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# From the leadership

**M**aintaining the strength of our New York military forces is always a concern for me, especially as we near the end of the recruiting year. We have to be able to deliver for the people of New York State as well as for our federal mission on the Army and Air side. We have been able to meet these obligations, but sometimes we have not had the numbers of Soldiers and Airmen we would have liked.

We are going to have a lot of deployments next year on the Army side and we will continue to have on-going deployments on the air side. Since we will be sending Soldiers and Airmen overseas, we need a robust Guard to guarantee that we can continue to meet our domestic security missions.

Strength maintenance is an important issue for every Soldier and Airman. Without enough troops the National Guard Bureau will seek to change our force structure. This means units now in New York will be moved to other states. Fewer units will mean fewer opportunities for officers and NCOs to enjoy full National Guard careers with an opportunity for new and challenging jobs.

Fewer units will also make it harder for us to meet our homeland security and emergency preparedness missions. Fewer units' means

less equipment and less capabilities to respond to floods, hurricanes, snowstorms, security alerts, and the other emergencies we deal with as many as eight times a year.

Strength maintenance is not just an Army Guard issue. It is critical to our Air National Guard Wings too. The Air National Guard has to maintain what has traditionally been good strength. We have the largest Air National Guard in the country and we want to keep it that way so we are giving wing commanders recruiting targets to meet.

Although most of the attention gets focused on the Army and Air National Guard, the strength of the New York Guard and the New York Naval Militia, the other half of our military force, is also vital.

We depend on the Navy and Marine Corps reservists who participate in the Naval Militia for critical security functions. We need to keep our Military Emergency Boat Service viable, while integrating Naval Militia members into all of our ongoing security operations.

The members of the voluntary New York Guard have rendered great services in the past and will continue to do so. We are redefining the mission and roles of the New York Guard to keep it relevant. When we do

that, and when we have properly resourced those missions, we can bring in more quality volunteers.

These are challenging times for leaders at all levels. We're asking you to work hard to retain service members and find new ones. At the same time we're also asking you to train hard for potential federal deployments, and meet all state emergency mission requirements.

Unit leaders have to be ready to find Soldiers and Airmen to respond to local floods, like those in Delaware County recently, or provide extra soldiers to pull security at New York City tunnels and bridges as we did over the Fourth of July holiday.

Majors and colonels working these challenges must still find time to mentor our young captains and lieutenants. Senior NCOs must make time to work with our young sergeants, too. If we do not make time to mentor our rising generation of leaders, then we won't have leaders to pass this fine organization on to.

We are working the strength issue hard at state headquarters and at our major commands, but this is a leadership issue for all levels of command. And those leaders need the support of all Soldiers and Airmen.



**Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto**

With the end of the fiscal year coming, we all have to pull together to make our strength goals.

I can preach all I want to, but it is up to the leaders at the company and squadron level, to make strength a priority. I'm counting on each and every one of you to do your part in keeping our fine Soldiers and Airmen in the National Guard and bringing in new members.

This is a great organization. Working together we will keep it that way.

## GUARD NOTES

### New identity-theft scam

**WASHINGTON** (Armed Forces Press Network) -- The American Red Cross is warning military spouses about a new identity-theft scam that targets family members of deployed troops.

The Red Cross was alerted of the scam early in June, said Deborah Goldberg of the Red Cross.

The scam involves a person with an American accent calling a military spouse, identifying herself as a representative of the Red Cross, and telling the spouse that her husband was hurt in Iraq and was medically evacuated to Germany. The caller then says that doctors can't start treatment until paperwork is completed, and that to start the paperwork they need the spouse to verify her husband's social security number and date of birth.

It is hard to determine how many spouses have been targeted by this scam, Ms. Goldberg said, as there are many ways for spouses to report problems like this. However, one confirmed report was enough for the Red Cross to act, she said.

"We know that it happened to one person; it was probably going to happen to others, and we wanted to be prudent

and alert people," she said.

American Red Cross representatives typically do not contact military members or dependents directly and almost always go through a commander or first sergeant, according to a Red Cross news release. Military family members are urged not to give out any personal information over the phone if contacted by unknown individuals, including confirmation that their spouse is deployed.

In addition, Red Cross representatives contact military members or dependents directly only in response to an emergency message initiated by a family member, the news release said. The Red Cross does not report any type of casualty information to family members; the Defense Department will contact families directly.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison, for a person to fraudulently pretend to be a member of, or an agent for, the American Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material, according to the news release. Any military family member who receives such a call is urged to report it to his or her local family readiness group or military personnel flight.

### Army opens new Military-Only resort

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.** -- The Army recently opened Cape Henry Inn, a military-only resort in Virginia Beach.

The Inn offers 120 rooms, two swimming pools, two outside cabannas, playgrounds and outside grills.

The U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command plans on expanding the property over the next two years with additional rooms and conference facilities.

Reservations must be made by those individuals who are Active Duty, Retired, Reserve military, or DoD civilian.

For more information, visit the Cape Henry Inn website <http://www.capehenryinn.com> or telephone the Inn at (757) 422-8818.

## Guard reducing number of troops on border

**WASHINGTON** (American Forces Press Service) - The National Guard plans to adjust the number of personnel performing security duty along the U.S.-Mexican border from about 6,000 to about 3,000 members, a National Guard Bureau spokesman said July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last year, President Bush directed the National Guard to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in patrolling the 2,000-mile-long border with Mexico, National Guard Bureau spokesman Maj. David Kolarik told American Forces Press Service during a phone interview from the bureau's headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Almost 6,000 Guard members - mostly volunteers -- have been on border security duty in the southwestern states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California in support of the U.S. Border Patrol since June 2006.

"It was never meant to be a permanent solution," Kolarik said of the National Guard's participation in Operation Jump Start. "It was an intermediate measure to provide support for border security efforts until they brought the additional resources and personnel in line that they needed." The Guard redeployment is slated for completion around Sept. 1, he said.

About 3,000 National Guard members will continue assisting the Customs and Border Protection Agency along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The National Guard's presence along the U.S.-Mexican border has helped to curtail illegal immigration as well as to circumvent narcotics traffic.

Guard members on border duty do not perform law enforcement, but they do conduct surveillance, work with entry identification teams, assist with communications and give administrative support to the Border Patrol.



New construction to be a central point for mobilization of Guard and reserve forces:

# Congressman Israel and Guard announce new Armed Forces Reserve Center for Long Island

## Congressional News Release

**FARMINGDALE** - Congressman Steve Israel (D- Huntington) joined New York National Guardsmen and reservists to announce the establishment of an \$86 million state-of-the-art Armed Forces Reserve Center.

The multi-use facility will be home to approximately 1,275 uniformed personnel, serving as a central location for the mobilization of New York National Guard and Reserve forces in the event of a natural disaster or a terrorist attack and as a facility for training, equipment storage and administration functions.

"Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Israel, Long Island is gaining a state-of-the-art reserve center that will also be a training site for New York National Guard forces," said Governor Elliot Spitzer. "When completed in 2010, the new facility will provide a base for National Guard units responding to emergencies in both Nassau and Suffolk counties and provide emergency shelter to hundreds of residents in the event of a snowstorm or hurricane."

Israel was joined by Col. Geoffrey Slack, operations officer, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and Col. Michael Canders, commander, 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing. Canders is also the commander of Joint Task Force Two, which is responsible for providing support to Nassau and Suffolk counties if activated by the governor in the



U.S. Rep. Steve Israel (center) is joined by Col. Geoffrey Slack, Marine Sgt. Hayes and Colonel Canders (pictured from left to right) in announcing the construction of the Farmingdale Armed Forces Reserve Center. Courtesy photo.

U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Construction of the project is expected to be complete by July 2010, with demolition of existing facilities occurring through June 2007. □

event of an emergency situation.

This past March, Congressman Israel joined Governor Spitzer and Major General Joseph P. Taluto, Adjutant General for the State of New York, in releasing a report on the staffing and equipment levels of the New York National Guard. While the Guard has been asked to support more operations than ever before, it is only funded at 61 percent of its full-time requirements for staffing and at 41 percent of authorized equipment.

"The Farmingdale Armed Forces Reserve Center will provide a first rate facility that will allow our Army National Guard units to provide responsive support for our Long Island communities," said Gen. Taluto. "This building will bring the National Guard on Long Island into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

The Farmingdale Center will be used by military reserve forces of the New York Army National Guard, U.S. Navy Reserve,

## Governor meets troops, expresses support for 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division

Story and photo by Eric Durr  
Guard Times Staff



From left: Maj. Gen. Oates, Gov. Spitzer, Lt. Gov. Paterson and Maj. Gen. Taluto pose for a photo in front of Fort Drum's *Climb to Glory* statue. It was Gov. Spitzer's first visit to the military installation as Governor of the State of New York.

**FORT DRUM**--Governor Eliot Spitzer, the commander in chief of New York's military forces, made his first trip to Fort Drum, May 25.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the Adjutant General, accompanied the governor and Lt. Gov. David Paterson during his visit with military family members, local civilian leaders, and Maj. Gen. Mike Oates, the commander of Fort Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.

The visit provided him with a chance to learn more about the military post, which injects about \$1.2 billion into the economy each year, and the Soldiers that live and work there, the governor said. The visit, on the eve of Memorial Day weekend, was also a chance to express support for Soldiers and their families, and recognize the sacrifices they make, the governor said.

"We respect every Soldier for the risks that he or she shoulders every day when they go into combat," Spitzer said. "Memorial Day is a time to honor the sacrifices that Soldiers make on a regular basis."

During his visit with Oates, Spitzer was briefed on the search for members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division's 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade who are missing in Iraq. Spec. Alex R. Jimenez, 25, and Pvt. Byron W. Fouty, 19, were taken prisoner by insurgents during a May 12 ambush. The body of Pfc. Joseph Anzack, 20, was identified the day of the governor's visit.

"We just wait with baited breathe as do family members, and all members of the armed forces, and we pray for those Soldiers and hope there is an affirmative result," said Spitzer.

Spitzer visited the post's Rapid Deployment Facility through which more than 2,700 New York National Guard

Soldiers and Airman have passed during deployments. He also viewed new construction underway to house the additional troops the Army is stationing at Fort Drum.

**"We respect every Soldier for the risks that he or she shoulders every day when they go into combat"**

The New York Army National Guard recently completed a \$7.4 million Readiness Center at Fort Drum to house the 102<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Co. and elements of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division headquarters. Work will soon begin on a 149,800 square foot addition to the New York National Guard's Maneuver Area Training Equipment. That new construction is estimated to cost \$12.6 million

Fort Drum is the main training area for New York Army National Guard Soldiers and for other deploying National Guard Soldiers throughout the northeast.

Since 9/11, the post has also served as a key mobilization and training site for deploying National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

Spitzer, Paterson, Taluto and Oates met with members of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization. The group of Fort Drum area community leader was formed in 1990 to promote cooperation between the military and the civilian communities and advocate for Fort Drum.

The governor and lieutenant governor also met with military families. He was struck by how much the military families reported enjoying the North Country and the region's quality of life, Spitzer said. He was also impressed by their dedication to the Army, and how many of them had reenlisted despite repeated deployments. □





# Clean up a breeze for Long Island aviation unit

Story and photos by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steven Petibone  
42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade

**DEER PARK, LONG ISLAND** – Aircrews from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade located near Ronkonkoma partnered with the local New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Park Rangers to perform an innovative training mission clean-up project in a New York State Park located between Deer Park and Baywood. Aircrews lifted abandoned vehicles from the park to protect the environment.

The New York National Guard's innovative readiness training program is known as GuardHELP. Launched in June of 1998, GuardHELP is New York State's innovative non-emergency support program linking the capabilities of the New York National Guard with the needs of New York's communities.

GuardHELP stands for HEAR what communities need, EDUCATE them on Guard capabilities, LINK the appropriate capabilities to those needs and PARTNER with New York's communities for the mutual benefit of both the people of New York and their Guard force.

The Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve is a small community nature preserve and walking trail that the surrounding towns and citizens want to improve.

The DEC's goal for the project was to improve and maintain the existing preserve, prevent dumping, prevent unauthorized motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle access and preserve the maximum amount of open space connecting infrastructures around the area.

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Avn. Regt.'s assistance brought a two-fold solution to the DEC's initiative of park preservation and aided future budget planning.

First, the 142<sup>nd</sup> used their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to airlift two abandoned vehicles and the remains of a flatbed truck from the underbrush by use of a sling-load and drop them off near the parking area of the preserve for the DEC to dispose of.

"The DEC benefited by saving a lot of money having us remove these derelict vehicles." Said Warrant Officer 3 Richard Siracusano, Jr., safety officer, 142<sup>nd</sup> Avn. Regt.

"Now, money in their budget can go toward making this park preserve a cleaner, safer and more attractive place for the community."

Second, using the sling load method, the 142<sup>nd</sup> airlifted and strategically positioned more than nine 3500-pound Jersey barriers along trails and access points in order to prevent unauthorized motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle access.

"The completion of this GuardHELP project helps us manage the entry of illegal access vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles and dirt-bikes." Said DEC Forest Ranger, Capt. Tim Burns, public information officer. "This is in keeping with the agencies (DEC's) plan to reclaim the preserve and return it to its natural habitat."

This is not the first time that the Ronkonkoma-based aviation unit has partnered with the DEC in a GuardHELP project. In 2003, the aviation battalion helped to construct fish habitats in Lake Ronkonkoma by airlifting and dropping massive tree stumps unearthed by the New York Department of Transportation along Interstate 87. □



42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade crews rig an abandoned vehicle in Long Island's Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve for airlifting out of the park. The crews from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment conducted the airload mission as part of the New York National Guard's GuardHELP innovative readiness training support to communities. Above photo: Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher Klimek, crew chief, monitors the cable detachment of an airlifted abandoned vehicle.



# Flash flood in Catskills draws Guard Engineer support

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class David P. Benamati  
138th Public Affairs Detachment

**COLCHESTER** – New York Governor Eliot Spitzer mobilized Army Guard engineers from the 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion based in Binghamton and the 827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company from Walton to state active duty following devastating flash flooding in the western Catskills on June 18. The Army Guard Soldiers assisted local authorities after an unusually heavy rain overflowed the banks of the Holiday Brook in the town here, destroying several homes and causing the deaths of an estimated four residents. Several parts of Holiday Brook Road in the region between Delaware and Sullivan Counties were completely washed out by the flash flooding.

More than 60 National Guardsmen rallied at the Walton armory approximately eleven miles from Colchester and transported bulldozers, front-end loaders and other heavy engineer equipment to the scene in order to rebuild the washed away road sections for emergency responders and attempted to return the waters of the Holiday Brook back to their original course.

Emergency management officials estimated that more than eight inches of rain caused the slopes of the hills surrounding Holiday Brook to erode and slide down into the brook, carrying hundreds of trees with the landslide. As the trees floated downstream, they clogged several small bridges that spanned the brook, forcing the water to overflow the banks. The resulting flash flood washed away several sections of road and large sections of land.

One home was destroyed and several homes were damaged as the debris washed downstream. Four people were declared missing in the aftermath of the storm and two bodies were recovered by emergency responders during the initial National Guard callup.

Guard Engineers worked alongside members of the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village of Colchester, and the Town of Hancock to haul fill material from local sources. Placing the fill in washed away portions of the main road helped create a bypass and eventually allowed for the restoration of culverts over the brook and the repair of the road. Thousands of yards of dirt and gravel were needed to replace what was eventually washed down stream into the Pepacton Reservoir.

“It’s going to take weeks, easy, just to get a basic trail up there (the mountain area affected) to fill back in.” said Staff Sgt. Thaddeus R. Bull, Detachment 1, 827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company.

Other members of the 827<sup>th</sup> Engineers went from house to house to check on residents in the area of Holiday Brook Road and offered assistance where it was needed. Some residents were evacuated because their homes were in imminent danger of being washed away by the flooding.

As power and emergency services were restored to the area and emergency road repairs transitioned towards more predictable recovery operations, Bull commented on how the surrounding communities of Colchester and Hancock ‘had come together’ in support of the New York Army National Guard and its partnership in support of the large number of local and state agencies.

The Guard’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command in Valhalla responded as the lead element of the Joint Task Force support requests from the State Emergency Management Office.

Nineteen other National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supported the operation with logistics, communications, and command and control oversight. More than 50 National Guard personnel were involved in the response to support the local community. □



Dump trucks from the 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion and the 827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company of the New York Army National Guard partner with trucks from the NYS Dept. of Transportation, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Towns of Hancock and Colchester to haul dirt to the areas washed away in mid-June by flash floods along the Holiday Brook in the two Adirondack communities.



Spc. Patrick E. McCarthy, 827<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company, New York Army National Guard, operates a D7 bulldozer in an attempt to restore the washed away portions of the Holiday Brook Road and return the Holiday Brook back to its original course. A flash flood eroded portions of the road and damaged several homes, destroying one. Four persons were reported missing after the flood waters receded.



# Having a blast in the Balkans

## Guardsman EOD team leader augments KFOR 7 rotation to Kosovo

Story courtesy of the 1108<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD)

Photo by 4<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment

**SCHENECTADY** – With forces deployed for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and peacekeeping operations continuing in the Balkans, the Army-wide demand for expert Soldiers for ordnance disposal has never been greater. Whether responding to roadside bombs or conducting de-mining operations, ordnance disposal Soldiers are definitely a high demand military occupation.

Citizen Soldiers from the N.Y. Army National Guard's 1108<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) here in Schenectady knew that demand would take them somewhere. In December of 2005, just two months after completing their unit reorganization and joining their parent unit, the 501<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion, the unit mobilized Soldiers for augmentation to the Alabama National Guard's scheduled rotation to Kosovo a one-year tour in Europe.

Staff Sgt. Eric Lautenschlager, the first qualified EOD team leader in the Schenectady unit, volunteered to support the Alabama Guard's 666<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co. (EOD) for the KFOR 7 rotation to the Balkans.

No deployment ceremony or other fanfare marked his departure. Only the last minute flurry of paperwork and well wishes from battalion staff members followed Lautenschlager's emotional good-byes from family and friends. His rapid callup and preparation for overseas deployment in late 2005 reflected the high degree of professionalism of the EOD community whose Soldiers have some of the most hazardous duty positions within the entire U.S. military.

During the year long deployment, all eight members of the 666<sup>th</sup> EOD Fwd (which also included Citizen Soldiers from the North Carolina Guard) operated out of Camp Bondsteel, the last U.S. camp in Kosovo, working side by side with the other Multi-National Task Force East countries, including Greece, Poland and the Ukraine.

The Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) expertise that the U.S. EOD Teams provided was not only needed within the American sector, but in all other NATO controlled sectors in Kosovo as well. As a result, all three of the two-man U.S. EOD Teams worked closely and trained with other NATO and European Union EOD and IEDD (Improvised Explosive Device Disposal) Teams from such countries as Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, Ireland, Czech Republic and France.

Since NATO's involvement in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia due to ethnic violence in the late 1990s, Kosovo, with its push for independence from Serbia can



Staff Sgt. Eric Lautenschlager (standing center) works alongside an Austrian IEDD team leader during a joint destruction of Code H and Captured Enemy Ammunition as part of the Kosovo Stabilization Force.

still be a hotbed of tension ranging from hostile threats of military action from Serbia, sporadic ethnic violence, organized crime, suspected terrorist cells and the hundreds of minefields and weapons caches that dot the countryside.

The KFOR 7 rotation to Kosovo was a benchmark as the first wholly ARNG-resourced rotation. Previous task force rotations were either from an Active Duty division or had EOD support from Active Duty companies.

Since redeployment home in December 2006, Lautenschlager continues to pass along his experience and lessons learned from his deployment to train up the 1108<sup>th</sup>'s newly qualified EOD Technicians. He and the rest of the EOD Soldiers look for potential new members as the unit begins training for a possible deployment to Kosovo supporting the KFOR 10 rotation. □

# EOD Soldiers train to deal with bombs

Story and photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steve Petibone

Guard Times Staff

**CAMP SMITH TRAINING FACILITY, CORDLANDT MANOR** – Forty-five New York Army National Guardsmen from the 501<sup>st</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion and the 1108<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company from the Schenectady armory spent their two-week annual training here learning to respond to and reduce the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices or other forms of explosives.

"We are getting briefed about the latest IED information from various countries and the newest situations that Soldiers should be aware of before they deploy," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ken Church, 501<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion. "However, during our first week of training, our basic combat training ranged from land navigation to entering and clearing a room."

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According to Major Robert Mitchell, the acting battalion commander, the 501<sup>st</sup> Ordnance training exceeded his expectations because of the quality of



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Ching, Space and Naval Warfare 220, from San Diego, Calif. prepares the Talon Mark 4 Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot for a demonstration. The robot is used to investigate and destroy improvised explosive devices in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ching is part of an active-duty ordnance training team visiting Camp Smith to provide training for New York's 501<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion (EOD) and 1108<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD), headquartered in Schenectady.

training being provided by the 111<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Group from the Alabama Army National Guard.

"The 111<sup>th</sup> is our training readiness oversight headquarters. They have brought a tremendous amount of resources and expertise to our annual training," said Mitchell. "They are giving us world class OC's (observer-controllers) that have deployment experience that enables them to give our teams immediate feed back as they prosecute IED problems."

The 111<sup>th</sup> Ord. Grp. is the only National Guard Ordnance Group in the nation.

"The New York Army National Guardsmen were extremely successful in their EOD training," said Capt. William Dickinson, battalion operations officer, 441<sup>st</sup> Ord. Bn., 111<sup>th</sup> Ord. Grp. "They started out in the crawl mode and quickly moved to the run mode. We were able to identify weaknesses for them to work on before the next annual training cycle." The 111<sup>th</sup> came to conduct annual training at Camp Smith for the first time because the 501<sup>st</sup> is a newly formed New York National Guard unit. In addition to the 45 New York Army National Guardsmen at Camp Smith, there were approximately 115 Guardsmen from Massachusetts, West Virginia, Florida and Georgia participating in the EOD training. □



# Making MOUT with the 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company



Soldiers from the 1156<sup>th</sup> vertical-construction team work as a team to build the fourth and fifth layers of a seven layer perimeter fence around the Hohenfels MOUT building during their overseas annual training deployment. Photo courtesy of 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer company.

## Story and photos by 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company

**Hohenfels, Germany** - More than 80 members of the 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company headquartered in Kingston, with a detachment in Peekskill, conducted their annual training at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany from 12 May to 2 June 2007.

The objective of their overseas deployment training was to assist the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center's completion of select reconstruction and modernization projects.

These projects will help enhance various battalion and brigade-size training units reach their objectives before deploying to current theater operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**“This site is absolutely amazing, the amount of work and quality these Soldiers were able to accomplish and maintain is no small feat”**



Specialist Edward Flanagan hands off a concrete block to Pfc. Popi Begum during the construction of the interior walls at the MOUT building. Hard at work in the background are Spc. Micah Wycoff, Spc. Brandon Sklar and Staff Sgt. Paul Moodie. Photo courtesy of 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company.

The 1156<sup>th</sup> completed the first floor and perimeter fence of a Military-Operations-on-Urban-Terrain building in a simulated Iraqi village. The MOUT building will be used to train units for future deployments and create real world training scenarios.

The 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineers recently transitioned through a major reorganization as well as three changes of command within a year.” Said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert V. Miron, commander, 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company. “We really did not know what to expect from the Soldiers coming into this overseas annual training deployment due to a lack of cohesiveness. The Soldiers exceeded our expectations by quickly pulling together as one team and completing a very challenging and labor intensive task.” The 1156<sup>th</sup> Engineers laid more than 5,000 concrete blocks in their efforts to complete the project. The floor plans for the MOUT building were developed and outlined by the 1156<sup>th</sup> Squad Leader Sgt. Michael Quijano, and approved by German Master Planner, Mr. Ogaard. “This site is absolutely amazing, the amount of work and quality these Soldiers were able to accomplish and maintain is no small feat,” Ogaard said.

The 1156<sup>th</sup> vertical-construction engineers also took on some horizontal missions by helping to construct the Forrest Meister and the IED East road construction projects.

The unit also completed four days of a field-training-exercise. The FTX included convoy operations, hand-to-hand combat training, squad movements, clearing buildings and tactical land navigation. Construction projects were completed concurrently with the FTX. A unit from Texas followed on and will be completing the second floor of the MOUT building. The training-area project is projected to be completed at the end of that rotation. “It was very rewarding for me to work with such a great group of hard-working Soldiers” said Lt. Miron. □

## 104<sup>th</sup> MPs mobilized for Operatrion Iraqi Freedom



Soldiers of the 104<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, take time to conduct a television interview with a Hudson Valley based news team during their May 18th deployment send-off ceremony in Kingston. The unit will train at Fort Bliss, Texas prior to deployment to Iraq and is expected to return to New York in June of 2008. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.



# Putting aerial systems to the test

Story and photos by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steven Petibone  
42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade

**RIVERHEAD** – The 42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade demonstrated one of only four Firehawk aerial firefighting systems in the National Guard inventory on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for Long Island fire-chiefs and forest rangers.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment used two Blackhawk helicopters equipped with different aerial firefighting capabilities here during a two-day awareness training session.

The sessions were hosted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Forest Protection and Fire Management, Region One.

“There are currently four Firehawks in the National Guard,” said Chief Warrant Officer Chuck Rodda, full-time instructor pilot and Army Aviation Support Facility #3 safety officer. “There are two in California, one in Florida and one here in New York.”

During the four years that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment has owned and operated the Firehawk system, it has not been called on to fight wildfires in New York or else where in the United States.

The Firehawk is a fixed-tank system for quick deployment of water and personnel to an emergency response site.

The Firehawk uses a snorkel system to siphon water to fill a 1,000 gallon capacity tank in about 60 seconds.

The more traditional Bambi bucket aerial fire-fighting system is made of lightweight collapsible vinyl that can be set-up in less than fifteen minutes by a four-man crew. It can scoop up and carry as much as 660 gallons of water. It can perform this maneuver in less than a minute. Water is manually released by a valve at the bottom of the bucket.

The purpose of the two-day training sessions was to coordinate and familiarize various state and local emergency response and management agencies with the firefighting capabilities of the National Guards delivery systems.

“The training that is taking place here today was training for the fire service section,” said Capt. Tim Brynes, New York State Forest Ranger supervisor for the New York City, Suffolk and Nassau county region. “The National Guard demonstrated their ability to use these systems and the capabilities of the aircraft.”

Both systems offer rapid deploy ability along with quick water refills and drops between cycles.

Both the 142<sup>nd</sup> and the DEC concurred that in the event of any actual wildfires in New York State, both agencies would welcome the opportunity to partner in fighting wildfires. □

## Guard takes on simulated storm

Story and photo by Eric Durr

Guard Times Staff

**STATEN ISLAND** - With power off, New York City bridges closed, and reports of looting in the wake of Hurricane Yvette, Soldiers of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division prepared to receive reinforcements from upstate National Guard units.

That was the exercise scenario that members of the 42<sup>nd</sup>'s “Tac 2” (Tactical Headquarters 2) at the Manor Road Armory dealt with July 13-17 during their first aid-to-civil-authorities command post exercise. In the event of an actual state emergency “Tac 2” forms the core of Joint Task Force 1, responsible for command and control of New York military forces in New York City.

“The exercise was a good one,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Lant, the JTF Aviation Operations Non-Commissioned Officer. “I think it is real important to stay focused on the homeland security mission and natural disasters because they are really important to the people here at home.”

The exercise scenario required the 75 exercise participants to perform the planning and operations decisions such as moving personnel, trucks, equipment, helicopters and supplies into and out of the disaster area. “Tac 2” worked with maps, computers, high-frequency radio, and satellite communications systems they would use in an actual emergency.

A virtual scenario was built around the impact of the fictitious Hurricane Yvette coming ashore in Queens and Brooklyn at speeds of 125 miles per hour. The participants also responded to requests for generator support at hospitals and pumping stations, the need to protect electrical substations from looters, and hazardous material events that resulted from the storm.

“While most members of the unit have conducted



Hurricane satellite photo image courtesy of [Hurricanetrackinfo.com](http://Hurricanetrackinfo.com)

Training Operation Centers in Iraq, putting civilian agencies into the mix calls for different skills in battle tracking,” said Staff Sgt. Charles Carroll, G-3 Ops NCO. “It’s a few more pieces to the puzzle.”

Most of the Soldiers involved in the 13-17 July exercise served in Iraq with the division headquarters.

The Naval Militia also participated by operating the Military Emergency Boat Service. During hurricane

recovery operations the MEBS six boats would be able to reach areas on the city’s waterfront that would otherwise be isolated. □



Staff Sgt. Howard Wulforst from the 42<sup>nd</sup> ID’s ‘Tac 2’ tactical command post, conducts a helicopter survey overflight employing the Virtual Battlefield System (VBS). When the order is given to launch a virtual reconnaissance flight during the exercise, it is executed in the Battle Simulation Program.



# New York National Guard to field another CST

## Progress made in the assignment of a second Civil Support Team to New York State

Story by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning  
Guard Times Staff

**FORT HAMILTON** --A second New York National Guard Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) has been approved due to efforts by members of New York's Congressional delegation.

"New York City remains a priority target of terrorists and the addition of a second National Guard Civil Support Team is essential to improving our readiness and ability to respond in the event of an attack," said Major General Joseph J. Taluto, the Adjutant General of New York. "The passage of the House Armed Services Committee mark up of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Bill also included an amendment from Congressman John McHugh that authorizes a second team, which opens the door now for the continued fielding process."

"A CST at Fort Hamilton will give New York City's first responders one more resource to draw upon in the event of a terrorist attack. While we have not been attacked since 9/11, we must always be prepared for every possible scenario," said Congressman Vito Fossella

at a press conference on Fort Hamilton to discuss the ongoing legislative support for the team's authorization and funding.

Congressmen Vito Fossella and Peter King joined with Major General Robert Knauff, Deputy Adjutant General of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, to announce May 21 that several critical hurdles have been cleared in establishing the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn.

"This legislation and ongoing work by Congressmen Peter King and Vito Fossella, and Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Michael Balboni means New York is on track with this important initiative," Taluto said.

New York State has been trying for more than 5 years to add a second Civil Support Team to its force structure to improve its ability to help protect the state and support civil authorities and locate it in the New York City metropolitan area.

"Manhattan is America's financial capital and New York Harbor is the second largest port in the nation," said Deputy Secretary Michael Balboni. "We have a long national border with Canada and New York is also bordered by two great lakes. Our National Guard is on duty every day here in New York in support of civil authorities with ongoing Homeland Defense missions, while also participating in federal overseas deployments and standing by to respond to the next natural disaster or terrorist attack here at home," he said.

New York was among ten states in 1998 which began



Captain Micheal Keyes, newly assigned science officer for the proposed 24<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, answers media questions during the official announcement of the activation of New York State's second CST. Surrounding Capt. Keyes is, from left, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Jason Zeller, Congressman Vito Fossella and Deputy Adjutant General Robert Knauff. CSTs augment local and regional terrorism response capabilities in events known or suspected to involve Weapons of Mass Destruction. The announcement took place inside Fort Hamilton's scenic view area overlooking the Hudson river. The new CST is scheduled to be assigned to Fort Hamilton to provide more rapid response for the metropolitan New York City area. Photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steven Petibone.

fielding civil support teams to respond to potential terrorist attacks. New York's 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team was officially validated for service in 2000.

CSTs are federally funded high-tech National Guard units established under Presidential Decision Directive 39. On deployment, CSTs augment local and regional terrorism response capabilities in events known or suspected to involve Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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WMD events are incidents involving hostile use of chemicals (such as nerve or blister agent), biological (for example, anthrax), or radiological agents. The team can be en route within two hours to support civil authorities in the event or suspicion of a WMD attack. The unit can detect

and identify the presence of chemical, biological or radiological weapons and assist the civilian incident commander in responding to the affects of the attack and facilitate follow on support.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> CST was the first such National Guard team to respond to a terrorist attack (9-11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center) and since then has performed numerous missions in support of federal, state and local civil authorities by being forward deployed mostly in New York City for significant public events, where it monitored environmental conditions for the possible presence of chemical, biological or radiological agents. Since that time, New York's 2<sup>nd</sup> CST has been regarded as the busiest CST in the nation.

Last year, New York's Congressional delegation secured federal legislation appropriating some funds for a second CST for New York State under the leadership of Congressman Peter King of Long Island. However, further legislation was necessary to bring the fielding to fruition.

On 1 March, Deputy Secretary Michael Balboni orchestrated a meeting with members of New York's Congressional delegation to clarify needed legislation. While the passage of the 2008 National Defense Authorization mark up was pending, New York began the selection and hiring of skilled military personnel for the new team, began the purchase process of advanced equipment and began to ready the future unit for fielding under the original federal appropriation in the prior Fiscal Year 2007 Defense Appropriations Act.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs worked with Congressman Vito Fossella to locate the new unit at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, where presently the New York National Guard's Task Force Empire Shield is based, providing ongoing security support to Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station in Manhattan and at Kennedy and LaGuardia airports in Queens and at the state's four nuclear power sites.

"The addition of a second Civil Support Team to New York will provide us with a much improved capability to respond and locating the team in New York City will speed the response there," said Taluto. "Our current team has shouldered a tremendous operational burden ever since 9-11, meeting every mission with skill and dedication. A second team will give our state the vital asset it needs in New York City and surrounding downstate areas and another team upstate capable of responding to an attack elsewhere or to reinforce in the New York City area if needed," he said. □



# Everyone's Rabbi ministers on border

Story and photo by Sgt. Ed Balaban

NYARNG, Tucson Sector PAO

**NOGALES, Ariz.** -- Growing up in the Brooklyn Heights section of New York City, Barry Baron had no idea that his life's journey would take him to the far corners of the world so that he could minister to the men and women of the New York National Guard.

Now, as one of only three ordained rabbis in the New York National Guard, and of only 20 in the Army, Chaplain Baron, a Lieutenant Colonel assigned to the New York Army National Guard's 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command, continues to minister to those Army and Air Guardsmen who volunteered to support the Southwest Border Mission of Operation Jump Start in Arizona. He sees his mission as "not only a duty but more like a privilege."

So how does a nice Jewish boy from Brooklyn find himself in the Arizona desert?

After earning a bachelor's degree in history from Cornell University, Chaplain Baron was accepted into a business doctoral program at the University of Pittsburgh. Somewhere amidst part-time graduate study and part-time work, he heard a different calling and acknowledged his "early career change" which led to his ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1988. He was accepted to the Army Chaplaincy later that year, remaining on active duty at Fort Benning until 1991. Upon leaving active duty, Rabbi Baron embarked on his career as a synagogue rabbi, while maintaining his military membership with the Army Reserve. He led congregations in Houston, Texas, Youngstown, Ohio, and Vestal (near Binghamton), New York. In 1998 he transitioned from the Reserves to the New York Army National Guard.

Baron was activated on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001

and "stood on the pile" of rubble that was the World Trade Center on Friday, September 14. The following morning, a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, he attended services in uniform at a local Manhattan synagogue. During the morning prayers, he heard an older gentleman remark that the fetid odor hanging over the southern tip of Manhattan "smelled like Auschwitz". The comment struck deeply into the Rabbi's sense of humanity, galvanizing his thoughts that "to experience such evil once is horrible, but to live through it twice is unimaginable."

Since 9-11, Chaplain Baron has completed numerous religious support missions to bases in the continental US, Iraq, Afghanistan and other locales varying in length from several weeks to a few months. He has been supporting Operation Jump Start in Arizona since February. When asked about the impact of his deployments on his family, Chaplain Baron explained that his children continue to "take it in stride", acknowledging that "deployments are uncomfortable for clergy and their families just like for everyone else."

The Rabbi credits the Chaplaincy for "personally and



New York Army National Guard Chaplain, Lt. Col. Barry Barron arrives at a border construction site along the Arizona-Mexico border to talk with a National Guard Engineer. At the time of his visit, more than 100 New York Army National Guardsmen were deployed in support of Operation Jump Start. In June, 2006, President Bush deployed 2500 National Guardsmen along the U.S.-Mexico border to support efforts to curb illegal immigrants from entering the country.

spiritually enriching my life which has made my family life more rewarding." To that end, Chaplain Barry Baron, a man who represents the best of the human spirit, stands in the vanguard offering spiritual support to all those troops who have taken the oath to defend our great nation. □

## Guard members can apply for NY State Police

**ALBANY** (NYS Police News Release) – The New York State Police announced June 13 that applications are now available for a series of statewide written examinations for the position of New York State Trooper to be held January and February, 2008 at numerous locations throughout New York State. All qualified individuals interested in becoming a State Trooper are invited to complete an application to take the exam, the first step toward a rewarding and challenging career.

To apply, the State Police offers the convenience of filling out and submitting the application through the on-line application available at the NYS Police recruitment website at [www.nytrooper.com](http://www.nytrooper.com). Applicants will have the ability to select their test date, time, and specific location during the application process, and can also print their admission notice for their examination.

The examinations will result in the establishment of an eligibility list, which may remain in effect for a maximum of four years. The examination dates are scheduled for January 9, January 26, February 2, and February 9, 2008.

On-line applications must be submitted prior to Midnight EST, December 1, 2007. Interested individuals should apply as soon as possible.

Currently, a trooper's starting salary is \$50,374 during Academy training. The salary reaches \$61,525 on completion of 26 weeks of training at the Basic School, and after one year to \$65,357, and \$77,218 after five years, with additional increases during the first five years of service, and longevity increases beyond five years of service. The New York State Police is an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and encourages all individuals interested in public service to apply.



The position of Trooper represents a tremendous opportunity to men and women who are interested in a law enforcement career. From patrol work to specialized services such as crime scene evidence technician, field training officer, K-9 handler, School Resource Officer, firearms instructor, scuba team, mobile response team, motor vehicle collision reconstruction, narcotics and special investigations units, there are several different positions within one life-long career. In addition, there are numerous promotional opportunities within an agency the size of the New York State Police.

Requirements:

Must be 20 years of age by December 1, 2007 to apply to take the exam;

Must be at least 21 years of age by date of appointment;

Must not have reached 30th birthday prior to December 1,

2007, the application deadline; however the maximum age may be extended up to six years for active military service;

Must have graduated from senior high school or possess a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma or military GED at the time of application, and

Must have 60 credit hours from an accredited college at time of appointment; 30 credit hours may be waived for candidates with at least two full years active duty in the United States Military and an Honorable Discharge; or who have completed a certified Basic Police Officer Training Course approved by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council or its equivalent;

Must be in excellent physical condition;

Must be a NYS resident and possess a New York State driver's license at the time of appointment;

Must be a United States citizen at time of application;

Must be of good moral character. A felony conviction is an automatic disqualification.

Must successfully complete a medical examination, vision test, hearing test, background investigation including polygraph examination, and psychological evaluation.

Must comply with State Police Body Piercing/Body art policy.

Individuals can get further details by going to [www.nytrooper.com](http://www.nytrooper.com) or contact the Troop Recruitment Officer:

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# Orion Warriors train at Fort Drum

## 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade completes intense June training

Story by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning

27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Officer

**FORT DRUM** -- Nearly 2,000 members of the New York Army National Guard's 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team and supporting units arrived at Fort Drum in early June for an intense, three-week Annual Training period.

Participating units included the Syracuse-based brigade headquarters, the Fighting 69<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, the 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Sustainment and the 427<sup>th</sup> Support Battalions.



Specialist Erin Martin, HHC, 27<sup>th</sup> BCT prepares to hurl a simulation grenade during her annual training. Photo by Capt. Robert Romano.

The 27<sup>th</sup> has begun an aggressive period of preparation, training and organizing in anticipation of a new, priority Army assignment. Dozens of new Orion officers and enlisted Soldiers continue to be transferred in from the state headquarters, 106<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command.

A major objective that was achieved during the training period was the successful passage of hundreds of Guard members through Soldier Readiness Processing at the new National Guard Readiness Center in building T-855. The Readiness Center is a new, state-of-the-art armory for the New York National Guard and is located in the post's old cantonment area, near Building T-851 -- the vintage barracks building the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade continues to use as a headquarters when training on post. In addition, the Fort Drum Simulation Center is also nearby. This modern facility

was used to support briefings, instruction and a command post exercise during the second week of training.

"The 27<sup>th</sup> has entered an exciting new period as we prepare for an important future mission," said Col. Brian Balfe, brigade commander in a welcoming message to the troops. "We have much to accomplish over the next few weeks. Every Soldier must be focused on preparing now for the challenges ahead. I am proud of each and every Orion Soldier and grateful to all for volunteering to serve our nation, state and communities here in the Guard."



The first shot down range. Artillery Soldiers from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery performed live-fire gunnery training on 17 June. It has been nearly five years since the 258<sup>th</sup> fired howitzers as a unit. The unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002 but were cross-trained as Military Police. During their annual training at Fort Drum, the 258<sup>th</sup> conducted a training phase known as "Reset" until they were ready to receive new M102 howitzers. Photo by Maj. Kathy Oliver, 27<sup>th</sup> BCT Public Affairs Office

Key training events included infantry security force activities, live fire, support operations and for the first time a special external evaluation of selected 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry Soldiers assigned to a terror response team dubbed "CERF-P" (pronounced SERF-PEE.) The team's special assignment is to respond to potential future terrorist attacks in New York where a chemical, biological or radiological weapon has been used. For the last year, Soldiers of the 108<sup>th</sup> trained intensely for the external evaluation that was accomplished on 17 June.



Members of the 27<sup>th</sup> BCT's Training Assistance Group formed up early in the morning on their last day of AT for what has become a tradition to run a three-mile course around the "Old Post" of Fort Drum. Photo by Maj. Kathy Oliver, 27<sup>th</sup> BCT Public Affairs Office

### Hitting Stride

The Commanding General of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division praised the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat team for its aggressive individual, section and team training even as field operations were just beginning to hit stride. "You have a lot of work to do, but you have stepped up and are making great progress," said Brigadier General Paul Genereux at the brigade's Army Birthday celebration at the Fort Drum Commons on Thursday night, June 14th.

The general spoke to recent changes in the Army mobilization training program that drove much of the 27<sup>th</sup>'s training agenda. "The big Army is allowing the National Guard to validate its own training now. That's never been done before," he said. Leaders from the 42<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command and state headquarters came together at Fort Drum for the training, said Gen. Genereux. "The spirit of cooperation and the quality of training is terrific. Keep it up."

In the field, Soldiers of the 101<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, 69<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 258<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and other elements fired live with individual and crew served weapons, performed mounted and dismounted land navigation and practiced throwing hand grenades among other tasks. Members of one company of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry had a special opportunity to conduct air-assault training with elements of the Army's 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Aviation Brigade.

Validated training in map reading, first aid tasks, reaction to enemy contact, and other topics were covered. Intense instruction for tactical vehicle drivers was presented to selected personnel. A Humvee-rollover training simulator was a highlight and feature of the instruction provided. In addition, many Soldiers had the opportunity to conduct simulator training for individual and crew served weapons and call for fire.

### Troops and Leaders Praised for Successful AT

At the end of the training, the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade commander praised his Soldiers, leaders and staff for the extra efforts they made. "The 27<sup>th</sup> accomplished a lot in a short time. We have done very well. Task Force Orion and the T & E (42<sup>nd</sup> Training and Evaluation) battalion have my thanks," said Col. Balfe.

The 27<sup>th</sup> will conduct another aggressive three-week Annual Training period in October at Fort Drum to continue its efforts and has already begun preparations for it during monthly drills scheduled through the summer and into the fall. □



A 27<sup>th</sup> Soldier hones his warrior skills by doing a low crawl during the Brigades AT which focused on individual skill validation and weapons qualification. Photo by Capt. Robert Romano.



# Guard Emergency Response Team

Story by Master Sgt. Cori Lombardo  
Guard Times Staff

**FORT DRUM** - Approximately 300 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen trained to respond to chemical, biological, nuclear or high explosive incidents at a mock village here on June 17. The



A member of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry's decontamination team tracks casualty assessments with the N.Y. National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) during the unit's training and validation at Fort Drum. Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Abbott.

all-volunteer force reacted to training scenarios at the Fort Drum urban training site with National Guard Bureau and First Army evaluators.

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, or CERF-P team, is trained and equipped to respond in the event of a natural disaster, chemical spill or deliberate act of

facilities.

"This is totally different from what we would normally be doing as combat engineers," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Martinez, an engineer with Company A, 427th Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "I hope something like this doesn't happen because of the number of potential casualties, but it's a great feeling to know that our team is ready if called."

Martinez and fellow search and extraction team members received specialized training in rescuer safety, rigging techniques, confined space extraction and debris removal equivalent to civilian urban search and rescue teams. This allows the search and extraction element to work closely with civilian counter-part teams. Soldiers and Engineers from the 27th Brigade Combat Team make up the search and extraction and decontamination elements of the team.

The medical element is supported by the NY Air National Guard and

of hazardous materials exposure for National Guard personnel responding to the incident.

According to Scott Edkin, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention liaison with the CERF-P, "This is the first time the entire team of infantry, engineer and medical personnel has had to interact. The team has made great strides over the past week."

The NY Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry provides the command structure for the CERF-P. The 2-108th directs the overall activities of the CERFP and coordinates with the Incident Commander. Once an incident occurs, the type and level of contamination present is established and local authorities determine the need, CERFP team members report on-site to the civilian incident commander.

Currently, 12 states have a CERF-P capability with at least one located in each of the 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency regions. □

Engineers from the CERF-P extraction team transport simulated casualties to the team's decontamination site during the unit's validation exercise at Fort Drum on June 17. The engineers are part of Company A, 427th Special Troops Battalion. Photo by Master Sgt. Cori Lombardo.



A combat medic from the New York Army National Guard's Company A, 427th Brigade Special Troops Battalion provides assistance to a role-playing casualty during the validation exercise of New York's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) at Fort Drum, N.Y. on June 17. The exercise evaluated the team's ability to rapidly establish decontamination sites, evacuate casualties and provide decontamination and medical triage in support of civil authorities. Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg.

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terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction.

The CERF-P supports local civilian authorities by searching an incident site, including damaged buildings; rescuing victims, decontaminating them, and performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize them for transport to appropriate medical

the NY Guard, all-volunteer force supplements where needed. The units that make up the CERF-P will continue to support their traditional state and federal missions while on call as this response force.

These on-scene medical personnel are also responsible for minimizing health risks and emergency treatment



# am Enhances Homeland Security

A member of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry's decontamination team trains in the "hot zone" in order to decontaminate potential casualties as part of the N.Y. National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) during the unit's training and validation at Fort Drum. Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Abbott.



Members of the CERF-P extraction team remove a simulated casualty from the Fort Drum urban training site as part of the unit's validation exercise. Representatives from the First Army evaluation team certified the CERF-P for operations in response to Chemical, Nuclear, Biological or High Explosive incidents. The team is comprised of Soldiers, Airmen and members of the New York Guard with specialty training and skills in casualty extraction, decontamination, triage and assessment. Photo by Master Sgt. Cori Lombardo

Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Paul Bialobok, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon Sgt. from the New York Army National Guard's Company A, 427<sup>th</sup> Special Troops Battalion directs the employment of the unit's search and extraction teams. The engineer team is part of the Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P). The team conducted their validation exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y. on June 17 to be certified for employment in support of civil authorities. The search and extraction team rotated forces to a simulated chemical incident site to assess the hazard and its impact on civilian casualties. The team then extracted the role-playing casualties for decontamination and medical triage as part of the exercise evaluation. Photo by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg.



## NY Guard's aim is true

Volunteers take trophy in TAG Match  
Story and photo courtesy of the New York Guard

**CAMP SMITH TRAINING SITE, CORTLANDT MANOR**  
– Participating members of the New York Guard's pistol team took first place among all the other services in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Combat Pistol Matches held here April 14-15.

The New York Guard team consisted of participants from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Brigades, the New York Guard's Headquarters Company and Airmen from the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

Individual honors for 1st place in the Combat Service Pistol Match was Staff Sgt. Dave Perez from the 88<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for the Small Bore Pistol Match was Chief Warrant 3 Hank Dester of the 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Officer Candidate Steve Dubin, also of the 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Combat Service Pistol Match competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Combat Service Pistol Excellence in Competition Match. Together these two competitions are called Combat Service Pistol Grand Aggregate.

According to Maj. Dana Brewer, training officer for the Joint Force Headquarters Small Arms Readiness and Training Section, the remainder of the Grand Aggregate competition was cut short due to the mobilization of New York Guardsmen being put on State Active Duty for the impending Nor'easter in central and down-state New York (see related story on the National Guard's storm response on page 5).

The Adjutant General's Combat Rifle, Sniper, Pistol and Light Machine Gun Championships Match or the "TAG Match" is held during April every year at Camp Smith to promote comradery and competition among the best marksmen in New York's military forces.

Every year, more than 300 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and New York Guard volunteers throughout the state participate in the TAG Match. National Guard members from neighboring states may compete as well. □



Names of New York Guard members in the team photo: front row: Sgt. Terri Giannetti, officer candidate Steve Dubin, Chief Warrant Officer Ed Farrell, Team Leader Chief Warrant Officer Hank Dester, Staff Sgt. Dave Perez, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bill DeGeorge. Middle row: Sgt. Lenny Pharr, Pfc. Courtney Nagle, Staff Sgt. Al Bellos, Staff Sgt. Paul Rosa. Back row: Maj. George Manos, Sgt. Lou Amigroni, Spc. Doug Briggs, Sgt. Edgar Diaz. Not Pictured: Capt. Christopher Valez, 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

## Naval Militia helps welcome US Navy for Fleet Week



Members of the New York Naval Militia Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) provide escort and security support to the initial arrival of vessels past the Verrazano Narrows Bridge for Fleet Week in New York City on May 23, 2007. The MEBS patrol boats partnered with members of the U.S. Coast Guard to provide additional security measures during the week-long event. Courtesy photo.





Crewmen from the 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Scotia practice tactical low-level maneuvers specific to the mountainous combat environment they expect to experience during their Air Expeditionary Force rotation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The July training included tactical departures and arrivals compressed into training packages with medium and high altitude air drops similar to what the unit will encounter in Afghanistan. The 109<sup>th</sup> aircrews traditionally fly missions in support of the National Science Foundation activities in the Arctic and Antarctic.

#### Story and photo by Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo

Guard Times Staff

**SCOTIA** - For the first time since the Vietnam War, aircraft and flight crews of the 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have deployed into a combat zone together.

In mid-July, C-130H's and aircrew departed Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, New York for Afghanistan. The four crews represent the first wave of wing personnel in response to an Air Expeditionary Force rotation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

In preparation, aircrews have spent the past several months conducting essential aircraft maneuver training and honing procedures that will enable them to make split-second tactical decisions.

The unit's primary mission supports National Science Foundation activities in the Arctic and the Antarctic since the 109<sup>th</sup> AW is the only unit in the world equipped with LC-130s that can land on ice and snow. While recently focusing on tactical training for this combat deployment, the unit also continues its annual deployments to Greenland.

The 109<sup>th</sup> AW has been actively supporting combat operations in the Global War on Terrorism continually since 9/11 with personnel from Operations, Maintenance and

Support Groups. The tactical airlift mission is an additional duty that the Wing took on to further its ongoing support of national defense.

According to Lt. Col. Mark Sakadolsky, 139<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Director of Operations, the recent training has been extensive and involved tactical low level maneuvers specific to the mountainous combat environment they will be facing. Their preparations included tactical departures and arrivals compressed into training packages with medium and high altitude air drops similar to what the unit will expect in theater.

"The tactics used will be based on the individual mission threat assessment. However the aircrews are training to as many scenarios as possible before deploying," said Master Sgt. Kevin Hubble, a flight engineer with the 109<sup>th</sup> AW. "The training has been critical because once you're in theater is not the time to fine tune and hone needed skills. It has to be second nature before going into a combat environment," Hubble added.

"The continuous training these highly skilled aircrews have sustained will ensure they can function in any environment

whether tactical or not," said Col. Anthony German, 109<sup>th</sup> AW Commander. "Because this mission is on-going, we greatly appreciate the support of our local communities in understanding the need for continued low level and night time flights.

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The unit trains at various Air Force bases throughout the United States when feasible and practices away from populated areas as much as possible. However, continued familiarization with tactical aircraft capabilities will result in on-going training over the areas surrounding the base.

The deployment is expected to last through the year. □



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CONTE PAUL RICHARD HHB 1-258TH FIELD ARTILLERY  
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### MAJOR

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DELLIPIZZI LOUIS G HHC 27TH INF (BCT) FWD 1  
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ENGLE FRANK GARVIN TROOP C 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
ERDMAN MICHAEL K 27TH INF (BCT)  
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GONZALEZ JENNIFER L. HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION  
IVANCIU MICHAEL HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY  
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MURPHY ANDREW F. C CO(SIG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
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NOVOA BERNIE A. HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN  
OSHEA ROBERT S EARLY ENTRY ELMT 369 SUST BDE  
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REBMANN DANIEL R. TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
RUPP BYRON ROBERT A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
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STECKMEISTER GERALD HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN  
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ROSS JOHN ANDREW DET 1 CO C 2-108TH INFANTRY  
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WINDLEY TRACEY T. DET 2 HHC 42D STB

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MCMILLAN JEFFREY C. HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
MOCKBEE JAMES J. HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
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CONKLIN BRENDEN S.  
CONKLIN KENNETH C.

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CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN

### SERGEANT

HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
222D M P CO (FWD)  
DET 1 827TH ENGR CO HORIZ  
CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH BCT  
DET 1 CO A 642D SUPPORT BN  
RECRUITING & RET. CMD  
222D MP CO (FWD)  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
133RD QM SP CO (-)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
HQ 153RD TRP CMD  
A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
DET 1 827TH ENGR CO HORIZ  
HHD 104th MP BN  
A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
222D MP CO (FWD)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
HQ 153RD TRP CMD (BDE)  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
DET 1 CO B 3-126TH AVIATION  
HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION  
222D MP CO (-)  
CO A 3-142D AVIATION  
CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB

### SPECIALIST

HHD 104th MP BN  
DET 2 CO A 42D STB  
CO F (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
1427TH TRANS CO (-)  
CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
CO B 3-142D AVIATION  
HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
HHD 104th MP BN  
1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO

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REYES JULIO LUIS JR  
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RIVAS RONALD  
RODRIQUEZ GONZALO J. II  
SCHWARTZ MATTHEW B.  
SKADRA CODY STEVEN  
STIGER TIA MARIE  
WALLACE BUCHANAN J.  
WESTCOTT TIMOTHY

222D MP CO (-)  
HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
222D MP CO (FWD)  
CO A (-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
CO A 3-142D AVIATION  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
249TH MED CO AIR AMB. (-)  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
206TH MP COMPANY  
CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
222D MP CO (-)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
DET 1 105 MP CO  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
442D MP CO  
CO A 2-108TH INFANTRY  
A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION  
NYARNG JOINT FORCE HQ  
HHB 1-258TH FIELD ARTILLERY  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
NYARNG JOINT FORCE HQ  
DET 3 CO E 3-142D AVIATION  
27TH INF (BCT)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION  
CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
CO F (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
BATTERY B 1-258TH FA  
CO F (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
NYARNG JOINT FORCE HQ  
BATTERY B 1-258TH FA  
DET 1 HHC BSTB 27TH BCT  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB  
827TH ENGR CO(-) HORIZ  
CO D 3-142D AVIATION  
222D MP CO (-)  
105TH MP CO  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY



Lieutenant Colonel Martin Dinan, left, Battalion Commander of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provisional Military Police Battalion congratulates the 105th Military Police Company Soldier of the Year, Staff Sgt. William Zeughardt, right, during a recent visit to the unit's Training Operations Center near Sasabe, Ariz. The Military Police Citizen Soldiers deployed to Arizona for an extended Annual Training from May 5-26, 2007. The 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company conducted training and operations in the region as part of Operation Jump Start, manning Entry Identification Team sites along the border of Mexico. Photo by Sgt. Ed Balaban, NYARNG, Tucson Sector OJS/PAO.



# 27<sup>th</sup> BCT Guardsmen dedicate 'Liberty Tree'

Story by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert Monette

Recruiting and Retention Command

**SYRACUSE** - Soldiers from 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, new recruits from the Syracuse Recruit Sustainment Program and local American Legion members dedicated a 'Liberty Tree' at the Thompson Road Armory during their scheduled drill weekend at the Thompson Road armory brigade headquarters on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Recruiting and Retention Command sponsored the initial concept for the Liberty Tree dedication.

According to Maj. Robert Stabb, former member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade and the Recruiting Command in Central New York, the concept of a Liberty Tree dedication came about after he attended a Marine Corps basic training graduation for his cousin. He realized that there was a lot of tradition in the Marine Corps and that he could find something to give the RSP new recruits something that demonstrated commitment and patriotism.

The history of the Liberty Tree dates back to approximately 1765, when a group of American patriots, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty, gathered around an Elm Tree in Hanover Square in Boston, Mass.

The gathering in Hanover Square was to protest British tyranny and to assert their commitment to independence.

From those days forward, the tree became known as the Liberty Tree. In the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree - a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny.

As resistance to the British grew, flags bearing a representation of the Liberty Tree were flown to symbolize the unwavering spirit of liberty. These flags were later flown by the first Minutemen during the battles of the American Revolution.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Guard Soldiers gathered much in the same way as the first Minutemen did. The purpose being for their own Liberty Tree dedication to enhance Soldier and public knowledge and awareness of the National Guard and to foster the connection between the Modern National Guard and its origins of the Minuteman tradition. A Liberty Tree dedication recalls that connection and gives current Soldiers and community members a visible emblem to relate to. □



Photo above: National Guard recruiter Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert Monette reads the dedication of the Thompson Road armory's Liberty Tree to 27<sup>th</sup> BCT Soldiers and invited guests. Photo at left: The Liberty Tree plaque placed in front of the actual tree that the 27<sup>th</sup> BCT identified as the Liberty Tree.

ZWINGE MATTHEW E CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS**

ALLEN DUSTIN EDWARD  
ANDERSON GERALD F. JR  
BERRY THOMAS JOHN JR  
BIRK CORY MICHAEL  
BOROWSKI JOSHUA D.  
BRASSARD BENJAMIN J.  
CHECHAK JAMES BRYAN  
CLEVELAND CASEY L.  
DEVERE KEELAN G.  
DIAZ PEDRO J  
GERWITZ BRIAN ALAN  
GIL JERONIMO AUGUSTO  
GILBO KEVIN JOSEF  
GONZALEZ THOMAS M.  
HEINTZ THOMAS V.  
HENRY CHARLES E. JR  
HERRLE MATTHEW B.  
HOFFMAN JOSHUA A.  
HOLDEN TYESHAWN LEE  
HOLMES JOSHUA ALAN  
HUNG CHUN  
ISAACSON AARON J.  
JOHNSON FOREST C.  
KARLSTROM ERIK J.  
KEMAK CASEY ANN  
KOZILSKY JASON A.  
LANDON LESLIE JILL  
LIGHTHALL HARRY J. IV  
LUGO ARGELIS ANTONIO  
LUTGEN JONATHAN LEE  
MACWHINNIE AMANDA R.  
MARTUSIS MICHAEL W.  
MATTHEWS COREY M.  
MEDINA JASON C.  
MENDEZ JASON J  
NAPIER ERIN VIRGINIA  
NATAL ALEXANDER  
NICHOLSON CHRISTOPHER B  
NIVER TAYLOR MARIE  
ORTIZ JOSHUA JOHN  
PALMER ARTHUR RAY JR  
PERRY DANIEL ALAN

TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB  
HHC (-) BSTB 27TH IN BDE (BCT)  
727TH MP DET L AND O REAR  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB  
DET 1 105 MP CO  
HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
CO A 3-142D AVIATION  
HHC 369th SUST BDE  
HHC (-) BSTB 27TH (BCT)  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
206TH MP COMPANY  
DET 1 CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
827TH ENGR CO(-) HORIZ  
CO G (FSC FA) 427TH BSB  
HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
105TH MP CO  
222D MP CO (-)  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO D (FSC RSTA) 427TH BSB  
CO A 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO D (FSC RSTA) 427TH BSB  
TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
NYARNG JOINT FORCE HQ  
TROOP A 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
DET 1 133RD QM SP  
442D MP CO  
CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB  
249TH MED CO AIR AMB. (-)  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
DET 1 827TH ENGR CO HORIZ  
DET 2 CO D 3-126 AVN  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB

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QUINTANA JENNIFER L.  
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RICHARDS ROBERT B.  
RICHARDSON ANTONIO P. JR  
ROSADO FRANKIE  
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VANBUSKIRK DAVID E.  
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FSC 204TH ENGR BN  
DET 2 CO A 42D STB  
CO A (-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
CO A (-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
DET 1 827TH ENGR CO HORIZ  
DET 1 CO C 1-69TH INF.  
HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY  
HHC (-) BSTB 27TH IN BDE (BCT)  
222D MP CO (-)  
HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
CO A 2-108TH INFANTRY  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
827TH ENGR CO(-) HORIZ  
HHC 369th SUST BDE  
DET 1 CO A 642D SUPPORT BN  
DET 1 222D MP CO  
102 MAINT CO  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
102 MAINT CO  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
DET 1 CO C 2-108TH INF.  
DET 1 827TH ENGR CO  
CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB  
HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
102 MAINT CO  
HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
HHD 104 MP BN REAR  
222D MP CO (FWD)  
HHD 104th MP BN  
1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO  
MEDICAL COMMAND  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
CO C (-) 1-69TH INFANTRY  
27TH INF (BCT)  
CO E 3-142D AVIATION

**PRIVATE 2**

BATTERY B 1-258TH FA  
HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN  
719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
CO D 3-142D AVIATION  
DET 1 222D MP CO  
206TH MP COMPANY  
102 MAINT CO  
CO D 1-69TH INFANTRY

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CHOI WANSEOB  
CONDE VICTOR A.  
COOPER JOSHUA ADAM  
CRUZ RAUL  
DEFONCE PATRICK  
DOTEN TIMOTHY DENNIS  
DUMOND HEATHER ANN  
EGAN JOSEPH EDWARD  
FAYSON MARCUS JAMES  
FISK BRIAN CHARLES  
GARDNER AARON F.  
GREY WAYNE R. JR  
GUZMAN ANTON  
HOLMES ANDREW P.  
HUNT BENJAMIN F.  
JONES JEFFREY II  
JOSEPH JEAN BERNARD  
KING SADE JABOUT  
LEVIT DMITRIY M.  
LOCKE JUANITA MARIA  
MAGEE MATTHEW P.  
MARTIN SHARELL C.  
MAZARIN ERICA S.  
MYERS ERIC M.  
OHLSON ADAM PAUL  
ORTIZ DANIEL LUIS  
PERALDO JOSHUA D.  
PEREZ JOSHUA LOUIS  
PERKINS JEREMY J.  
PLUMADORE CASEY P.  
POSCA VINCENT A.  
RAMMING DAVID C.  
ROOPCHANSINGH DENVER  
ROSA MIGUEL  
SCHENK JOSEPH K.  
SLADE KENNETH  
SOLANO TIMMIA E.  
STEWART RYAN A.  
TAYLOR TJ  
TOLEDO EDWIN JR  
TRIANO GERALD J.  
WALLACE STACYANN M  
WALLS PHILLIP A JR

HHC (-) 2-108 INFANTRY  
CO D 3-142D AVIATION  
CO C 1-69TH INF FWD 2  
CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
SIG SPT DET 369 SUST BDE  
719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
56TH PERSONNEL SER BN  
CO C 1-69TH INF FWD 2  
DET 1 HHC 42D STB  
1427TH TRANS CO (-)  
HHT 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
727TH MP DET L AND O REAR  
DET 1 105 MP CO  
DET 1 222D MP CO  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE DET  
CO A (DISTRO) 427TH BSB  
HHC(-) 42D SPECIAL TROOPS BN  
719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
NYARNG JOINT FORCE HQ  
HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
EARLY ELMT 369 SUST BDE  
CO D 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB  
719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
HSC 642D SUPPORT BN  
HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN  
DET 1 CO A 642D SUPPORT BN  
CO B (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
CO C (-) 2-108TH INFANTRY  
A CO(ENG)BSTB 27TH BCT  
CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN  
719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)  
CO E (FSC INF) 427TH BSB  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
37TH FINANCE DET  
CO A 101ST SIGNAL BN  
CO B (MAINT) 427TH BSB  
BATTERY B 1-258TH FA  
TROOP B 2-101 CAV (RSTA)  
145TH MAINTENANCE CO  
CO F (FSC INF) 427TH BSB



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SPC SPENCE KENDRIC MONTE  
SGT STADALSKI GEORGE DALE

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SFC DONOGHUE JOHN PATRICK  
SSG HILDERBRANDT THORANCE MICHA  
SPC HUEBER JEFFREY PAUL  
SGT PENN ERNEST GEORGE  
SGT WHEELER AMANDA LYN

### 107TH MP COMPANY

SFC ALDI DAVID T  
SGT CRABTREE LINDSAY MARIE  
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SPC DOXSTADER JUSTIN SCOTT

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SPC OSORIO CHRISTINE ALICIA  
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# Task Force Liberty marks Iraq service with art print

By Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg

HQ, 42<sup>nd</sup> ID

**TROY** – For the thousands of members of Task Force Liberty, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division headquarters here in Troy commissioned an artist commemorative print to mark the Rainbow Division's service in North Central Iraq in 2005.

The portrait, entitled "Never Forget" by Larry Selman, depicts members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division preparing for a convoy movement near Tikrit, Iraq. Visible in the backdrop of the scene is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division main command post, a former presidential palace for Saddam Hussein.

The print is available for purchase through the division's not-for-profit "last drop club."

Each print is \$40.00 and will be delivered to the Troy armory. Delivery to a Soldier's individual home requires an additional \$10 for shipping and handling.

Framed portraits are also available with double or triple matting at \$225 or \$245 respectively.

The artist's work can be viewed at [www.selmanartworks.com](http://www.selmanartworks.com) where images of Selman's portraits reflect scenes from a variety of America's conflicts. Among Selman's clients is Hasbro Toys, the manufacturers of GI Joe action figures. Selman has contributed to the artwork on a number of World War II and modern era military figures.

Questions about the commemorative portrait can be sent to [OIF3pic@hotmail.com](mailto:OIF3pic@hotmail.com). □



The 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division commemorative print, "Never Forget" depicts members of Task Force Liberty and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division preparing for operations in Tikrit, Iraq. Thousands of members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division formed the foundation of the Multinational Division, North Central Iraq for the task force deployment in late 2004 to early 2006 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The commemorative print will also depict graphical representation of the Task Force Liberty brigade combat teams, aviation brigade, division artillery, engineer brigade and division support command. The print is available framed or unframed through the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Headquarters in Troy or online from a framing company at [www.vladimirarts.com](http://www.vladimirarts.com).

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SPC MELENDEZ MIGUEL ARTURO

SGT MINER JACOB ANDREW

SSG MUNNO FRANCO

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# Mass casualty exercise challenges NEADS, Rome community

By Brooke Davis

Northeast Air Defense Sector PAO

**ROME** - During the Griffiss Park Mass Casualty Exercise June 7, area first responders were challenged to perform their triage and hazmat procedures on victims of a simulated attack.

The scenario for the exercise kicked-off with a 'dirty bomb' simulated explosion at the Northeast Air Defense Sector's headquarters at Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

Area exercise planners began organizing the event last October and worked to include community organizations that would be responders in the event of an attack at Griffiss Park. The exercise tested various aspects of first responders' ability to cope with a mass casualty scenario.

"An exercise of this magnitude takes a great deal of coordination and planning.

by terrorist organizations and suspicious activities like the purchase of large amounts materials that could be used to build a bomb. Once this information was released to members at NEADS, appropriate actions were taken to increase security surveillance for suspicious activity, said Hemshrot.

When the simulated dirty bomb exploded, pretend victims from NEADS and Air Force Research Labs affected by the explosion were placed near the scene of the incident for first responders to provide medical attention. The victims were stabilized at the scene and transported to Rome Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

"The drill underscores the importance of cooperation and established lines of communication," said Kim Weiler, R.N., disaster preparedness coordinator at Rome Memorial Hospital. "Drills help to ensure that available resources are mobilized in a coordinated effort to minimize delays and confusion in the event of a major disaster, whether manmade or natural."

"Now more than ever, it is essential to coordinate disaster planning with other community front-line responders such as police, fire and ambulance services," said the hospital's Emergency Department Director Kathleen O'Rourke, R.N. "A single facility or agency can not handle every possible scenario on its own. By working together, we are better prepared to respond and meet the needs of our community."

Organizations participating in the exercise included the Oneida County Emergency Manager, Oneida County Airport, Oneida County HAZMAT Coordinator, Rome Fire Department, Rome Memorial Hospital, N.Y. State Troopers and the Rome Police.

"Because of the cooperation between military and civilian authorities we will be better able to save lives, relieve human suffering and mitigate property damage," said Col. Speicher. "This kind of teamwork is vital to our success - this is just one more example of Air National Guard and local authorities working together for the good of the community."

NEADS is a joint, bi-national organization charged with performing a critical homeland defense mission by providing air sovereignty and counter-air operations over the eastern United States. The unit directs the employment joint air defense assets to defend one million square miles, 16 major cities and adjacent seas. □



A Rome Fire Department firefighter works to stabilize a Northeast Air Defense Sector simulated victim during the Griffiss Park Mass Casualty Exercise June 7. The exercise challenged first responders to perform their triage and hazmat procedures on victims of a simulated terrorist attack. Photo by Senior Airman Ricky Best.

"The exercise was designed to challenge local community responders' ability to react to an incident on Griffiss Park. It was also an outstanding opportunity to bring all of the community and military organizations together to practice what could likely be a real-world situation," said Col. Clark Speicher, NEADS commander. "Because Griffiss still houses federal agencies it makes it all the more important for local first responders to be prepared for possible chemical or biological attacks."

Our goal was to test our capabilities and seek ways to hone our skills," said Mr. Ken Hemshrot, lead exercise planner for NEADS. "Once the exercise began, we quickly found out that communication between all the agencies involved needed to be enhanced. In the confusion that can follow such a traumatic event, communication is critical to saving lives and minimizing damage."

The scenario included simulated intelligence information alluding to a planned attack at Griffiss communicated



# Remembering the fallen

## Town of Colden dedicates veteran's memorial monument

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Joseph Murray, retired

New York Army National Guard

**COLDEN** - Citizen Soldiers from the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Troops Battalion (BSTB) joined the Western New York Town of Colden to dedicate the town's new veteran's monument. The ceremony marks the sixth such year that National Guard members participated in Colden's Memorial Day services.

This year's dedication unveiled the Erie County town's monument, listing the names of more than 690 local residents who served the nation from 1776 to the present.

Several hundred residents of the town attended the dedication, not unusual for this small western New York community about 15 miles south of Buffalo.

Colden currently has citizens deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Two Soldiers that recently returned from Iraq are Maj. David Beardi, a former member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division who was injured in Iraq and presently receiving medical treatment at Walter Reed Army Hospital and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher Holmes, also a veteran of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ID.

The Memorial Day service began with a parade down the center of town followed by services at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Members of Company C, 27<sup>th</sup> BSTB provided a Color Guard and led the parade while another detail of Soldiers raised the American flag during the ceremony.

First Lieutenant Frank Salvatore of the 27<sup>th</sup> BSTB gave a speech and assisted the Town Supervisor, Charles Nuttle with the unveiling and dedication of the memorial. During the ceremony, local Girl and Boy Scout Troops laid flowers honoring fallen heroes and a reading of the Town Resolution dedicating the memorial was handled by Town Councilman Terri Kloiber.

"The Town of Colden expresses its support and gratitude for all of the men and women who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States in defense of freedom and democracy during the all Wars," read Kloiber from the Town Resolution, "and extends its sympathies to all people in the United States who suffered the loss of friends and family in any war; and encourages the people of the Town of Colden to remember the sacrifices of our veterans."

The veteran's memorial depicts the 690 names etched on black granite in remembrance of the veterans' selfless dedication to the nation. The memorial sits beside a fallen Soldier memorial and stone monument dedicated to the veterans of all wars. The Veterans Memorial



Staff Sgt. Linda Nesbisch from the 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, places Soldier identification tags on the Fallen Soldier Memorial in the Town of Walden, on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007. The Citizen Soldiers supported the town's memorial dedication and parade for the past six years. U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Joseph Murray, retired.

## New Newburgh Commander



Mr. Verle L. Johnston Sr. (right) and New York Air National Guard Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Knauff (left) pin Brig. Gen. Verle L. Johnston Jr. with the symbols of his rank during his promotion ceremony in Newburgh on June 15, 2007. Additionally, Gen. Johnston was awarded the Air Force Legion of Honor prior to his promotion. Johnston took command of the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in March of this year. Prior to his command, Johnston served as the Wing's deputy commander since September of 2006. Photo by Airforce Staff Sgt. Lee C. Guagenti, 105<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight.

## Charity is a two-way street



Sherry Imbarrato (center), Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 142<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment Family Readiness Group volunteer leader and Lt. Col. Albert Ricci, the unit battalion commander, presents Virginia Costisick (center right) from the Rensselaer Elks Lodge 2073, a check for 1,000 dollars during the organization's family day at the lodge on June 10. The financial donation symbolized the thanks of the Citizen Soldiers for a Capital District organization that supports the Guard and its families. The Elks hosted the unit family day celebration. Behind Mrs. Imbarrato is Brenda Marino, the Delta Company Family Readiness Group treasurer and Patricia Bradt, Military Family Assistance Centers manager for the New York National Guard. The financial donation to the Rensselaer Elks ensures the continued support for other military families and deployed Soldiers as well as local charities. Photo by Sgt. Ally Andolina.



**National Guard Financial News:****Personal Income tax relief for Active Duty (AD) and State Active Duty (SAD)**

Tax Law section 612(c) (8-b) relating to state tax withholding for mobilized soldiers was amended in August 2006. This amendment pertained to state tax withholding for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004. It involves both State Active Duty under New York Military Law section 6.1 as well as Federal Active Duty for service other than training, issued under United States Code-Title 10.

Soldiers who have served in either status during tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, are now exempt from state tax. If you have included this income on your 2004 or 2005 personal income tax return, you may claim a refund by filing an amended return on New York State tax form IT-201-X, Amended Resident Income Tax Return, or tax form IT-203-X, Amended Non-Resident and Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return.

This note further clarifies the tax exemption Guard Note first published in the Guard Times in our May-June issue.

**Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP)**

Public Law 109-163 was passed and became effective August 1, 2006, to address a mobilized soldier's loss of pay for deployment versus their civilian position. It involves providing limited monthly income payments when a Soldier's average monthly civilian income exceeds the total monthly military compensation (TMMC) by more than \$50.00. This law is in effect from August 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008. This program applies to Soldier's involuntary ordered to active duty only. Soldiers can qualify for the program three different ways:

**1. Completing 18 continuous months of involuntary active duty on or after August 1, 2006.** Continuous active-duty can be accumulated through successive orders to active duty, provided no break in service occurred. For example, if a Soldier's duty begins on February 1, 2006, the 18-months to establish RIRP eligibility would end on July 31, 2007, with the Soldier eligible under RIRP on August 1, 2007, receiving a first payment on September 1, 2007.

**2. Completing 24 months involuntary active duty during the previous 60 month period.** The Soldier completes 24 cumulative months of involuntary active duty during the previous 60 months, on or after August 1, 2006. For example, if a Soldier was deployed for 12 months on January 1, 2001, he/she would accumulate five months of eligible service after the August 1, 2001 date. If he/she is deployed again for 24 months on August 1, 2005, the Soldier would become eligible for RIRP on March 1, 2007. Five months for the first deployment plus 19 months for the second, equals 24 qualifying months for RIRP.

**3. Completing 180 days or more of involuntary active-duty which started within six months after separation from a previous active duty period.** Soldiers earn RIRP eligibility when mobilized for a 180-day or longer period, which has occurred within 180-days of the previous period. The first 180-day period must be consecutive. The second 6 month period must be full calendar months.

**Application Procedure:** Soldiers who are eligible must complete a DD Form 2919, Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP) Eligibility Verification. The form must be completed accurately and include copies of the monthly civilian earnings statements from an employer for the most recent 12-month period, immediately preceding the Soldier's current mobilization period. Self-employed Soldiers must provide a copy of their federal income tax return (IRS Form 1040 and all applicable W-2 Forms).

**Income Evaluation:** Soldiers must verify their income differential from their civilian gross income. This is done by subtracting the TMMC from the gross civilian income month average. Soldiers may visit [www.dod.mil/ra](http://www.dod.mil/ra), the Reserve Affairs Home Page. Go to the bottom of the page, click on "Income Replacement".

**Program Administrator:** All DD Form 2919's and supporting documentation and questions concerning the program must be forwarded to the Joint Forces Headquarters RIRPPOC, CW3 Scott Turner at (518) 272-4024, either electronically or hard copy. □

# Securing Employment Rights

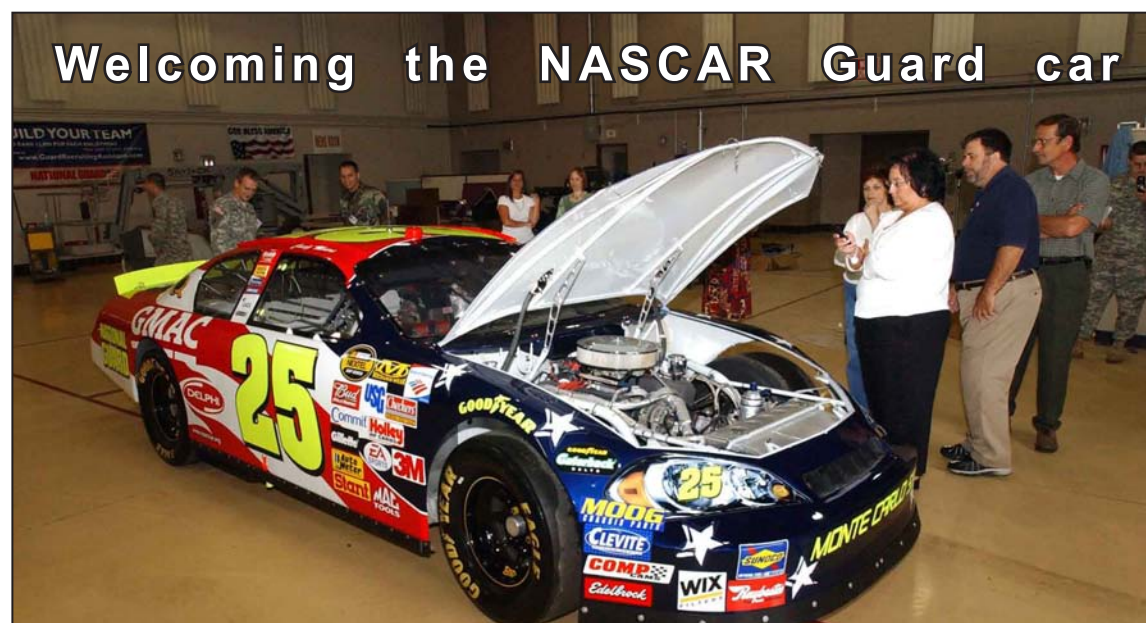


The New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) has officially signed on to support the re-employment rights of Reservists and National Guard members who return to their jobs from active duty. Major General Joseph Taluto, the Adjutant General, Commander of the New York Army National Guard and all of New York State's military forces, recently signed the "Five Star Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve" that signifies participation in the Five Star Employer Program run by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Participating government and private employers ensure that their human resources departments are trained on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, that their human resources policies acknowledge the provisions of the act, and that they support their employees who are National Guard and Reserve members and advocate for the Guard and Reserve.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs includes civilian employees who are members of the Guard and Reserve as well as full-time National Guard members.

Taluto was joined for the June 26, 2007 signing ceremony by retired Army Reserve Major General Thomas Sabo, a West Seneca resident and the chairman of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve in New York. Sabo was vice president of operations for Michael P. Guastella and Associates Inc., a Boston insurance company, and commander of the 98<sup>th</sup> Division, headquartered in Rochester, before retiring in 2001. Pictured are (from left) Sabo; Beverly Keating, state family program director; Gen. Taluto; Eugene Murphy, redeployment transition assistance advisor-NY; Col. Curtis Williamson, human resources officer; and William Tracy, ESGR program support specialist. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone.



Employees at the Department of Military and Naval Affairs in Latham take time out to admire the National Guard NASCAR on June 4. The National Guard race car was brought to DMNA by members of New England's Recruiting and Retention Area Command. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steven Petibone.





Specialist Andrew Allbright, surrounded by his wife Lorie and daughter Isis, gets interviewed by R-news reporter Jim Aroune about the 126<sup>th</sup>s deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Allbright family was enjoying family-day activities after their send-off ceremony concluded.

## Aviation Soldiers hover around family and friends before departing for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Story and photos by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steve Petibone  
42<sup>nd</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade

**ROCHESTER**—Families, friends, employers, representatives from the Boeing Corporation and local politicians attended a send-off ceremony for more than 60 Soldiers of Detachment 1, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 126 Aviation (Heavy Lift) who are being activated for federal duty to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The unit transitioned from a Cobra attack helicopter unit in 2003 into a Chinook heavy lift unit in 2007.

Their deployment to Afghanistan will be their first overseas deployment as a Chinook unit.

"I've been in this unit for five years. This is our first deployment overseas," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christopher Gagliardo, acting detachment commander and a full-time high school social studies teacher. "I've done multiple state emergency missions with the unit. All of our pilots have plenty of flight hours and most them are some of the most highly-trained

guys in the National Guard."

The send off ceremony featured both military and civilian keynote speakers.

"There is no doubt that the 126<sup>th</sup> is going to fight the global war on terrorism," said Brig. Gen. Paul Genereux, commander, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. "Our National Guard Soldiers over the past five years have proven that there is no difference in how we accomplish the mission. There is no doubt that you will do well and I thank you for that."

Following with an equally resounding message of community support, Senator Joe Roback said, "Things now are no different than any other time in our history. Our democracy, our way of life, even the founding of this country has been challenged many times. And every time it's been the citizen Soldier that ultimately made the difference."

After the speakers concluded honoring the 126<sup>th</sup> for their military commitment to serve in Afghanistan, representatives from the Boeing Corporation, Chinook division presented custom made Empire Blizzard posters, designed specifically to reflect the 126<sup>th</sup>'s unit chosen moniker to Lt. Gagliardo, Col. Bobeck and Gen. Genereux.

After a catered barbecue lunch, the 126<sup>th</sup> finished the day treating spouses and employers to a 30-minute air-lift ride aboard two Chinooks.

Most spouses and employers were nervous and excited to have the opportunity to fly on the 126<sup>th</sup>'s Chinooks. According to Col. Michael Bobeck, military state aviation officer, it was the first spousal air-lift that New York had conducted in more than 20 years.

The 126<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to leave their home station in Rochester near the end of May and conduct their mobilization readiness training at Fort Carson, Colorado. □



Sergeant 1st Class Robert Hyatt, crew chief, briefs spouses and employers prior to their airlift aboard a CH-47 Chinook helicopter

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### Guard Times Address Changes

*Changed your address recently?*

*Is the Guard Times still coming to an old address?*

*If so, it may be time to check with your unit administrator. Chances are, the old address is still listed at the unit.*

*Computerized shipping labels are produced for Guard Times at joint force headquarters from the electronic data base. This information is updated through periodic submissions from the field. The unit, SIDPERS, the Personnel Services Branch and military pay all need to have a document supplied by the Soldier to change the home address.*

*Before writing us at the Guard Times about your address change, start with your unit. It takes about two months before the change hits the system, but, guess what! The Guard Times comes out every two months. So if you have verified the unit has the correct information and the Guard Times still came to the old address, be patient. The next issue should come to the new address.*

*Reminder. It is the Soldier's responsibility to submit address changes in a prompt manner.*

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