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Guard was Ready, in Place for Hurricane Threat

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
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ALBANY -- Governor George E. Pataki activated more than a 1,400 National Guard troops in anticipation of Hurricane Floyd's damaging winds and torrential rains this September.

The alert from the Governor was a proactive approach to emergency response. Working in coordination with the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO), the National Guard deployed three task forces to the potential trouble spots threatened by the Hurricane.

"The New York National Guard has proven itself as the premier response team in the nation, moving quickly and effectively to help New Yorkers in their time of need," the Governor said. "By putting the Guard on alert, I know we will have the best we can offer ready to act at a moment's notice."

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The Long Island and New York City region was directly in the storm's path. Beginning at 6 a.m. on September 16th, State Adjutant General Major General John H. Fenimore placed the task forces directly on the scene to respond to flood or wind damage in the wake of the storm. In less than 24 hours, those Guard members were in place and coordinating with local officials.

"We had to have forces on the ground ahead of the emergency," explained Deputy Adjutant General William Martin, "the logistical problems of simply getting our forces to the areas in need (the lower Hudson Valley, New York City and Long

Island) after the fact would not help the citizens of this state. To be effective, we had to be on the ground first."

"Your capability and response was overwhelming"

Operating from the Air National Guard Base at Westhampton, Long Island, New York City's Lexington Avenue Armory, and Valhalla's 53rd Troop Command Headquarters, the task forces smoothly integrated a variety of National Guard and New York Guard troops into joint force operations, one of the first instances of these forces working together.

"The arrival of the National Guard was instrumental in helping start our recovery effort," noted Chris Jenson, the Emergency Operations Center Program Coordinator for Rockland County, where more of the storms more damaging floods resulted. "Your capability and response was overwhelming."

By the end of the day on Thursday, September 16th, the National Guard stood ready with more than 1,400 troops, 70 generators, 350 vehicles and 89 aircraft. As the storm passed over New York, the rainfall overwhelmed many creek and river



First Sgt. Anthony Guarco, D Company, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry speaks to a member of the Rockland County Response unit. Coordination between local government, state agencies, and the National Guard provided the basis for rapid assessment and action for Hurricane Floyd assistance. Photo by Staff Sgt. Denise Slater.

beds that had known only drought conditions all summer.

"You were our life line..."

While the actual damage was far less than feared, in the aftermath of Floyd there was downed power lines and regional flooding throughout Westchester and Rockland Counties. By Mid-day on Friday, members of the National Guard had redistributed their strength to bring maximum effort to the lower Hudson Valley.

For three days, Guard forces completed dozens of missions, assessing damaged areas and providing reconnaissance for

SEMO teams, provided generator support to emergency response teams, conducted traffic control, and provided liaison and staff support to Rockland County's Emergency Operations Center.

"You were our life line," noted Jensen. "You made our lives and jobs much easier and helped us build credibility with our community."

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Guard Notes

NY'er Heads Recruiting Advisory Counsel

LATHAM—For the first time, a New York officer is leading the Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Advisory Counsel, which advises National Guard Bureau on strength maintenance policies and programs.

Lieutenant Colonel William Varian, who was promoted recently to Colonel, was elected to chair the board by fellow state recruiting and retention managers from across the nation. He succeeded Col. Henry Martin from Kansas on 1 August. The counsel is comprised of the leaders from each of the seven National Guard recruiting regions nationwide. Varian has been serving as the chair of Region 1, which includes NY and New England. Varian has been serving as the counsel's vice chairman until his recent election to the top position. His tenure will last two years.

New York leaders are viewing Varian's election as another indication of the increased respect NY state has garnered from the defense community and a great opportunity for New York to further help influence national recruiting and retention policies.

Quality in Government Conference

ROCHESTER—Local officials and Guard leaders gathered in Rochester in October to discuss improving the quality and efficiency of government actions.

Known as the Monroe County Quality in Government Day, the seminar was a forum for county and local officials to review quality management and coordinate efforts among various public agencies. Rochester and Monroe County government officials invited the National Guard for a presentation on Governor George Pataki's GuardHELP initiative.

"This is what good government is all about," noted Brig. General William Martin, Deputy Adjutant General. "Our presence here today reinforces GuardHELP and National Guard involvement in communities as a process over a product."

Martin discussed the importance of incorporating the National Guard in local government planning and coordination. "No longer do you have to wait for a disaster or emergency to call the National Guard. We have over 25,000 members of the Guard trained and ready to act now in support of communities all over New York State. The benefits of GuardHELP missions now is that they build relationships that pay dividends during the next emergency response."

The GuardHELP initiative refers to Hearing local needs, Educating local officials regarding Guard capabilities, Linking where National Guard assets can support needs, and Partnering with officials to provide Guard members with innovative training and communities with assistance otherwise unobtainable.

Officials appreciated the Guard's presentation and welcomed further communication with local Guard units, including the 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation and the Rochester flight facility. The 142nd operated a display booth at the event highlighting the unit's recent aerial firefighting operations.

Forces Command Stresses Employer Support

Washington, D.C.—Employer Support of the the Guard and Reserve may well be the 'Achilles Heel' of the Future Army, noted General Thomas Schwartz, chief of Forces Command (FORSCOM).

Speaking at the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) national convention in October, General Schwartz addressed the corporate members of AUSA by asking for ways to 'share' National Guard and Reserve members to prevent the difficult choice between military service and their careers.

"We need to look at sharing people. We need to look at the possibilities of them serving their country and you partnering with us and you sharing them," Schwartz said.

Speaking earlier that day, Army Under Secretary Bernard Rostker related that the private sector will be a critical part of the service's efforts to increase the participation of Reserve Component forces in Active Army operations.

"Employer support is vital to the reserve components. Especially in the days ahead. We can no longer guarantee our soldiers are just one weekend a month, two weeks a year in the service to their country," Rostker said.

General Schwartz agreed that the active components simply "can't do it alone anymore." Both speakers called for further integration of the active and reserve components.

"If you want to see the Army of the future, look to the reserve component. Go look at your Guard and Reserve," Schwartz said.

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TAG Talk

Year 2000 (Y2K) Preparations for Military Members

As we approach the end of 1999, questions about possible Year 2000 (Y2K) difficulties and our preparations for them persist. The potential for technical problems stems from the use of two-digit year fields instead of four digit fields in software, hardware and firmware, including embedded chips. Failure of the fields to successfully convert to the year 2000 may lead to automation breakdowns, and could create disruptions in the normal functioning of public services. Here is what the Division of Military and Naval Affairs' (DMNA) is doing to prepare for possible support operations in the State.

Our Preparations

Several New York State government agencies are involved in planning Y2K contingency support in order to ensure appropriate public services are continuously provided leading up to, during and after, the Y2K transition on 1 January 2000. Our agency has a critical role. Although we feel adequate steps have been taken to ease the transition into the Year 2000, we have developed contingency plans addressing the areas of primary concern, ie; power outages, general loss of communications capabilities, and availability of fundamental human needs (food, water and shelter). For each of these areas of concern, your role in support of our plans is critical to their successful implementation.

Y2K and Your Role

What does this mean to you? As a military member, it is a personal responsibility to ensure your readiness to respond to a call to duty. You may be called upon to help. During the period from December 28, 1999 through January 4, 2000, we will have Emergency Operations Centers and Joint Task Forces prepared to evaluate situations and determine needs.

As we alerted forces in anticipation of Hurricane Floyd this autumn, taking a proactive stance for any Y2K contingency needs for the National Guard only strengthens our relationship with communities throughout the state and gives us more flexibility in our response.

Some Guard members may be asked to provide support to specific areas of these Task Forces and Emergency Operations Centers. The people supporting these areas have been identified. Still, it is important that every Guard member is prepared to respond if called to duty during this period.



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

This means ensuring your recall or personal locator information is accurate, your training is current and, most importantly, you have made arrangements for support of your family and personal responsibilities as necessary. As always, these must be your primary actions.

Should the National Guard be needed to support contingencies related to Y2K, an ice storm, a natural disaster or any other emergency situation, it is important that our members are able to feel comfortable deploying away from home for an undetermined period of time.

Get Yourself Ready Now

Each one of us will need to take steps to ensure our personal preparation is complete. Please be certain your locator information in your unit is up-to-date and accurate. Please talk with your family and be sure the necessary steps have been taken to keep them safe and physically/financially secure should you be called to duty.

Remind family members of their ability to get support from the Red Cross, if necessary, and post the phone number of your local Red Cross Chapter where family members can see it. You may wish to look at the American Red Cross information on Y2K preparation or browse their website (<http://www.redcross.org>) for more suggestion on personal Y2K preparation.

These are common steps and ones that Guard members should always take. The possibility of Y2K contingencies has given us all a reminder to check our personal state of readiness.

A Safe and Happy New Year

As we face the New Year and a new millennium, let's each make a special effort to prepare ourselves and our families for whatever challenges we will face in the new millennium. It is the right thing to do and an integral part of the success of the National Guard.

New York Selected for Defense Exchange Program

State a 'Model' Reserve Force for Emerging Democracies

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
Guard Times Staff

NEW YORK CITY – A Department of Defense-sponsored international military education program selected the New York National Guard as a model reserve force to bring foreign military leaders to this September.

The historic Fifth Avenue Armory hosted a one-day conference for 80 defense and security leaders from Europe to discuss the National Guard's premier role in state emergency response and crisis management. The visitors came directly from Washington briefings from the Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Henry H. Skelton.

Class members of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies arrived in New York as part of their field study of the United States. The group's visit followed a week of activities in Washington D.C., including visits to the Pentagon, the Supreme Court and Capitol Hill.

"Designating the New York National Guard to provide this teaching block is a natural given their leadership role as one of the premier reserve military forces in the nation," said Dr. Paul Holman, Director of the Center's 15-week Executive Program.

The Marshall Center class represented more than 25 nations, including the Russian Federation and many developing Eastern European countries including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, and the Ukraine.

"The U.S. federal government tracks fourteen individual types of disasters. In New York, we've responded to twelve of the fourteen," noted Brig. Gen. William Martin, New York's Deputy Adjutant General. "There are only two disasters that the New York National Guard has not yet responded to and that's tidal waves and volcanoes. And we're keeping our eyes open for them, too."

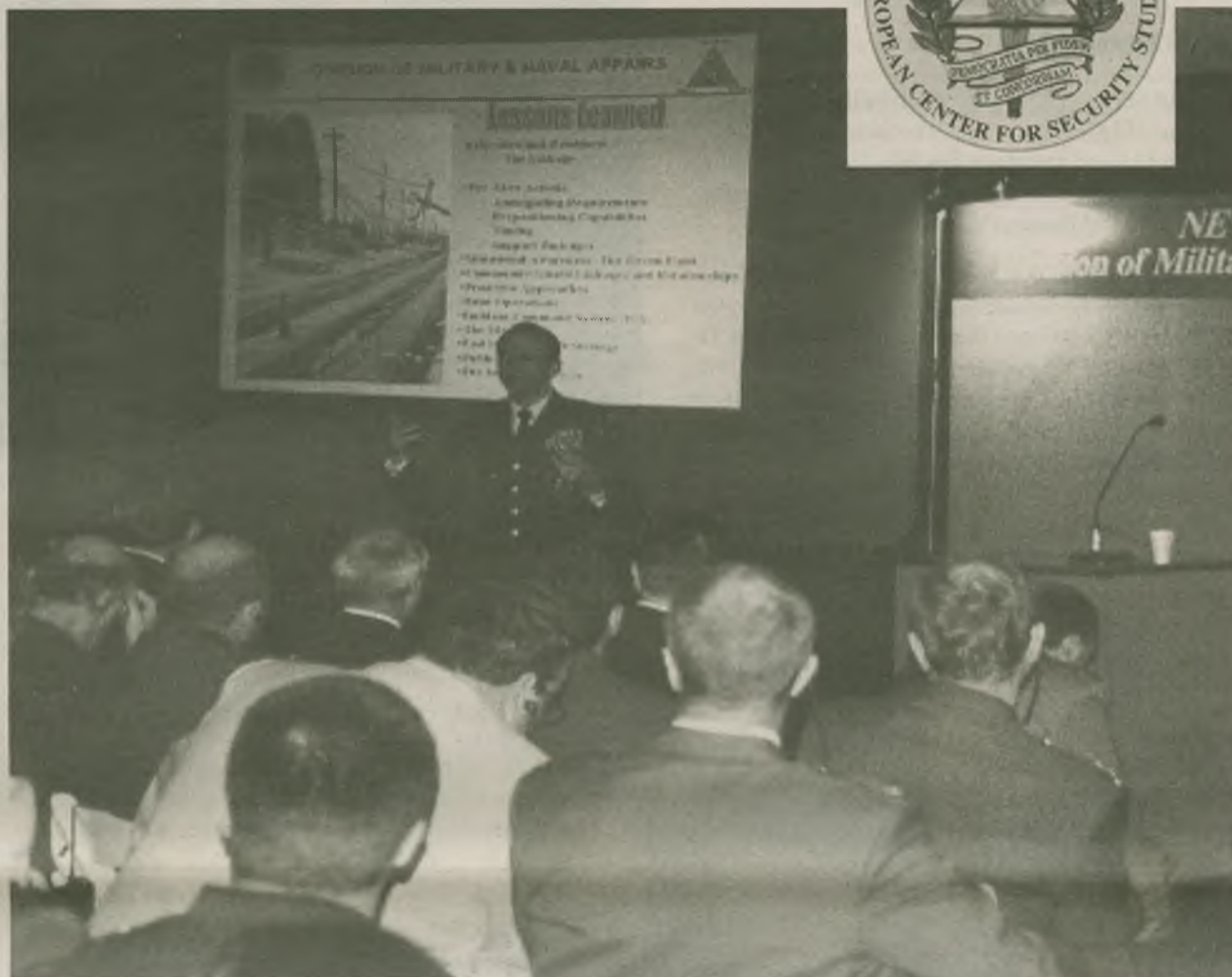
Martin explained that the visitors also learned how the Guard gets involved with local, state and federal missions like the recent formation of the Rapid Assessment Initial Detection Element designed to help respond to the potential use of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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The Guard's response to these disasters "represents the kind of relevancy and immediacy that leaders of these nations are looking to develop in their own reserve forces," General Martin explained.

"They asked a lot of questions," he said. "I really think they look at [the New York National Guard] as a model for an emerging democracy, a new paradigm for the military."

Lt. Colonel Vasile Milhai, an officer in the Romanian Army agrees. "I'm willing to listen a lot," he said, adding that he



Top photo, Brig. Gen. William Martin briefs lessons learned from two National Guard emergency response case studies: the recovery of TWA Flight 800 and the devastating Northern NY Ice Storm. Photo left, Capt. Richard Settino reviews aviation night vision devices with members of the Marshall Center's field study class. Above, Col. Frank Intini discusses the role of Army Aviation in civil support crisis response to a Latvian member of the center. Photos by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

once hosted a joint exercise with the Alabama National Guard. "I have a lot to learn from [the] military and civilian point of view."

Visiting officials like Milhai from Romania are anxious to participate in joint learning opportunities like those sponsored by the Marshall Center to learn more about how to maintain internal stability, interoperability with other nations and how to work with NATO.

While in New York, the field study members visited the United Nations, Wall Street and a network news studio.

The crisis management briefings by the New York National Guard were the first offered by the course.

The Marshall Center is located in Garmisch, Germany and is jointly run by the U.S. and the Federal Republic of Germany. The center's motto is "Democracy through Trust and Friendship." The Center educates civilian and military officials of developing European democracies on how Western nations plan and execute national security and defense issues. The developing role of the US National Guard is of keen interest to these developing militaries.

Latham Hosts New Yorkers to Homecoming

NGB Staff 'Ambassadors' Return to Resurgent NY

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — The Division of Military and Naval Affairs held a "homecoming" conference for some NY National Guard members this fall. But, they weren't returning from overseas. They were coming from National Guard Bureau (NGB).

Over the years, a number of NY National Guard members have been selected for full time duty in assignments at National Guard Bureau in the Washington, DC area. These personnel are serving in Title 10 Active Guard and Reserve positions in various NGB directorates and Department of Defense positions. They maintain their affiliation as members of the NY National



Brig. Gen. Bill Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General poses with the Title 10 NY National Guard members working full time at NGB during the recent visit to Latham. Photo by Staff Sgt. Cori Lombardo.



Guard and are generally viewed as being "on assignment" to National Guard Bureau.

State leaders felt it was time to invite them home for a visit, so they could see for themselves what was going on back in New York. It was also meant to improve coordination and communication between the various state staff personnel and their NGB counterparts.

"It makes me feel good to be from New York, to come from a state that is doing so much so well."

New York's initiative received the highest acclaim at the highest levels of the military command structure. "This clearly sends the right message and should be standard procedure among the states," said Major General Davidson, assistant to the chairman for National Guard matters. "New York clearly recognizes the value of their people working full time in Washington and sees them as an asset and a resource. This kind of effort maintains the relationship with the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) member and their home state.

This is a home run," said Davidson after the visiting Guard members returned from their two-day homecoming.

"We wanted to bring you home and give you a couple of days out of Washington," said Brig. Bill Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General Major General, during his welcoming remarks. "We also want to update you on our progress here in New York and give you the chance to meet or reunite with fellow NYers," he said. Martin delivered New York's vision presentation, encompassed by "Readiness, People, Future." The returning guests were given the latest information on New York's programs, achievements and initiatives.

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Major General Michael Davidson, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard matters**

General Martin concluded with a request for help. "We are a learning organization with the intent of continuous improvement and we welcome your ideas and suggestions. Your positions with National Guard Bureau can heighten our situational awareness," he said. "We want your insight and need your assistance in making New York the best Guard force in the nation. Finally, when you have completed your assignments, we want you back," he added. "You have a home in the New York National Guard."

The host, Maj. Gen. Jack Fenimore, NY's Adjutant General also welcomed the visitors during the evening social and praised the joint approach and team efforts to bring forth the full resources of the state and NGB to benefit the NY National Guard. New York staffers also met separately with their NGB counterparts during break out periods. Discussions focused on personnel issues along with record reviews.

More than twenty-five officers and non-commissioned officers came for two days of briefings and meetings to improve the exchange of information between state headquarters and the NGB directorates. The Army National Guard guests included Col. Ronald Tipa, Col. Julia Cleckley, Lt. Col. Paul Bugge, Col. Deborah Wheeling, Lt. Col. Gary Owens, Maj. David Zysk, Lt. Col. Jeff Mathis, Maj. Susan Kolb, Maj. Tom Lee, Capt. Les Andrill Melnyk, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ron Denoia, Chief Warrant Officer Dean Pilarinos, Master Sgt. Jim Petruzzi and Sgt. 1st Class James Blackman. The Air National Guard guests were Lt. Col. Al



Wooley, Maj. Mary Jo Patierno, Maj. Millie Santiago Madera, Capt. Randy Johnson, Chief Master Sgt. Don Hudson, Master Sgt. Heidi Ortiz, Master Sgt. Byron Williams, Senior Master Sgt. Rose Claar, Master Sgt. Gina Goula, Tech. Sgt. Michelle Miller, Master Sgt. Sharlene Laskaris and Lt. Col. Robert Lovell.

"This is a home run"

"The leaders at National Guard Bureau thought this was a fantastic idea, they were thrilled for me to come and were very impressed that New York thought to do it," said Maj. Mary Jo Patierno, a NY Air National Guard member working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon.

"When you have completed your assignments, we want you back. You have a home in the New York National Guard."

The homecoming trip generated great praise from the NGB staff. "The New York National Guard is viewed as a leader down here, believe me," said Patierno. My boss has long been aware of New York's recent accomplishments. "It makes me feel good to be from New York, to come from a state that is doing so much so well."

Second Company Commanders' Course Held

New Commanders 'Set up for Success'

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

GLENS FALLS—Nearly thirty captains and first lieutenants gathered in Glens Falls during a September weekend for the second New York Army National Guard Company Commanders Course held this year.

The course is designed and operated by the senior Army advisor's office at the Guard's state headquarters in Latham "set new commanders up for success" by providing classes on critical subjects and access to senior Guard leaders that junior officers can't get any other way. The goal is to have every officer complete this course prior to being assigned to company command.

Unlike the previous course held in Albany in March, this class featured student officers just entering command. The March class was comprised of officers who were already serving as commanders and was set up as a "pilot" course to elicit input from seasoned commanders. Feedback from that class helped to redesign the course by concentrating on topics requiring emphasis and including measures the experienced commanders felt would be most helpful to an incoming commander.

Refinements presented to new commanders

The single most significant change was the inclusion of spouses. Eleven wives joined their commander-husbands in classes on the family support program, and had their own separate break out class. Brigadier Generals William Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General and Michael Van Patten, the Commanding General of the New York Army National Guard made presentations and joined Army National Guard Chief of Staff Colonel Paul Duttge with their wives to listen to spouses' concerns about Guard life and their husbands' future role of company commander.

"This course was designed to give unit commanders access to our top leadership, and this contact serves all because of the sharing, listening and learning which happens"



New York's future leaders pose for a graduation picture from the Company Commander's Course. The course prepares incoming leaders for the responsibilities and demands of company command in the New York Army National Guard. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.



"We learned that the spouses were very anxious for information and were very glad they came," said Lt. Col. Charles Phillips, Senior Army Advisor. "We got very positive feedback from commanders and

spouses, and in the future, we will send out the curriculum in advance so that more spouses will be encouraged to come," said Phillips.

During the spouse break out, Gen. Martin asked spouses pointedly if they would rather see their husbands not serve in the Guard. Nearly 80 percent of the wives said

the feelings of many other wives. They would rather have the husbands stay in, despite the sacrifices and needed adjustments at home. That said, the wives said too much time devoted to the Guard by their husbands and that more family time away from the Guard is needed.

"The separate sessions with the generals by the commanders and the spouses were powerful, even moving," said Phillips. "This course was also designed to give unit commanders access to our top leadership, and this contact serves all because of the sharing, listening and learning which happens."

Saturday evening's dinner featured Rensselaer County, Nassau Town Supervisor Carol Sandford as guest speaker. Her town recently benefited from a guardHELP project by members of the 204th Engineer Battalion. Her remarks drove home the importance of a community-based National Guard: vibrant, connected and locally involved.

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Feedback from the commanders indicated that her presentation helped many of the new commanders understand the strategic importance of the guardHELP program and the need for its integration into the traditional federal mission.

"The first commanders course helped us determine if we are on track with a program to help our new commanders. The second class will help us fine-tune the educational content for the next course," said Phillips. "The commanders course program will always be a work in process and will undergo continuous development and improvement. We are also working on non-resident courses by correspondence or by distance

learning, again focused on giving future commanders the kind of information and lessons they need to succeed." The next commanders' course is scheduled for 14-16 April 2000.

they were proud of their husband's service and that they regarded his membership as part of his self-identity. "My husband would not be the same man if he got out," said one wife, who seemed to summarize

Seeking Fresh Approaches while Executing Change

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
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LATHAM—The New York Army National Guard commanding general wants his troops to know that in the face of many challenges, the force is strong, getting stronger and that more progress lies ahead.

Since taking over last year, Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten directed both the process of change and the actions that go with it as the Guard continues its missions of readiness and military support. His focus is characterized by macro and micro-scaled efforts, including process action teams, staff studies and personal interviews. These examinations will lead to improvements that will make the Guard more fulfilling for its members.

Process of Change

As a full-time college professor, Van Patten values mixing leadership principles and multi-disciplined process theory with everyday reality to come up with practical results. His "common sense" approach to complex problems has led to his success in both the military and the business world. The general has made numerous trips to the field to get input directly from the soldiers. He directed changes at state headquarters such as in-ranks inspections and the wearing of the battle dress uniform (BDU) for drills. One of his favorite quotes is, "Lose the office mentality and start thinking and acting like soldiers." After 30 years in field units, he states that while in command he will never lose his soldier focus. In short, he is determined to bring about changes that truly fit the Guard.

"Lose the office mentality and start thinking and acting like soldiers"

Earlier this year, the NYARNG recreated its headquarters with new staff directorates. In March, Van Patten directed the new personnel directorate to form a process action team to follow through on the general's concern for enlisted and officer personnel issues. Members of the field commands will examine state and National Guard Bureau personnel policies and their impact on the force. The team will identify policies that need to be changed and make proposals.



Brig. Gen. Michael Van Patten, NYARNG commanding general meets with troops deployed during Hurricane Floyd response. Photo by Sgt. Denise Slater.

"I want field leaders to look at these policies and tell us how we should change them for the good of the force," said Van Patten. "We will forward recommendations to the bureau for ideas that could be implemented nationally."

The general feels NY needs to do a better job of grooming officers for leadership positions and identifying backfill officers so units are short-handed when experienced leaders move forward. "We did a poor job of managing and forecasting the future needs of the full-time force. We are now experiencing huge gaps in experience and knowledge as our senior AGR personnel retire," Van Patten said.

STAP Focus

He directed the state command sergeant major to focus on the enlisted personnel management system. Another process action team was formed and it has been examining STAP—Select, Train, Assign and Promote—the statewide, enlisted promotion process.

"When I visit units and talk to soldiers, I get the most complaints about STAP," said Van Patten. "We're going to figure out what the problems are and come up with better procedures. These include better communication, better

education and ways to modify the system so that it works better for us," he said.

The commanding general is also deeply concerned about the operational tempo of his force, which, more and more, is reflecting the Army's active duty pace. "We are citizen soldiers," said Van Patten. "When we increase our operational tempo through intensified training requirements, overseas deployments and state emergencies it has a doubling affect. These impact our members, their families, and their employers," he said. "It is a balancing act for us. The real-life deployments, emergencies and even community support projects are good for the troops—they derive additional pride in their service,

and they perform these missions with the knowledge they are serving nation, state and community. However, we must be careful that we are not over tasking our units, especially certain units. We must spread our mission load throughout our major commands and consider special situations," he added.

Looking ahead, Van Patten is studying the armory situation—the age and condition of facilities, their locations and the units assigned. He directed the headquarters staff to examine where troops are assigned, where they actually perform weekend training and where the units' equipment is located to support that training. He pointed out that units frequently have to travel considerable distances to train.

"A lot of training time is wasted trying to move units to Fort Drum, Fort Dix and other sites so they can train. We need to develop a strategic plan to reduce travel times and other factors that denigrate our readiness," he said. "We need to take a hard look at our real estate situation and come up with a fresh approach at how we can best position our units, armories and equipment for success," he added.

The commanding general promises more will follow.

National Guard Pays Tribute to 'Uncle Sam'

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
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TROY—Members of the New York National Guard paid trib-

ute to a national icon this fall. Joining the local veteran's groups

and the city of Troy, New York, the National Guard participated the annual honors to Samuel Wilson, the founder of America's 'Uncle Sam' persona.

The City of Troy invited Rainbow Division Chief of Staff Colonel Joseph Taluto to give remarks for the graveside ceremony. In honoring Samuel Wilson's birth, Col. Taluto's commented that "the real heroes that embody the character of Uncle Sam today are reflected in the combat veterans of America's Wars and the spirit of her citizen-soldiers serving the the New York National Guard today."

Participating in the city's Uncle Sam parade were members of the

Rainbow Division's ceremonial honor guard in distinctive WWI uniforms, the Rainbow Division Band, an overflight of UH-60 helicopters from the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation, and members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry.

Rainbow Chief of Staff poses with 'Uncle Sam' at the Samuel Wilson gravesite. Below: the Rainbow Division band stops to sing the Army Song at the reviewing stand at the Uncle Sam parade. Photos by Sgt. First Class Jim Filio.



Guarding the White House

105th MPs keep Eagle Base under Control

by Staff Sgt. David San Miguel
314th MPAD, Eagle Base, Bosnia

TUZLA, BOSNIA — In the heat of a sunny afternoon or the cold chill of an early morning, guarding the "white house" at Eagle Base is a mission these guardsmen men will execute each day throughout their 6-9 month rotation.

It's a mission the 3rd Platoon of the 105th Military Police Company, a National Guard unit out of Buffalo, NY, will swap with the 2nd Platoon periodically. Their sister unit is currently providing convoy security and escort duty for the day trips to Tuzla. According to Spc. John R. Pajak, military police, next month the platoons will also perform a law and order mission which will include providing garrison police duty to enforce base camp speed restrictions.

Sgt. Michael A. Tweedy, military police, added that the platoons will rotate their duties to vary and expand their training opportunities.

"Basically, the 105th MP's mission here in Bosnia is to ensure that the peace process keeps moving forward," the sergeant said. "We do this by making sure our leaders are safe and secure when they leave the base camp to attend meetings or travel on the main supply routes."

The deployment has interrupted his plans to celebrate his third wedding anniversary and the birth of his first child.



"My wife wasn't *too* happy," he said. "Nonetheless, it's a necessary mission for the safety of Bosnia's populace and so I'm here."

First Sergeant Amos Peterson said that in addition to providing "white house" security or convoy and escort duty, his troops are spread out and are executing base camp specific missions there at Dobol and McGovern.

Peterson admits that the mission is critical to the success of operations in the Multinational Division (North)'s area of responsibility but one in which the soldiers are prepared to handle.

"Prior to being deployed here, we were given extensive training at Forts Drum, Benning and Polk," he said. "Then, we received a pretty good picture of this operation from the 401st MP Company."

Tweedy said that the 401st more than went out of their way to ensure "we had everything we needed to complete this mission. They were a good bunch of guys!"

"We have a very meaningful mission here," said Capt. Michael T. Fowler, company commander. "It's good to know we're making a difference. The troops are really doing an outstanding job!"



Left, members of the 105th MP Company on patrol in Bosnia. Above, Spec. Christopher Kreiger comforts a frightened Bosnian boy whose family had just returned to the remains of their home. Photos by Capt. Mike Fowler.

Master Sgt. William A. Borchert, operations sergeant, attributes this job performance to the months of extensive preparation.

"The soldiers are really enjoying their mission and have gotten to see a lot of the countryside," Borchert said. "They know they're making an impact. They know that if we were to pull out, things would revert to the ways things were. It's a mission the soldiers don't take lightly."

Fowler added, "They're definitely making us proud!"

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Rainbow Trains with America's Corps

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
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FORTLEWIS, WA — Travelling around the cyber-world in eighty days, the 42nd Infantry Division commanders and their staffs completed a second Annual Training deployment here for a I Corps command post battle simulation.

The more than 200 members of the Rainbow Division who participated in July's successful annual training exercise at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas found that the scenario behind this combat simulation exercise was once again, halfway around the globe. Having planned and executed battle plans for the two regional conflicts, the battle staff of the Rainbow Division, this exercise

Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) evaluation their ability to prepare mission orders, battle track operations, and oversee division operations.

A Division 'First'

The BCTP, or Warfighter as the exercise is more commonly called, involves the evaluation of a command and staff in a simulated wartime scenario. Prior to this fall's deployment, the Rainbow Division completed two deployments to the combat training center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The 1998 division evaluation and the 1999 Corps headquarters role during the 29th Infantry Division (Light) Warfighter marked the Army's first initiative to use a National Guard division in the role of a higher headquarters to better assist other Guard units in training.

"These are great experiences for our National Guard leaders and their staffs," noted Division Chief of Staff, Colonel Joseph Taluto. "What our soldiers like is to refine the cross-talk and sharing of information so crucial in a command post.

It doesn't really matter whether the focus is on a deep attack strike into enemy territory or the relief of a disaster area, our members have proven themselves time and again."

The work with the I Corps, referred to as "America's Corps," included coordination with another maneuver division in the exercise, the 25th Infantry (Light) from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

"Our work with the 29th Infantry Division this summer and our great support and work with the 27th Separate Infantry Brigade Enhanced have really helped out in our role in the heavy-light force mix," said Brig. General Thomas Garrett, on hand for the exercise in the role of Division Commander. General Garrett took command of the Rainbow Division only three weeks after redeployment from Fort Lewis.

"We've done this planning and execution so many times now, it's all a blur," said Major John Betor, working on the division plans for aviation deep attacks.



Division Operations Officer Lt. Col. Mark Heffner confers with Intelligence Officer Maj. David Martinez during the Division exercise "Rainbow Mist" at Fort Lewis, WA. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

Rainbow Colors Pass to New Leadership

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
HQ, 42nd ID (Mech)

CAMP SMITH — On a brisk autumn morning, the 42nd Infantry, General Douglas MacArthur's very own Rainbow Division, welcomed its new commander for the new century.

On the parade fields of Camp Smith, New York, the division colors and subordinate unit guidons from all seven states stood in formation for a division review by Lieut. General John M. Riggs, the First Army Commander, reviewing officer for the change of command ceremony. Passing the leadership of the 42nd Infantry Division was outgoing commander Major General Thomas D. Kinley. Receiving the Division colors and the responsibilities of Rainbow command was Brig. General George T. Garrett.

Major General Kinley served as Division Commander since the fall of 1996. In just three short years, he has seen the 42nd Division rise to the very top of performance in New York State and the Army National Guard for Training, Personnel, and Readiness. Balancing the needs of local communities with the demands of Army training, Major General Kinley saw the Division respond to more than a half dozen state emergencies, three annual training seasons, and the success of New York Governor George E. Pataki's GuardHELP initiative.

The highlights of General Kinley's achievements as division commander also include the notable success of the division leadership and staff at the Army's Battle Command Training Program evaluation of the Division's ability to plan, command, and control simulated combat operations. The deployment, following right on the

heels of the division's response to the 1998 Ice Storm and Tornado recovery in upstate New York, validated General Kinley's ability to lead the Rainbow Division in peace or war.

The exercise was so successful in fact, that the Rainbow Division returned to Leavenworth this past summer to support the training and evaluation of the 29th Infantry Division, Maryland Army National Guard. By doing so, the 42nd Division became the first National Guard Division headquarters selected to provide training as a higher headquarters to a fellow National Guard unit.

Brig. General Garrett, upon receiving the Rainbow Colors at Camp Smith, takes on the challenge of taking the Rainbow Division to even greater heights of achievement. As the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver, he has overseen the training and operations for the Division that defines the Mechanized fight.

In just the past few years, the Rainbow has achieved unparalleled tank gunnery success on

the newer ranges at Fort Drum and Fort Knox. Crews from Vermont's 86th Brigade are among the only in the National Guard to successfully shoot Tank Table Twelve, a complex series of live-fire tank maneuvers at Fort Knox. The Buffalo area's Third Brigade achieved similar notoriety for its tank crew combat simulation training. The Division's 50th Brigade from General Garrett's home state of New Jersey similarly achieved success in its battle training program during the Division's Warfighter exercise in 1998 and the I Corps command post exercise this fall.



Brig. General Garrett receives the Division colors from Major General Riggs. Photo by Sgt. First Class Jim Fillio.

Program Broadens Officer Development

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — For more than twenty years, National Guard enlisted soldiers entering the Army's Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) through college can continue to serve in their Guard unit and still be a cadet.

Known as the Simultaneous Membership Program, or SMP, cadets have get the benefit of the opportunity to gain practical leadership development through their Guard unit experience. Cadets are assigned to officer positions based on existing or projected officer shortfalls. Many cadets train as platoon leaders in their units.

The chance to learn leadership skills through the ROTC classes and apply them in their Guard unit provides a unique opportunity for professional growth and benefits all parties — the unit, the ROTC detachment, and the soldiers. Seventy five percent of Army officers come from the ROTC.

SMP cadets perform the duties of a second lieutenant and work under the close supervision of a commissioned officer. During the summer between the junior and senior academic year, SMP cadets attend the ROTC Advance Camp. If no conflicts exist, cadets may attend both the ROTC and their unit annual training with their National Guard unit.

Cadets continue to draw monthly and annual training pay in the grade of E-5 (or retain their grade if higher) during the same period of officer training. In addition, advanced cadets receive a monthly stipend of \$150 for their ROTC participation. Once commissioned, they are paid as second lieutenants.

Individuals desiring to qualify for the Simultaneous Membership Program must meet physical qualification for enlistment, be less than 30 years of age at time of appointment and have an enlistment obligation of four or more years remaining at their time of selection. Cadets must attend college full-time, about 12 semester hours at most colleges.

For more details about SMP, interested Guard members should contact their ARNG recruiting and retention office, unit commander, or Army ROTC Professor of Military Science.

Guard SMP Cadets Graduate

By Maj. Don Mills
Siena College ROTC Department

FORT LEWIS, WA- Two NY National Guard Simultaneous Membership Program cadets from the Mohawk Battalion at Siena College recently graduated from the 1999 Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, WA. This is the single most important training event in preparation for future commissioning as an Army Officer.

Cadets Edward W. Cardinale, Siena College and Victor E. Bruno, State University of New York at Albany, completed the 31-day camp that incorporated a wide range of subjects designed to develop and evaluate the cadets' leadership ability. Cardinale is a member of Company A, 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation and Bruno is a member of Headquarters company 1st Battalion 105th Infantry.

Advanced Camp placed each cadet in a variety of leadership positions, many of which simulated stressful combat situations. They are now prepared for their senior year at Siena College and State University of New York at Albany and subsequent commission upon graduation.



ROTC Fun

Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry provided some "technical" support in October to the Siena college Reserve Officers Training Corps class which includes college students from several Capital District schools. Over the years, numerous NY National Guard units have supported cadet training with field and equipment orientations and training. The Siena program held a field training exercise at the nearby Guilderland Range National Guard training site. Bravo Company provided five soldiers, an armored personnel carrier and a humvee (photo left) to introduce the cadets to tactical vehicles. As the far left photo attests, the vehicles added a touch of realism to the paint ball battle that the cadets waged (photo bottom left). Photos courtesy of Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry.

109th's Daring South Pole Rescue

By Major Bob Bullock
109th Air Wing

SCOTIA— Only hours after its return from a bold medical evacuation mission to the South Pole, an LC-130 from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia departed from Antarctica approximately midnight Friday, October 15 with a second support LC-130 aircraft and a C-141 aircraft from McChord AFB, WA's 62nd Airlift Wing. This ended a mission which had begun more than a week earlier.

The objective of the mission was to pick up Dr. Jerri Nielsen, station physician for Admunsen-Scott South Pole Station who had become ill during the arduous winter-over period.

Planning for the medical evacuation mission began in July upon discovery of Dr. Nielsen's condition. The decision not to go in earlier than October was based upon a risk assessment process performed by 109th officials.

On Wednesday, October 6, two ski-equipped LC-130s from the 109th departed Schenectady for a four-day journey to Christchurch, New Zealand. A day after their arrival in NZ, two aircrews from the Scotia-based unit and maintenance support personnel prepared to head down to the National Science Foundation's U.S. Antarctic Program headquarters at McMurdo Station. High winds and blowing snow deterred the arrival of the crews at McMurdo for more than 24 hours.

Extreme Weather

Upon their arrival in Antarctica, the New York Air National Guard members began preparation for an 800-mile trip to the South Pole that depended on temperatures warmer than minus 50 degrees Celsius. Technical experts had concluded that colder temperatures could result in problems with fuel and hydraulic fluid.

"This is a great day for the 109th and the New York Air National Guard"

Extreme cold temperatures which dropped in excess of minus 60 degrees Celsius prevented crews from launching for South Pole Station for nearly



Top photo, a LC-130H of the 109th Airlift Wing climbs skyward from the icy runway of McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Above, Maj. Rob McAllister and Maj. Dave Koltermann piloted the aircraft which airlifted the doctor from the South Pole. At left, NY's Commander-in-Chief, Governor George E. Pataki decorates McAllister during a press conference in New York City. Photos courtesy of the 109th Airlift Wing.

two days. A break in the weather, prompted by cloud cover in the South Pole region, resulted in a rise in temperatures to the required minus 50 degree threshold.

With the warming, Guard crews on standby launched for the South Pole, returning nearly 7 hours later with its vital human cargo. Ground time at the South Pole was limited to less than 25 minutes out of concern for the potential effects of the cold on aircraft systems.

The 109th crew members for the mission included: Maj. Rob McAllister (pilot); Maj. Dave Koltermann (co-pilot); Col. Graham Pritchard (senior mission commander); Lt. Col. Bryan Fennessy (navigator); Chief Master Sgt. Mike Cristiano (engineer); and Senior Master Sgt. Kurt Garrison and Tech. Sgt. David Vesper (loadmasters). Medical personnel on board included: Maj. Kim Terpening (flight nurse); and Chief Master Sgt. Mike Casatelli and Master

Sgt. Kelly McDowell (medical technicians).

"This is a great day for the 109th and the New York Air National Guard," stated Brig. Gen. Archie Berberian, New York Air National Guard chief of staff.

"Although the 109th only took over the airlift support of the U.S. Antarctic Program one year ago, this unit has already demonstrated that it is worthy of a prominent place in Antarctic history," he said.

Berberian went on to state that the success of the 109th was not the work of any one group of individuals but the whole Wing. "The success of any flying organization hinges upon the collective capabilities of every member. In this case, the outstanding professionalism of more than 1,200 members of the 109th with the organization's 24 years of polar expertise gave this unit the capability to do what could be done by perhaps no other group."



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NYG Engineers Hold the Line in Guilderland

By Maj. John Sacca
HQ 10th Bde, NY Guard

GUILDERLAND — Since their first flood control mission at Pistol Range number two at the Guilderland Range in 1996, the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment of the all-volunteer New York Guard's Tenth Brigade traveled regularly from Binghamton to regularly upgrade and maintain the state facility.

The ranges at Guilderland not only serve the National Guard, but are used year round by the NY State Police, the Albany County Sheriff's department, and other local police departments.

Three years of constructing stone-filled wire berms, earthen embankments, drainage ditches and culverts, grading and laying gravel all paid off when Hurricane Floyd recently "blew water down and out of the Normanskill Creek like a fire hose," according to Major Bennet Gardiner of the New York Guard (NYG). A regional equipment manager with the Department of Transportation in Broome County, Gardiner has been chief engineer and commander of the Binghamton all-volunteer NYG unit since 1995.

Flood damage would have been far greater had it not been for the three years' efforts of the NYG engineers. Indeed, damage to the pistol ranges was significant; four feet of water covered the ranges at the height of the storm. Nearly 30 percent of the back-fill along the berms washed away, as well as a parking lot. Debris plugged local drainage ditches and culverts and the floodwaters overturned a State Police target shack.

"This was the worst flooding in a decade," noted Staff Sgt. Vernon Huestis, 10th Brigade staff Engineer and former range keeper at Guilderland. Huestis enlisted in the NYG after the Binghamton unit took on the range support missions in 1996. "The operational portion of the pistol range, pop-up targets and 'target coffins' would have been destroyed had it not been for the berms," added the former range keeper with pride. "I have a love for this place that these guys from Binghamton share."

With the pistol ranges non-operational and the State Police scheduled to begin their three-months weapons training in October, the NYG engineers were called to state active duty for the first time since they were organized. Damage control was priority; ditches and culverts had to be cleared, berms repaired and back-filled, the range regraded, a new granular surface applied to the parking lot and driveway, the target shack uprighted, and the range road repaired.

Future missions will attempt to address the weaknesses at the ranges and prepare for the next "50 year flood," while enhancing the training facilities. Gardiner would like to construct a new retaining wall upstream, connect all the berms previously put in place, and build a Bailey bridge over the creek capable of holding military vehicles and tanks.

The New York Guard volunteers expect to be back in Guilderland in November. Corporal Charles Prosser, a heavy equipment operator with the unit, looks forward to the experience. The former Tennessee native says he finds great satisfaction in helping out his adoptive state and "saving the taxpayers some money" through the work of the New York Guard.



Members of Binghamton's 10th Brigade of the New York Guard work to restore stone-filled berms at the state's Guilderland Range Facility following the devastating rains of Hurricane Floyd. Inset: The State Police target shack was nearly destroyed by floodwaters. Photos by Major John Sacca.

New York Guard Holds Annual Training

By Lt. Michelle Smith
HQ, New York Guard

CAMP SMITH, PEEKSKILL — Over 500 hundred volunteer members of the New York Guard reported for Annual Training at Camp Smith in Peekskill September 26 to October 3.

AT-99 was an intense seven day period of classroom and field training designed to ready New York Guard members for possible state emergency support. The primary mission of the NYG is to support the other three elements of the State Militia (Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Naval Militia) and the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO).

Training Command lead by Miller hosted 12 separate schools for Guard members: Basic Enlisted, Basic NCO, Advanced NCO, Basic Officers, State Incident Command, Basic Communications, Radiological Monitoring, Terrorism Issues, Basic Search and Rescue, Advanced Search and Rescue, and Search and Rescue Tracking. These courses were geared to develop and enhance the necessary practical skills that the volunteers need to effectively complete their missions.

Attendees took part in an additional Y2K communications training initiative. In preparation for any events that may occur at or just after the turn of the New Year (possible Y2K induced emergencies), everyone underwent a radio communications instruction. Although many volunteers were already familiar with the Military Emergency Radio Network (MERN), volunteers received instruction in opening the radio net, authenticating, keeping a log, and they received hands-on practice with the radios. Extensive radio training continues at unit home stations and teams from each Brigade are preparing for a possible alert from December 28 to January 4.

Major General Kasso conducted a complimentary program of continuing legal education during the AT. Designed to assist attorneys in fulfilling the newly state mandated Continuing Legal Education requirement of 25 credits every two years, the two-day program was available to all attorneys admitted to practice in New York State now serving on active duty or with a reserve component or NYG.



The New York Guard-sponsored legal training seminar was held in Baker Hall at Camp Smith. Photo by Capt. C. H. Telles.

The program faculty consisted of experienced and knowledgeable judicial officers and attorneys from the entire metropolitan area, including the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Term, the 2nd & 11th Judicial District Supreme Courts, the Westchester County Attorney, the Surrogate of Nassau County and many other distinguished lecturers. Over 109 participants from all services completed the program.

Guest of Honor to mark the close of the training was Major General John H. Fenimore V, Adjutant General for the State of New York. Thanking all the Guard members who serve in the "best tradition of volunteerism," Maj. General Fenimore noted how the NYG had received more state missions in the past 6 months than the past 12 years. He predicts an ever-increasing role for the NYG and expressed overwhelming confidence that the Guard's volunteers will be ready and able to fulfill their assigned missions. About three hundred family members, guests and former active members attended the closing ceremonies and the picnic following.

Finance Unit Provides Audit Assistance

By Capt. Robert Winthrop
7th Finance Detachment

ELLIS ISLAND – The Army National Guard callout of troops here brought soldiers armed with calculators and spreadsheets.

Soldiers from the 7th and 37th Finance Detachments of the 27th Finance Battalion spent a weekend in late August auditing vendor contracts for the National Park Service site that manages the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The guardHelp effort was a volunteer project designed to get soldiers involved in their local communities.

The audit involved matching invoice and payment records in preparation for the completion of the contracts. The largest of the contracts audited by the soldiers is a \$5 million, 5-year contract for the operation and maintenance of the powerhouse and the incinerator serving Ellis Island.

"In recent years, Army Finance Branch has changed its focus from military pay to vendor payments. This project gave us realistic training for what our military mission will be if

deployed," said Capt. Robert Winthrop, Commander of the 7th Finance Detachment.

"The volunteer effort relieved the Park Service of having to do some very labor-intensive auditing and allowed its staff to focus on other duties," Winthrop said. "It went better than we could have expected," he added.

The soldiers who participated in the project were Staff Sgt. Ernesto Ramos; Sgt. Yuen S. Lee; Spec. Lioten Hall; and Spec. Elieth Gomez.

"It was a good learning experience," said Sgt. Lee, a window clerk for the U.S. Postal Service. "All my jobs deal with finance. I'm amazed at the amount of money that goes toward operations each month," he said.

"This mission," explained Lieutenant Colonel Christopher McKeon, Commander of the 27th Finance Battalion, "utilized our soldiers' specialty to help these monuments that are an intrinsic part of New York. The National Park Service got our assistance and our soldiers got to exercise their skills.

It is a win-win situation."



Members of the 127 Armor Battalion volunteer for the annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep along the Buffalo River Shoreline. Photo by Spec. Francis Franklin.

Armor Unit Does guardHELP Environmental Cleanup

By Spec. Francis Franklin
HQ, 127th Armor

BUFFALO -- Members of the New York Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 127th Armor Regiment unit in Buffalo had an opportunity to do a police call recently for a good cause.

The Center for Marine Conservation sponsored the International Coastal Cleanup day, an eleven year old event. The National Guard got involved when Captain McArdle, company commander of the Headquarters Company for the 127th Armor Battalion, received a letter requesting support from a local organization involved. One of McArdle's soldiers belongs to a group called Private Sunshine that has environmental concerns of Buffalo as one of its missions. That

soldier requested Guard Help and was able to take a squad of six men to clean up a section of shoreline where the Buffalo River splits into the Creeks, Cazenovia and Buffalo.

This year's Great Lakes Beach Sweep for International Coastal Cleanup took place on Saturday, September 18 with over 2000 volunteers from Presque Isle, PA to Niagara Falls helping out. This event also occurred all over America and in 88 countries around the world. Private Sunshine and the squad from the 127th Armor Battalion headquarters challenge your unit to get involved next year for Police Call 2K! It is scheduled for the third week in September.



Honors to a Former President

ALBANY -- Soldiers of the 53rd Troop Command honored the 21st President of the United States on Tuesday, October 5th, in a graveside ceremony on the anniversary of his birth. Col. James W. Lamback, CounterDrug Program Coordinator, presented a gravesite wreath for former President Chester A. Arthur on behalf of President William J. Clinton. Arthur was elected Vice President of the United States and later assumed the Presidency upon the death of James A. Garfield in 1881 and served until 1885. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

ChalleNGe Names Scholarship Winner

By Bob Reed
ChalleNGe Team

CAMP SMITH, NY – The New York National Guard (NYNG) ChalleNGe program selected former Corps member Alex Rafael DePena of Queens to receive the New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice Scholarship.

Born in Queens, New York on January 21, 1982, Alex attended John Browne High School for several years before dropping out, as many of his peers had. Alex has never been involved with the criminal justice system and he has never been involved with drugs.

The NYNG military sponsored ChalleNGe program for GED completion appealed to Alex for its demanding, team-building environment. Added to the educational curriculum for corps members is career and skill development, drug abuse awareness, and leadership and military drill. Alex wanted a bright future and so he decided to join the program.

While at ChalleNGe Alex blossomed into a Corps leader and disciplined young man. He served as a Platoon Sergeant, and Corps Company Commander. Alex completed over forty hours of community service and he traveled to Virginia with the best of the corps to represent New York in the ChalleNGe Invitational.

By the time he graduated from ChalleNGe on June 18, 1999, Alex had achieved the gold rope, the highest level of corpsmember achievement in the program. In addition, he received the Outstanding Corps Member of the Iteration Award.

Alex is currently attending LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City. Alex would like to have a career in finance.

Alex Rafael DePena is a young man who is deserving of this scholarship because he has set positive goals for himself and continues to work hard to achieve those goals.

The NY National Guard's ChalleNGe program is an at-risk youth GED completion program designed for high school dropouts. A study completed in 1992 found that a military sponsored residential training camp was an effective way of reentering high school dropouts into society as skilled, responsible members of their communities.

The ChalleNGe environment improves Corpsmember self-esteem and discipline through instruction in career choices, drug abuse awareness, personal values, and military drill and leadership. The program also includes community service projects to provide opportunities to develop civic responsibility.

106th Teams with Navy for Sea Rescue

By Jack Dorsey

Courtesy of The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, VA — Four pararescue specialists from the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing and the Norfolk-based destroyer Peterson teamed up in early October to save the life of a merchant ship captain suffering from heart problems and kidney failure in the mid-Atlantic.

Parachuting from their C-130 Hercules at 3,000 feet, through rain squalls and high winds, the paramedics landed just 200 yards from the Peterson, said the destroyer's operations officer, Lt. Scott Davis.

The Peterson had been alerted only two days prior that the 61-year-old captain of the 300-foot Dutch container ship Baltimore Sirius had become critically ill.

The Coast Guard contacted the Peterson, the nearest ship, which diverted from its original course. The next call was to the airborne rescue unit that has saved 281 lives since 1975, said Lt. Col. James J. MacDougall, the wing's executive officer. "With this one, that will make it 282 lives saved," he said.

The Peterson was first on the scene. "We steamed at 30 knots for 10 hours to reach him, then got our helicopter over there and brought him back to our ship," Davis said. The Peterson's hospital corpsman stabilized the container ship's captain and the ship headed back southwest while the 106th's C-130 flew for nearly four hours to meet it about 800 miles northeast of Bermuda.

"It was quite a sight," said Davis of the jumpers. "The C-130 came in low with its gear down, dropping their equipment. As they approached, we ran into a squall. It was pretty windy, but it worked out fine. No one was hurt."

Aboard the C-130 flight surgeon Air Force Capt. Kurt Silverstein provided technical assistance by radio to the "PJs," as they are called. The PJs who parachuted are Master Sgt. Mike Moore, Tech. Sgt. Mike Hewson, Staff Sgt. Mathew Preston and Senior Airman Jules Roy.

According to Davis, the Peterson steamed at 30 knots throughout the night Friday to get close enough to Bermuda so that it could launch its helicopter and take the merchant ship captain to a hospital ashore.

Air National Guard Conducts Leadership Self-Assessment

Guard Times Staff

NIAGARA FALLS—Senior leaders from the New York State Air National Guard gathered at the 107th Air Refueling Wing for the 2nd NYANG Leadership Development Workshop. The leadership conference provides an opportunity to examine the issues facing the Air Guard today and prepares leaders for the demands of the new century.

The workshop included presentations from military, civilian, and state and federal government experts. Presentations included Leadership for the 21st Century, Challenges of developing Leadership in the military and civilian sectors, as well as panel discussions to share ideas and develop a strategic vision for leaders.

Small group breakout conferences included groups representing the various levels of command in the Air Guard. Wing Commanders, Group Commanders, Command Chief Master Sergeants and senior enlisted personnel all convened to analyze the accomplishment of the NYANG to date and the focus for the future. This feedback from all levels provides a valuable start point for the future development of an Air Guard Leadership Development Plan.

Honored at the leadership seminar were the New York Air National Guard Airmen of the Year, Senior Airman Noel T. Dillon, Master Sergeant John A. Krulder, Jr., and Master Sergeant Rita M. Scheirer.

by Capt. Linda Blaszak
107th Air Wing

NIAGARA FALLS -- The 107th Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard, deployed to Istres, France in Mid-September to support "Operation Deliberate Forge."

While overseas, the Air Wing refueled NATO aircraft supporting the U.N. response to the Bosnian Serb military presence in Sarajevo. The Wing deployed KC-135R aircraft that recently underwent extensive modernizations of avionics and navigation equipment. As the first Air Guard unit to undergo such conversions, the 107th demonstrated the improved capability of the KC-135R Stratotanker in Europe.

The multinational coalition force originally assembled to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia for "Operation Deny Flight." The 107th Air Refu-



107th Aircrew members review mission requirements before departing on a NATO refuel support mission. Left to right are: Major Richard Smith, Navigator; Master Sgt. James Sievert, Boom operator; Capt. Philip Reed, Pilot; and Major Douglas Eoute, Pilot. According to Lt. Col. James McCready, operations officer, "Initially language was a barrier in coordinating flight plans with the air traffic controllers although we eventually got used to the accent. The hardest part of the deployment was jumping right in and flying missions while getting the operations procedures in line with the way Niagara functions. It takes a while to change over, but our crews are performing to their usual high standards." The 107th crews will rotate personnel every two to four weeks in support of the unit's six-week operational training deployment to Istres, France as the Refuel Wing supports NATO's Operation Deliberate Forge in the Balkans. Photo by Capt. Linda Blaszak.



Master Sgt. James Sievert, 107th Boom Operator, on a refueling mission from Le Tube Air Base, Istres, France. Aircraft Generation Squadron personnel have come to refer to some of the mission requirements as a "drogue-a-thon" in response to the changing of a refueling connection on the stratotankers from drogue to probe and back again. The Air Wing is deployed in support of the Nato Operation Deliberate Forge. Photo by Capt. Linda Blaszak.

eling Wing also supported the Deny Flight effort on two separate rotations in 1995 and again in 1996.

The KC-135 Stratotankers fly daily missions refueling U.S. and NATO aircraft operating in the European Theater. This operation is the first time the 107th has been the mission's lead unit with active duty crews in support.

"I've been able to perform duties here that I don't normally get to do at home station and the training has been wonderful"

Personnel receive short-notice missions such that both operations and maintenance personnel are constantly adjusting schedules to accommodate mission requirements. Senior Airman Timothy Griffin stated that the mission here has provided him with excellent training opportunities. "I've been able to perform duties here that I don't normally get to do at home station and the training has been wonderful," he said.

Tech. Sgt. John Nease, a 121st Air Refueling Wing Guidance and Control Specialist augmenting the 107th mentioned that while working in France "the support has been fantastic. If we don't have something, the French are more than willing to accommodate us." Fortunately, the Istres Air Base is home to a French KC-135 Stratotanker Squadron and that has enabled Wing personnel to borrow items unavailable at their current hangar.

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Over 100 volunteers from the 107th deployed over a 6-week period. It is through these highly trained and dedicated individuals that the National Guard can assist NATO operations in Europe.

"In a significant way, many parts of Western New York are involved in this multinational effort" stated the 107 ARW Commander, Colonel James Kwiatkowski. "Our citizen soldiers rely on the cooperation and support of their families and employers. Without this type of underlying support, it would be impossible to conduct our mission. We deeply appreciate all the sacrifices our community makes in support of our deploying volunteers."

MANY Honors Solomon



Former NY Congressman Gerald Solomon, (R) Queensbury was recently honored by the Militia Association of New York during an awards presentation at the Latham headquarters by The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore, V. Solomon retired last year after almost 24 years in the US House of Representatives. MANY praised Solomon for his many contributions to national defense and stalwart support to the National Guard. Solomon enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

Officer's Association Awards Media Prizes

Guard Times Staff

SARATOGA SPRINGS—Dozens of civilian news professionals were recently recognized by the Militia Association for New York (MANY) recently for outstanding reporting on the National Guard.

MANY recognized 26 working news media professionals for their "fair, balanced and accurate" news coverage of the New York National Guard at the association's regional dinner in September.

The 3,000-member association awards the Marguerite Higgins Journalism prizes every year since 1993 in honor of Higgins, a pioneer woman journalist and war correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune.

"In each of these news, editorial, photographic and videographic dispatches, working news professionals made a special 'hands on' effort to cover our defense, emergency response, and community support missions, interviewing the troops, the airmen and women, reporting it like they saw it," said Lieut. Col. P.C. "Pete" Kutschera, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.), MANY Publicity Chair. "They demonstrated the interest and energy to go right to the source, in the spirit and legacy of 'Maggie' Higgins."

Higgins had a legendary career as a war correspondent. She covered the Second World War in Europe and was with the Rainbow Division during the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp in 1945. She went on to cover the Berlin Airlift and the war in South Korea, landing with General Douglas MacArthur's famed landing at Inchon. Higgins received a Pulitzer Prize



Capt. Steve Mueller presents a Higgins award for broadcast reporting to reporter Dan Levy from WTEN, TV 10, Albany. Levy's story was on last year's Pine Bush guardHELP project. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

for her on-the-spot coverage of the Korean War. She succumbed to a rare liver disease contracted while on assignment during the Vietnam War in 1966.

Higgins awards winners came from across the state, and included Capital Region's *Times-Union* and stations *WTEN TV 10*, *WNYT TV 13*, *WXXA TV 23* and *PBS's Inside Albany*, Schenectady's *WRGB TV 6* and *WGY AM Radio 810*, *WTVH TV 5* from Syracuse, New York City's *Daily News* to Plattsburgh's *Press-Republican* and *WPTZ TV 5*, and the *Ithaca Journal*.

National media recognized for their coverage included *Perpetual Motion Films* and *the History Channel*, *National Public Radio*, *USA Today*, *Army Times* and *Associated Press* reporters.

Enlisted Association Adopts NY Proposal for Junior Enlisted Voice

By Staff Sgt. Corine L. Lombardo

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DESMOINE, IOWA—Once again New York is out front and leading the force. The most recent example is the creation of the Junior Enlisted Association Council, an idea conceived right here in New York State. This newly established program gives a national voice to the thousands of junior enlisted members of the New York Army and Air National Guard.

The program was announced during the 28th annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of United States conference held in Des Moines, Iowa, in August. Specialist Sandra VanPelt, a flight operations specialist in the Long Island based 42nd Aviation Brigade, spear headed this endeavor and presented her ideas to National Guard senior leaders. "We are an important part of this association and deserve to be heard", said VanPelt, while addressing the Enlisted Association executive committee.

Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, Chief of the National Guard Bureau pronounced "It is imperative that we listen to what our young members have to say, this is their world, they are our future leaders". Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant Gary Broadbent added, "If we expect our forces to continue to grow, we must change with the times."

Spec. VanPelt brings to the forum six years' experience in the National Guard and the Enlisted Association. The daughter of Command Sergeant Major Robert VanPelt, New York's Enlisted Association President, she is not new to the ways of the Guard. "I grew up with the Guard, this has been my family's way of life for as long I can remember. It's my generations responsibility to see the Guard continue its proud heritage. Now we have the opportunity to incorporate ideas into the decision making process," exclaimed VanPelt.

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"The junior enlisted people are the future of the National Guard and this association," said Mike Cline, Executive Director of the national organization, as he announced the decision to give junior enlisted personnel their own forum.

The Enlisted Association is chartered to support the 400,000 plus enlisted members within the National Guard. Among its key functions is lobbying Capitol Hill on issues critical to the Guard and its enlisted personnel. Over the years the association has been

successful in affecting legislation benefiting National Guard members.

"The Enlisted Association played a significant role in the passage of the Tuition Incentive Bill. Their support and advocacy were instrumental in the fight to win this unprecedented benefit for New York National Guard recruits," said Major General John H. Fenimore V, Adjutant General. General Fenimore accompanied the New York delegation to the conference in a show of strength and support for the more than 16,000 enlisted members in the New York National Guard.



Spec. Mandy Van Pelt and her father, Cmd. Sgt. Major Robert Van Pelt, representing all of New York's enlisted members at the Iowa convention. Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell.

The Enlisted Association, conceived in 1970 by a group of senior Enlisted National Guard soldiers, is dedicated to the principles of providing adequate national defense and promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of the members of the Guard. "This association is over a quarter century old. It's not just a military organization or a lobby group, but part of our recent heritage. Our young soldiers need to involve themselves to keep our heritage and traditions alive," said State Command Sergeant Major Don Brawley.

Additional highlights of the conference include the passage of several voting issues, discussion on resolutions for congressional consideration and the election of new representatives. Master Sergeant Jon DiFranco, Rhode Island Air National Guard and Sergeant Major Mark Collins, Maine Army National were elected to the EANGUS Executive Council and will represent NY in addition to other Region I states.

With the ever-growing demands being placed on today's Guard members, their families and employers, the Enlisted Association is working to develop new and better ways to recruit new members and retain young troops.

The Enlisted Association is continually addressing issues such as military pay, commissary privileges, retirement benefits and reinforcing the full-time force. If you would like more information concerning the Enlisted Association contact Command Sgt. Major VanPelt at (518) 352-7384.

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Editor's Correction: The Army National Guard Promotions to Staff Sergeant printed in our last issue incorrectly identified 106th Regimental Training Institute Candidates promoted to the rank of Staff Sgt. Those officer candidates were promoted in pay grade only.

Warrant Officer Opportunities

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — There are outstanding career opportunities available to members of the Army National Guard for advancement and greater responsibility. Applications are available for a career as a New York Army National Guard Warrant Officer.

A warrant officer is an officer appointed by the Secretary of the Army, based on a sound level of technical and tactical competence. The warrant officer is the highly specialized expert and trainer who, by gaining progressive levels of expertise and leadership, operates, maintains, administers, and manages the Army's equipment, support activities, or technical systems for an entire career.

A summary of the basic criteria for eligibility for application to Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC) training is listed below.

- (1) **Age:** 18 to 46. (Aviation applicants must not have reached 27½ years. Waivers can be granted, but soldiers must not exceed age 30 upon commencement of training).
- (2) **Citizenship:** must be a US citizen
- (3) **Mental:** Must have a GT score of 110 or higher. (Aviation applicants must pass the aptitude test for aviation (FAST), with a score of 90 or higher).
- (4) **Education:** Must be a High School Graduate or GED.
- (5) **Medical:** Qualified under Chapter 2, NGR 40-501. (Aviation applicants must pass a Class I, Flight Physical).
- (6) **Security Clearance.** Must have a Secret Security Clearance.

Enlisted soldiers should apply for warrant officer vacancies which most closely align with the enlisted Military Occupation Specialties (MOS's) which they have been awarded, along with their military and civilian education. The only exception would involve applicants for aviation positions.

The vacancies are throughout the New York Army National Guard in a variety of occupational specialties and career fields. Warrant Officer specialties include:

(1) **Combat Positions:** Field Artillery Targeting Officer, UH-60 Pilot, AH-1 Pilot, UH-1 Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Aviation Safety Officer, Aviation Maintenance Officer, Aviation Life Support Equipment Officer

(2) **Combat Support Positions:** Intelligence Analyst, Counter Intelligence Technician, Human Intelligence Analyst

(3) **Combat Service Support Positions:** Personnel Technician, Legal Administrator, Food Service Technician, Unit Maintenance Technician (HVY and LT), Supply Systems Technician, Property Book Officer, Ammunition Technician

If you are interested in applying for any of these vacancies contact your full time support representative or call Chief Warrant Officer Charles Amoroso, HQ NYARNG, at CML: 518-786-4936 or DSN: 489-4936.



New York Army National Guard Chief of Staff Col. Paul Duttge at left pins eagle brass on the shoulders of Col. Cheryl Machina with help from freshly promoted Col. David Mackey. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

New AGR Colonel

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM — For the first time in the state's AGR (Active Guard Reserve) Program, a woman has been promoted to colonel in the New York Army National Guard.

Colonel Cheryl Machina, the full-time director of the Military Personnel Directorate at state headquarters was promoted in September and is the first woman to achieve the rank while serving in an AGR assignment in New York. The veteran officer returned to her New York

National Guard roots last year, following many years' service at the National Guard Bureau in the Pentagon and as an inspector general and battalion commander in the Illinois National Guard.

Machina is the first personnel director for the reorganized New York Army National Guard headquarters reconstituted last year. Her duties include oversight of the state's officer and enlisted personnel sections.

New OMS Marks Return of Military Construction Funds

By Capt. Richard Goldenberg
Guard Times Staff

SYRACUSE—Federally funded military construction has returned to NY as the state's newest, most state-of-the-art maintenance facility was dedicated this fall in Syracuse.

OMS #5, collocated with the Headquarters of the 27th Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade (eSIB) in Syracuse, was dedicated in a ceremony which included Syracuse Congressman James T. Walsh and Deputy Adjutant General William C. Martin.

The project was begun in September 1998 and completed this summer. The 10,000 square foot facility



Congressman James Walsh at left, discusses the new OMS's capabilities with Shop Supervisor Chief Warrant Officer Howard Smith. Photo by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

received \$1.3 million in federal funding. The new OMS replaces one in downtown Syracuse built in the 1940s.

"This is a dream of a facility for these people," noted Colonel Dan Maney, the 27th Brigade deputy commander, on hand for the dedication. The state-of-the-art shop floor includes four work bays, hazardous material storage, and administration and supply/tool rooms.

The federal funding made available for the construction illustrates the changed image of the New York National Guard in Washington. "New York has really changed its position in the eyes of the National Guard Bureau," said Col. Thomas Maney.

His sentiment was shared by Congressman Walsh. Walsh, who represents Central New York in the House of Representatives, was influential in getting approval for the project. A member of the Appropriations Committee, Walsh oversees federal spending measures. Additionally, he serves on the subcommittee for Military Construction Appropriations.

"Governor Pataki has been remarkably successful in restoring the New York Army National Guard's standing as one of the nation's top National Guard commands. I firmly believe New York is a proven winner which has rightfully earned Washington's confidence and investment," said Walsh.

Shop Supervisor Chief Warrant Officer Howard Smith fully understands the facility's importance. "As we get ready for a JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) rotation in 2001, our soldiers will depend more and more on their vehicle readiness. We'll make sure that happens better than ever before," he said.

"Well maintained equipment means good morale and that contributes to our overall readiness and efficiency," Walsh emphasized, "We know you have a vital job to do."

Renewed federal construction for NY has been "an outstanding example of a win-win scenario...for our community...for the National Guard...and toward the goal of providing defense readiness," he said.

Finger Lakes Aerial



Firefighters



Crews from the Rochester aviation flight facility and the 1st Battalion 142nd Aviation conduct firefighting training on Canandagua Lake in Central New York. The aircrew training is an annual mission requirement that also provides a GuardHELP link to the region's Park Service. Photos by Capt. Richard Goldenberg.

CANANDAIGUA LAKE – With forest fires raging in various parts of New York this summer, pilots and crews from the National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility #2 underwent training for any potential threat to central New York.

Flying a UH-1 "Huey" from the Rochester Flight Facility, Army aviators from the 1st Battalion, 142nd Aviation (Attack Helicopter) used a 180 gallon "Bambi Bucket" to draw water from the

lake and practice aerial drops on specified ground targets.

Major Mike Bobek, Executive officer of the Rainbow Division's 1-142nd Attack Helicopter Battalion, welcomed the opportunity to conduct the training.

"We conduct sling and bucket operations annually for pilot proficiency. This gives us the chance to really make a difference to local firefighting efforts if the need comes," he explained.

The exercise also provided an excellent opportunity for forest rangers from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to become familiar with the Guard's aerial fire fighting capabilities.

The local Rochester based aircrews recently teamed up with Guard aviators from Albany and Long Island in containing the wildfires near West Point; those fires burned nearly 1000 acres in the lower Hudson Valley.

Corps Support Battalion Deploys Southwest

By Capt. Robert Giordano
HQ 53rd Troop Command

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO -- For the 206th Corps Support Battalion every Annual Training is an adventure. This year the Brooklyn-based 206th went to Western Texas and Southern New Mexico to support Roving Sands, the world's largest Joint Theater Air Missile Defense exercise.

Roving Sands melds Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Elements from Air Defense Artillery and aircraft of the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Multinational Forces into a Joint Integrated Air Defense-System. The purpose of the exercise is to train forces in the planning and conducting of joint combined tactical air and air defense operations, exercise command relationships and improve joint/combined standard operating procedures (SOPs).

However, supporting the more than 14,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, Department of Defense civilians and multinational forces is accomplished by a complex rotation of National Guard, reserve, active duty and civilian personnel.

206th in Command

Elements of the 206th Support Group commanded a central base camp located in Roswell, New Mexico. The 206th coordinated maintenance, transportation, and daily operations of the Roswell base camp for the entire southern New Mexico area.

The unsung hero's of the exercise were the drivers from the 719th Transportation Company, known as the "Harlem Express" who were on the road day and night keeping ev-

eryone with the supplies, equipment and food to keep the exercise a success.

Spec. Stephenie Speights, a driver for the 719th and a NYC Transit Officer at District 32 in Brooklyn said that having the opportunity to support exercises like Roving Sands and get a lot of time on the road is why she loves the 719th. Sergeant Martin, also a driver with the 719th and a Connecticut State Trooper drives 2 hours to drill so he can have the opportunity to work with the professional of the Harlem Express and perform live meaningful missions.

At the end of the tour, Capt. William Moore transitioned the command of Roving Sands' Roswell Base Camp to a Corps Support Battalion from Alabama.

Company Commander's Spouses Attend Command Team Workshop

By Pat Bradt
State Family Program Office

GLENS FALLS – “On behalf of The Adjutant General, Major General Fenimore; the Deputy Adjutant General, Brigadier General William Martin, Brigadier General Michael Van Patten, and the State Family Program Office, welcome everyone to our First Company Commanders’ Spouse Training Workshop and the Second Company Commanders Course,” quoted Warrant Officer Vicky Tillman, State Family Program Coordinator.”

dressing the expected role their spouses will play in the unit.

The Deputy Adjutant General, Brig. General William Martin, kicked off the Spouse Training Workshop recalling his most vivid memories bidding farewell to his beloved wife Joanne and infant boys just prior to deploying to the Persian Gulf for Desert Storm. “What can we do to make it better?” asked Brig. General Martin.

ous situations throughout his more than 30 years in the National Guard. Mrs. Van Patten pointedly inquired to the spouses “As a spouse of a Guardsmen, what would you change, if you could?”

What remains so very surprising clear and very poignant was the overwhelming response that the spouses expressed. With no exception, the spouses expressed the love and respect they all have for their husbands



Brig. General William Martin listens to the spouses during the recent Company Commander's Course in Glens Falls. The Deputy Adjutant General was on hand to share his 'command team' experiences and generate discussion and ideas for the future leaders in the New York Army National Guard. Photo by Carol Latza.

As spouses of commanders and future company commanders looked on with anticipation, the course kicked off on Saturday 18 September 1999, at the grand Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, New York.

The involvement of spouses as an integral part of the Commanders Course was emphasized and deemed necessary by graduates of last March's Course. Taking this into consideration, the Family Program Office was integrated into the curriculum of future Company Commanders Courses. Instruction to both the soldier and the spouse included more in-depth instruction and guidance into the commanders military role and responsibilities in the Family Support/Preparedness arena while ad-

Many issues were addressed and solutions sought. The spouses collectively agreed that their partners are devoting more energy and time with their Guard unit while time with their family is decreasing.

Col. Paul Duttge, Army National Guard Chief of Staff, shared his visions for the future and concerns for the soldiers and families as the newly appointed Chief of Staff. He remained with the group and joined his wife Kathy as Mrs. Pat Bradt conducted the Benefits and Entitlement Briefing.

On Sunday, 19 September 1999, Commanding General Michael Van Patten accompanied his wife Judy in a very warm and informal open forum with the spouses. General and Mrs. Van Patten shared some very humor-

and his role in the Army National Guard. Many wives have tried to encourage their husbands to leave the Guard for more personal time with their family. What many unwillingly discovered was a deeper commitment and devotion by their soldiers to their soldiers, their unit, and the Guard.

At graduation, Brig. General and Mrs. Van Patten stood together, each offering congratulations and certificates to the future leadership teams, some with their children in their arms.

These new Company Commanders are the future! Their spouses are their strength and together, as the new "Command Team" they can and will take the guidon and lead the National Guard brightly towards the future.

This Guard is One Family.

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