyes, C-Company, 258<sup>th</sup> FA.

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Commander says Iraqi Security Forces improving

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Iraqi forces are shouldering more of the security burden in north-central Iraq, the coalition forces commander, there, said July 15.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, commander, Task Force Liberty and the New York National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division commander, said U.S. troops in north-central Iraq are working to build independent and self-sustaining Iraqi security forces and to maintain pressure on the insurgency. "Our work is protecting the process that will allow Iraqis to develop their new government and build their own sustainable security forces," Taluto said.

The region, from Kirkuk to outside Baghdad, is about the size of West Virginia and is home to about six million Iraqis.

"Task Force Liberty represents nearly 23,000 soldiers who partner with our Iraqi counterparts," Taluto said.

The Iraqi contribution is large and getting larger and more capable, Taluto said. There are 50,000 members of the Iraqi army, border patrol and police services in the area. "In recent months I have seen the contribution of our Iraqi army partners rise dramatically," Taluto said. "Iraqi units now conduct over half of the counterinsurgency fight. They do this either independently or jointly with our soldiers."

The Iraqi Ministry of Defense is establishing a clear chain of command in advance of Iraqis taking over the total security burden, he said.

North-central Iraq has two Iraqi army division headquarters, with five army brigades. Earlier this year, Iraqi units took over security responsibility for Kirkuk. Coalition units will continue to provide

command and control and logistics support for the units until the Iraqi divisions become effective, Taluto said.

The Iraqi division headquarters have administrative - but not operational - control of the brigades and battalions. The divisions are putting together their staffs and developing processes to effectively run the units, Taluto said. They will eventually plan and conduct the operations. "That's going to take them ... somewhat longer," he said. "They're not going to be in a position to do that for a while."

The Iraqis are doing more by themselves. Taluto spoke about an incident in Kirkuk to illustrate his point. "There was a vehicle-borne [improvised explosive device] that was parked in Kirkuk in a very busy market area," he said. "Citizens saw the car parked. They thought it was strange. They reported it to the local police that are there in Kirkuk on the street.

"The police reacted to that, cordoned off the area, brought in their own [explosive ordnance disposal] team, had the car inspected, and sure enough, it was rigged for explosion," he continued. "They defused it; they got rid of the vehicle-borne IED; and they reported it out to their media."

Not one coalition soldier took part in the mission. "That is happening more frequently," he said.

In June more than 4,000 Iraqi citizens provided Iraqi forces with information and intelligence. Taluto said these tips lead to finding eight out of 10 arms caches. The general said this is "a sign of Iraqi confidence in their police and army forces and the cooperation of the Iraqi people to ensure their security. Our assessment is that the Iraqi security forces are greatly improved and are striving to get better every day." □

## Run for Rainbow raises Funds for Families

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith

Guard Times Staff

ALBANY – The idea sparked when the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment lead Manhattan's St. Patrick's Day parade, this year, just outside their Lexington Avenue Armory there.

As rows of "Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>" Soldiers marched past Spc. Zachary Tobler – a 69<sup>th</sup> IR Soldier who was attending the parade with his father – a vision of Soldiers, families and friends running in a foot race for disadvantaged New York Army National Guard families formed.

Tobler said, "I thought, 'If people would run, it might raise money for those in need.'" He said he shared the idea with those from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division – called the "Rainbow Division" – who supported it; Tobler was working for the division's rear detachment at the time.

More than 70 people gathered at the State Office Campus, here, on July 30 for a benefit race supporting Rainbow Division's family readiness groups.

"The race went great ... we raised a lot of money," Tobler said. Nearly \$10,000 was raised at the event called the "Run for the Rainbow".

A children's one-mile race and an adult three-mile race were held. Family readiness group volunteers, local businesses and the Albany County Fire Department helped coordinate the event by gathering equipment, managing entrees and guiding runners through the courses.

The adult race included an oval loop around the State campus on a one-way, three lane road. The morning was sunny with temperatures in the middle 80s. Tobler called runners to the starting line and shouted; "ready, set, go," and they were off. The first stretch of the adult course was flat, but runners soon found a gradual incline between the first and second turns. There, the pack fanned out, and a front-runner widened the lead to nearly one-half mile, which was held to the finish.

All runners finished. After they crossed the finish line they were given T-shirts commemorating their efforts and were additionally presented yellow roses in remembrance of their Rainbow Infantry Division Soldiers serving in Iraq.

"Hopefully, we won't have to do this next year ... the guys will be home," Tobler said.

If you wish to contribute to the New York National Guard's family readiness and support offices, call the Division of Military and Naval Affairs Family Programs Office, toll free, at 1-877-715-7817. □



Left, a runner registers for the race. Right, children cross the finish line with a little encouragement. Below, adult runners pull away from the start of the three-mile race. Photos by Staff. Sgt. Mike R. Smith.





# Task Force Liberty's military Police make Iraqi Streets safer

By Spc. Adam Phelps  
22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, Tikrit, Iraq** – Task Force Liberty Soldiers say they work to make Iraq's streets a safer place by removing the criminals and terrorists from the streets.

Military police from the 42nd Infantry Division conduct cordon and searches and transport prisoners between detention facilities in the Task Force Liberty area of operation.

"Getting these guys off the streets does a lot for American forces over here and the Iraqi people feel safer that these guys aren't out planting improvised explosive devices or shooting AK-47s," Spc. James McGurn, 42nd Military Police Company gunner and Schenectady native, said.

Putting criminals in custody helps protect more than the Coalition Forces, Lt. Col. Joseph Ricchiazzi, 42nd ID provost marshal and senior law enforcement advisor to the Task Force Liberty commander said.

"Were not just making it safer for the Soldiers, were making it safer for Iraq," Ricchiazzi, a native of Buffalo, said. "When a terrorist pulls a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in the middle of a market he doesn't hurt a Soldier, he hurts Iraqis. We're helping Iraqis feel safer. The Iraqi people want to see law enforcement working here. They understand law enforcement and how important it is to society."

Once suspected bad guys have been caught, the 42nd MP Soldiers must still protect them while they are under Coalition control.

"Once they're in our custody it's our job to protect them," said McGurn. "They can't protect themselves against the IEDs or small arms fire.

The MPs must also ensure the detainees are treated correctly while they are under their control, Ricchiazzi said.

"We have a duty and responsibility to make sure all people detained by U.S. and Coalition forces are treated humanely and with dignity and respect," Ricchiazzi said.

Catching suspected terrorists and transporting them is only a part of the job the 42nd MPs are doing. They are also training replacements to do their jobs.

"We started out slow but day by day we are learning more and becoming prepared to take 42nd IDs place," Sgt. Julio Tores, 918th Military Police, San Juan, Puerto Rico, said.

"The 918th is coming on strong after a slow start with mobilizing," Ricchiazzi said. "They put the unit together from pieces of other units but they are coming along. They are a very good unit; the longer they're here the better they're getting."

Even though the 42nd MPs are from several states they still work together and do their best, Ricchiazzi said.

"They are all performing well and representing their states very well, and I'm very proud of how they're doing," he said.



Spc. Amado Carrasquillo, 918th MP, Puerto Rican National Guard, checks detainees identifications before they can move on to be transported.

One of the biggest rewards the MPs are getting is seeing the fruits of their labor.

"A lot of people out here don't see what Soldiers do," McGurn said. "We see the results of the work we do and feel we are making a difference." □

## 42nd ID Jazz Band forms 'Spilt Coffee'

By Sgt. Marcus Bowers  
42nd Infantry Division Band

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, TIKRIT, Iraq** – Spilt Coffee usually isn't something that's liked, especially when it's late at night. This time, however, it was enjoyed, not cried over.

Late last month, the balcony of the Morale Welfare and Recreation Center here was the venue for Spilt Coffee - the jazz combo from the 42nd Infantry Division Band. Billed as "Jazz Under the Stars", the evening was a welcome change from the daily work-load for both the Soldiers and those who played.

The idea was simple - create an easygoing environment. This was the philosophy that created the band, which continues to inspire its members.

"We wanted to create a relaxed atmosphere," Staff Sgt. Melinda Burnham, who plays the clarinet and helped organize the group, said. "We wanted rehearsals to be

enjoyable without any intimidation, regardless of skill level."

Keeping in line with their philosophy, the group brewed a pot of coffee before every rehearsal. At almost every session, someone would spill coffee. In time, they adopted the mishap as their name.

Spilt Coffee chose to play mostly straight-ahead jazz, or jazz standards from the 1950s and '60s such as "Sweet 'N' Low," "All of Me," and "Soft Winds," among others. A few Broadway show tunes were also included. A lot of what the group wanted to do was to reach out to Soldiers, so they selected familiar music, which would create that "close" connection.

By creating a club atmosphere, Spilt Coffee shared their relaxed attitude with their audience. Sparkling apple juice was served with cheese and chemical lights were placed on the tables as candles. Spilt Coffee played three sets during their nearly three hour show. Almost everyone in the audience got into the music. Some were tapping their toes, drumming their fingers on cups or nodding along with the beat.

Spc. Daniel Mosko plays guitar for Spilt Coffee and appreciates

the opportunity.

"You can make mistakes and play wrong notes and in time, improve," he said. "I'm new to jazz, but I'm learning."

When asked about future plans, Spilt Coffee members had various ideas, but with one common theme, best expressed by Staff Sgt. Pete Roe. "We want to do this again," he said. □

## Rainbow Soldiers put information on Iraqis' front door

By Sgt. Jennifer J. Eidson  
22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, Tikrit, Iraq** – The Soldiers of the 642nd Military Intelligence Battalion are working to provide reliable information on high-value targets in Task Force Liberty's area of operations through the gathering and disseminating of intelligence.

Their main missions include operation of the 42nd Infantry



Task Force Liberty soldiers enjoy the jazz sounds of "Spilt Coffee". Photo by Sgt. Marcus Bowers.

Division Analysis and Control Element and the Division Internment Facility, said battalion commander, Lt. Col. David Martinez.

"The ACE is the heartbeat of the MI battalion," Martinez said.

Master Sgt. John Lara, noncommissioned officer in charge of the ACE said the overall mission of the ACE is to combine information into intelligence products that can be used by the division command staff to support decision-making.

"Supporting the ACE in all aspects of administration, personnel actions and Soldier care issues is the main focus of the battalion," Lara said.

The process to get reliable intelligence is a tedious one, but it contributes to the success of the

Soldiers who are conducting raids and looking for high-value targets, said a detainment facility NCOIC.

"The detainee is not my friend; I am not the detainee's friend. You are here to do a job," said the DIF intelligence NCOIC. "Our job plays a very important role for the Soldiers knocking on doors. They are out there getting the bad guys and this intel needs to get back to them," he said.

The collection of intelligence does not only come from the questioning of detainees Martinez said, the ACE uses its different resources to gather and cross reference information from a combination of sources including brigade combat teams and local Iraqis.

"Everything we have to do in our community has to do with reliability and there is a certain grade of reliability," Martinez said.

The 642nd Soldiers were mobilized May 2004 and began training at Fort Drum. They deployed to Kuwait on Jan. 1 and conducted a ground assault convoy to Tikrit, Iraq, a few weeks later.

"My Soldiers have been doing outstanding," Martinez said.

The battalion currently is the headquarters for Task Force Liberty's military intelligence. □

# Governor Pataki signs 'Patriot Plan III' into Law

Courtesy of Governor's Office

**YONKERS** — Governor George E. Pataki announced Aug. 7, here, that he signed legislation into law establishing Patriot Plan III — legislation that provides expanded benefits to New York's military personnel and their families, building on the historic Patriot Plans I and II, which the Governor proposed and signed into law in 2003 and 2004.

With the new plan, New York continues to provide the most comprehensive benefits package in the nation for military personnel and their families.

"New York's citizen-Soldiers have long served our State and Nation with honor and distinction," Governor Pataki said. "As brave New Yorkers continue to answer the call to duty, we must do all that we can as our neighbors, friends and loved ones place themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom and way of life."

"When we worked to enact the first Patriot Plan, it marked the most comprehensive benefits package in the nation for military personnel and their families," the Governor added. "Patriot Plan III will build on our efforts and offer new benefits that will let our brave servicemen and women focus on their mission abroad by knowing that they and their families will be protected at home."

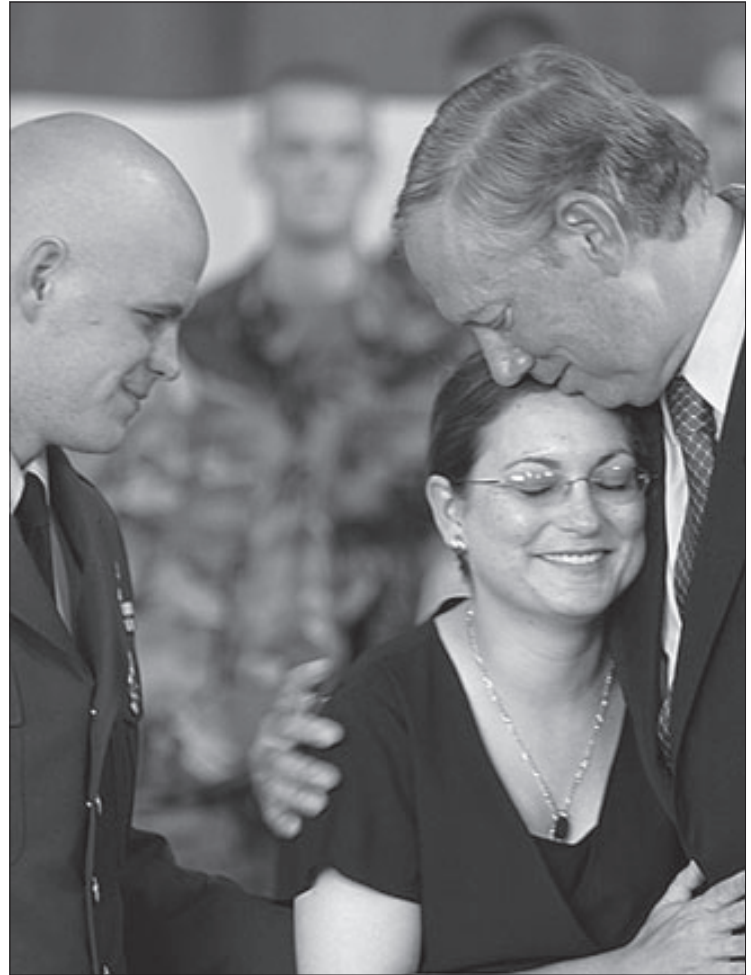
Until Patriot Plan III became law, there was no provision in law that provided health insurance coverage or death benefits to the survivors of an eligible public employee who is killed while on active duty in the military. Further, there was no provision of law that provides for the payment of life insurance premiums for

members of the organized militia and no provision of law exists that permits the issuance of "War on Terror" license plates.

Following the combat death in Iraq of National Guardsman and New York City Firefighter Christian Engeldrum, Governor Pataki signed a bill that granted Engeldrum's survivors the same health insurance coverage and death benefits they would have received if Engeldrum had died fighting a fire in New York.

#### Highlights of Patriot Plan III include:

- Provide the survivors of eligible public employees who give their lives while on active duty in the Armed Forces with the same death benefits that their survivors would be entitled if the public employee made the ultimate sacrifice while working as a public employee.
- Provide the survivors of eligible public employees who pass away while on active duty in the Armed Forces with the same health insurance benefits to which such survivors would be entitled if the public employee was killed while working as a public employee.
- Reimburse premium payments sufficient to assume the costs for \$250,000 worth of service member's general life insurance for members of the New York State organized militia during periods of non-training active service.
- Provide for a new "War on Terror" license plate issued, upon request, to veterans of the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan conflicts. □



Governor George E. Pataki embraces the wife of NYARNG Soldier and NYC firefighter Christian Engeldrum after signing Patriot Plan III. The revised plan grants her the same health insurance coverage and death benefits she would receive if her husband had died firefighting. Photo by Lester J. Millman.

## Candidates forge through OCS

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

**REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, CAMPSMITH** — A hot and sunny morning set the scene for the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Officer Candidate School graduation, here, for 22 officer candidates June 26.

Dignitaries, families and guests were seated and waiting for the graduation ceremony to begin, and it began with a "bang".

To their far right, officer candidates, with camouflage paint on their faces, gathered together from a nearby wood line with M-16s in their hands. Then they spotted "bad guys". Many "pop-pop" and "bangs" were heard from their weapons and smoke covered their movements. A helicopter swooped in and dropped-off a reactionary team comprised of a machine gun and a fire team, which helped save the day. The graduating OCs cleared through the assault, captured or "killed" the enemy and consolidated afterward to a round of applause.

"Becoming an officer in today's changing world is becoming an even greater challenge," said Col. Brian Balfe, regimental commander.

"These Soldiers have a lot to be proud of as do their families," said Brig. Gen. Michael C. Swezey, commander, New York Army National Guard. The OCs were reminded to "always take care of the Soldiers whose lives have been entrusted to [them]."

Swezey reminded the crowd that the war of Iraq and Afghanistan is "not a war of generals and colonels but of lieutenants and sergeants."

"When in charge, take charge," Swezey said.

One OC stood out among her peers: 2nd Lt. Tara Dawe was the "Distinguished Graduate," the highest honor derived, here. Dawe also stood out among her peers for her job as a detective in the New York City Police Department and for her history in the Guard; she served as a saw-gunner in Iraq for one year. Before her deployment, Dawe additionally deployed for six months in Bosnia. Before each deployment, Dawe attempted to join OCS.



2nd Lt. Tara Dawe receives her rank. Photo by 2nd Lt. Amy Fires.

Each time she was deployed, Swezey noted, she always came back to try again because she wanted to be the best. "She deserves accolades for her commitment to the Army as a 'mission first' type-Soldier and for her professionalism," said Capt. Sean O'Donnell, her former Platoon Leader in the 442<sup>nd</sup> Military Police.

The graduating class will now continue to their assignments and the challenges that lay ahead. □



# Team MTA, Fort Hamilton host South African Leaders

By Mike Brennan  
Fort Hamilton Public Affairs

**FORT HAMILTON** — In cooperation with the Distinguished Visitors program, Joint Task Force Empire Shield – or team “MTA” — leadership gave a briefing to military attachés from the South African military.

Brig. Gen. Tanduxolo R. Mandela, Defense & Military Attaché from the South African Embassy in Washington, D.C. and Capt. Digby Thomson, South African Naval Attaché, visited Fort Hamilton and took a tour of the historic “Old Fort” and museum.

The two officers were escorted by New York Army National Guard Inspector General Col. Harry McDonough, Joint Forces Headquarters, and Maj. Richard Sloma, State Partnership Program Coordinator.

The State Partnership Program relationship between the National Guard and the partner country typically evolves and expands over time. It usually begins with bilateral military-to-military activities, expands to include military support to civil authorities, and ultimately, the partnership evolves to include all aspects of the public and private sector. Activities include state and local governments and governmental agencies, sister cities projects, teacher exchanges, academic institutions, social, cultural, and



Fort Hamilton Museum Technician, Richard Cox, right, gives an exhibit tour to RSA Brig. Gen. Tanduxolo R. Mandela, Defense & Military Attaché, far left, and Col. Harry McDonough. Photo by Mike Brennan.

charitable organizations, and more.

The briefing at the Team MTA’s headquarters covered the unit’s responsibilities in defending the homeland and New York City from terrorist threats. Afterwards Mandela and Thomson visited the Harbor Defense Museum with McDonough to take a trip back in time to the American Revolution.

Museum Technician Richard Cox gave the tour of the exhibit and the ‘Old Fort’ to these visitors and was peppered

with questions about various types of cannon and munitions as well as the design of the fortifications. Mr. Cox handily explained the specifics and nuance of 18<sup>th</sup> century combat and the importance of the Battle of Brooklyn to the American Revolution. Only after conducting the near-hour long tour did he realize that one of the visitors was the nephew of Nelson Mandela, South African civil rights leader, Former President of the African National Congress and Former President of South Africa. □

## Looking for your Army Commission?

Get ready for upcoming Accelerated Officer Candidate School openings, call today.

The Recruiting and Retention office is accepting applications for the next Accelerated Officer Candidate School that will be conducted at Fort McClellan, Alabama from Jan. 14, 2006 to March 11, 2006.

Minimum requirements for attendance are: Recommended by Chain of Command; Ninety College Credits hours or greater, Pass Chapter II Commissioning Physical, Possess a GT Score of 110 or greater; Apply or possess a Secret Clearance; Meet Height and Weight Standards; pass Record APFT; and be a U.S. Citizen.

Interested soldiers should contact their unit chain of command to apply.

The Recruiting and Retention office, in concert with HQ 106<sup>th</sup> RTI, will conduct in-processing for the course at Camp Smith on Nov. 18 to Nov. 20 and Dec. 9 to Dec. 11 (Phase Zero). Soldiers must ensure the Recruiting Office receives their applications as soon as possible, but no later than Oct. 15 for pre-screening.

Questions regarding the course or application procedures may be addressed to 2nd Lt. John Klimes (Recruiting and Retention Command) at 229-0589 or John.Klimes@ny.ngb.army.mil, or 1st Lt. Edgecombe at 914-788-7342. You can also view the website at [www.dma.state.ny.us/arnng/ocs/csocs.html](http://www.dma.state.ny.us/arnng/ocs/csocs.html). □

## MPs meet through State Partnership Program

By Maj. Richard Sloma  
State Partnership Coordinator

**KINGSTON** — The 104th Military Police Battalion, here, hosted three noncommissioned officers from the Republic of South Africa’s Military Police Service June 3.

Republic of South Africa Staff Sgt. Sello S. Mothapo, RSA Staff Sgt. Phillip M. Masemola and RSA Staff Sgt. Frans P. Halliday visited New York on their way to train with the 300th Military Police Company at Fort Riley, Kan. The purpose of the stopover was to acquaint the South African NCOs with the New York National Guard’s military police and its capabilities, missions and members. The visit was part of New York’s State Partnership Program with the Republic of South Africa.

New York and South Africa have been partners under the SPP since August 2003. The SPP is a National Guard initiative that aligns states with countries around the world for the purpose of fostering mutual interests and establishing long term relationships

across all levels of society. New York was the first state to have an SPP relationship on the African continent.

While in New York, Mothapo, Masemola and Halliday received an orientation briefing on the 104MP’s organization, mission and training.

Mothapo, the senior member of the South African group, gave a reciprocal briefing about his position as a trainer at the South African Military Police School. He also discussed his experiences as a member of the United Nations’ Peace Support Mission and its deployment to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mothapo said the South African Military Police Agency is a joint organization under the South African National Defense Forces. Military police units in South Africa fall under their own administrative service rules and regulations.

The South Africans additionally visited with the 105th Airlift Wing’s security forces squadron, Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburgh. The visit included a briefing on 105AW SFS’ duties and a tour. □

# Soldiers, Airmen go 'On Guard' at Mass-Transit System

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
Guard Times Staff

**MANHATTAN** – Several armed Soldiers stand outside a street entrance to Pennsylvania Station August 4 amidst the daily hustle and bustle. Positioned at an out-of-the-way area, they are mostly left alone. But from Penn Station's seemingly endless flow of travelers an occasional passerby emerges to say "thank you".

"You guys are doing a great job," one woman proclaims as she passes them.

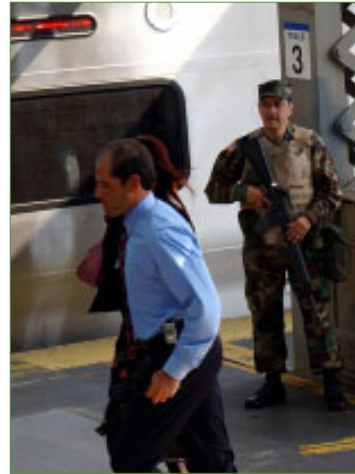
"Thank you, ma'am," they reply, in unison.

In the weeks following the deadly London transit system bombings and a

failed repeat of those bombings there, a "surge force" of New York National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were on watch at various mass transit stations across the State, including New York City's vast metropolitan area.

It's not unfamiliar duty. Joint Task Force Empire Shield, which is carrying out the State's homeland defense mission, has had Soldiers on duty since 9/11. But in the wake of the London bombings, Governor George E. Pataki ordered hundreds of additional Guardmembers to State active duty to bolster security efforts at train stations, subways and other mass transit sites.

At Penn Station, Sgt. Milton Webb, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, said he



A Soldier stands watch at MTA North Metro's Croton-Harmon station in July. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Pettibone.

approaches the mission and the threat seriously. He said he recently returned from one year in Iraq where he saw, first hand, what terrorists are capable of doing.

"I was doing this [Task Force Empire Shield] before I left, but after Iraq, I see it differently," he said.

Webb and his fellow Soldiers said they patrol the transit stations, ferry stations and rail yards with local law enforcement, which in New York City includes the Metro Transit Authority.

"We assist the police," Webb said.

Joint Task Force Empire Shield's commander, Lt. Col. George DeSimone, said the number of Guardmembers activated for State homeland defense has gone up and down since the war on terrorism began.

"The Soldiers and Airmen are the key players in the Guard's homeland security success," DeSimone said. "In addition, we are supported and guided by State headquarters." DeSimone went on to say that the task force is a voluntary force, meaning it is always open to good Soldiers looking for both part-time and full-time State active duty work. "Unit commanders must give their approval," he said.

Hundreds of Soldiers deployed, here, last year during the Republican National Convention to work with law enforcement agencies at bridges, tunnels, as well as train stations, subways and rail yards. Soldiers are additionally on duty helping to protect the State's nuclear power sites, and New York Naval Militia Sailors and Marines patrol the State's harbors and waterways.

The relationship between the Guardmembers and civil authorities works well, Chief Kevin J.

McConville, 1st Deputy Chief of Police, MTA, said.

"They are professional ... courteous, respectful, helpful ... well disciplined," McConville said. He said that MTA members have expressed

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JTFES Commander

satisfaction at the [Guardmembers'] efforts and work.

"They have been quick to learn and develop a sense of the transit system," McConville said.

Patrolling the "system" can include walking many miles of dimly lit passageways or standing on underground platforms where the temperature and humidity can soar, but McConville said the efforts are valuable.

"The addition of the National Guard to the deployment of MTA Police allows us to cover more territory with fewer personnel, thereby making the transportation system safer," McConville said. "We [also] believe



Spc. James Reynoso, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, left, and Spc. Kevin Miller, 101<sup>st</sup> Calvary, patrol Grand Central Station. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

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Spc. David Simmons, 442<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company, observes commuters outside Pennsylvania Station in July. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

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their presence, with our forces, makes the transportation system a more pleasant experience for users.”

“It’s good [duty],” Pfc. Jay Yoo, 27<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion, said.

Yoo was among a team of Soldiers patrolling Grand Central Station with the MTA authorities in August. He recently transferred to the New York Army National Guard from Active Duty.

I normally work in human resources, Yoo said, but he added that the Guardmembers and the MTA officials have a common ground, here.

“We both have the duty to protect and serve,” Yoo said.

The New York Air National Guard also joined Empire Shield’s homeland security team. Airmen from the 105<sup>th</sup>



Staff Sgt. Donald Masse, 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, patrols Croton-Harmon station platform. Courtesy photo.

Airlift Wing, 106<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing, 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing deployed to existing Army National Guard and MTA security operations.

DeSimone said that the task force assigned the Airmen working side-by-side with Soldiers. He said they “meshed very well,” and established many new and lasting friendships. “We often speak of a joint operation involving multi-services, yet the services normally work independently. This operation was true ‘jointness,’” he said.

“As we move to the joint force concept of Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors, our Airmen are sharing in the many responsibilities of supporting

our nation and state,” Brig. Gen. James Kwiatkowski, Director of Operations, New York Air National Guard, said. Kwiatkowski went to say that Empire Shield is one area where the Air Guard is stepping into that concept. “The Army National Guard has been performing the MTA duty almost exclusively since 9/11,” when an additional surge requirement of personnel was required, the Air Guard helped fill the need.

“We worked with the Soldiers and the MTA [police] on the [train] platforms,” Staff Sgt. Donald Masse, 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, said. Masse and three other 109AW Airmen were assigned to North Metro’s Croton-Harmon Station. They patrolled with the station’s existing Soldiers and MTA police on duty, which provided an opportunity to share and learn each other’s homeland security tactics.

## *“The relationship between the Guardmembers and civil authorities works well.”*

—Chief Kevin J. McConville  
1st Deputy Chief of Police, MTA

“We had to adjust to their language and they adjusted to ours,” Masse said. “But it wasn’t bad duty.” Masse went on to say that his group also experienced the daily comings and goings of city life.

“We were swamped at rush hours,” Masse said on patrolling.

General Kwiatkowski said that the ability to utilize joint forces during emergency operations gives the Governor and the Adjutant General a synergistic force, which benefits the needs of the people of New York.

“This mission was important due to the fact that it showcased the ability of all military personnel within the State to work together to support contingency operations,” Kwiatkowski said. “The Airmen performed in an exemplary manner. Whether at the command level or on the platforms, all duties were accomplished among all personnel in a seamless fashion.”

“I liked it,” Capt. Bridget Crouch, 109AW supply officer, said. “There were long [working] hours, but meeting the Soldiers and working with the Army [National Guard] was good, and it took me into a whole new role.” Crouch was stationed at Fort Hamilton where she helped provide operational intelligence to the Soldiers and Airmen including daily briefings to those deploying to the



A Soldier shares a smile with a family at a North Metro transit platform during Joint Task Force Empire Shield duty. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Pettibone.



Pfc. Jay Yoo, right, stands watch with two MTA police officers at Grand Central Station’s main entrance. Below, a Soldier and an MTA police officer check and observe vehicles entering Grand Central Station’s underground parking garage. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

platforms. She went on to say that her intelligence team also visited the Guardmembers at their stations to observe their status first hand.

“They all performed very well,” she said.

Crouch additionally said that a NYARNG chaplain traveled throughout the MTA system, checking on the Guardmembers’ morale and welfare.

Army National Guard Soldiers will continue their homeland security mission indefinitely; however, there are no current plans to send additional Airmen to support the Empire Shield tasking. General Kwiatkowski said if a “surge” requirement is again necessary, the Air National Guard could be re-tasked into a joint homeland security mission.

“I think the mission will remain for a very long time,” DeSimone said. “It calms the riding public and is a deterrent to terrorism.” □



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CHARD 133RD MAINTENANCE CO  
CHANNARD 719 TRANS CO  
CHANNARD CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN  
CHANNARD HHC 642D MI BATTALION  
CHANNARD 187TH ENGR CO  
CHANNARD 187TH ENGR CO  
CHANNARD 102 MAINT CO  
CHANNARD RECRUIT/RETCMD  
CHANNARD 102 MAINT CO  
CHANNARD 105TH MP CO  
CHANNARD CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
CHANNARD 719 TRANS CO  
CHANNARD 827TH ENGR CO  
CHANNARD CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY  
CHANNARD NY ARNG ELEMENT JFHQ  
CHANNARD DET 1 CO C 342DKELLOGG JOSEPH LAWRENCE 204TH ENG DETACHMENT  
KENDRICK DANIEL JAMES DET 1 HHB 42 DIVARTY  
KREBS DANIEL EDWARD DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)  
LESLIE JUSTIN MATTHEW DET 1 HHB 42 DIVARTY  
LUNA MIGUEL ESTUARDO HHC (-) 1-69 INF (M)  
MROCEK TOMASZ BARTLOMIEJ CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN  
NESSIA JAMES VINCENT 107TH MP CO  
NGLAMBOY BELLE CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN  
ROSEMANUEL 145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
SALTARELLI MACE EDWARD HHC 1-105TH INF  
SHERMAN CHERYL ANN 249TH MED CO AIR AMB  
SMOOTH RICHARD ALLEN CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
THOMAS BENEDICT 145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
URIBEL ENONARDO JOSE CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
VIELE STEPHEN PAUL HHC 1-105TH INF  
WALDINGER GLENN CHARLES HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
WALKER TYRONE DWAYNE CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
WARD RALPH WILLIAM III CO A 1-127TH ARMOR  
WICKRAMANAYAKE PABODHA A COMPANY C (-) 638 DASB  
WUNDERS JAMES ROBERT HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
YORK ARTHUR DUANE HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR**SPECIALIST**AARON LINDA DEE CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
ADDISON CHARLES LOUIS JR TROOPE 101ST CAVALRY  
ADKISON MICHELLE CHARITY HHC 27TH AREA SG  
ALLEN SONIA ANDREA 102 MAINT CO  
ALLPORT GLENN ERIC DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIA  
ANDERSON PETER LARRY CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN  
ANDUJAR JOEL EDWIN 258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP  
ANSTEY JOHN DAVID HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)  
AULETTA ERIC VINCENT 442D MP CO  
BAKER DAVID ALLEN HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
BAMBINO PHILLIP JOHN HHC (-) 1-69 INF (M)  
BARAN RAYMOND THOMAS CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
BENJAMIN TAMIKIA LYNN HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)  
BESSONG AUSTIN ENOW 827TH ENGR CO  
BLONCOURT JOSEPH LUIS 69 IN BN 01 CO A REAR  
BOBOT JOHN STEVE III CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
BOKHARI RAHIM ARIF HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
BRAMAN KYLE WARD DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
BROOKS JOSEPH 53 HQ HQ LIAISON REAR  
BROWN LISA ANN CO A 342D FWD SPT BN  
CAESAR SEAN PHILBERT HHC 1-105TH INF  
CASILLAS JONATHAN AV HHC DIV AV BDE REAR  
CASTELLI VENESSA MARIA DIAN 249 MD CO AIR AMBL  
CATEL NICHOLAS MICHAEL CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
CIANCIOSI JEREMY DANIEL 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
COLEMAN COREY NORMAN CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
CORBETT EUGENE LEE 427TH MAINT CO  
CORREA MELVIN EZEQUIEL HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
CUNNINGHAM DAVID ANTHONY CO A 342D FWD SPT BN  
DALEY JASON MICHAEL 258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP  
DANIS BRIAN CO E 1-69TH INFANTRY  
DAVIS JACOB M 442D MP CO  
DELORENZO MATTHEW BENJAMIN CO C 152D ENGINEER BN  
DEVITO RONALD MICHAEL H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
DIAZ ADALGISA DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
DOANE SHAUN MICHAEL 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
DORCE WILNER DET 1 133RD MAINT CO  
DUBOVIC NICHOLAS CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
EDSON JEFFREY MICHAEL H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
ESTEY KRISTAL DET 2 CO B 638 SPT BN  
FERNANDEZ ALWEN ENRIQUE JR 1569TH TRANS CO  
FIGUEROA HIRAMELIAS 1569TH TRANS CO  
FLEMING BENJAMIN PARK 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
FLORES CARLOS MANUEL NY ARNG ELEMENT JFHQ  
FOGLIA DONALD JOSEPH JR CO D 1-105 INF  
GABOT RAFAEL ALBERTO DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
GARCIA OSCAR ARMANDO BATTERY A 1-258TH FA  
GAVILANES JORGE ANTONIO 14TH FINANCE DET  
GENFI KOFI HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
GONZALEZ MARTIN ANTONIO JR 442D MP CO  
GUTORSKI ALEKSANDRA IRENE CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
HARRIS ALEX ULAND CO A 342D FWD SPT BN  
HARVIN CINDY ANN 102 MAINT CO  
HASLEY JEREMY WAYNE 827TH ENGR CO  
HATHORN THOMAS HHB 1-258TH FA  
HUNTER MAURICE CHARLES CO C 1-105 INF





**Celebrating 10 years of veterans' services,** Capt. John Insetta speaks Aug 5 with, from left, Sgt. Luquan Bowers and Staff Sgt. Jackson Porter near the entrance to the Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans' Affairs Outpatient clinic, Rome. The clinic serves as a satellite veterans' medical center for the Utica/Rome community and was opened following the closure of Griffiss Air Force Base. Photo courtesy of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HENRI SHAMIR  
HERON MICHAEL KENNETH  
HILL KEVIN LLOYD  
HOLLOWAY RICKY  
HUNTER KIM LESTOR  
HYDE UROY ANTHONY  
JACKSON CLARENCE CHRISTOPHE  
JACKSON DARRYL LEE JR  
JOHNSON JEAN VERNON  
JONES PAUL WARREN  
KALVAITIS AIDAS  
KAPLUN VLADIMIR  
KELLNER SHARON ELIZABETH  
KELLOGG CURTIS LEONARD  
KIGHTLINGER ERIC STANLEY  
KILIAN MICHAEL JOHN  
KINGERIN BARRY  
KNIGHT JEREMIAN CURTIS  
KOVACS THOMAS DANIEL  
LAIS DOUGLASIAN  
LAWRENCE ROBERT LEE  
LAZARUSELAINA MARIE  
LESTER DAVID MILES  
LEWIS SHAUNDA  
LOMBARDIRYAN CHRISTOPHER  
LUCIO NIVEA  
LUKASIK PAUL JAMES  
MAGNORICHARD MANGANTI  
MARTIN ERIN KATHLEEN  
MARTINEZ MARCO ANTONIO  
MCLAUGHLIN JASON MICHAEL  
MENA ELVIS RAFAEL  
MENENDEZ DIEGO ENRIQUE  
MOORE ALISSA JOY  
MUELLER JASON STEVEN  
MURPHY JOHN CARL  
NOLASCO JOBANKA ALTAGRACIA  
NUNEZ CESAR DE JESUS  
OCHOA EDGAR YOVANI  
OCQUE JENNIFER LEE  
OLSON JASON MICHAEL  
ONEAL JAMES ALAN  
ONEILL THERESE CATHERINE

CO C(-) 638 SPT BN  
HHC 27TH AREA SG  
DET 1 107TH MP CO  
187TH ENGR CO  
442D MP CO  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
102 MAINT CO  
HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
29TH PER SERV DET  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
102 MAINT CO  
HHD 342D FWD SPT BN  
HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV  
HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
105TH MP CO  
CO B 1-108TH INF  
105TH MP CO  
108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A  
CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
642 CS BN HSC REAR  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
1569TH TRANS CO  
CO B 3-142D AVIATION  
CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY  
42 HHC HVY DIV REAR  
CO C 1-105 INF  
HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
CO C(-) 638 SPT BN  
CO C 1-105 INF  
1ST BATTALION 142D AVI  
DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
NY ARNG ELEMENT JFHQ  
DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
CO C 1-105 INF  
HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)  
HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
SERVICE BAT 1-258 FA  
DET 1 442 MP CO

PADDLEFORD JASON RAYMOND  
PARKER JOSEPH ROBERT  
PEREZ NELSON  
PIERRELOUIS FRANTZY  
PORTO JAMES PATRICK  
POWELL PHILLIPA FRANCES  
PRATT TODDEDWARD  
PRESCOTT CHRISTOPHER JAMES  
RAGHUNATH GOBIN RAM  
RAMOS EDWIN  
RAMOS ERIC LEE  
RAMOS MAHER  
RASAQ FEHINTOLA OLA YIWOLA  
RAVANES FRANZ  
REGIS FERNANDO MACKNIGHT  
RESTO SANDRA  
RHONE NORMAN  
RIVERA JESUS MANUEL  
ROBILLARD JOSEPH EDWARD II  
ROBINSON THOMAS WILLIAM  
ROBLEDO JUSTIN ANTHONY  
RODRIGUEZ NICHOLAS ADAM  
ROSE ROBERT WALTER  
SANDERS JORDY MICHAEL  
SANTORUFO DOMENICO CARMINE  
SAVARESE JOHN JAMES  
SCHUELER TIMOTHY JAMES  
SEEGER BENJAMIN DAVID  
SKOMPINSKI SCOTT RAYMOND  
SMITH ANGELA DOLORES  
SPENCE KENDRIC MONTE  
SPENCER CHRISTINE FLORA  
STEPHENS JOSEPH  
STEVENS JIMMY FILS  
STEVENS TREVOR SAMUEL  
STJOHN WILLIAM BRUCE JR  
STOMM ADAM FRANKLIN  
SULLIVAN JACK ROBERT  
SWANSON RICHARD GLENN  
SWARTHOUT STEVEN C  
TADROS JOSEPH MOURAD IBRAHI  
TAMBURELLO STEVEN R  
TINKER DAVID LEE

H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C  
DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIA  
HHC 642D MI BATTALION  
HHC 42 IN DIV (-)  
1569TH TRANS CO  
108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
DET 1 442 MP CO  
CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
SERVICE BAT 1-258 FA  
HHC (-) 1-69 INF (M)  
HHD FWD 4 27TH FIN BN  
SERVICE BAT 1-258 FA  
CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
CO C 1-105 INF  
H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
101 AR TRP TRP E CAV  
H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
HHC 107TH SUPPORT GRP  
DET 1 CO A 152D ENGR BN  
DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
187TH ENGR CO  
105TH MP CO  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
1ST BATTALION 142D AVI  
DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARM  
CO E 1-69TH INFANTRY  
CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN  
HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
TROOPE 101ST CAVALRY  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN

TOSCANO AGEA KIWANDA  
TUTTLE ROBERT TYLER  
VAN WAGENEN DANIEL QUINN  
VANNESS MICHELE LEE  
VANSLUYTMAN ELVIS RECARDO  
VANWHERVIN LEONARDO ANTONIO  
VAUGHN TYREEL LAWRENCE  
VIA SAMUEL GRAYSON JR  
WALLS BRYAN LEE  
WASHINGTON JUSTIN REUEL  
WENZEL CANDICE SUE  
WHIMPLE JOSHUA MICHAEL  
WHITE MATTHEW MICHAEL JR  
WHITEHURST SHAUN TOMMY  
WILKIE HENRY ZAID JR  
WRAY JAMES THOMAS  
YATES JASON ANTHONY  
YOUSSEF MATTHEW  
ZINKOVITCH JAMES FERDINAND

642 MI BN HHC REAR  
108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C  
1427TH TRAN CO  
CO E 1-69TH INFANTRY  
145TH MAINT CO  
442D MP CO  
AV HHC DIV AV BDE REAR  
222D M P CO  
HHC 152D ENGINEER BN  
105TH MP CO  
CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY  
108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
102 MAINT CO  
102 MAINT CO  
187TH ENGR CO  
CO C 1-105 INF  
DET 1 107TH MP CO  
107TH MP CO

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ACOSTA PABLO JR  
ADARVE JONATHAN  
AGUAYZADIANA GABRIELA  
ALLEN LANCE RUSSELL  
ANDERSON DACIO H  
ARNDT COREY LEE MARC  
BADILLO ROQUE EMANUEL  
BAHR GEORGE FREDRICK IV  
BARRETO JOEL  
BARRETT WILLIAM PATRICK  
BARTLETT KING JERRY GENE  
BATSON KEVIN LAMONT  
BAUTISTA JOSE ALTAGRACIA  
BAUTISTA LUIS ALEXANDER  
BENBENEK GERALD JEFFREY  
BIELSKI ROBERT THOMAS  
BOGARDUS STEVEN LYLE  
BOHART BRIANE EUGENE  
BOWIE BRYAN KEITH  
BRUSH BOBBY LEE  
CAPTAIN BRETT WINSTON  
CEPEDA JUNIOR LORENZO  
CHRISTIAN CHRISTOPHER  
COLE STEPHEN LEE MICHAEL  
COLESANTI MICHAEL CARLO  
COLLINS ERIN MARIE  
COLON ERIK JOEL  
COURTRIGHT CHANTEL MARIE  
DALTON CHAD ADRIAN  
DEKRAKER BRIDGET LEE  
DELATORRES CARLOS RANDU  
DELOS REYES HANNIBAL ESTARDO  
DEYO GARY PAUL II  
DOTSON RASHEEN DANYAA  
FAHRENFELD KENNETH V JR  
FINEOUT MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER  
GADDIS MELISSA AMANDA  
GALL ORIN NKOSI JR  
GAUTHIER JUSTIN RYAN  
GEIB KENNETH ROBERT  
GEORGITSO ADAM THEODORE  
GRADY SEAN ROBERT  
GUERRA MARCO WILLIAM  
HARRISON JESSICA RENE  
HERVAS LUIS ALFREDO  
HOLGUIN LINDSAY  
HONEYWELL DAVID JEFFREY  
HRITZ MICHAEL JAMES  
ILLESCAS ERICKSON  
INGA JAVIER FERNANDO  
JARRELL ANTON LACERE  
JORGE HAYDEE CELESTE  
KELLY JONATHAN PAUL  
KERINS PATRICK MAURICE  
KID

HHC (-) 1-69 INF (M)  
HHD 27TH FINANCE BN  
642 CS BN CO B REAR  
HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR  
HHC 1-105TH INF  
1108TH ORD CO EOD  
1156TH ENGR CO PO  
HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
DET 1 CO A 204 ENGR BN  
HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY  
CO B 152D ENGINEER BN  
CO B 152D ENGINEER BN  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN  
DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF  
1156TH ENGR CO PO  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC  
HHD 369TH CORPS SPT  
DET 1 CO C 342D  
107TH MP CO  
HHC 642D MI BATTALION  
CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN  
DET 1 133RD MAINT CO  
DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE  
DET 1 CO A 152D ENGR BN  
105TH MP CO  
CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY  
HHC (-) 1-69 INF (M)  
1569TH TRANS CO  
DET 1 133RD MAINT CO  
CO C 1-127TH ARMOR  
B 342D FWD SPT BN  
466TH MED CO AREA SPT  
7TH FINANCE DET  
108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
HHC 42 IN DIV (-)  
CO B 1-108TH INF  
108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
133 OD CO MAINT REAR  
1427TH TRAN CO  
DET 1 133RD MAINT CO  
138TH MPAD  
CO B 1-101ST CAVALRY  
107TH MP CO  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN  
1569TH TRANS CO  
102 MAINT CO  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
CO C 1-105 INF  
CO C 1-127TH ARMOR  
HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
222D M P CO  
CO E 1-69TH INFANTRY

LARAWAY CHARLES ASBURY 1108TH ORD CO EOD  
 LAUER CONRAD ARTHUR 108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
 LEBRON ELVIS NICOLAS CO C 1-105 INF  
 LESLIE SAMANTHA KADIAN 206 CS HHD CSB REAR  
 LIMPET JOHN BENNETT JR HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 LLAUGER LORRAINE 102 MAINT CO  
 LLOYD EDWARD JAMELL 719 TRANS CO  
 LONGO CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 LUNA GALO OSWALDO 145 OD CO MAINT DS  
 MANNING JOSHUA WILLIAM CO B 1-127TH ARMOR  
 MARTIN JOSHUA MICHAEL CO D 1-105 INF  
 MASUD HASHIM RAHMAN 42 HHC HVY DIV REAR  
 MCLEAN JAMES MICKAEL HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 MEDINA JONATHAN CO B 1-108TH INF  
 MENENDEZ CHARLES BRYAN CO E 1-69TH INFANTRY  
 MILES CHAD MARSHALL 222D M P CO  
 MILLER KENNETH ALLEN CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
 MONTGOMERY ANGELA MARIE CO C (-) 342D FWD SPT BN  
 MOSS THOMAS ROBERT JR HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
 MUNIZ LORENZO 14TH FINANCE DET  
 MURRAY CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 NADEAU TRAVIS DOUGLAS 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
 NAVARRO NADINE ERICA AV HHC DIV AV BDE REAR  
 NEAR ERIC MICHAEL DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARM  
 NEATON FELICIA LEIGH 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET  
 NEMIRE MICHAEL ANTHONY JR 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
 NUNES MARCO ANDRE 101 AR BN 01 DET 1 HHC  
 OVERBY CRYSTAL DENISE HHC 152D ENGINEER BN  
 PALMATEER MARK CHARLES 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A  
 PARKER JOHN WALTER DET 1 CO A 152D ENG BN  
 PECHLER THOMAS GERALD TROOPE 101ST CAVALRY  
 PEÑA JILLIAN ELAINE 102 MAINT CO  
 PEREZ DERRICK ANTHONY DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
 RAAB JONATHAN PAUL 108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
 RIEGGER WILLIAM JOHN JR CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
 RITTER JAMES MICHAEL H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 RIVERA MALDONADO RICARDO CO A 1-127TH ARMOR  
 RIVERA MALDONADO TEDDY OMAR CO A 1-69TH INF  
 ROSA IGNACIO JOSE CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
 ROSS LARRY CASEY HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)  
 ROSSETTI DOUGLAS JOHN HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 SACCO SAMUEL II DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIA  
 SMART STEPHANIE ANN 2427TH TRANS CO  
 SMART WILLIAM WADSWORTH DET 1 CO A 152D ENG BN  
 SPARKS CARRIE REASHELL 427TH MAINTENANCE CO  
 SPERRY BRANDON JAMES HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
 STANN THOMAS JOSHUA CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN  
 STEWART TIMOTHY CALEB HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 STJUSTER RICHARD PIERRE 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR  
 STUBBINGS BRADLEY KINGSLEY HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 THOMAS NICKIE DALE DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
 VANVOLKENBURG MARK ALLEN CO B 1-127TH ARMOR  
 VARAYON SETH TEE CO D 1-105 INF  
 VISCEGLIA VINCENT JOHN CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
 VOSBURGH SIMON DOUGLAS III CO B 1-108TH INF  
 WALLING JUSTIN ADAM CO B 1-127TH ARMOR  
 WALSH JAMES LEE 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B  
 WARR CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIA  
 WATSON MARLANA STARR H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 WEIGAND LAURANCE ALAN CO C (-) 1-108TH INF  
 WHITEHEAD UNDRAY RAZZY HHD 342D FWD SPT BN  
 WILEY JAMIE CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
 WILLIAMS MATTHEW JOHN 427TH MAINTENANCE CO  
 WOODBURN BRYAN DAVID CO C 152D ENGINEER BN  
 WOODRUFF ZAKARY IZAK DET 1 CO A 152D ENG BN  
 ZAJAC GEOFFREY GERALD HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
 ZHAO RICHARD FOLGER 37TH FINANCE DET

**PRIVATE 2**

ACEVEDO EMMANUEL ANTONIO CO A 342D FWD SPT BN  
 BADMAN STEPHEN CHARLES 2427TH TRANS CO  
 BAEZ FRAIMJR CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
 BARROWS JASON SCOTT CO D 1-127TH ARMOR  
 BAUTISTA ERICK PAUL CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 BERRIOS MARLON BRANDO 1569TH TRANS CO  
 BLOISE RICHARD ALAN CO A 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 BOCA EUGEN OCTAVIAN 102 MAINT CO  
 BROWN RUSSELL JEROME CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
 BROWNING ROGER CRAIG JR CO B 152D ENGINEER BN



**On a ride of a lifetime**, Lt. Col. Jose A. Obregon, operates an ATV in July while serving as the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment executive officer at Forward Operating Base Summerall, Iraq, for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Obregon was about to retire after 24 years of military service when the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division got the call-up for Operation Iraqi Freedom III. He asked if he could mobilize with the division. Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephen F. Breen.

BURNHAM CHRISTOPHER DAVID CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
 CADY MICHAEL JOHN CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN  
 CANCEL CHRISTOPHER CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 CAPELLINI JOHN ANTHONY IV 108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
 CARROR EDIL SEDA III 69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR  
 CASTRO ROSE MANUEL 719 TRANS CO  
 CLARK ROBERT JAMES 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
 CLEMENT CLIFFORD CHRISTOPHE CO C 1-105 INF  
 COOK NICHOLAS EUGENE CO C 3-142D AVIATION  
 COOPER DANIEL SCOTT CO C 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 CUADRADO JOSE A 442D MP CO  
 CURRY DAVID HHC 1-105TH INF  
 DANFORTH ANDREW DAVID HHC (-) 1-108TH INF  
 DANIELS PETER GENE HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
 DARLING DAVID MICHAEL HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
 DELANEY CHRISTOPHER D 727TH MP DET  
 DELGATTO JACK PAUL CO C 1-69TH INF (M)  
 DICKSON SIMONE MONIQUE HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
 DOUGHERTY DAVID LEE 222D M P CO  
 DOUGHERTY MARK RYAN CO C 1-105 INF  
 DUGAN COLIN MICHAEL CO B 1-108TH INF  
 FRIDLEY TIFFANY LYNN HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE  
 FRIERSON CHARCAE 258 FA BN 1 BTRY B  
 GENTILE MICHAEL ANTHONY JR HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)  
 GEYER NICHOLAS ERIK CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
 GILL MARK ANTHONY DET 1 HHC 107TH SG  
 GRITMAN THOMAS EDWARD JR HHD 104TH MP BN  
 GUZMAN JONATHAN HHB 1-258TH FA  
 HAMIC RONNIE DALE JR CO C 1-105 INF  
 HASENEY JOHN JENSEN CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
 HINES STANLEY SERVICE BAT 1-258 FA  
 HOOPER DONALD LEE 719 TRANS CO  
 IZQUIERDO BARCCO A CO C (-) 1-108TH INF  
 JOHNSTON ANDREW LEE HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID  
 JONES AMBER CHRISTINE HHC (-) 3-142D AVIATION  
 KNOLL AMBER MARIE HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY  
 KOENIG ANDREW JOSEPH H & S CO 204 ENGR BN  
 LEE MICHELLE JUSTINE CO A 3-142D AVIATION  
 MACHELL DAVID BRIAN

MARSCHILOK RYAN FREDERICK 108 IN BN 01 AASLT A CO  
 MASCIA CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY  
 MECCARIELLO KEVIN LAWRENCE HHD 104TH MP BN  
 MEDERO ALBERTO DET 1 HHB 42 DIVARTY  
 MEDINA RICHARD VIRGILIO DET 1 CO C 342D  
 MILLER THOMAS JOHN 187TH ENGR CO  
 MITCHELL THOMAS DAVID 108 IN BN 01 AASLT D CO  
 MOHR PATRICK RUSSELL CO A 642ND MI BN  
 MOORE RANDY MICHAEL HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR  
 NINO ALEJANDRO HHB 1-258TH FA  
 PAINO MATTHEW BRIAN NY ARNG ELEMENT JFHQ  
 PFEFFER JESSE ALLEN CO B 1-108TH INF  
 PIERRE PETERSON RICOT CO B 342D FWD SPT BN  
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SPC GUTIERREZ HERSON  
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# Minekill Community scores with GuardHELP

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
Guard Times Staff

## MINEKILL STATE PARK, Blenheim

— On a hillside overlooking New York's Schoharie valley, olive-colored Army construction equipment groaned amidst brown wafts of dusty afternoon air as engineers leveled several piles of dark dirt. They worked steadily and with purpose. If bags of awaiting grass seed took root before the first frost, valley residents would have a new soccer field to play on in the coming year.

Soldiers from the 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, New York Army National Guard, placed the finishing touches to a GuardHELP project, here, July 29 for Minekill State Park and its surrounding community.

More than 75 Soldiers worked on the project, using their annual training, since breaking ground in 2003. They operated the battalion's heavy construction equipment, including bulldozers, graders, and dump trucks and worked with the local community to fulfill the GuardHELP request.

"Hopefully, next fall, we will kick the first [soccer] ball," David Ranieri, area soccer club director, said. Ranieri's soccer club offers camps and clinics for more than 1,000 area children and runs an adult league for men and women ages 17 and older. He said the Minekill community, which includes Schoharie, Delaware, Ostego and Green Counties, outgrew the park's single soccer field. The club organized along with the Parks Department and the Power Authority to request NYARNG's knowledge, skill and equipment through GuardHELP.

"I heard from people who had used it before," Ranieri said. "It's good for all parties involved."

Now, a new soccer field lays parallel to the park's main entrance, and it overlooks the overcrowded soccer field, which was constructed more than 20 years ago.

"Soccer, here, is big," Sgt. Adam Gregrow, surveyor, said. "It's a rewarding project, and it's good for this community." Gregrow added that the battalion is assigned GuardHELP projects regularly.

"These [GuardHELP] projects provide valuable cross training," 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas Rome, officer in charge, said. "And cross training is a key for [successful] engineers." Rome said this includes electricians working as plumbers, plumbers operating heavy equipment and



A stone inscribed with the 204<sup>th</sup> engineer's logo rests at the new Minekill State Park soccer field.

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—2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas Rome  
204th Engineer officer in charge

vice versa, which allows the battalion to continue projects when experienced Soldiers are deployed.

Rome accounted for a bulldozer pushing a large mound of dirt down a ditch. The operator — Pvt. Joseph M. Matteson — recently returned from the Army's engineer school at Fort Leonard Wood, Texas.

"Private Matteson's a good example of the training GuardHELP provides [Soldiers]," Rome said. Matteson is training as a heavy construction equipment operator. "He received some [training] time on heavy [construction] equipment at school, but this is where he really uses it," Rome said.

The engineers started their heavy equipment work in 2003 by leveling the site. They erected a drainage system in 2004, which they backfilled with soil this summer.

On this day, the engineers had an experienced heavy equipment operator on hand: Sgt. Patrick E. McCarthy. McCarthy, who recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom II and worked similar community construction projects there, provided the final sweeps of topsoil across the bare field, with a grader, before grass seed was spread.

"It's not the worst place to be for annual training," Rome said, referring to



Sgt. Patrick McCarthy levels a final coat of topsoil with a grader. Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith.

the park's scenic overlook of the valley including the Schoharie Creek below.

"We will place a stone [inscribed with the battalion's logo] when we leave," Gregrow said. The stone will be the only sign that the New York National Guard trained here.

"We wouldn't have been able to do this without them," Ranieri said. He added that the park plans to construct restrooms and a pavilion for the site. When the field is ready for the first soccer ball kick, Ranieri plans to hold an exhibition game, which might match the GuardHELP engineers against the project's other organizers. "That would be fun," he said. □



Sgt. Adam Gregrow, right, and Pvt. Joseph M. Matteson discuss the morning's work at Minekill State Park Jul. 29 during GuardHELP's Minekill Soccer Field project. Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith

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**FIRST LIEUTENANT**  
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 MANY, PATRICIA S 174 MEDICAL GP

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 BRODY, KEVIN A 174 COMMUNICATIONS FT  
 EQUILS, SEANE 107 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 FELL, KATHERINEM 174 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 FOBARE, PAUL D 139 AIRLIFT SQ  
 GREEN, SCOTT A 107 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 HACKLEY, DOROTHY M 213 ENG INSTL SQ  
 HARRIS, NEAL B 174 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 HUARD, MAURICER 139 AIRLIFT SQ  
 KUHN, COLLEEN M 105 MEDICAL GP  
 MAMOT, GERALD C 107 LOGISTICS READINES SQ  
 MAYO, DARRELLE 106 SECURITY FORCES SQ  
 MCALLISTER, SANDRA J 174 COMMUNICATIONS FT  
 MIRANDA, DANIEL 105 MISSION SUPPORT FT  
 PALUMBO, JAMES R 107 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ  
 RODIER, WAYNE S 139 AEROMED EVAC SQ  
 SERNA, JOANNA O 109 AIRLIFT WG  
 WALLACE, WALTER A 106 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 WESTFALL, FRED V 105 AERIAL PORT SQ  
 ZIMMERMAN, STANLEY A 107 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ

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BULL, JASON R 139 AIRLIFT SQ  
 BUSH, ADAM D 136 AIR REFUELING SQ  
 CASTIGLIA, DAVID P 107 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ  
 CHRISTINA, ESTEBAN 174 COMMUNICATIONS FT  
 CONTI, CHAD E 139 AIRLIFT SQ  
 DAPARMA, ANDREM 105 AERIAL PORT SQ  
 DOMAGALA, MICHAEL B 107 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 DUFFY, CHRISTOPHER S 174 SECURITY FORCES SQ  
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 LEINEN, SCOTT V 137 AIRLIFT SQ  
 MARTIN, MICHELE A 136 AIR REFUELING SQ  
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 MERCENDETTI, ANDRE 174 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FT  
 MICHAUD, DEREK J 105 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 PURDY, HOLLY A 105 MEDICAL GP  
 RAVESI, JOSEPH M 105 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 REED, CHRISTOPHER L 107 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 STORMS, GORDON A JR 107 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 TRAXLER, MARK M 107 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 VLACICH, JAMES J 106 MAINTENANCE SQ

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 BARNETT, RYAN H 106 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 BELKIN, MARC J 106 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 BIERBOWER, JUSTIN THAYER 105 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 BOLOGNANI, JOSHUA J 174 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ  
 BOVENZI, LYDIA E 107 MAINTENANCE OPS FT  
 BURKE, JEFFREY P 137 AIRLIFT SQ  
 CHARLES, ERICA 105 AERIAL PORT SQ  
 COLBERG, THERESA A 105 MEDICAL GP  
 DIAZ, JOSEPH A 106 SERVICES FT  
 DICKSON, MICHAEL J 174 COMMUNICATIONS FT  
 DURYEE, DEVIN J 106 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 ERIKSON, MARK C 106 MEDICAL GP  
 FULLAM, JOSEPH R 106 SERVICES FT  
 GASPERETTI, WILLIAM J 105 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 HOLZAPFEL, ERIN M 105 MEDICAL GP  
 KAMBURELIS, KRISTOFER M 109 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 KAYLOR, KEVIN M 174 COMMUNICATIONS FT  
 KENNEY, SHAWNA M 106 NORTH EAST AIR DEF SQ  
 KUMAR, KAUSHAL 105 AERIAL PORT SQ  
 LOMEDICO, GREGORY V 107 MAINTENANCE OPS FT  
 MALCOLM, JAMES S 107 MAINTENANCE OPS FT  
 MALER, TERRY R 106 SECURITY FORCES SQ

MAY, DAVID J 174 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 MCCRARY, CHRISTOPHER D 109 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 MCNAIR, TARA Y 105 MAINTENANCE SQ  
 MUNOZ, KARINA A 102 RESCUE SQ  
 RADLEY, FREDERICK W 107 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ  
 REITER, EDWARD J 102 RESCUE SQ  
 SANDERS, KEVIN R 174 SERVICES FT  
 SEXTON, JOSEPH O 102 RESCUE SQ  
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 CARLEY, JOSHUA T 174 STUDENT FT  
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 MILLER, MICHAEL P 109 STUDENT FT  
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**Team makers**, or race takers, New York Air National Guard North East Air Defense Sector Airmen... Utica, for their 10th year. The NEADS team ranked 5th in the Coed-small Team category. Their top... Tyrone Melton - 606th overall - ran in 1:04:20, and with the help of the next two fastest runners -... Sgt. Patty Crane - the team's average... Photo courtesy of NEADS.



# NYNM Marine provides Guiding Hand in Difficult Times

By Sgt. Stephen M. DeBoard  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** — Marines and Sailors challenged with serious, long-term injury often face an uphill climb toward resuming a life of normalcy.

Supporting these wounded warriors is New York Naval Militia Marine Maj. Daniel L. Hooker, a Marine Reservist assigned as officer-in-charge of the II Marine Expeditionary Force Injured Support Unit. The Marines and Sailors on his team are responsible for assuring that injured service members and their families have a guiding hand from the Marine Corps to assist them through the rehabilitation and transition process, whether that transition is to a medically-retired status or back to active duty after a period of recovery.

The unit is a new one, Hooker said, having been established using the model of the Marine For Life Injured Support program.

Lt. Gen. James F. Amos, commanding general, II MEF, contacted Hooker in April after writing the rough outline of his plan, Hooker said.

"[Amos] was concerned about Marines who both were wounded and those who had recently been medically

discharged. He wanted to make sure in addition to the excellent care they were receiving from the Navy, if at any point during their recovery there was anything they needed, or they should wind up being medically discharged, he wanted to make sure they had a smooth transition to civilian life," Hooker said.

The main idea, Hooker said, is to make sure Marines and Sailors who come into contact with the ISU understand that the Marine Corps has not forgotten about them.

"If [the injured] want any help, whether it's adjustment matters, seeking employment, help with education or help with any governmental or military bureaucracy, there are Marines there to help them," Hooker said.

The ISU guides Marines, sailors and their families through the veterans' health care system, regardless of the scope or nature of their problem. The team does this by asking the injured a series of questions designed to gauge the service member's satisfaction with the transition process and identify any problems he may be having.

"Of the wide variety of situations we encounter, some are simple and technical ... others may require significantly more involvement, whether with the [Department of Veterans' Affairs] or other entities. It's sort of a situation where the Marines' responses will tell us about their successful adjustment to civilian life or lack thereof," Hooker said. □



Maj. Daniel L. Hooker visits with a wounded Marine.  
Photo by Sgt. Stephen M. DeBoard.

## Negative effects of smoking not deterring Servicemembers

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON**—The lung cancer death of broadcasting legend Peter Jennings, an admitted longtime smoker, has again brought smoking and its dangers to the forefront of public consciousness.

While an estimated 25 percent of Americans smoke, the military's numbers hover at 34 percent, according to Col. Gerald Wayne Talcott with the Air Force Medical Support Agency, Falls Church, Va. That's an increase of four percent for the military since 2002.

"We do have a higher prevalence of smoking for our youngest people in the military," Talcott said. "Now, if you look at officers, that's not the case. But for our youngest members, that's our E-1s through E-4s, ... the overall prevalence is a little bit higher than the national average."

"It's a good suspicion" that the war is a factor in the increase of military smokers, he added.

Servicemembers who smoke often claim it's a stress reliever. Talcott said that might be true, but only for people who already are addicted. Before addiction occurs, smoking actually increases stress on the body, he explained.

Smokers may see their habit as a personal risk, but it affects force readiness, Talcott said. Even among smokers who have no

ongoing diseases related to smoking, it impairs night vision, weakens the immune system and can lengthen healing time. Smokers also may have more frequent upper-respiratory ailments.

Tobacco use also affects families, the colonel said.

"We have a lot of young people that are just starting families," Talcott said. "It has an impact on those young children as well. If you're smoking around them, their risk for upper respiratory infections goes up as well."

Smoking is a deceptive risk for younger people, since they don't necessarily feel the immediate ramifications. But, if a smoker quits, as more than 50 percent of Defense Department personnel who smoke have expressed a desire to do, there are benefits to be reaped.

"Your body has a very recuperative ability," Talcott said. "Within 10 to 15 years your risk for cancer, if you quit early enough, ... is the almost the same as a nonsmokers."

Servicemembers have multiple excuses for not quitting. The fear of failure or a failed first attempt often keeps smokers from trying to quit again, Talcott said.

"What we know is that it seems like the more people try to quit, the more likely they are to quit successfully."

Help is available for those who wish to quit but think they need help. DoD offers smoking cessation classes in nearly all medical treatment facilities, and nicotine-replacement therapies are available.

The Tricare Web site, [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil), also offers information on why kicking the habit is a good idea.

The military also is working to make smoking less attractive by hitting servicemembers who smoke in the wallet.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is restricted to discounting tobacco products no more than 5 percent below what they would cost outside a military installation. This is a change from deeper discounts that were once offered, officials said. □

## Soldier faces Article 32 Hearing on Murder Charges

By American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — An Article 32 hearing for a soldier charged in the deaths of two Task Force Liberty officers began Sept. 19, Multinational Force Iraq officials announced.

Staff Sgt. Alberto B. Martinez, 37, formerly of Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division (Mechanized), is charged with two specifications of premeditated murder, violations of Article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. An Article 32 hearing is the equivalent of a civilian grand jury hearing. Charges were preferred against Martinez, a supply specialist, June 15 in the deaths of the two officers.

Officials said Capt. Phillip T. Esposito and 1st Lt. Louis E. Allen died June 7 of wounds suffered in what was initially thought to be an enemy attack. The officers died at Forward Operating Base Danger near Tikrit, Iraq. Both were assigned to the accused Soldier's New York Army National Guard unit. Esposito was the company commander and Allen served as a company operations officer. Martinez was in pretrial confinement at a military facility in Kuwait. □

## Operation Echo Taps hits the Right Note

By NYG Sgt. Dave Konig  
New York Guard

**ELMIRA** — Operation Echo Taps involved more than 800 buglers from 30 states who consecutively played the 24-note song "Taps" starting at the Woodlawn National Cemetery, here, and ending at the Bath National Cemetery nearly 40 miles away. It took nearly three hours to complete the musical succession.

The New York Guard 56th Brigade's annual training was an ambitious logistical exercise, here, May 21 on Armed Forces Day.

The NYG brigade helped coordinate hundreds of volunteers for Operation Echo Taps.

The operation required extensive planning and NYG noncommissioned officers helped.

NYG Sgt. 1st Class Mark Copeletti supervised 18 NYG volunteers. He also manned radio operations, under the direction of NYG Chief Warrant Officer 2 Patrick Guthoff, who acted as liaison with the HAM radio operators helping with the operation.

New York Guard members spent several days laying out markers along their assigned 21-mile section of the musical route. They flagged locations for bus stops and chaperones for the buglers and briefed bus captains.

"We had to learn the sections inside and out, which included terrain, exposures, latrine locations, bus parking and support logistics," NYG Staff Sgt. Paul White said. "I knew the route, the plan and had radio capabilities." □

# MPs, Troop Command Soldiers train in Brasilia

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

**BRASILIA, Brazil** – In the heart of South America, a group of New York Army National Guard Soldiers worked through a conflict: two countries, Boria and Rogan, were at odds with each other. Thankfully, they were not alone. The Guardsmen were joined by a United Nations group summoned here to prevent a war. By freak coincidence, though, hurricanes and earthquakes were pulverizing the countryside while armed citizens brought firefights to Boria, forcing them to work unforeseen stability issues.

Nearly 15 Soldiers from NYARNG's 104<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion were invited to train here by U.S. Army South at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Peacekeeping Operations South training exercise.

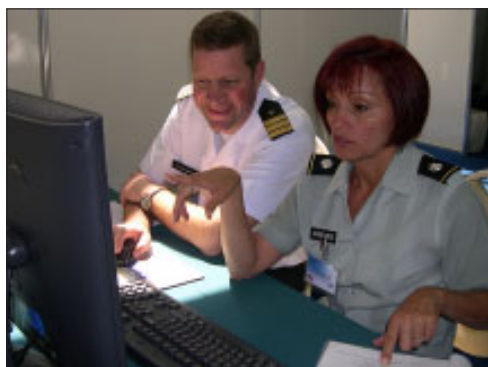
The Soldiers used their annual training to hone their military police skills — they acted as “scenario-advancement” Soldiers. From the NYARNG's 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command, nearly 20 Soldiers were additionally invited to act as “Pucksters”, or scenario-movers, for the July 18 event. The event encompassed a mix of more than 400 military and civilian participants from 16 countries.

The Troop Command “pucksters” were assigned to different country representatives and acted as links between each country's commanders and the location where they wanted forces moved. The MPs operated as a battalion cell with eight companies including a port security unit. The unit reacted to civil unrest, set up checkpoints along the borders and countered insurgent wrongdoing.

“In addition, the MPs helped establish and train local Borian law enforcement personnel to produce a sustainable force,” Capt. Fred McCoy, Assistant Operations Officer for Headquarters, 104MP, said. “The training was excellent and beneficial.”

The annual event is considered the largest peacekeeping operations training exercise in Latin America. This year the Brazilian army hosted the event.

“This will lead to an exceptional training event for everyone,” Maj. Gen. John G. Gardner, U.S. Army South Commanding General said during the opening ceremony. The U.S. Army South multinational exercise brings the UN together with Latin American nations to plan and execute the computer-simulated peacekeeping operation. United States Southern Command, the parent command to USARSO, started sponsoring simulated peacekeeping operations in 1995. The goals and objectives have



Lt. Col. Rosa Latorre-Gross, right, in Brazil .

evolved along with UN peacekeeping operations.

“There is a wealth of talent and experience here for the exercise. We will take advantage of this talent and experience, which will help to examine the complex military, political, social, cultural, and economic challenges associated with 21<sup>st</sup> century UN peacekeeping operations,” Gardner said.

During the exercise various multinational actions helped simulate a plethora of peacekeeping challenges. The PKO scenario used realistic UN Security Council Resolutions applied to a fictitious country. Each morning began with a briefing, which included the daily notes and the morning news coverage on the Boria situation. The primary goals were to share experiences and to review the challenges involved in PKOs as well as increase the readiness of those who may participate in future UN peacekeeping missions — 12 Latin American countries participate in 16 of the UN's 18 real-world peacekeeping operations.

“With a beautiful backdrop such as Brasilia, Brazil, we've been able to work closely with these Latin American countries and help one another learn,” Sgt. Cynthia Cruz-Ramos, 53TC, said. Peacekeeping Operations exercises and seminars seek the integration and cooperation of the armed forces with humanitarian assistance organizations.

“Overall, the training was tremendous. The opportunity to see how people from different countries act, react, and deploy themselves was very interesting and helpful for future operations,” said 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Fitzpatrick, Platoon Leader, 104MP. The work with foreign militaries, UN, government and non-governmental agencies exposes personnel to operating in multinational exercises. □



A joint task force attends a battle update brief at the Peacekeeping Operations South training exercise . Photo by 2nd Lt. Amy Fires.

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