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Governor Makes NY's Acclaimed Tuition Program Even Better New Recruits Instantly Eligible for Tuition Support

Guard Times Staff

ALBANY – Thanks to New York's State Commander-in-Chief, the nation's best state-sponsored Guard benefits program just got even better.

Even as the New York National Guard Tuition Incentive Program receives national accolades, Governor George E. Pataki announced a newly improved version with the passage of his executive budget. The improvements promise to help even more New Yorkers gain access to free higher education while enhancing the Guard's ability to attract bright, driven young people to the ranks.

Opening Tuition Doors Wide

"High school seniors can now join the Guard this summer and begin to 'get their degree tuition free' starting with the fall college semester," said Governor Pataki. "The new improved National Guard Tuition Program will give more access to free tuition at a State University or City University of New York School of their choice. We anticipate this will spur even more enlistments and convince greater numbers of young people to enhance their educational and career opportunities by joining the National Guard," he said.

The original program was signed into law by Governor Pataki on July 31, 1996 and was recently recognized with the 2000 Minuteman Mike Award by the Adjutant Generals Association of the United States (AUGUS). The award rated the New York National Guard as first in the nation in support programs for Guard members. AUGUS is com-



prised of the leaders of all 54 National Guard commands across the nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

"It's very simple – join the Guard, 'get your degree tuition free' right away, right now!"

Thanks to language included in this year's state budget by the Governor, new National Guard recruits who take advantage of the highly successful tuition program now become instantly qualified to receive benefits the moment they raise their hands to enlist. No longer must recruits wait until

completing basic and advanced individual training, which can sometimes take as much as two years, before getting state-sponsored tuition support.

The New York National Guard Tuition Incentive Program provides free tuition for enrolled undergraduates at SUNY and CUNY colleges and universities and up to \$3,400 per year for enrollees at private institutions. Until now, many potential recruits had to wait before becoming eligible for support. The change provides student soldiers



Above left: A heavy Equipment Tractor of the 204th Engineer Battalion sports a new recruiting banner in front of the Newark Valley Middle School, where troops from Bravo Company were performing a GuardHELP mission. Photo above: Pvt. Eva Colon, a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy and former Marine Sgt. Tony Bennett are among the new members of the NY Army National Guard taking advantage of the Tuition Incentive Program. Recruiters Sgt. First Class Mike Batza and Staff Sgt. Mike Coager helped them enlist. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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Guard Notes

President Approves Medal for Kosovo Service

WASHINGTON (Army News Service)—In a May 3rd executive order, the President and Commander in Chief William Clinton approved the establishment of the Kosovo Campaign Medal.

The inclusive dates for service to qualify for the medal are after March 24, 1999 and until a terminal date yet to be decided by the Secretary of Defense. The Kosovo Campaign Medal will be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who serve or have served in Kosovo or the contiguous waters or airspace, as defined by regulations in the theater.

Upon application, any member may be awarded the medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Service Medal. However, no service member may be awarded more than one of these three medals by reason of service in Kosovo. Also, no person shall be entitled to more than one award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal.

The Kosovo Campaign Medal may be awarded posthumously to any person who qualifies under the regulations guiding the medal.

New Dental Plan Expands, Includes Reservists

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service)—The Department of Defense (DoD) announced the new TRICARE Dental Program on June 13th, 2000. The program will feature lower premiums, expanded services and cost ceilings, and will allow reservists and their families to enroll.

DoD awarded a \$1.8 billion, five-year contract in April to United Concordia Companies Inc. of Camp Hill, Pa., the current TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan administrator. Changes take effect Feb. 1, 2001. "One of the most significant changes is that reserve component members and their families will be eligible to enroll," said Navy Capt. Lawrence D. McKinley, the TRICARE Management Activity's senior consultant for dentistry.

During the first two years of the contract, premiums for reservists on extended active duty and their families will mirror those of active duty members, ranging from a \$7.63 single to a \$19.08 family rate. Premiums for families of reservists not on active duty will be somewhat higher. After the first two years, premiums may rise, but "will remain very reasonable," McKinley said.

Other improvements include the enrollment "lock-in" period falling from 24 months to 12. That is, active duty members must have 12 months left on their current term of service to enroll. Reservists must "express intent" to remain in the reserves for at least 12 consecutive months.

He also said DoD officials constantly monitor civilian insurance programs. The new TRICARE plan, he said, "easily matches most insurance programs of Fortune 500 companies and is better than many."

DoD and United Concordia plan to conduct customer-satisfaction surveys monthly. For more information, beneficiaries can call United Concordia's toll-free customer-service line, 1-800-866-8499 or visit the company's web site at www.ucci.com.

East European Visitors Salute New York Hosts

NEW YORK CITY—The New York National Guard has been complimented from a most unexpected source. Dozens of East European government and military officials who briefly visited the New York National Guard's Fifth Avenue Armory in Manhattan last March have indicated that it was the best part of their visit to the United States.

Last Spring, nearly 80 senior civilian and military leaders came to America to visit and learn from top US government and civilian leaders on a wide range of topics. The trip was part of the Garmich, Germany-based George C. Marshall Center for Strategic Studies curriculum on leadership for government officials from East European emerging democracies. The Marshall Center conducts two classes annually and, last year, decided to add a visit to the New York National Guard for a morning presentation on the Guard's emergency response and community support missions.

A post graduation survey of the most recent class showed that participants favored the New York National Guard visit by a wide margin over visits with the US Secretaries of State and Defense, Congress, the Supreme Court, Wall Street and ABC News, and more. The participants noted not only the presentation content, but everything related to their visit. That included the displays, the appearance of the armory and the way they were greeted and supported by their New York National Guard hosts.

"Tell all the folks that the New York National Guard presentation was rated the best," said Lt. Col. Walter F. Ulmer, the Marshall Center's Chief of Academic Affairs. "Your competition included senators, congressmen, ambassadors, and state and defense department officials. Great work!"

TAG Talk

Tuition Incentive: More Robust, Ready, Relevant Than Ever

"Thanks to Gov. George Pataki and the State Legislature, would-be citizen soldiers can now be all they can be—a little earlier."

That's a direct quote from a Plattsburgh *Press-Republican* editorial dated June 29, 2000. It praised the enactment of an important change in the 1996 state Tuition Incentive Program which makes tuition aid immediately available to National Guard recruits as soon as they raise their hand to enlist.

It means INSTANT ACCESS to cost-free undergraduate tuition at SUNY and CUNY colleges and universities, and up to \$3,400 per year at private institutions within New York. Basic military training may now be deferred up to a year for new "student-soldiers." General Bill Martin told the *Associated Press*, "we were asking young men and women to go to school without a scholarship, or later with a scholarship. Not anymore."

"I urge all of you to tell your neighbors, friends and families about this remarkable new incentive"

With the program amendment, under the *Article VII* provision in Governor Pataki's executive budget, New York now has, for all intents and purposes, the strongest state military education aid package in the nation.

We've taken a popular and highly effective recruiting tool, which led to a remarkable spike in Army and Air National Guard and Naval Militia strength numbers, and made it better.

"The recruits have helped the Guard during a busy stretch of years in which they have been called up for everything from ice storms to brush fires to the airlifting of junked cars from remote areas," the *Press-Republican* editorial continued. Indeed, it is those North Country communities like Plattsburgh who well remember the National Guard's sterling relief and recovery operations during the infamous Ice Storm '98. Programs like the Tuition Incentive, which have sparked enlistments, have led to a decided improvement in our readiness.

I urge all of you to tell your neighbors, friends and families about this remarkable new incentive which allows young recruits to draw from two revenue sources: tuition aid and a monthly drill check, upon initial enlistment.

Across the entire Army National Guard, achieving a strength end-state by the end



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

of September is key to the Guard's future. I echo the words of Major General Roger C. Schultz, Army National Guard commander at National Guard Bureau who said "I am soliciting your help, leadership and vigorous support of this mission. We must work together as a team to make this our number one priority. Future funding and Force Structure hinges on our ability to make this happen."

At the end of June, our state fell short of its Army National Guard manning level goal by just over 200 soldiers. As General Schultz so aptly noted, the future of our Army National Guard is almost directly proportional to the numbers of soldiers in boots we recruit and retain.

I challenge each and every one of you at the Wings and Armories to bring in one interested individual to join our team.

Ultimately, if the National Guard is to meet vigorous recruitment and retention goals it needs the infusion of quality recruits which the Tuition Incentive Program has demonstrated it is capable of delivering. And, it also needs the continued support and understanding of the families of Guard members much in the vein of those families who support others engaged in public services such as firefighters, police and emergency medical service personnel.

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It is hard to put an estimate on the importance of family support to each and every one of our members. It is absolutely essential.

I would hope that family members may come to recognize the National Guard's leadership and commitment to the advancement and stability of the Guard family unit. This is through education, human improvement and development measures such as the Tuition Incentive Program, now more robust, ready and relevant than ever.

Making the Guard's Tuition Program Even Better (Cont'd from Page One)



New York's Deputy Adjutant General Brig. Gen. William C. Martin addresses some 43 new recruits at the Albany Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) during their initial exposure as members of the NY National Guard. Nearly all of the recruits enlisted to take advantage of the Governor's expanded Tuition Incentive Program, allowing new members to receive scholarship benefits before completing Basic and Advanced Individual Training. Photo by Scott Sandman.

with tuition aid even before they enter federal training and grants up to two years to complete that required training.

"As successful as this program has been, we were losing hundreds of potential recruits," said Brig. Gen. Bill Martin, Deputy Adjutant General. "The roadblock of having to wait to be scheduled for military training left potential recruits with a choice – either going to school now without a scholarship or going to school later but with a scholarship. By removing this roadblock, Governor Pataki has made the strongest National Guard tuition aid program even stronger."

Starting College Right Away a Bonus for Parents

"This program is as enticing to parents as it is to students," said Sgt. 1st Class Ron Richmond from Rochester, Education Liaison NCO for the New York Army National Guard's recruiting force. "Parents used to tell us they were afraid that if their son or daughter waited to start college, there was a chance they wouldn't start at all. Now there is no waiting and it makes the Guard much more attractive to both young people and parents. It's very simple – join the Guard, 'get your degree tuition free' right away, right now! It really is a great deal, the very best deal," he said.

"...We are focused on the future. We have taken a great program and made it even better."

"I heard about the Guard's tuition program from a radio commercial I heard on my way to work," said Delina Hurley, mother of Pfc. Shauna Frenette who joined the 642nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Troy last January. "My daughter had started attending college but really hadn't made any decisions about her future. I didn't know what to expect when I told her 'have you considered joining the National Guard,'" said Hurley.

Instead of shrugging off her mother's suggestion, Frenette called the "800" Guard recruiting number and within three weeks she had joined. Hurley said that the whole experience was very positive for both mother and daughter and gives credit to recruiter Sgt. 1st Class Mike Batza from Troy. "Sergeant Batza was extremely helpful. He came to the home to talk to us both and covered all of the options available. From the very beginning he was up front with us and leveled with us about everything. He followed through with all of his promises. Everything happened just as he told us it would," said Hurley. "My daughter went to basic training this summer and got home on July 8th. You know, she actually enjoyed it. Sergeant Batza really helped Shauna get ready for it. She made friends with other basic trainees who had joined the active Army. Shauna told me some of them weren't as prepared for basic as she was." Hurley said her daughter plans to go to Hudson Valley in the fall and will probably go to her Advanced Individual Training sometime next year.

The program is also enticing to college students already immersed in study with more focused plans for the future. Eva Colon, a student from the Bronx attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy will begin her senior year this fall. By joining the Guard she is getting immediate financial assistance for the fall semester. In addition, Eva qualified for an enlistment bonus because she joined a unit of the 27th Brigade, and the National Guard College Loan Repayment Program to help her with outstanding education loans. She plans to attend her basic training in January 2001 after completing school in the fall.

"This is just fantastic. I am very excited at the opportunity and grateful to have this chance," said the young engineering major, who plans to continue on after graduating to get a law degree. "I have been holding down a

full time job to cover my expenses while also going to school. Now, I can scale back on that to concentrate more on my courses. This help from the Guard is terrific," she said.

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Since the tuition incentive measure went in to affect, over 4,300 student soldiers have taken advantage of the program. Late in June, a group of 43 young recruits from the capital region left on the same day from the Albany Military Entrance and Processing Station to attend basic training. All 43 indicated they had joined because of the tuition incentive program. "I would have gone to college anyway because I have help from my parents," said recruit Jason Wells, a high school junior from Colonie. "But if I hadn't joined the Guard it would have been a lot harder," he said.

"This program has not only spiked enlistments in the New York National Guard overall, it has contributed significantly to improved force readiness and personnel strength levels," said Gen. Martin.

"This is 'Customer Focus 101,'" said Martin. "We have a good product in the Tuition Incentive Program, and with the critical input from the field, our recruiters and soldiers told us how to make it better suited to our future members of the National Guard. They told us and Governor Pataki made it happen."

"While we are extremely proud of our program's past success, we are focused on the future. We have taken a great program and made it even better."

Editor's Note: Lt. Col. Paul Fanning, Capt. Richard Goldenberg, and Scott Sandman all contributed to this article.

Orion Readies for 'Empire Peak'

Army MACOMs Gear Up for History-Making Exercise

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

SYRACUSE – With just weeks to go, the Syracuse-based Headquarters of the New York Army National Guard's 27th Separate Enhanced Infantry Brigade is putting the finishing touches on operations plans for what could be the largest military exercise ever conducted by New York State's military forces.

Exercise Empire Peak will launch on 12 August with the movement of thousands of troops to the former Griffiss Air Force Base, near Rome as the initial phase of Annual Training for New York's highest-priority com-

mand. The 27th Brigade, comprised of its brigade headquarters, three infantry battalions, an artillery battalion, a support battalion and engineer, military intelligence, military police companies and a cavalry troop, will move to its designated Intermediate Support Base at Griffiss. Days later on the 17th, the 27th will invade Fort Drum's training areas to conduct its last dress rehearsal for next year's rotation at the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

The 27th is one of only 15 highest-priority National Guard combat brigades in the coun-

try. In the period following the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and Army-wide reorganizations in the early 1990s, the Pentagon converted National Guard "roundout" brigades into newly created "enhanced" brigades, which were to be given priority funding status, and then were assigned additional subordinate units to improve the brigade's organic capabilities. These "mini" divisions are intended to be the most ready and combat capable units in the Army National Guard system.

Evaluating Go-To-War Capabilities

Just like all other Army combat brigades, enhanced brigades are evaluated through training rotations at the Army's premier JRTC. The JRTC provides a realistic simulated low-intensity combat situation, which the Army uses to test the capabilities of infantry brigades. Among the experiences the troops are expected to face will be intense simulated combat against an opposing force, guerrilla tactics, and interactions with "friendly" and potentially hostile civilians and encounters with media on the battlefield as part of the scenario. Annual Training 2000 for the 27th Brigade is preparation for next year, and this year's training is being designed to resemble Fort Polk conditions as much as possible. The ISB experience at Griffiss is meant to simulate the mobilization and initial deployment of US troops in this case New York's 27th Brigade, to a foreign nation as part of a US decision to send forces into a region.

"We selected the Griffiss Air Park site as the location for the ISB, because it provides us the best match for space, facilities and location to Fort Polk," said Col. James McIntosh, the Joint Staff Task Force Deputy Commander from state headquarters. "The brigade needs to have conditions that closely resemble what it will face next year. The Griffiss ISB is even the right road distance from the brigade's objective in the Fort Drum training areas, from which the brigade can practice its initial air insertion to the objective and the follow-on ground assault convoys," he said.

The JSTF will be supporting the brigade's training both this year and next. In addition to the JSTF, many other units of the New York Army National Guard, including the Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division, the 1st Battalion 69th Infantry (Mechanized) and units assigned to the Headquarters 53rd Troop command like the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation, will be directly participating and supporting the exercise. Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve units from 12 states are also participating. Troops will be coming from Virginia, Connecticut, Illinois, South Dakota, New Jersey, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Hamp-



shire, Rhode Island and New York. All told, more than 6,500 troops are expected. It is potentially the largest exercise ever conducted by the New York Army National Guard, and possibly the largest single exercise ever done at Fort Drum.

Ever since the "enhanced" brigade designation, 27th Brigade leaders have been engaged in continuous preparations of increasing challenge and difficulty. For the 27th, going to the JRTC will be exactly like going to combat. And, that is just the point.

In May the 27th Brigade headquarters deployed from its Syracuse armory to a local training area to conduct a command post exercise using their Annual Training scenario as a background. The brigade staff used a computer-based battle simulation system called "JANUS" to support the training. Command post exercises are mostly about message traffic and ordering the movements of "simulated" forces in cyberspace.

"We tied our CPX to our battle simulation system that all enhanced brigades use. During the exercise, we moved our friendly forces as planned and then experienced the enemy force reactions." The simulation system helps experience casualties, damage and how our actions are impacting on the enemy. This is done without using real troops out in the training areas, but enabled us to realistically execute a JRTC order," said Lt. Col. Walter Burt, 27th Brigade Operations Officer. "This CPX was very successful for us because it enabled us to practice, refine our internal systems and procedures and gave us a good indication as to where we stand on our reporting systems," he said. "We are concerned with our ability to effectively command and control the fight by getting and using accurate information as we need it."

Burt explained that in June, nearly the whole brigade went up to Fort Drum for weekend training. The training scenario practiced in May by the brigade headquarters was used again, this time with troops in the field. According to him, this is essential preparation for the JRTC. "Our CPX in May, followed by the weekend training at Drum were key steps. May was checks. June was exercise with maneuver troops. Each step we take in preparation is a building block. AT this year at Fort Drum will be as close as we can make it to the JRTC," he said.

53rd Troop Command Announces Full-Time Manning Staff Awardee

Guard Times Staff

VALHALLA -- The winner of the 2nd Quarterly 53d TCFTM Achievement Award was Staff Sgt. Phyllis Aubain, 206th Corps Support Battalion (CSB).

Sgt. Aubain is an extremely dedicated, hard-working Active Guard/Reserve soldier who has been a member of the full-time force for over 15 years.

Staff Sgt. Aubain was nominated and selected for her accomplishments as both a Unit Administrator and Personnel Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO). She is well known for her care of unit soldiers as she spends many after duty hours researching soldier problems and coming up with viable solutions. Although selected as the Personnel Staff NCO of the 206th CSB, she

still spends much time at her old position as unit administrator in the 102d Maint Co until a replacement is found. There are very few soldiers who have the demonstrated work ethic of Staff Sgt. Aubain. Her supervisor Capt. Scott Doust remarked upon hearing of her selection that, "Sgt. Aubain is one of the finest NCOs I have worked with, the Command is fortunate to have someone of her ability."

Sgt. Aubain, in recognition of her accomplishments, received a personalized desk plaque, a framed letter from the Commanding General, and a gift certificate to blockbuster video. Her name was also affixed to a permanent achievement plaque located in the Valhalla Armory.

Keep on Ruckin'



Members of the New York Army National Guard's 56th Personnel Services Battalion conduct a 10 mile roadmarch as part of their capstone training during this year's AT deployment to Mannheim, Germany. More than a dozen soldiers deployed from 19 June to 1 July to work alongside their active duty personnel service detachments in Heidelberg. Photo by Sgt. James Spring.



Camp Smith's 106th Regional Training Institute Commander Col. Frank Ombres congratulates Spec. Shane Stevens, a recent graduate of the school's Military Occupational Course for Mortar Crewman. Guard Times Photo.

RTI Continuing to Evolve

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

CAMP SMITH, CORTLANDT MANOR—The NY Army National Guard's 106th Regional Training Institute (RTI) at Camp Smith is working like an eager athlete getting ready for the big time.

Just like an Olympic hopeful, the leaders of the RTI are diligently engaged in self-development and improvement while hoping for a big future as a leading military-professional-development academy.

The RTI descended from the former Empire State Military Academy, and was formed when the Army converted from state-based to regional training academies. Defense cuts resulted in the consolidation of the many state military academies for non-

commissioned officer training and officer candidate school within the National Guard. Today, these functions are performed by regional academies accredited by the Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) to teach specific areas and disciplines.

Accreditation is official recognition of training by TRADOC, which certifies that what is taught meets Army standards. Periodically, TRADOC officials inspect academies and award accreditation based on their evaluations. Soldiers can only be given credit for accredited training. The 106th has recently won fresh accreditation for three of its five areas, and expects to win accreditation for the remaining two by the end of the summer.

But, that's not where the RTI's leaders want to stop. "We want to be a leadership brigade," said Col. Frank Ombres, the 106th's commandant. "Sooner or later nearly every soldier in New York is going to go through this RTI sometime in their career. We want to be in the best shape possible to provide only the best possible training," he said. "Also, a great RTI is important to our state. Having a professional academy here in New York makes it easier for New York soldiers to attend training and even come with fellow soldiers from their unit. That improves our overall success rate," he said.

Ombres' team is already scoring points with TRADOC officials. The test control system developed by Capt. William Brenner and Master Sgt. Kevin O'Connell from the 106th's operations section was rated the

best in the country. The system tracks the proper administration of tests and scholastic performance. "They told us that they are using our model as an example to the other states," said Brenner. "We track everything about the student's performance except the finger printing," he said.

The 106th, which takes its lineage from the historic 106th Infantry Regiment, conducts NCO professional development training, OCS and provides training for the awarding of three Army enlisted career specialties: mortar crewman, armor crewman and artillery forward observer. The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, in conjunction with TRADOC certified the 106th to conduct the primary leadership development course and basic and advanced NCO courses. In addition, soldiers come to the 106th for certification in the mortar, armor, and artillery observer Military Occupational Specialties. Successful completion of the two-week training at the RTI results in qualification in another MOS.

"I needed to complete this course for future promotion," said Sgt. Wayne Barnaby, who works full-time for the New Jersey Guard's 1st Battalion 114th Infantry (Mechanized). "I want to work in the fire direction center. That means I need to be a qualified 11C (mortar man)."

"I took the gunner's slot in my section, but can't get promoted until I'm qualified," said Spec. Shane Stevens, from the 1st Battalion 108th Infantry from Hornell. Stevens led his class by scoring expert on the timed Gunnery Proficiency Exam.

Sergeants Thomas Strauss and John Whalen completed the mortar training in order to become future RTI instructors. "We had to learn it and qualify in it in order to teach it," said Strauss, who had never worked with mortars until then. "It was physically challenging because of all that had to be done in such a short time," said Whalen. "I really enjoyed the training. The instructors were always well prepared and knowledgeable. They weren't easy on us. They were firm but fair," he said.

On the last day of June, 38 officer candidates returned to Camp Smith having completed the two week Phase III of OCS at Ft. Benning, Georgia. All 38 were graduating with officer branch assignments in the New York Army National Guard as new second lieutenants. "Phase III included eight days in the field," said Capt. Don McCardle, the officer in charge of the 107 officer candidates from the seven Northeast states. McCardle, the commander of Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 127th Armor in Buffalo, also serves as a cadre officer for the RTI's OCS program. "OCS is about selecting future officers. Troop leading procedures is what we are trying to instill. Everyone we took down to Benning completed the training successfully," he said.

"Hold your heads high. Hold your standards high," said Maj. Gen. Michael Van Patten to the graduating OCS class at Camp Smith on 1 July. "Be demanding of yourself and other leaders and treat every soldier with dignity and respect," the New York Army National Guard Commanding General told the new officers. "Now, go out and lead."



Major Gen. Michael Van Patten, commander of the NY Army National Guard, presents the Erickson Trophy to Officer Candidate Kenneth Bombace, Distinguished Honor Graduate of RTI's Officer Candidate School. The course commissioned 38 new Second Lieutenants on July 1st. Photo by Capt. Robert Giordano.

Chaplains Go to West Point

By Master Sgt. John Willsey
HQ, 42nd Infantry Division (Mechanized)

US MILITARY ACADEMY—The New York National Guard's State Staff Chaplain Jacob Goldstien hosted this year's Region II Senior Leader Training Conference in early May. The conference followed the winter's Chief of Chaplains Unit Ministry Team training and offered an opportunity for all Army and Air Guard National Guard and Reserve Chaplains and Ministry Team members to attend lectures and discussions on issues facing the military's senior ministry members.

Training topics included Diversity, Accommodation and Pluralistic Religious Support of soldiers through ministry. Guest speakers included Deputy Chief of Chaplains Chaplain (Brig. General) David H. Hicks and Brig. General George T. Garrett, Commander of the 42d Infantry "Rainbow" Division. The focus of the weekend training conference was to bring together all faiths and religions in an attempt to better serve soldiers while in training or deployed.

The role of chaplains in the lives of members has increased dramatically over the years. No matter the denomination, chaplains are ready to support each and every soldier

in their quest for ministry or counseling needs. They assist in situations that individuals may not feel comfortable with speaking about to a member of their chain of command. From the National Guard experiences in state emergency response, overseas deployments to support federal missions, and the demands of individuals and families, the impact of unit chaplains is felt more than ever.

Group discussions included the shortage of Catholic Priests both in the Army and the National Guard.

BG Garrett appealed to the crowd reminding the National Guard members that "they are the best resource for reaching out to seminary students and active priests to try and show them the way to expand their ministry in the US Army." General Garrett pledged his full support in this effort to increase the presence of chaplains in units throughout the state.

Highlights of the event included a tour of a C-5A Galaxy at Stewart Airforce Base from the 105th Air Wing of the NY Air National Guard and an evening cruise up the

Hudson River sponsored by the West Point Superintendent's office.



Members of the 42nd Infantry Division Ministry Team pose for a photo at the recent Chaplains' Regional Educational Sustainment Training. From left to right are Chaplain (Major) Lee C. Hardgrove, Aviation Brigade; Chaplain (Major) Anthony C. Diaceti, Assistant Division Chaplain; Master Sgt. John J. Willsey, Ministry Team NCOIC, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Edward R.P. Kane, Division Chaplain. Courtesy Photo.

Guard Offers Marksmanship Training

Guard Times Staff

NORTHLITTLE ROCK, AR—The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center (NGMTC) at Camp Joseph T. Robinson issued a summary of soldier schools this June for units throughout the Army National Guard.

The schools and training programs can substantially enhance unit readiness through the "Train the Trainer" concept. By training one soldier, that one soldier will be able to return to his/her unit and train unit members in techniques and practices designed to increase overall unit readiness.

Each School conducted by the NGMTC at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock "is centrally funded." This means that if a soldier from New York State attends a school conducted by the NGMTC at Camp Robinson National Guard Bureau will pay all costs. Schools offered at Camp Robinson include:

Small Arms Firing Schools (SAFS).

SAFS can be focused on current small arms simulation systems, newly fielded weapons, Engagement Skills Trainer (EST), Beam-Hit, competitive events, weapons familiarization, unit level training and qualification. Weapons training is available for, but not limited to, the M16 rifle, M9 pistol, M203 Grenade Launcher, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M60 Light Machine Gun, M2HB .50 caliber machine gun, MK 19 MGL, and the M24 weapon system.

The National Guard Sniper Course (NGSC) trains the skills necessary to effectively operate as an assigned sniper. This is a two phase two week course where emphasis is placed on the current sniper weapon, marksmanship and field craft; including stalking, land navigation, observation and reporting intelligence, memory, target detection and prioritization, range estimation and equipment identification.

The Small Arms Instructor/Range Operations Course (SAIROC) is a two week "Train the Trainer" course that develops proficiency in small arms training for National Guard soldiers (generally E-4 thru E-8) who have a marksmanship training mission. SAIROC subjects include weapons operation and capabilities, methods of instruction, weapons qualification training and range operations. SAIROC graduates are able to work with commanders to assess, develop and implement unit marksmanship training and qualification.

The State Marksmanship Coordinators Trainer Course (SMCTC) is a one-week course conducted annually which focuses on the duties of newly assigned SMC's.

The Master Marksman Trainer Course (MMTC) is a two week course for SAIROC graduates that develops coaching and shooting skills including fundamentals, positions and effects of weather. Soldiers learn the skills to conduct training, identify and correct the problems at an individual level. The MMTC graduate should be the marksmanship subject matter expert with the ability to affect soldier confidence and ability. This soldier should also be assigned to the Unit Marksmanship Coordinators position.

The Engagement Skills Trainer Operators Course (ESTOC) is a one week course designed to train students in the set-up, operation and maintenance of the squad level small arms trainer. The student will become a system operator and will be able to utilize the EST as a means of effectively training individual soldiers, teams, crews and squads in the use of small and supporting arms. The quality of training

on the EST is directly linked to the effectiveness of the system operator, and their ability to maximize the capabilities of the system. This course focuses on ensuring the operator knows how to employ the EST, how it operates,

how to train on the EST, and how to maintain the system to assure sustained operation. The new Beam-Hitequipment being fielded by NGB is also being incorporated into this course.

Mobilization Training may be conducted at the request of the State's Marksmanship Coordinator (SMC). Mobilization training is focused on current individual and crew served weapon systems. The purpose of this training is to teach the proper marksmanship techniques for the various weapons

being trained on for mobilization. All instruction follows the appropriate regulations.

In order to attend any of the National Guard schools, soldiers must submit an Army Training Requirement Resource System (ATRRS) application. Further information concerning these schools may be received by contacting the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center operations section at commercial (501) 212-4542, -4520, or DSN 962-4542.



On-Site Promotion



Spec. Bill Drew of Company A, 204th Engineers receives his promotion to Sergeant on the site of the battalion's GuardHELP training this spring from Brig. General William Martin, NY's Deputy Adjutant General and First Lt. David Humphrey, the Alpha Company Commander. See the related story of the 204th Engineers on pages 12-13. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

Orion Soldiers Place in Shooting Competition

by Senior Master Sgt. Bernard E. DeLisle
HQ, Arkansas Air National Guard

NORTHLITTLE ROCK, ARK—Shooters from the New York National Guard were among the winners at the 68th Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB) Shooting Championships held May 19-21 at Camp J.T. Robinson in Arkansas. Altogether, the event, coordinated by personnel from the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, drew competitors from 19 states, competing in six shooting disciplines.

A team of New York shooters with a team aggregate of 5790 points took the second place award for team marksmanship with the smallbore pistol. The Empire State team consisted of Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Barnett of the 27th Brigade Headquarters, Master Sgt. Lance Robson from the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment Headquarters, Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Fegley, also with the 108th Headquarters, and Staff Sgt. Jamie Miller from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry.

Staff Sgt. Eric Schaffer, Tech. Sgt. Charles Deilke, and Staff Sgt. Orin Humphries from the State of Washington swept the team championship in smallbore pistol with 6628 points.

In individual smallbore pistol, Washington National Guard competitors swept the three top spots with Schaffer winning the individual championship with 1671 points. Schaffer's teammate, Deilke won second with 1659, while Staff Sgt. Donald Manning took third in the class with 1657 points.

Other marksmanship competitions included Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle, Combat Pistol and Combat Rifle.

During the awards ceremony, Col. Dan Short, CNGB Match Director, told the shooters that, "your continued participation in the marksmanship program is vital and I applaud your efforts."

Speaking of the CNGB program, Col. Short called it "one of the best and probably one of the most cost-efficient." He said those states with good marksmanship training programs are those "that seem to have good recruiting and retention."

The Championships involved 116 Army and Air National Guard shooters who had advanced through two qualification phases to the national event.

A total of 1,547 shooters began Phase One of the CNGB pistol matches with 320 shooters making it to Phase Two. From that number, the top five teams in the six shooting disciplines of combat rifle and pistol, smallbore rifle and pistol, and air rifle and pistol were invited to compete in Phase Three, which is for the National Championship.

Overall, the CNGB drew competitors representing Army and Air National Guard units from Arkansas, Washington, Nebraska, New York, Vermont, Idaho, Connecticut, Missouri, Florida, Alaska, Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Maine, Oklahoma, Oregon, and California.

This year marked the third straight year for the CNGB to be held at Camp Robinson, the home of the Guard marksmanship program. Previously, the event had been staged at Bismarck, North Dakota from 1991-1997. The CNGB competition, a premier shooting event in the Army and Air National Guard, had its beginning in 1932.

Boss Recognized for Support of 107th Air Wing

By Senior Airman Paul Dean
HQ, 107th Air Refueling Wing

NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION — An Amherst, N.Y., businessman received a "My Boss is a Patriot Award" here June 15 in recognition of his company's corporate climate, which encourages employees to participate in National Guard activities with full support.

Joe Priest, president and chief operating officer of AirSep, a 400 employee company which manufactures oxygen equipment for people with respiratory medical diseases received the award after being nominated by Tech. Sgt. Scott Green, an employee of AirSep and member of the 107th Air Refueling Wing here. Priest was presented a certificate and lapel pin by 107th commander, Col. James Kwiatkowski, during an informational briefing, one of the activities at the joint 107th ARW/914th Airlift Wing's Bosses Day.

"It's a wonderful award. I certainly appreciate the honor. I don't think there's anything that gives as much credit to [AirSep] than the people in our organization who perform civic duties — whether it be donating time to needy causes, or national security. It's part and parcel to being a good corporate citizen," Priest said.

"I can tell the people [at AirSep] who've been in the military. You can tell by the way they handle themselves. Both in meetings and the way they run their part of the organization — they handle things with style and professionalism," he said.

With many employers who are supportive of guardsmen, the benefits to a company are an important element in their level of support. Priest recognizes the positive attributes that Green brings to the table — training and skills learned as an airman. "The benefits that we receive from Scott being in the military benefit AirSep tremendously. His education, management skills, organizational skill, and what he brings as far as commitment, and being conscientious about his job. I wish I had 400 Scotts," he said.



Bosses Day 2000 at the Niagara Air Reserve Base included the presentation of the "My Boss is a Patriot Award." 107th commander, Col. James Kwiatkowski (R), presents Mr. Joe Priest of AirSep (C) with the award for exceptional support of the National Guard. Priest was nominated for the award by Tech. Sgt. Scott Green (L). Courtesy Photo.

Priest's awareness of the benefits which Green brings to AirSep from the 107th makes life less stressful for the guardsman. "It's important for me to know that when I need to make a commitment to the Guard, that AirSep provides comfort to me — knowing that Joe doesn't have a problem with the circumstances. And the award isn't just for Joe, the whole company is supportive," Green said.

Green also sees the benefits of service which he carries from the Guard to AirSep. "The quality aspect. The

organizational aspect. I use a lot of the organizational and efficiency skills, the quality management skills and team involvement [at AirSep] which we use [at the 107th] on weekends," he said.

According to Green, one of the best ways to make sure that employers are supportive of Guard activities is communication. "The most important thing is information. The focus I've taken is to make the company more aware of the Guard program," he said.

Priest was nominated for the Patriot award several weeks before this year's annual Bosses Day. After visiting the base for a day to learn about the activities that Green is involved in, and the importance of the missions supported at the base, Priest is an even greater advocate for the Guard. "I drive by the base every day and never really knew what went on here. I've learned a lot in just one morning. I've got a great deal of respect for what goes on, and an appreciation for the organization that it takes to coordinate all of these things," he said. In addition to explaining the missions and responsibilities of the airmen on the base, Priest also learned about some of the more tangible benefits of belonging to the Guard — college tuition, medical benefits, retirement etc. "The benefits are invaluable. I would encourage my own son to look at the program when he's old enough," he added.

AirSep is one of many employers who give full support to employees in the National Guard. Patriot awards are sponsored by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves. Recipients are automatically considered for higher-level awards given by the Department of Defense. But, regardless of the award, Priest is comfortable in the knowledge that Green is an asset not only to AirSep, but also to the country. "[AirSep] is supportive of people who are committed, such as Scott, to doing things which have such a great benefit to society overall," Priest said.

New Home Under Construction at Stewart for Roslyn Unit

213th Engineering and Installation Squadron to become part of 105th Airlift Wing

By Tech. Sgt. Trish Pullar
HQ, 105th Air Wing

STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, NEWBURGH — The first shovels of dirt were cast aside here June 4 for the eventual building of a \$4.5 million training facility and vehicle maintenance facility for the 213th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS). The 213th, currently based at Roslyn Air National Guard Station on Long Island, will join the 105th family early next year once the building has been completed. The Roslyn facility was scheduled to close down by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission.

The main training facility will be located on Tuskegee Way, across the street from the ambulance bay of Building 203. The facility will contain all of the administrative functions, a maintenance section and a warehouse. The vehicle maintenance facility will be built near the 105th motor pool and will contain full service equipment for vehicles needing repairs, according to Maj. Larry Johnson, assistant 105th base civil engineer and former station civil engineer at Roslyn.

He said moving the 213th to Stewart will be beneficial to the 105th. "The 213th is like a telephone company that installs Local Area



105th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire Jr and Lt. Col. George Iguartua, 213th Engineering and Installation Squadron Commander, break ground for the construction of 213th's new \$4.4 million facilities at Stewart. The training and vehicle maintenance facilities are expected to be completed by the end of this year. Courtesy Photo.

Network (LAN) cabling. This will be beneficial to the base because we can not install cabling ourselves without hiring an outside contractor. This will provide us with a great deal of savings," he said. Johnson, along with Maj. Mona Johnson, 105th base civil engineer, will be overseeing the construction of the new buildings.

The mission of the 213th, according to squadron commander Lt. Col. George Iguartua, is to provide engineering, installation, and removal and relocation of ground communication-electronics systems and to provide for emergency and programmed mobile, on-site, maintenance and modification of these systems.

Iguartua recently assumed command of the squadron in November. He was formerly the operations officer and has been in the unit for more than 19 years. His challenge now is completing the transition from Roslyn to Stewart, not just in terms of equipment, but people.

"One of the challenges we face is that 70 to 75 percent of our members are from Long

Island. The Island stretches about 100 miles from end to end and our members live all over. Our guardsmen will be facing a commute of about two hours, maybe more because of the traffic problems," Iguartua said.

As the 105th left its Westchester memories behind, so too will the 213th when it leaves Roslyn. The 213th has been based there since 1959.

Iguartua said he's promoted as much communication as possible to help 213th members with the changes. "I hold frequent commander's calls and I have an open door policy to help get the word out," he said.

One thing he hopes to communicate is the benefits to moving to Stewart such as better support. "The 105th is our host unit. True partnership when the 105th Communications Flight has a requirement, we will be there to support that. I look forward to transitioning to Stewart. (Brigadier) General (Thomas) Maguire has been a most gracious host."

Medical Squadron Brings Nation-Building to Lithuania

By Staff Sgt. Martin Bannan
HQ, 109th Airlift Wing

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA — The crash scene looked devastating. Under billowing black clouds of smoke, lie bleeding casualties and the twisted remains of a doomed aircraft. Within minutes, response teams raced in looking for signs of life. As survivors were located, they were stabilized and evacuated. The dead were also relocated to a designated area. There, they were told to get up. "You can clean up now. The training exercise is over."

While this is a familiar scenario at many crash response exercises hosted here, this event was a bit different. It marked the culmination of two weeks training in Lithuania. There, in April, 44 members of the 109th Medical Squadron together with Lithuanian civilians and military personnel shared their expertise and culture.

The trip, developed by unit members with the help of local Lithuanian groups and the Lithuanian government, gave 109th medical personnel a chance to provide humanitarian assistance and clinical training. It also got 109th members involved in nation building.

"We did not go there to change how they practice medicine. Instead, we came to learn as well as teach," explained Squadron Commander Dr. (Col.) Raul L. Diokno. "The Lithuanians are a proud people seeking NATO membership. We wanted to familiarize them with NATO standards."

Lithuania, a former Soviet republic, is located on the Baltic Sea in north central Europe. Since gaining independence in 1991, they have struggled to create both an economy and a nation. Eager to accomplish this, Lithuanian officials and citizens eagerly awaited our arrival.

Our team left for Lithuania on April 15. As they departed Stratton, local Lithuanian groups, dressed in traditional costumes, were on hand waving goodbye. After an overnight stop in the Azores, they arrived in Kaunas on April 17 and got to work.

"People here are used to deploying to military installations," explained Base Clinic Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Michael Casatelli. "Here, there was no base or support facilities. We were on our own and we learned to adapt."

After they landed, Chief Casatelli continued, they checked into hotel rooms and set up a coordination center in one of the suites. The following day, they held the first planning meeting.

Planning for this mission actually began in 1998 when the medical squadron's chief nurse, Lt. Col. Ginger Houghton approached Wing Commander Col. Graham Pritchard and Chief Casatelli regarding aide to Lithuania. Col. Houghton, a nurse at Albany's St. Peter's Hospital and now retired from the military, had befriended a Lithuanian couple and had helped them get life-saving surgery for a relative back home. Afterward, she got involved in relief efforts sending



Lithuanian soldiers like the one pictured above, helped to portray casualties during the joint training Operation Baltic Phoenix 2000 between the 109th Medical Squadron and the Lithuanian military. Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Bannan.

"What an exercise. It looked like the real thing"



A simulated injured Lithuanian soldier from Baltic Phoenix 2000. Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Bannan.

medical supplies to hospitals and orphanages in that struggling nation.

"I first asked Col. Pritchard if the unit could fly myself and some civilian doctors to Lithuania," Col. Houghton said. "He told me we couldn't fly civilian medical people over, but if I could put together a military mission to deploy there, he would go for it." She added that when she retired, Col. Pritchard asked her to continue to help plan the mission. When the 109th arrived, she was there to greet and assist them.

Deployed personnel split into groups. Several medical technicians were assigned to the Lithuanian Military Medical Compound. There, they joined with Lithuanian forces for CPR, self-aid buddy care and aeromedical evacuation training.

Meanwhile, 109th doctors, dentists and nurses took turns with their Lithuanian counterparts at the Kaunas Teaching

Hospital treating local patients and conducting training. "Most of the equipment was Russian made and faulty," Dr. Diokno explained. "While there was a shortage of spare parts, the staff was innovative and made their own repairs."

Other teams dispersed throughout the country offering other health-related assistance. Among them, a crisis intervention team headed by Mental Health Officer Lt. Col. Sherrie Fowlkes exchanged information regarding mental health issues.

"We visited five military bases, two psychiatric hospitals and one university," explained Maj. Shirley Kendall, who traveled with the team. "There, we met with Lithuanian officials to exchange the latest information regarding stress management, drug and alcohol abuse, depression and suicide prevention." She added that suicide is a major concern in Lithuania because the rates are so high there.

109th members found their hosts receptive and eager to learn. "We taught field medicine to Lithuanian soldiers preparing to deploy to Bosnia," Nurse (Capt.) Sherrie Bodian said. "They were young and had little medical training so the classes went slow, at first. But, as they got used to us, things picked up."

Off duty, Lithuanians proudly took their guests around and showed them the sights. "We toured Vilnius, the capital, where we visited a castle and a cathedral," Dr. Diokno said. "Afterward, we went to the KGB Museum. It's a cold, damp and eerie place that brings back terrible memories to the people here."

"They asked us to come back soon"

Chief Casatelli added that some of the locals invited 109th members home for Easter dinner. "The people there are hospitable and willing to share their culture."

Field training at the military medical compound progressed as 109th members and Lithuanians prepared for the big event, Operation Baltic Phoenix 2000, a full-scale mass casualty exercise. When the day arrived, participants chose to be either victims or lifesavers.

"What an exercise. It looked like the real thing," Chief Casatelli remarked. "The victims went all the way with simulated injuries, bandages and fake blood. Others burned a bunch of tires to create the smoke." He added that U.S. military officials at our Embassy in Vilnius, as well as Lithuanian officials, were most helpful to us throughout the mission.

After the exercise, Lithuanian officials held closing ceremonies to show their gratitude and say goodbye to departing 109th forces. "It was all so formal," Dr. Diokno exclaimed. "Members of the local press showed up as well as several people who lived nearby." Also on hand, were U.S. Ambassador Bruce Smith and his wife, as well as high-ranking Lithuanian officials who came in-person to thank us for a job well done."

"They're hard working people," reflected Chief Casatelli. "They got a ways to go but they're working hard." He adds that we will be there to help them. "They asked us to come back soon."



Hollywood's Blockbuster, The Perfect Storm, showcases Westhampton's Air Rescue Wing

Guard Times Staff



WESTHAMPTON — The New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing in Westhampton Beach may see a surge in its recruiting numbers as a result of this summer's release of the blockbuster film, *The Perfect Storm*. Based, in part, upon the 106th's participation in what some have termed the storm of the century, the film depicts the heroism of the pararescue jumpers (PJs) of the 106th who, since 1975, have performed 287 successful rescue saves.

In addition to the exposure resulting from the film, in recent weeks broadcast crews and reporters from MSNBC, The Weather Channel, NBC Nightly News, Discovery, and the Associated Press have traveled to Westhampton Beach, the 106th's base of operations, to do stories focusing on the unit's vault to national prominence. In addition, unit representatives have been in attendance at the film's screenings where they have been the subject of scores of interviews with national and international media outlets.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge the courage of our PJs, past and present, and communicate the tremendous opportunity for young men who wish to join the Air Force's most elite rescue team," stated Col Bobby Brittain, 106th Rescue Wing commander.

Brittain indicated that active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard PJs are called upon to provide search and rescue in combat theaters, for space shuttle rescue support worldwide, and for civilian rescue

The crew of a 106th Air Rescue Wing HH-60 Pavehawk helicopter like the those pictured above is a prominent feature of the Hollywood film "The Perfect Storm" release in theaters nationwide this June. The events surrounding the loss of Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Arden "Rick" Smith on October 30th, 1991 in a storm so violent that the rescuers found themselves victims as well. File Photo.

support. Rescue specialists from the 106th have additionally been called up during the TWA 800 recovery effort and the search for John F. Kennedy Jr.

"It takes a special kind of person to be a PJ," Brittain stated emphatically. "Because of the extreme nature of the work they do, PJ recruits must be in the best physical condition imaginable, able to swim long distances, and must be as comfortable in the water as they are on land. Once accepted into this elite corps, new PJs are trained in

SCUBA, parachuting, rappelling, helicopter egress, mountain climbing, and skiing," he said.

"There is really no way to convey on film the extraordinary capabilities of these brave men," Col. Brittain said. "I am grateful that the film has put this focus on the career field both because these outstanding individuals deserve the recognition and because I know that others will be attracted to join this most elite cadre," he concluded.

PJ's Galaxy Program Excels as a 'Partner in Education'

By Lt. Col. Anthony J. Cristiano
HQ, 106th ARW

WESTHAMPTON -- The 106th Rescue Wing established a benchmark educational program in its Long Island community neighbors and after four years has changed the lives of some 2000 children.

The Rescue Wing Galaxy program first started in the fall of 1994. Over the past four years, it has seen marked success as five different schools have joined in the anti-drug program that uses confiscated drug money. The program also provides students with science and math curriculum that is a part of the approved New York State curriculum for 4th graders. The goal of the Galaxy program is to provide fourth grade students with a hands-on and active learning experience in Science Concepts, Self-Esteem Building, and Goal Setting.

In this past school year, more than 250 students participated in fall and spring classes. Students came from the eastern Long Island Riverhead School System. Riverhead, Oysterponds, Bridgehampton and Quogue schools are participated in the program. Additional help for the teachers and Air Guard mentors came from the



Local Riverhead School District children get a birds-eye view during their tour of the cockpit of the 106th Air Rescue Wing's HC-130 aircraft. The children participate in the Air Guard's "Galaxy Program" that provides science and mathematics to school children in topics directly related to aviation and space technology. This past year saw more than 250 students participate in the Rescue Wing's training. Photo by Lt. Col. Anthony Cristiano.

Riverhead High School by assigning eight NJROTC cadets to act as mentors for its 4th grade students.

Students are exposed to math and science fundamentals through familiarity of flight fundamentals and an overview of the Air Force. Topics include Dreams plus Action, Newton's Law, Flight Fundamentals, Aircraft Parts Rocketry, Space, and Rescue Technology.

The course teachers administer a Pre-Test, a Final Test and three quizzes for each block of instruction. The intent is to provide for improvement. Students receive not only the academic instruction, but practical demonstrations of science projects, hands-on experience with Air Force equipment, interaction with Air Guard personnel to discuss science fundamentals, and group activities designed for team-building.

One of the key expansions planned for the upcoming school year is the formation of additional partnerships with corporate sponsors. With corporate support, the 106th expects the Galaxy Program to soar even higher in the years to come.

SeaBees Assist in Bridge Placement

Guard Times Staff

GRANVILLE, NY -- When Mayor Tom Scott requested assistance from Seabee reserve units to complete a bridge project over the Metawee river, it was the culmination of a three year project to place the foot bridge to connect the two village museums on the river.

The town had purchased a steel, single lane covered bridge to span 80 feet over the Metawee River to connect two museum buildings on each side of the river. The bridge consists of two sixty foot long sections, with steel framework for the roof structure. The town was looking for cranes and operators from the Seabees. The Seabees did not have the cranes, but did have skilled operators.

Numerous meetings and site visits were held to work out details of how to assemble the two sections and place the bridge, the type and number of cranes required, site preparation for the crane placement, construction for the bridge supports, movement of NYSEG electric lines and telephone lines on one side of the river, and final landscaping of the area when the bridge was in place.

The Granville Area Chamber of Commerce had raised \$50,000 for the project through car raffles, and \$25,000 grant came through from the State. But the expense account was still thin for a project of the magnitude of the bridge placement.

The critical issue was availability of the two cranes needed. The machines were donated by Lewis Crane Service of Glens Falls, NY. With this final hurdle overcome, the bridge was assembled and placed on May 18 and 19, 2000.

This was truly a community project. The town raised the money to purchase the bridge, town and county workers provided equipment to move the bridge sections to the work site and assist the Seabees, a local



quarry provided over 200 cubic yards of crushed slate for fill along the river bank and for construction of a pad for one of the cranes, coffee was provided by the local Stewart's Shop and lunch for the workers was provided by the local VFW Post.

Seabees from NMCB 133 and CBMU 202, both NY Naval Militia units, provided technical and engineering support while in a IRT status as part of New York State Military "GuardHelp" program.



SeaBees in Action - Photos from top: SeaBees work with crane operators to emplace two sixty foot bridge spans over the Metawee River in Granville. Above, the construction battalion seamen site the spans before putting in the bridge cover. The GuardHELP project involved the entire community to complete the bridge span. Photos courtesy of the Naval Militia.

GuardHELP Gives Lift to Abandoned Vehicles

Guard Times Staff

TOWN OF CHILI, NY -- Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle applauded NY State Governor George E. Pataki's GuardHELP initiative this spring as the New York Army National Guard provided assistance in removing four otherwise unreachable vehicles from the Rochester area Black Creek Park on June 13.

"These vehicles currently pose safety and environmental hazards that would cost a great deal of County tax dollars to eliminate and would be very difficult to remove without the Guard's help," said Doyle. "this win-win arrangement with the National Guard offers the County a free clean-up in the park while the Guard receives a valuable training experience."

"Under Governor Pataki's leadership and the the GuardHELP program, the National Guard has provided non-emergency peacetime support to scores of communities throughout New York State," said Brg. Gen. William C. Martin, Deputy Adjutant General for New York State.

The location of the abandoned vehicles, which included three cars and a manure spreader, was such that no motorized vehicles can safely reach to remove them from the park. One vehicle is in fact believed to date back to the early 1900s.

The day-long mission involved using UH-60s from the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Assault Helicopter Battalion. Ground crews prepared the vehicles for slingload and the UH-60 Blackhawks deposited the vehicles in the parking area of the Black Creek Park for removal the county. The junk vehicles were disposed of properly in a local scrap yard.

The removal of the junk vehicles is another innovative method of providing training to National Guard members all over NY State. Projects that qualify must be valid training missions for the units involved and directly relate to their military mission to qualify for federal funding.



National Guard Helicopter Supports Mud Slide Recovery Efforts

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

ALBANY – Governor George E. Pataki ordered the New York National Guard into action this spring to help a community recover from the affects of a destructive mudslide.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter of the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation airlifted thousands of pounds of civilian engineer equipment into the damaged area at the request of local authorities. The combined team of New York Army National Guard air and ground crew members conducted seven separate sling loads of equipment and supplies to enable civilian engineers to perform essential work at the scene. The operation lasted a little more than one hour.

Heavy rains in New York's Capital District in May led to a landslide in the Albany County Town of Delmar, causing the loss of at least one building and damage to an adjacent highway. New York State Department of Transportation geologists, working to mitigate the disaster and prevent further damage, needed help in positioning a 5,000 pound drill rig and its related equipment near the damaged area in order to obtain deep soil samples. The samples were needed for the geologists to measure the likelihood of further landslides and to help them plan an ultimate solution to stop the damage and reopen the highway for public use.

The rugged terrain, the steep slope and the presence of the nearby Normanskill Creek, where flood waters swept over the stream's banks, made it impossible for the rig to be brought in by ground vehicle or crane. State leaders determined that this was a mission that only the National Guard could do.

"This was fantastic and very impressive," said Paula Kelley, a spokesperson for New York State's Department of Transportation. She watched the Blackhawk gently lower another load at the base of the mud slide slope about 300 feet above and away from the stream bed, and 100 feet below the sharp cliff carved out by the slide. Dozens of local residents lined up behind safety barriers, anxious for the security of their homes and businesses, also watched the action.

"Hopefully, now we will be able to get the answers we need to come with a resolution," Kelly said. Geologists were seeking to know exactly where the underlying clay failed and how deep the failure occurred. That information is essential to knowing what engineer approaches can be applied to prevent any further landslides. To get the samples, a drill rig is used to bore down into the soil as deep as 200 feet. Samples taken from different locations aid in triangulating the damage. Samples are needed from the damage zone and surrounding locations.

"The National Guard has helped us save a lot of time, and in the process will help us prevent more damage because we can get the information we need and come up with a working solution much sooner," said Kelly. "The Guard has saved us months here, at the very least," she added.

Blackhawks can airlift almost 8,000 pounds of cargo. The 142nd is a corps support battalion, with the mission



to conduct sling load operations. Over the last few years, the battalion has performed a number of Innovative Readiness Training operations as part of the New York National Guard "guardHELP" program, in which the Guard provides peace time community support while training for its federal mission at no additional cost to the tax payer. Since the program's launch in 1998, crews from the 142nd have airlifted abandoned cars from environmentally sensitive preserves at various locations around the state, fought wildfires with water buckets and performed other related airlift missions. In addition, the unit deployed to Honduras in 1999 as part of the Defense Department's Exercise New Horizons to help with Hurricane Mitch recovery efforts.



Crews from the Albany area's 3rd Battalion, 142nd Assault Helicopter Battalion prepare to hookup drilling and support equipment for the Department of Transportation's engineering assessment of the Delmar landslide over the Memorial Day Weekend. The slingload operation was the only practical method of delivering the drilling equipment to the landslide site to assess the soil's stability. The National Guard members were called to State Active Duty for the holiday weekend for the mission to support the state's emergency management office. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

204th Engineers 'guardHELPS'

Army Guard Engineer Unit Supports Communities While Training

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

BINGHAMTON—The New York Army National Guard's 204th Engineer Battalion conducted a series of community support projects along the state's Southern Tier and on Long Island in the third year of Governor George E. Pataki's landmark "guardHELP" program.

Members of the 204th, headquartered in Binghamton with companies based in Oneonta, Walton, Horseheads, Peekskill, New York City and Riverhead, worked at several different locations during the last week in June performing Innovative Readiness Training projects during its Annual Training. After completing a week of traditional field training at Fort Drum, the troops returned to their respective home communities to begin local projects, which had been scheduled and approved. Hundreds of troops operating dozens of Army engineer vehicles and other pieces of equipment went to work in local communities as part of their training. Each of the projects had been extensively planned, screened, reviewed and approved all the way through the Department of Defense. Each project not only



returned value to the community, but also matched specific federal training requirements of the 204th.

"We put a lot of planning and coordination work into each of these projects leading up to this AT period," said Lt. Col. Randall Lambrecht, the 204th's battalion commander. He explained that his unit is getting considerable experience as it gets used to the year-long process to identify, coordinate and obtain approvals of proposed IRT projects. His goal is to have each of his three companies complete two separate IRTs each year as part of their yearly training program. "I also expect improved recruiting and retention



The 204th Engineers in action throughout NY this spring. Photos clockwise from left: Pvt. First Class Joseph Tiemann from A Company operates a D7 Bulldozer in Oneonta Town Park; Sgt. First Class Dennis Kenney, NCOIC of the Oneonta work site directs the operator of a pan from A Company; B Company emplaces a flexible drainage hose in a ditch carved out of the Newark Valley's Middle School athletic field; A Company engineers rebuild the roof and framing on youth billets at the Nassau County 4-H Camp near Riverhead, Long Island; A civilian contractor "miller" cuts through olde asphalt of the parking lot at the Newark Valley Middle School and a 5-ton Dump Truck receives the debris; Company A carpenters install metal braces for a new wall in the Town of Sydney's new Town Court. Guard Times Photos.

will result because we are getting great visibility in our home communities and the high operational tempo means the troops are using their equipment more to do the kinds of training they joined to do," he said.

Simultaneous Projects

In Binghamton's Ely Park, troops performed excavation operations near the municipal golf course to improve existing drainage in a project that otherwise could have cost the city more than \$30,000. The troops used bulldozers and Small emplacement Excavators to back fill drainage trenches and grade existing access roads. "The Guard is enhancing our park at a minimal cost to the city," said Mayor Richard Bucci. "It is training for them and a benefit to the public."

In Oneonta, nearly 50 members of Company A used bulldozers, bucket loaders, graders and dump trucks to level a six-acre area along the banks of the Susquehanna River adjacent to the city. They helped prepare the site as a future athletic field as part of the city's strategic development plan. According to city officials, the Guard is helping Oneonta complete a project that was previously unaffordable and probably saved more than \$100,000. "We bid this out a few years ago and found it was way too expensive for us," said Joseph Bernier, the city engineer. "We went to the Guard for help, and they have become a great partner for us. This is great. GuardHELP works for us."

In the nearby town of Sydney, about a dozen troops rehabilitated the interior of the Getman Town Annex building to provide the town with a new courtroom, judge's chamber, clerk's office and utility room. Guard carpenters, and electricians added dry walls, a new doorway and windows, and installed new electrical and heating

systems. "Without the help from the Guard this project would not have gotten started," said Mayor Jim Warren. "We have calculated that the Guard has helped us reduce the ultimate cost of completing this project by almost \$150,000. When this is done, Sydney will have efficient new court facilities instead of the cramped and restricted space we are presently using," he said.

At the Newark Valley Middle School, troops worked with bulldozers, dump trucks, civilian contractors and town highway department personnel to raise the level of the school's parking lot to resolve a severe drainage problem and ready it for paving. Several times each year the field behind the school and the back parking lot becomes submerged as hundreds of thousands of gallons of water run from high ground nearby. The Guard built berms to channel the water away from the school building and raised the level of the parking lot as much as three feet or more. The



school arranged to have a commercial "miller" tear up the existing parking lot pavement and Guard dump trucks hauled the debris. Then fill was brought in to raise the level

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of the lot to divert water away from the school and into proper drainage. The Guard also dug drainage ditches and installed flexible pipes. School officials indicated that the GuardHELP project saved the community years of delay and the possible need for a bond act to finance the work.

At Riverhead on Long Island, local members of the 204th graded the main dirt road to the local 4H Camp and fixed camper cabins in time for their use this summer. The cabins got all new roof frames and shingles. In addition, the troops also helped improve an existing police range at another site to make it safer and easier for law enforcement personnel to use.

In Penn Yan, troops constructed a youth summer camp building for the New York State Sheriffs' Association in six days. The work included installing foundation, piers, building the wood frame and installing siding and a roof. The troops also graded the access road.

Guard Support Critical to Local Projects

All of these projects were done at little or no additional cost to the communities, and enabled them to complete important projects that are presently beyond their means. In each case, the projects would not be done without Guard support. This is the first time the Guard has performed such projects in these communities. GuardHELP is beginning to spread further across New York.

Governor Pataki launched guardHELP in May 1998 as part of his strategy to bring the Guard closer to local communities. Since then, the program has helped the Guard forge new community ties statewide, and both the Guard and the public have benefited through joint community action projects and the close interaction and communication which precede each unit project. GuardHELP makes it easier for communities to get direct non-emergency help from the Guard. For the military, guardHELP captures the essence of the national military strategy at the local level by forging links between civilian

and military leaders. The "HELP" in guardHELP stands for: "Hear," "Educate," "Link," and "Partner."

GuardHELP Achievement

Since the program began, the Guard has used helicopters to airlift abandoned cars from environmentally sensitive preserves on Long Island, in the Capital District and in the Rochester area. In 1998, the 204th removed an abandoned barge along the banks of the St. Lawrence River that was a navigation and environmental hazard, and won a national environmental award in the process. In Manhattan, Guard mechanics operating wreckers helped local volunteers right fallen concrete retaining walls in the West Side Park, while welders wielding torches helped remove damaged metal benches so they could be replaced.



Last year in the Rensselaer County Town of Nassau, the 204th repaired nearly four miles of dirt road, whose condi-



tions were rated among the worst in the state. The road was so bad that in the winter and spring emergency vehicles, school buses and local residents couldn't get through and were frequently hung up in mud ruts.

In Schenectady, members of the Army and Air National Guard teamed up to help local officials restore a park for community use. The park had become a site for drug abuse and violence. Members of the Guard's Counterdrug Program helped officials clear the extensive vegetation so police could better patrol the area, while Guard engineers leveled and smoothed the terrain for replanting and landscaping.

"GuardHELP is a return on the tuition Incentive Program investment made by the state in its Guard, when the Governor signed it into law in 1996," said Brig. Gen. William Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General. "Governor Pataki ordered us not to just sit back and wait for emergencies in order to help, but to go back to our communities and lean forward to help in any way we can. The GuardHELP Program is of strategic importance to our force, and as we are learning, of tremendous value to our communities large and small across New York," he said. "Projects like these performed by the 204th are vital to our soldiers, the federal readiness of our units, our ability to respond even more effectively during future state emergencies and to the public who benefits from the work we do for them. Without a doubt, guardHELP is good training, great value and good government."

New York Guard Officer Competes in National Track and Field Competitions

Army Division NY Guard Public Affairs Office

CAMP SMITH -- Captain Deborah Ecklund, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, Army Division, New York Guard ended the indoor track and field season and started the outdoor season with winning performances.

A Masters Title Winner

In March, Ecklund traveled to Boston for the USA Masters Track and Field Championships and won titles in the shotput and super-weight throw events. These events consist of "putting shots" for a distance. A woman's "Shot" weighs 8 pounds 13 ounces. The woman's "weight" is 20 pounds. The "super-weight" is 35 pounds.

Ecklund competed in several other matches including the New York Masters "Spring Classic" held in Kings Point during May. In June she competed in the "Ultra Weight Classic" meet in Philadelphia and the Metropolitan Athletic Championships (MAC) in New York City. She continued her winning performances taking first place in the javelin, discus, hammer shot and weight throws. In the Ultra Meet she successfully lifted and threw extreme of 56 pounds, 98 pounds, and 200 pound weight setting new meet records for the 98 pound and 200 pound events. At the MAC championships Ecklund placed second in both the shotput and hammer throws but came back to win the discus event.

Fifteen Years of Competition

Capt. Ecklund has been a long time competitor in track and field, most notably in field and throwing events, since she took up the sport again in 1986 after a ten-year layoff. She was a nationally ranked competitor in the long and triple jumps until injury forced her to retire from those events. She has competed and placed in the top consistently for her age group, winning over 50 national and Empire State Games titles and setting records at local, regional, national and world competition.

In addition to track and field, Ecklund is an accomplished figure skater and teaches skating in the winter. She maintains a base level of fitness but is eager to add more training for improvement.



Sgt. Bryon Kasgarian, from the New York Guard's 10th Brigade, fits new West Point cadets with their Army-issue footwear during the new class of 2004 cadet in-processing for the academic year at the US Army's Military Academy at West Point. New York Guard Public Affairs office courtesy photo.

New York Guard's 10th Brigade Assists Inprocessing West Point Class of 2004

Army Division NY Guard Public Affairs Office

CAMP SMITH -- With the cutbacks and downsizing experienced by all components of the Armed Forces, The Military Academy was not spared. In order to accomplish the necessary tasks involved in inprocessing new cadets they have had to turn to other sources to complete their mission. Each year the newly appointed Cadets arrive at West Point as civilians and must be completely outfitted from the skin out before they can begin the basic training phase of their four year stay.

In the last few years the New York Guard has assisted the Logistics Directorate, accomplishing a number of repair and improvement projects at the Camp Buckner training area.

This year, faced with the task of preparing the Class of 2004 for their swearing-in ceremony and equipping them to meet the time requirements of their training schedule, the Academy turned to the New York Guard for assistance.

Capt. William Payne, Chief Warrant Officer Evelyn Duerr, Sgt. Bryon Kasgarian and Sgt. Angel Ramirez traveled to West Point to assist personnel from the Academy's Logistics Directorate issue clothing to the incoming class.

The 1,188 Cadets arrive and started their inprocessing, obtaining unit assignments, obtaining books and schedules and learning the fundamentals of military drill. Tradition dictates that the new Cadets must be in uniform when they take their oath, so much of their first days are spent in obtaining all the items they will require at the Academy.

The New York Guard personnel were tasked with insuring that each cadet was issued the proper uniform items and insuring that the fit was correct before they were allowed to leave for their swearing in ceremony.

Fit is important as there is no time built into training schedules to get replacement items once the basic training starts.

New York Guard to Conduct Legal Training

Guard Times Staff

CAMP SMITH -- The New York Guard will conduct free legal training for members of New York State's military forces who are attorneys during its upcoming Annual Training at Camp Smith August 24th and 25th.

The training is creditable toward the state's bi-annual legal training requirements for licensed attorneys.

The New York Guard instructors are practicing legal professionals and include judges, attorneys, and counsels in both public and private practice. This service could save both active duty or reserve component lawyers from \$300-500 that they would normally have to spend in annual continuing education costs. The NY State Continuing Legal Education Board has approved the NY Guard two-day

course for 13 credits. Courses include Trusts and Estates, Ethics, Guardianship Trust Needs, Commercial Real Estate Skills, Contempt and Attorney/Client Privileges, and Legal Malpractice.

"Every lawyer must compete up to 24 hours of legal training every two years in order to practice law in the state," said Maj. Gen. Edwin Kassoff. "This is a service to Guard members who are lawyers and need this training."

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Major General Kassoff, a New York State Supreme Court Justice, organized the program of instruction in

the form of a services of lectures lasting between one and two hours each. The training opportunities are available to all services, all components.

Other instructors for the two-day training include the Honorable C. Raymond Radigan, Nassau County Surrogate; the Honorable Alan D. Scheinkman, Westchester County Attorney; Robert J.A. Zito, Esq., a litigation and arbitration specialist; Hal R. Lieberman, Esq., Chief Counsel of the 1st Department Disciplinary Committee; Scott Mollen, Esq., lecturer and editor of a weekly realty legal digest; Lawrence Gray Esq., and Donald E. Deegan Esq., a law firm partner specializing in trial and malpractice defense.

For more information, contact Maj. Gen. Kassoff's office at (718) 520-3741.

New York Guard Honors WWI Service

Guard Times Staff

SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY – The 56th Brigade of the NY Guard hosted the state's annual Memorial Service to honor members of the NY Guard who served on active duty during the First World War.

Over one hundred fifty soldiers, veterans, and family members attended the ceremony for the New York Guard regiments' service at the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, home of the First Provisional Regiments' memorial.

"Time has a way of making things okay and we generally forget the suffering that goes along with the acts we try to remember," said Major George Piers, President of the Ossining Historical Society and a member of the New York Army National Guard. "I applaud the people who made sacrifices, then and now."

The First Regiment of the New York Guard was established in the summer of 1917 when the NY National Guard was drafted into Federal Service and deployed to Europe. The First Provisional Regiment served on aqueduct patrol from 1917-1919, protecting the New York City water supply. The Regimental Headquarters was located in nearby Croton, NY.

The Second Provisional Regiment guarded state property during the war, including the canal system, bridges and railways in northern and western NY. The Second Regiment located its headquarters in Troy.

The contributions of the NY Guard members were not without loss. According to state records, 38 members of the Regiments died on active duty during the First World War, all non-combat deaths, thirty of which were due to the influenza epidemic of 1918.

Sentries were fired upon more than 100 times.

In 1921 veterans of the Regiment dedicated the Sleepy Hollow monument on land donated by the Rockefeller family. The monument and annual memorial service commemorate the service of the First Provisional Regiment veterans and all NY Guard members who have served their state and their communities.

"I applaud the people who made sacrifices, then and now"

Members of the NY Guard Association, the American Legion, and the Veteran Corps of Artillery all placed memorial wreaths on the First Provisional Regiment Memorial Monument.

"It's warm today. Can you imagine wearing wool uniforms, walking the aqueduct for eight or twelve hours?" asked New York Congresswoman Sue Kelly, representing the 19th District's Fishkill and Mt. Kisco. "We're here to remember the sacrifices of the soldiers of this regiment. We're very lucky to have the New York Guard honoring it today," she said.



Members of the New York Guard's 10th Brigade honor the Guard members who served during the First World War when the New York Army National Guard mobilized and deployed to Europe. Wreaths were placed upon the First Regiment's Monument by the NY Guard Association, the American Legion's #506 Post, and the Veteran Corps of Artillery. The NY Guard has commemorated the service of its members since 1921 and is held the first Sunday in May to honor the memory of the First Provisional Regiment veterans as well as all NY Guard members who have served. Courtesy Photo.



Members of the New York Guard pose for a photograph, circa 1918. The New York Guard, an all-volunteer force, was called to state active duty and armed to provide security to New York's water and canal systems during World War One. The First and Second Regiments served throughout NY State from 1917-1919. Courtesy Photo.

In Memoriam: Colonel James Waterbury

Guard Times Staff

CORNWALL – The Memorial Day weekend gave many a pause to remember those who gave their lives in the service of the nation. For the soldiers of the New York Guard, the death of Colonel James Waterbury highlighted the sacrifices of service members.

Col. Waterbury, commander of the Hudson Valley's 56th Brigade of the New York Guard, was a veteran of more than thirty years military service.

An early interest in aviation led Colonel Waterbury to the Civil Air Patrol at the age of sixteen and his association with CAP lasted for 36 years. In 1968 he enlisted in the US Army and within months was selected for the Warrant Officer Candidate program and rotary wing flight instruction. Waterbury earned his rating as an Army Warrant Officer helicopter pilot and spent two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

For twelve years, Waterbury served in various Army posts in Europe and the U.S. and then transitioned to the

US Coast Guard, where his aeromedical evacuation skills could progress further.

Waterbury completed a twenty-year service career, working in his part time with volunteer groups such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

After retirement, he returned to New York's Hudson Valley and served as the civilian range control officer at the US Military Academy at West Point. Waterbury had responsibility for usage, supervision, safety, environmental protection, wildlife conservation and protection of the public property.

As a military retiree, he joined the New York Guard, the volunteer state reserve military force and with his extensive background and experience, rose from staff to command positions, achieving the command of the 56th Brigade headquartered at the State Armory in Peekskill, in October, 1999.

New York Hosts ChalleNGe Invitational

Fifteen States Send Competitors from Guard-sponsored Youth Program



The National Guard Bureau's ChalleNGe Invitational brought together more than 500 teens for a week-long athletics and drill competition this June in Cornwall, NY. Photo at left: The Corps Members form for the Invitational opening ceremonies with the NY State ChalleNGe Color Guard. At Right: Lamel Crosland, a Corps Member from Brooklyn, lights the Invitational Torch to signal the beginning of the ChalleNGe competition. Photo Below: The women's basketball team from NY plays against the Mississippi women's team. Photos by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.



By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

CORNWALL—Rainy weather could not dampen the spirits of hundreds of young people who came to New York in early June for a very special competition.

Teams comprised of high school dropouts enrolled in National Guard-sponsored ChalleNGe Youth Opportunity Programs from across the country came to New York for the National ChalleNGe Invitational at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall. It was the first time that the Invitational was held in New York.

The New York National Guard ChalleNGe Program played host to states as far away as Montana in the west and as far south as Georgia. More than 500 teens between the ages of 16 to 18 representing 15 states competed in various team and individual events in both athletic and academic categories, including drill and ceremony, chess, ChalleNGe "Jeopardy," boys and girls basketball, coed softball, and the ChalleNGe fitness test.

New York officials arranged for the use of the New York Military Academy's facilities to house and feed the teams, and to hold the various competitions. New York depended on its combined military and civilian ChalleNGe staff to run and support the operation. The ChalleNGe Invitational was underwritten with state and federal funding, as well as donations from the NFL Alumni Association.

The competition was modeled after the Olympics, with a torch lighting and opening and closing cer-

emonies. The competition was keen, but so was the sportsmanship. Events ran concurrent at the softball field, on the basketball court and in classrooms set up for chess and ChalleNGe Jeopardy. Young competitors got the chance to meet and socialize during an evening ice cream social. It was all part of the intended experience.

"All of our kids are winners"

New York officials also arranged a series of special events for the young people, which ran throughout the week.

These included a demonstration by a US Navy SEAL diving team, the Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, the US Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, and an Army helicopter fly over.

"High school drop outs don't get the experience of organized athletic competition which is a normal part of a student's life," explained Brig. Gen. Brian Winter, the director of the New York ChalleNGe Program. "The ChalleNGe Invitational helps to fill that experience gap for the drop outs who enroll in ChalleNGe programs. Young people learn many important life-lessons through this experience, which we hope will further help them as they re-connect with their education and their future through ChalleNGe," he said.

"All of our kids are winners," said Bob Reed, New York ChalleNGe Program recruiter. Reed, a former National Football League standout with the Minnesota Vikings, now helps young New Yorkers get into ChalleNGe to get their life back on track. "ChalleNGe teaches team work, individual responsibility and that you have to work hard for your future. The ChalleNGe Invitational helps us further these lessons and give our members a great experience — a very productive and positive experience — that will help lift them up. Just to have the chance to participate in an event like this with peers from other states makes them feel special," he said.





Brig. General Winter congratulates the NY National Guard's ChalleNGe program's 1000th graduate, Juan Tavares from East Elmhurst, New York. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

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CAMP SMITH, CORTLANDT MANOR — The New York National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Opportunity Program for high school dropouts broke the “1000th” graduate milestone at its 14th graduation ceremony June 16 at Camp Smith, near Peekskill.

More than 80 young men and women from across New York received certificates of completion for the 22-week residential phase of ChalleNGe in front of family and friends. Many also received awards for academic excellence, leadership and physical fitness achievements. For most of the graduates, completing ChalleNGe was the most significant achievement of their life. More than 20 had already passed the GED examination during early testing, and ChalleNGe is awaiting the test results for the rest of the class.

A Big Change

“We learn the most from our struggles in life,” said Brig. Gen. William Martin, the Deputy Adjutant General of New York during a brief address to the 83 graduates and their family members. “ChalleNGe is difficult, hard, demanding and your success didn’t come easy,” he told them. “It took a collective effort between you, your families and your ChalleNGe cadre to make it. You are not the same people you were, when you first came here.”

“I couldn’t believe my eyes. When he came home on his first free weekend his demeanor was calm. He was respectful. The change is remarkable. At first I didn’t recognize my own son,” said Monique Peragini-Scully during her parent’s address. Her son is graduate John Peragini from the Ulster County community of Marlboro. “It’s incredible. Today, he is very interested in his education and his future, something he never paid attention to before,” she said.

“Camp Smith has been a troop staging area for Desert Storm and Bosnia. Now it has become your staging area for your future struggles in life,” said Donald Bennett, Jr. Marketing and Sales Account Executive with WLNA and WHUD Radio in the Hudson Valley. Bennett urged the young people to stay on track, to fulfill their responsibilities and to always remember from where they came. “You can never go back to be the person you once were. But you need to go back to the schools you dropped out from and let them know what its like on the other side,” he said.

“The National Guard ChalleNGe Program is the most efficient program of its kind in the nation, because our graduates return \$3 to \$4 for every one dollar invested,” said Gregory L. Sharp, the Executive Director of the National Guard Youth Foundation in Arlington, VA. Sharp is a retired National Guard lieutenant colonel and served two tours during the Vietnam War. “There are 25 states that operate ChalleNGe Programs, and to date more than 24,500 young people have graduated,” said Sharp. “We have a 97 percent success rate in helping our kids get reconnected with their education, with jobs and with our communities. But those statistics hide the fact that they represent only a fraction, 35 percent, of the eligible young people nationwide, who apply for entrance. We need to expand ChalleNGe to every state,” he said.

All ends are beginnings

The federally-funded ChalleNGe program was launched in 1993 by the National Guard and New York was among the original ten charter states. Since then, the program has grown and today there are 25 states with ChalleNGe programs. More than 920 young

ChalleNGe Program Breaks ‘1000’ Graduate Mark

people from New York have graduated through 13 class iterations. This class boosts the total number of graduates past 1000.

“All ends are just beginnings,” said graduate Abraham Cho from Port Washington, who achieved the NY ChalleNGe Program’s highest-ever score on the GED this spring — 369 out of a possible 400, and a record 97 percent on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. “This is just the beginning,” he said. Early in this class, Cho was named “Corps Commander” of his fellow students and served as his class leader. At the graduation he was awarded the Outstanding Academic Award and co-winner of the class Outstanding Corps Member Award. Cho was among almost 20 graduates

Corps members live in barracks, get up early for morning exercises, eat in a mess hall and attend classes, which ready them for the GED examination. Corps members are supported at ChalleNGe by a combined staff of dedicated military and civilian professionals, who nurture, teach and prepare them for the future. The goal is to teach important life skills to assist these at-risk youth develop positive values that will help them grow and succeed.

Corps members who complete the first phase enter a 12-month mentoring phase, where community volunteers help guide young people as they pursue a college education or a job in the community. ChalleNGe graduates and their families are



Corps Members pass in review during the ChalleNGe graduation ceremony in Peekskill. Photo by Lt. Col. Paul Fanning.

who were sworn into the military as part of the ceremony. Cho joined the United States Marine Corps.

The ChalleNGe program is designed to help high school dropouts aged 16 years 7 months to 18 get their life back on a productive track. The Phase I residential program is held at the National Guard’s Camp Smith training site near Peekskill. Separate classes of young men and women are immersed in military-style discipline within a highly structured environment. It includes a rigorous regimen of classroom instruction, team-building training, leadership, physical fitness, community service and military drills.

typically the program’s greatest supporters and often encourage other disconnected young people from their communities to enroll and get back on track.

Dropouts face a dismal future, and each year thousands of young people statewide leave high school before graduating. In New York, 86 percent of the prison population are high school dropouts. Less than one half of one percent of ChalleNGe graduates have become inmates.

For many, attending ChalleNGe is proving to be a life-changing decision and a path from failure to success. (For more information on ChalleNGe, call 1-800-NY-YOUTH.)

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 GREGORY N. ERTEL DET 2 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 IRA J. JORDAN COB 152D ENGINEER BN
 IRENEUSZ CIARA HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 JAIRO A. MEDRANO HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 JAMES V. HAWKINS DET 1 CO A 1-108TH INF
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 JODI C. CALANDRA HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 MICHAEL J. NEWELL COC (-) 1-108TH INF
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 MICHAEL N. SHULTIS HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 SCOTT I. LEFTON HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 SCOTT T. TWITCHELL HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 SONYA D. JORDAN HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 STANLEY GONTAREK HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 STEVEN B. DUNLAP HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
 STEVEN J. GUGLIELMI CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
 TERRANCE P. BAKER COC 152D ENGINEER BN
 TIMOTHY M. PALUCH COB (-) 204 EN BN (CBTHVY)
 TIMOTHY P. CASEY DET 6 STARC-NY MED DET
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 VICTOR H. ENRIQUEZ HQS 106TH REGIMENT (RTI)
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 GEORGE R. GUTIERREZ HHS (-) 1-156 FA
 JAMES C. MAERKL H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
 JEAN M. MASON HHB 1-258TH FA
 JEFFREY A. SPERL HHC 2 BN 108 INF
 JOHN J. HENDERSON COB 152D ENGINEER BN
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 JOSEPH M. CUMBERBATCH HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
 KENNETH W. HENNING CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
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 BRIAN M. FENTON 107THMILITARYPOLICECO
 BRIAN P. ROUGEUX HHS(-)1-156FA
 BRYAN W. DAVIS HHC2BN108INF
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 CARLOS BARAHONAGOMEZ DET1COB1-105THINF
 CARLOS CABALLERO COB642DSUPPORTBN
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 DANIEL D. DOWD HHC2BN108INF
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 DANIEL P. LEEK COD1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 DAVID A. CORBY COA(-)1-108THINF
 DAVID A. SOJKA HHC(-)1-127THARMOR
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 DIANE DIMAREN 107THMILITARYPOLICECO
 DIANE PETERS 442DMILITARYPOLICECO
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 HERSON GUTIERREZ DET2COA204ENGRBN
 HUSANI O. FUSSELL SERVICEBTRY1-258THFA
 ISSAC R. THOMAS COB342DFWD SPTBN
 JACOB G. BRIGGS DET1COC427THSPTBN
 JAMAAL HICKMON COE1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 JAMES L. BUSH 107THMILITARYPOLICECO
 JAMES M. BEHNKE COB1-108THINF
 JAMES P. MAYER COB(-)204ENBN(CBTHVY)
 JAMES R. BAILEY DET1105THMPCO
 JAMES R. SNODDY 407THMILITARYPOLICECO
 JAMES W. KAZMIRSKI 227THMICO
 JAMIE L. GARDNER COB(-)204ENBN(CBTHVY)
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 JASON A. MEYER COB(-)2BN108INF
 JASON D. BYRNES HHC1-105THINF
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 JASON M. BARONE DET1HHC27THINBDE
 JASON M. FARRELL HHC3-142DAVIATION
 JASON M. PORTER SERVICEBTRY1-258THFA
 JASON CANDANEDO COC(-)1BN105INF
 JASON SCHILLER HHC1-101STCAVALRY
 JEAN B. POPOTTE HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 JEFFREY R. MARTINEZ COB152DENGINEERBN
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 JOHN J. HULTS COA(-)204ENGRBN
 JOHN R. CORYEA COB(-)2BN108INF
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 JOHN VALENTINE COC1-127THARMOR
 JOHN W. DYCHA SPTPLT152DENGINEERBN
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 JUSTIN A. REACH 107THMILITARYPOLICECO
 KATRINA E. HAITSMAN HHC152DENGINEERBN
 KEIRON R. PHILLIPS DET1COB1-105THINF
 KELLEY J. COTTON COA642DSUPPORTBN
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 LEEFORD M. FRANCIS HHS(-)1-156FA
 LEO A. WILLIAMS SERVICEBTRY1-258THFA
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 MEGHAN A. LAFFERTY HHC42INDIV(-)
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 MICHAEL J. BARKER COA(-)1-108THINF
 MICHAEL R. COLLOTON HHC2BN108INF
 MICHAEL S. LAPP COC3-142DAVIATION
 MICHAEL T. DREW HHC427THSPTBN
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 MIGUELA RODRIGUEZ COC(-)2BN108INF

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 NATALIE A. JONES HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
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 PAUL N. STRATON COA(-)1-108THINF
 PAUL MELENDEZ HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 PAWEL WIELGOSINSKI DET1COC1-105INF
 PEDRO A. MORALES COC(-)1BN105INF
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 PHILIP E. KANE 105MPCO(-)
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 RAYMOND J. DENSON COB642DSUPPORTBN
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 RICKY HOLLOWAY 827THENGRCO
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 ROBERT G. POPE HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 ROBERT H. LANDRY DET2COC2BN108INF
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 ROBERT M. OSTRUM COC1-127THARMOR
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 SCOTT C. BAILEY TROOPE101STCAVALRY
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 SEAN O. MILLINGTON HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
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 STEVE S. THOMAS HHC1-101STCAVALRY
 STEVEN R. ROMANOWSKI DET1COA1BN105INF
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 VICTOR M. CABRAL HHC1-69THINFANTRY(M)
 WAYNE G. APPLETON HHC(-)1-127THARMOR
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BRENDAN C. BURNS	HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR	JONATHAN J. REDDIN	COB 642D SUPPORT BN
BRIAN R. GROMLOVITS	COB 1-108TH INF	JONATHAN L. SILBERSTEIN	COC (-) 1 BN 105 INF
BRIAN T. LUCAS	CO A 1-127TH ARMOR	JOSEPH R. PINIEWSKI JR	COC 1-127TH ARMOR
BRUCE A. JOHNSTON	COD 1-105 INF	JOSHUA D. CLOPTON	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
CARLO T. GIORDANO	COD 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	JOSHUA R. OSTERHOUDT	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
CARRIE M. MOUSSEAU	DET 1 COC 427TH SPT BN	JOSHUA W. PERRY	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
CELSO A. BENITES	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	JUSTIN J. WILLIAMS	COB (-) 2 BN 108 INF
CHAO Y. LI	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN	JUSTIN P. KAIER	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN
CHARLES W. BATEMAN	COB 1-108TH INF	JUSTIN W. MARRERO	HHD ENGINEER BDE 42ID
CHARLYNE M. SANTANA	CO A (-) 427TH SPT BN	KENNETH W. MORGAN JR	DET 1 COC 2 BN 108 INF
CHRISTINE M. RAMOS	1569TH TRANS CO (-)	KEVIN E. GRAF	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
CHRISTOPHER J. STRICKER	DET 1 COB 2 BN 108 INF	KEVIN M. PALMER	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
CHRISTOPHER M. DEDRICK	HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR	KEVIN R. JACKSON JR	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
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DAUSHEL A. HENDERSON	HHS (-) 1-156 FA	LAWRENCE M. KAPLE	HHC 1-105TH INF
DAVID A. CONDE	DET 1 COC 1-105 INF	MAHENDRANAUTHDABICHANSRVCBTRY	1-258TH FA
DAVID J. GILLESPIE	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF	MARIA T. HYNES	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
DAVID J. LEO JR	HHC 1-105TH INF	MARK J. DUDENHFFER	COB 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
DAVID KUZNIA	COB (-) 1 BN 105TH INF	MARLONGIRALDORAMIREZ	COC (-) 1 BN 105 INF
DAVID PINEDA	37TH FINANCE DET	MARY J. FULLER	HHC 1-142D AVIATION
DENNIS C. BORKOWSKI JR	COB 1-108TH INF	MATTHEW L. HORCSOG	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF
DENNIS J. COOK II	DET 2 COB 2 BN 108 INF	MATTHEW R. CONKLIN	DET 1 HHC 1-127TH ARMOR
DONALD WILLIAMS	HSC (-) 642D SUPPORT BN	MATTHEW R. CURCIO	HHC 1-105TH INF
DOUGLAS J. MIRRO	CO A 642D SUPPORT BN	MAX C. BLAIR	CO A 1-127TH ARMOR
DOUGLAS L. FORTNER	COB 1-127TH ARMOR	MICHAEL A. PALMSE	HHC 1-258TH FA
DOUGLAS S. REID	DET 1 CO A 1 BN 105 INF	MICHAEL A. SQUIRES	COE 3-142D AVIATION
DZHANTAM T. WARREN	HHC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	MICHAEL A. YEHL	105 MP CO (-)
EDGARDO RIVERA	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN	MICHAEL J. AQUILINA	COD 1-142 AVIATION
EDWARD T. JONES	COD 1-101ST CAVALRY	MICHAEL J. QUINN	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
EDWIN PELAEZ	COB 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)	MICHAEL K. HAMILTON JR	HHC 1-142D AVN
ELIZABETH A. AMEIGH	COB (-) 204 ENBN (CBTHVY)	MICHAEL P. AMES	DET 2 COB 2 BN 108 INF
ELIZABETH A. DILLENBECK	107TH MPCO (-)	MICHAEL R. WEAVER	DET 1 CO A 1 BN 105 INF
ENRIQUE PENA	COB 1-108TH INF	NAIM R. RASHID	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
ERIC M. PARDY	DET 1 CO A 152D ENBN	NATHAN A. OBIT	COD (-) 2-108 INF
ERIC R. WRIGHT	DET 1 COC 2 BN 108 INF	NATHAN D. HOATLAND	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
ERIN V. DRIESSEN	HHC 42 INDIV (-)	NEKETA O. BRAMBLE	1569TH TRANS CO (-)
EUGENIA MORALES BARRERA	37TH FINANCE DET	NICHOLAS W. MAROU	HHC 1-142D AVIATION
FABIENNE ALEXANDRE	CO A 642D SUPPORT BN	NICOLAS S. FAUST	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
FRANCIS K. DUFFY	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY	NOAH J. BENTZ	HHC 2 BN 108 INF
GAVING. STACKHOUSE	COD 1-108TH INF	OTTLEY J. PARRIS	HHC 1-258TH FA
GEORGET. WASZKIEWICZ	CO A 642D SUPPORT BN	PATRICK M. TERBOSS	DET 1 HHC 1-108TH INF
HASHIM A. WALLACE	HHD 342D FWD SPT BN	PATRICK R. DARIUS	COC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
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IRA L. GRIFFIN	1569TH TRANS CO (-)	PAUL BONNER	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
ISAAC N. SOBERAL	COB (-) 1 BN 105TH INF	PETR D. KIZILOV	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
IVETTER AMIREZ	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN	QUENTIN G. HODGE	COC 1-127TH ARMOR
JAMES R. HAMILTON	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN	RACHEL L. STRANO	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
JAMES W. GRADY	TROOPE 101ST CAVALRY	REINALDO BODON	TROOPE 101ST CAVALRY
JAMES W. ROMANOWSKI	HHD STARC (-) NY ARNG	RICHARD G. OSTRANDER	HHC 1-105TH INF
JAMI J. ELLEMAN	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	RINOL F. HODGE	COB 230TH SIGNAL BN
JAMILEH K. MOUAWAD	HHC 3-142D AVIATION	ROBERT E. DUGGER	DET 1 COC 1-108TH INF
JANET M. VANANDEN	HHS (-) 1-156 FA	ROBERT P. LONG III	642D MI BN
JANICE M. MINER	DET 1 COC 427TH SPT BN	RONALD A. FORD	COC (-) 1-108TH INF
JASON D. GADLEY	HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR	RONALD W. ALLEN JR	DET 1 COB 1-105TH INF
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JEDALADOUCEUR	CO A 342D FWD SPT BN	SCOTT D. TUCKER	DET 1 COB 2 BN 108 INF
JENNIFER E. IM	HHS (-) 1-156 FA	SEAN T. CONLIN	BTRY A 1 BN 156 FA
JEREMY P. PALMER	CO A (-) 1-108TH INF	SERIN PHILIP	COB (-) 1 BN 105TH INF
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		SHERMAN C. CHAO	COB 342D FWD SPT BN
		STEPHEN A. ROBINSON	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY

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STEVE V. BRIDWELL	COC (-) 1 BN 105 INF
TAMICA L. JOHNSON	SPT PLT 152D ENGINEER BN
TERRENCE M. KRAUS	COC 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
TIMOTHY D. REDINGER	COB 1-108TH INF
TIMOTHY J. WHEELER	DET 1 CO A 427TH SPT BN
TRAVIS C. MUHLNICKEL	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
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YVONNE E. COOLEY	107TH MILITARY POLICE CO

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MAJOR

DAVID WARNICK	107 TH ARW
STEPHEN YANDIK	109 TH AW
STEVEN FUKINO	109 TH AW
RONALD ANKABRANDT	109 TH AW

CAPTAIN

ALEXANDRA VAUGHN	109 TH AW
DAVID LAFRANCE	109 TH AW

FIRST LIEUTENANT

JENNIFER POST	107 TH ARW
MARGARET STALLONE	105 TH AW

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

RICHARD CARPENTER	174 FW
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SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

PHILLIP CASSIMORE	174 TH FW
DIXON WILLIAMS	109 TH AW
DALE CUNY	105 TH AW
FRED RODRIGUEZ	106 TH RQW
ANGELO MARINO	105 TH AW
JOHN MOTHERWAY	106 TH RQW
PAUL KOESTER	106 TH RQW
EILEEN CONNOLLY	106 TH RQW

MASTER SERGEANT

MICHAEL KOCIENSKI	109 TH AW
ALEXANDER ARROYO	HQ NYANG
GARY LESTAGE	109 TH AW
RONALD ST. JOHN JR.	109 TH AW
DAVID VESPER	109 TH AW
MARK GIAQUINTO	109 TH AW
WILLIAM GIZARA	109 TH AW
MARTIN HERZOG	109 TH AW
TAMMY KING	109 TH AW
MARK MASTERPOLE	109 TH AW
JOSEPH SINATRA	109 TH AW
CHRISTOPHER TYMULA	109 TH AW
DENIS MIRONCHIK	106 TH RQW
JAMES MIOLI	106 TH RQW
ESTEBEN CARO	106 TH RQW
ROY MALATESTINIC	106 TH RQW
RICHARD STEVENSON	106 TH RQW
JOHN DAVIES	106 TH RQW
FRANCIS SAMARTINO	106 TH RQW
FRANK PANICOLA	106 TH RQW
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM	106 TH RQW
JOHN DRISCOLLI	107 TH ARW
JOSEPH FOX	107 TH ARW
JEFFREY FRITZ	107 TH ARW
HERBERT FELLER	107 TH ARW
RAYMOND MIROWSKI	107 TH ARW
PAUL STEMPERT	107 TH ARW

TECHNICAL SERGEANT

MICHAEL KIPP	106 TH RQW
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JAMES LEACH 106TH RQW
 PATRICK BRINDLE 109TH AW
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 DAVID GUERRERA 109TH AW
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 PATRICK MARTIN 107TH ARW
 ELIZABETH VANDYKE 107TH ARW
 DONNIE EGGLESTON 109TH AW
 CHRISTOPHER RUSSETT 109TH AW

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PEAKE, DAVID LT HQ Region II to COL
 HOBLOCK, MICHAEL MAJ HQ Region II to LTC
 PANTHEN, DONALD NMCB 133 Albany to LT
 SMITH, PAUL JR. QMC MSCOMED 102 Syracuse to CWO2

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PALESE, MICHAEL R. MSG HQS 53 TRP CMD

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 BALFE, BRIAN K. LTC HQS 2-108 IN
 CANDIANO, FRANK A. MAJ HQS 53 TRP CMD
 CETTA, JOSEPH M. CPT HQS 204 ENGR
 CICCARELLI, DOMINICK MSG HQS 53 TRP CMD
 COMMANE, SCOTT L. MSG HQS 27 IN BDE
 HEDDEN, ROBERT P. JR. CPT HQS 204 ENGR
 O'DONNELL, MARY P. SSG HHC 427 SPT BN
 PALMIERI, DOMINIC J. 1SG HQS 27 BDE
 PETTIT, HENRY S. CPT HQS 1-105 IN
 PIANKA, MARK T. SSG COD 2-108 IN
 ROWLANDS, RICHARDE. COL HQS STARC
 SPENCE, DONALD F. SSG 105 MP CO

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TORRES, ELIZABETHE. SSG 199 ARMY BAND

WATT, STEPHEN A. SPC 719 TRANS CO

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

HAYES, SCOTT C. SFC HQS STARC

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PALESE, MICHAEL R. MSG HQS 53 TRP CMD
 SCHWARTZ, GREGORY C. SGM HQS STARC

NYS MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

JACOBS, DEMETRIUS M. PFC COB 1-101 CAV

NYS MILITARY COMMENDATION MEDAL

ANDERSON, HARVEY W. SPC COD 1-108 IN
 GIBSON, CHARLES W. SSG HQS 2-108 IN
 LANCASTER, ERIC J. SPC COD 1-108 IN

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AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LTC RICHARD BLANSETT 174 FW
 LTC MARK ALMQUIST 174 FW
 MAJ KURT LARSON 174 FW
 CPT BARBARA HISEL 174 FW
 ILT PATRICIA PIATT 107 ARW
 SMS THOMAS GRUGAN 109 AW
 SMS THOMAS EARSING 107 ARW
 MSG RICHARD HARTMAN 109 AW
 MSG MICHAEL KOCIENSKI 109 AW
 MSG EDWARD LAMBERT 109 AW
 MSG ELLIOTT MCGUIGAN 109 AW
 MSG RONALD RADASSAO 109 AW
 MSG CHRIS RICKET 109 AW
 MSG PAUL STEMPERT 107 ARW
 MSG CLYDE DOTY 107 ARW
 MSG DEAN TUTHILL 107 ARW
 MSG EARL EASTWOOD 105 AW
 MSG JOHN URBANIK 174 FW
 MSG DAVID KLASSEN 174 FW
 TSG PATRICK VOGT 105 AW
 TSG JENNIFER CONDOR 109 AW
 TSG JOSEPH O'CONNOR 109 AW
 TSG JOSEPH SANTORO 107 ARW
 TSG WALTER ADAMCZYK 107 ARW
 TSG MARIO SCADUTO 105 AW
 TSG EDWARD ESHLEMAN 105 AW
 TSG KENNETH CIOCE 105 AW
 TSG CASEY SPENCER 174 FW
 SSG DAVID TAYLER 174 FW
 SSG ROBERT GALLO 105 AW
 SSG KELLY FORREST 107 ARW
 SSG DANIEL GUIHER 107 ARW
 SSG EDWARD STAPLETON 107 ARW
 SSG AMY FORD 109 AW
 SSG EDWARD GROVES 109 AW
 SSG TIMOTHY IPPOLITO 105 AW
 SSG ROBERT WINSLOW 105 AW
 SSG DAVID BLODGETT 174 FW
 SSG JENNIFER KANE 174 FW
 SRA SEAN DAVIS 105 AW
 SRA GERALD CONLON 105 AW
 SRA MICHAEL GAITA 105 AW
 SRA RICH COWSERT 109 AW
 SRA DAMIKA JORDAN 109 AW
 SRA ROBERT HANSEN 105 AW
 SRA ANTONIO LATONA 105 AW
 SRA JOHN BELL 105 AW
 AMN JASMIN ROMAN 105 AW

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 LTC JOSEPH MOAN 105 AW
 CPT CHARLES HUTSON 174 FW
 CPT ANDY FITORRE 109 AW
 CPT WILLIAM GASKINS 105 AW
 ILT SEANGARY 105 AW

2LT EDWARD COOK 174 FW
 CMS KENNETH POTTER 174 FW
 CMS MICHAEL DEPALMA 105 AW
 CMS PETER JOHNSON 105 AW
 SMS MICHAEL WILL 174 FW
 SMS WILLIAM VAN HOUTEN 105 AW
 SMS GERALD THERRIEN 105 AW
 MSG WILLIAM METZLER 174 FW
 MSG TRACEY SERGENT 174 FW
 MSG MARK GRAHAM 174 FW
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 MSG MARGARET BALLETA 105 AW

Warrant Officer Candidate Pins On Rank Insignia



Guard Times Staff

LATHAM -- Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC) Douglas J. Jones, a New York Army National Guard member of the 3rd Battalion, 142d Aviation Regiment, received his new rank identification from his Federal Recognition Board, held May 11th.

WOC Jones successfully completed the selection board on May 11th at the National Guard headquarters facility in Latham. He was pinned during a short ceremony immediately following his selection.

Eligible enlisted soldiers, once accepted for attendance at the Warrant Officer Candidate School wear the officer candidate "WOC" rank insignia on all uniforms until graduation and commissioning.

WOC Jones will attend the four-week Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After graduation he will attend the Aviation maintenance technician course, MOS 151AO for future assignment as a Warrant Officer with Echo Company, 3d Battalion 142d Aviation Regiment.

Warrant Officer career opportunities continue to grow within the New York Army National Guard. Vacancies exist in Intelligence, Maintenance, Engineer, Logistics, Food Service, and Aviation career specialties. If you are interested in wearing the "WOC" insignia on your path to commissioning as an Army Warrant Officer, contact Chief Warrant Officer Charles Amoroso at (518) 786-4936 or 4660.

NY National Guard Trivia Questions

Guard Times Staff

LATHAM -- Here are the remaining questions regarding the rich and significant history of the NY National Guard. From the last twenty-five questions and answers, it is clear that members of the NY National Guard, NY Guard, and Naval Militia directly impact the history of the state and the nation.

• So test your knowledge again about the NY National Guard and submit your answers to the staff of the Guard Times. We'll publish the remaining answers in our next issue.

As a continuing incentive, the officer, non-commissioned officer, and enlisted member of the Guard to answer the most questions correctly will receive an annual subscription to Military History magazine for their knowledge and research.

Appreciation is again offered to the NY State Division of Military History for forwarding the trivia questions.

26. What do the U. S. Coast Guard, Chase Manhattan Bank, and New York City's oldest continuously published newspaper all have in common?

27. What is the oldest unit in the Regular Army?

28. What is the oldest unit in the United States Air Force?

29. Whose last request was for a cigarette, a full clip of pistol ammunition and one round for the chamber?

30. What other New York soldier fought his greatest battle propped up against a tree?

31. Who wrote the bugle call Taps?

32. Which New York National Guard officer almost shut down the U.S. economy?

33. What did the New York National Guard have to do with modern art?

34. Which militia officer was one of the first internationally recognized American authors?

35. Which New York Naval Militia aviator flew "first across" the Atlantic Ocean?

36. Which New York State privateer helped win the Battle of New Orleans?

37. What major Air Force base is named for a New York National Guard officer?

38. Who is the only U.S. military command to routinely fly to the Arctic and Antarctic?

39. When and why did New York have a "California Regiment"?

40. Who was the only New York Militia officer always called "sir" - even when out of uniform, and by civilians?

41. Who designed the Irish national flag?

42. Why are New York State Police called "Troopers"?

43. What do the initials HELP in guardHELP stand for?

44. Where was the "stars and stripes" first flown in combat?

45. The New York State flag is based on what battle flag?

46. What New York State battle flag is displayed in the Irish Parliament?

47. What landmark legislation did Governor Pataki sign into law on July 31, 1996?

48. How many lives have the 106th Air Rescue Wing saved since it was converted to this mission in 1975?

49. Who wrote the first air defense doctrine for the U.S. Army?

50. Who were the first U.S. troops to garrison Hawaii?



Soldiers Receive Awards After 55 Years

Guard Times Staff



Governor Pataki and Major General Fennimore present the Bronze Star medal to Battle of the Bulge veteran Hayward Campbell on June 1st. Guard Times Photo.

NEW YORK CITY -- Governor George E. Pataki and the State Adjutant General Major General John Fennimore presented military honors to two World War Two veterans who volunteered for combat service during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1945.

The veterans, Hayward Campbell and Oscar Osborne Jr., received Bronze Stars on behalf of the US Army and the NY State Conspicuous Service Cross for their military achievements.

The decorations followed decades of controversy and debate. The Army allowed five thousand black soldiers, normally assigned to labor battalions at the time, to serve in combat positions to stem the German Ardennes counteroffensive that inflicted 75,000 casualties in the first weeks of fighting. Following the war, all records of the soldiers' heroic service were erased by the military.

"We was fighting right along with the white buddies," recalled Mr. Campbell, a staff sergeant who had to give up his rank and fight as a private. "We died together."

TSG SHAWN TALBOT	109 AW
SSG RICHARD LEGAULT	109 AW
SSG PATRICIA HEIKKILA	105 AW
SSG DANNY DOUCETTE	105 AW
SSG TERESA MECHTA	105 AW
SSG VERONICA CERILLO	105 AW
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MAJ LINDA DILLS	109 AW
MAJ STEPHEN FIFIELD	109 AW
MAJ ERNEST GREY	109 AW
MAJ GEORGE MCALLISTER	109 AW
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SMS PETER BRITT	105 AW
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MSG LOUIS CANCEL	105 AW
MSG ROBERT RYAN	105 AW
MSG WILLIAM BLACKWELL	105 AW
MSG STEPHEN ZAGORSKI	105 AW
TSG DIDIMO CARIRERAMOS	105 AW
SSG RICHARD FERRERO	105 AW

NAVAL MILITIA AWARDS

NAVY & MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL
Sobina, Rudolph ISC RD INTELLANT 0293 Ft. Dix
Williams, Mark CDR NR VTU 0503, Buffalo

NAVY & MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
Aldershoff, Garrétt RM1 COMFAIRMED Glens Falls
Lopomo, Patricia YNC DIAHQ 602 FT. Hamilton
Hubbard, Charles SMI NR MSCOMED 102 Syracuse
Meaney, Daniel JO2 NR MSCOMED 102 Syracuse
Mendoza, Luis SK2 NR FISC EAST 104 Syracuse

NAVAL RESERVE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
Bohm, Philip BU1 NMCB-7 Syracuse
Collier, Kevin UT1 NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse
Weber, Kenneth CM2 NMCB-7 Det C Syracuse
Dygart, Richard BU3 NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse
Spine, Joseph III SK3 NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse
Carrodegua, Leon CE2 NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL
Porter, John BU2 CBMU 202 Det C Albany

MILITARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL
Colopietro, Daniel LCDR NR NHPTSMTH 501 Rochester
Kapturowski, John RMC NR SACLANT Det 205 Buffalo
Reohr, Richard CM2 NMCB 133 Det 01133 Albany

NYS MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
Speller, Bruce Deputy Cdr Region III Buffalo

AID TO CIVIL AUTHORITY
Carroll, Charles A. CWO4 HQN-27 (12th)

RECRUITING MEDAL
Cassidy, Larry WO1 NYNMREGI

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER (SYRACUSE)
Vanauken, Jeffrey STG1 DESRON 22 Syracuse

Enlisted Association Hoists Active Action Agenda

Guard Times Staff

ALBANY — The Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard (EANYNG) intends to take an active role in the coming year advocating for the interests of the Army and Air National Guard's more than 13,000 enlisted personnel in New York.

That note was sounded as the EANYNG concluded its 17th annual conference April 14-17 in Albany at which U.S. Rep. John W. Sweeney of Clifton Park, R-C-22, accepted the organization's Charles Valenti Legislator of the Year Award for his steadfast support of strong national defense.

The award cited Sweeney for his role in continued support of the Saratoga National Cemetery, the \$8.3 billion national defense supplemental budget which resulted in a number of benefits enhancements to Guard members and reservists, and the 4.8 percent increase in pay for reservists contained in the current defense budget.

The annual conference concluded with the election and installation of



CSM Robert Van Pelt, outgoing President of the EANYNG presents U.S. Representative John W. Sweeney of Saratoga County's Clifton Park with the organization's Charles Valenti Legislator of the Year Award. Photo by Staff Sgt. Cori Lombardo.

three new executive council members: Staff Sgt. Corine L. Lombardo, Headquarters, STARC, succeeds Cmd. Sgt. Major Robert Van Pelt, 42nd ID, Troy as President; Spec. Stephanie Van Pelt, Aviation Brigade, Islip, is Army Guard vice president and Cmd. Sgt. Major Robert Van Pelt is the new treasurer. Master Sergeant John Willsey, 42nd ID, Troy remains as association secretary.

In an outgoing message Van Pelt expressed pride "and a sense of great challenge" that the EANYNG chapter will host the 2002 National EANGUS Conference in Niagara Falls. This will be the first time either the enlisted or officers association of the NGAUS have hosted a national conference here since the 1984 NGAUS conference in New York City. "It is time to energize ourselves so that we can fashion the best show that EANGUS has ever had," Van Pelt said.

That sentiment was echoed by Lombardo, the incoming president, who related "it is imperative that we

increase our membership and involve all our current members if we hope to succeed in making the 2002 conference the best New York has to offer." Lombardo also promised that the enlisted group "would take an active role, supporting when appropriate, the quality of life issues that are important to our members: education benefits, COLA for pensioned retirees, equitable force structure allocations for the National Guard and other areas of interest."

A plethora of membership benefits are available. These include low cost life insurance, dental insurance and the option of supplemental life insurance benefits for military members close to retirement.

In addition to the state's tuition assistance program, the Enlisted Association of NY has an education scholarship program available to National Guard enlisted members college-bound dependents. This year four students received scholarships, one for \$1,000 and three for \$500.

Members, or prospective members with questions about dues or other membership benefits, may call (518) 352-7384 for more information.

TV Producer, Author Visits with 101 Cav



The former producer of Discovery Channel's "Firepower" series is pictured with members of Company B, 1st Battalion 101st Cavalry during a static display in Albany last April 29. From the left is Steven Zaloga, Pvt. Jonathan Hall, Sgt. Dennis Cusano, Staff Sgt. Augustus Roberson, Spc. Jason Taluto and Sgt. Michael Nadeau. Zaloga, a noted military author and TV producer was a guest celebrity for the Northeast Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society "Noreastcon 2000" model contest. The civilian group invited the Guard to set up an out door recruiting display at the contest site and to bring one of its M1 Abrams tanks along for the hundreds of modeling enthusiasts who attended. Zaloga produced a half hour segment of his Firepower series on the 42nd Infantry Division's armor units in 1991 entitled "Yank Tank." The documentary is still seen on reruns on the History Channel and Firepower tapes are still sold at military exchanges and base clothing sales stores. Zaloga now works for a civilian defense contractor and is the author of numerous books on US and Soviet tanks and other military vehicles. Zaloga holds a history degree from Union College in Schenectady, New York and a masters in history from Columbia University in New York City. Before working as a TV producer, Zaloga was a staff reporter and writer with Janes Defense News in England. Guard Times photo.

Runners Participate in National Guard Recruiting Marathon

By Second Lt. Rick Breitenfeldt
HQ, Nebraska Army National Guard

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA — The most likely reason to bring over 200 members of the National Guard together is to offer aid after a natural disaster or to help others in need.

This time, however, the Guard decided to help itself.

In a first of its kind Recruiting Workshop just for Marathoners, Guard members were here in May to learn how to use their talents as runners to recruit other National Guard athletes.

On hand to represent the NY National Guard were Capt. Melanie Howard, a Flight Nurse with the 109th Air Wing in Scotia, Chief Warrant Officer Russ Hoyer, a Data Processing Technician with the Headquarters Detachment, State Area Command (STARC) in Latham, Staff Sgt. Lius Martinez, a Supply Sergeant with Lockport's 1st Battalion, 142nd Aviation, and Spec. Derek Wright, an Infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment in Tonawanda.

The workshop taught runners advanced running techniques, overall wellness, and basic eligibility requirements for new Guard enlistees as well as benefits of the Guard. At the end of the classroom phase,

runners put their skills to work in the 23rd annual Lincoln Marathon.

Major General Raymond F. Rees, National Guard Bureau Vice Chief of Staff, thanked the runners for participating in this year's workshop and acknowledged the program as a fitting example of commitment and professionalism.

"I can tell you the bureau is committed," said General Rees. "You demonstrate to other members of the National Guard what

commitment is all about. You're a fine example for all of our people, and all of our organization."



Chief Warrant Officer Derek Wright nears the finish of the Lincoln Marathon following the Guard's Recruiting Workshop for Marathoners. Courtesy Photo.

Army Leaders Praise Military Spouses

Army News Service

WASHINGTON, DC—General Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army and Sgt. Major of the Army Hall provided the following message of praise on behalf of Military Spouses Day, celebrated this year on May 12th.

"From the early days of the Continental Army, spouses of America's servicemen and women have made the unselfish contributions to the spirit and well-being of our soldiers and to the general welfare of the communities in which they live and work. Military spouses make countless personal sacrifices to support the armed forces, in many instances foregoing their own personal and professional aspirations in order to benefit the service family.

As volunteers, military spouses provide exemplary service and leadership in many educational, community, recreational, religious, social and cultural endeavors. Their commitment is equal to that of the soldier who is sent to the front. They serve on the homefront so that all Americans can live in peace and justice.

As we celebrate Military Spouse Day, we must encourage and support those who inspire caring and commitment in others. Please join in recognizing our military spouses worldwide.

On behalf of the Army, we thank all military spouses for their commitment to their service and their country."

New handbook available for Family Support Groups

Courtesy of Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (ARI) has produced a short, user-friendly, handbook to assist company and battalion-level Family Support Group leaders.

According to ARI officials, "The Family Support Group Leaders' Handbook" combines 20 years of research findings with what experienced FSG leaders at the Army War College, Europe, and US Army Forces Command say works. It also contains lists of additional resource materials (other handbooks, films, research reports, and Army regulations)

and where to get them via the Internet, telephone or ordinary mail.

Additional information about how to get this manual is available from the ARI by writing to: Director, U. S. Army Research Institute, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22333-5600; phoning (703) 617-8867 or DSN 767-8867; or accessing the Army Research Institute internet address at <http://www.ari.army.mil>. Parts of the entire report can be read and downloaded using the free Acrobat reader included with the report.

Guard Members and Families: your commissary card can save you \$\$\$

Courtesy of Army Families Newsletter
Army Family Liaison Office

WASHINGTON, DC – Guard soldiers and family members who regularly use the commissary shopping privilege can enjoy substantial savings. Unfortunately, many members lose out on these savings because they do not have a current **US Armed Forces Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529)**.

National Guard members and their families are authorized 24 commissary visits each year. Commissary shopping is part of members' non-pay military compensation.

With some careful planning, these 24 visits to the commissary can result in some serious savings. The most recent market basket survey reports that commissary shoppers save 27 percent on their grocery purchases. This means that a Guardsman shopping for a family of four could save more than \$2,000 this year by using the commissary card.

Those 24 visits and savings are also available to "gray area" reservist retirees, those who will be entitled to retired pay at age 60 but have not yet reached age 60. When reaching age 60, retired personnel and their eligible dependents will have unlimited access to the commissary.

Unfortunately, many Guard members lose out on the savings because they do not have a current Commis-

sary Privilege Card for the current year. The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) does not issue these cards. Anyone in the Guard who requires a current Commissary Privilege Card should contact his or her unit personnel administrator or other issuing authority in order to get one.

To shop the commissary, reservists (or their immediate family) need a valid ID card and a current Commissary Privilege Card that entitles them to 24 shopping days. Cards are stamped or initialed at each store visit. During periods of active duty for training, Guard personnel can visit the commissary as many times as they wish by showing ID and active duty orders and do not have to get their card initialed.

Department of Defense (DoD) policy also allows Guard members on state active duty for federally declared disaster operations (and their depen-



dents) to enjoy unlimited use of commissary stores during the period of their active service. The required documentation is a valid ID card and military orders stating that the Guard member is serving in support of a federally declared disaster. Shopping trips to the commissary while on federal active duty do not count against their individual 24 authorized visits each year.

Guard members may use their 24 commissary visits at their discretion throughout the calendar year. However, any unused commissary visits at the end of a calendar year do not carry over into the next calendar year, and are lost savings opportunities for Guard shoppers.

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Guard Times Address Changes

Changed your address recently?
Is the Guard Times still coming to an old address?

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

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

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

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

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