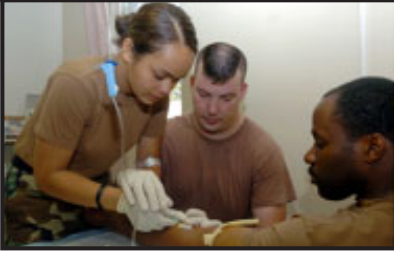


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Charlie Company 2-108th to the Rescue



Sgt. John Michael Byrne (left) from Hudson Falls and Spc. James Diederich (right) from Schenectady, Charlie Company, 2-108 Infantry Battalion, NYARNG, help former hostage and Army contractor Thomas Hamill (center) after he escaped his Iraqi captors near Tekrit and was rescued by a 2-108th patrol. See story on Page 4. (Photo courtesy of the 2-108th)

Guard Notes

Guard cited for improved homeland defense capabilities

Paul McHale, before a subcommittee looking at transforming the National Guard, told the committee that protection of critical infrastructure will likely become a "core National Guard mission" during the next decade.

Last fall, the Defense Department established 32 National Guard weapons of mass destruction civil support teams, with 12 new teams to be created this year, "sufficient to ensure that every state and territory will be served by a team," he said.

He told the committee that if a more substantial WMD response is required, the department has established, equipped and organized large joint task forces to be disbursed to locations throughout the United States. The joint task forces, McHale added, will enable the US to sufficiently "respond to multiple, near simultaneous terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction."

McHale noted achievements by National Guard and reservists. Guard and Reserve pilots logged thousands of hours patrolling the airspace over Canada and the US, flying more than 34,000 air defense sorties and responding to more than 1,700 requests from the Federal Aviation Administration to intercept potential air threats. "That is an extraordinary achievement," he added. He noted that in fiscal 2004, the air guard flew 1,909 sorties and logged 6,926 hours guarding the nation's skies. "This level of air security is unprecedented in our nation's history," he said.

DoD's plan of action, McHale said, makes it clear the department is "fully committed to the most capable homeland defense ever planned or executed in U.S. history."

Army starts disabled soldiers initiative

The Department of the Army announced a new initiative that gives Soldiers wounded during the Global War on Terrorism an additional means of getting help once they are medically retired from the Army. The program is called the Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3. Through DS3, the Army provides its most severely disabled Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up to provide personal support and liaison to resources, to assist them in their transition from military service. DS3 links the Army and the organizations that assist Soldiers and families, such as the Department of Veterans' Affairs and veteran's service organizations, to the Soldier.

The benefits of DS3 are numerous. Severely disabled Soldiers and families are able to better understand what their future holds, and how to access the services they may require with a phone call or mouse click at 1-800-833-6622 or on the web at www.armyds3.org. Additionally, Constituent Liaisons work individually with our nation's heroes to monitor and follow up, ensuring their needs are met. The DS3's outreach is ongoing and proactive.

Helmets to Hardhats: Year two

Helmets to Hardhats has entered its second year of helping servicemen and women land career-making slots in the construction industry. The congressionally-funded, one-of-a-kind program is administered by a non-profit trust, and connects National Guard, Reserve, and transitioning active duty members with meaningful work, good pay, and a sense of community in the building trades.

The H2H interactive web-based education and registration program has listed thousands of career opportunities in its first year with the Boilermakers, Ironworkers, Insulators, Roofers, and 11 other unions. More than 15,000 candidates have registered at www.helmetstohardhats.org; many have accepted, or are now in the process of qualifying for, careers as steelworkers, plumbers and pipefitters, cement masons, carpenters, electricians, sheet metal workers, and the host of trades.

Candidates need no previous construction experience to benefit from the program. After establishing itself as *the* place for military members to find the best jobs in the construction industry in just under a year, Helmets to Hardhats' funding was reauthorized by Congress. At the same time, the program was selected for the prestigious Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) Workforce Development Award – an unusual honor for such a new program. Helmets to Hardhats is administered by the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment, which is directed by a board of trustees composed of an equal number of labor and employer trustees. For more information, visit www.helmetstohardhats.org.



*From the desk of
New York State Command Sergeant Major
Robert Van Pelt*

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

This past June, I had the opportunity to be the guest speaker at the graduation of Platoon Leadership Development Course (PLDC) in Fort Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania.

I mulled over my thoughts long and hard on special words of wisdom that I could pass on to these 88 sergeants and soon to be promoted NCO's, that might have a lasting impact on the future of the National Guard.

I stepped before a diverse student body, after my opening remarks, I asked them a question on "why do we follow regulations that set our standards." I gave them the answer after I let the Soldiers think about it for a few seconds. "We follow regulations so that we will have predictable and consistent results." I went on to say that if you see someone doing something that is not to standard and do not make corrections, a new standard is created.

I then asked the class to think about any leader they have served with that did not meet standards i.e. APFT, height/weight, show down inspections, weapons qualification and how they perceived these leaders. I could tell by the groans from the group what their feelings were. I then went on to ask these new leaders to never have a subordinate feel the same way about them. Lead by Example and lead from the front.

The last item I hit them with was that safety is a standard. As an NCO, they are responsible for their Soldier's well being. As everyone knows, we are losing too many Soldiers to preventable accidents. It is truly tragic to have a Soldier killed or injured due to enemy action but it is plain stupid to lose anyone because a leader failed to do a proper risk assessment or failed to oversee an operation. Don't just talk safety, live safety.

I ask that after you read this, you think about what I had to say to these future leaders of the National Guard; hopefully, you'll take something away that might help you.

The Risks of War

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ORION

By Col. Russell Zelman
Task Force 2-108

Another Saturday at Forward Operating Base Orion was rudely interrupted by another call for help. The medical platoon was at the ready as usual. The Battalion Aide Station and the Evacuation Squad were at their assigned station. A call has come in from the Main Supply Route of a serious accident involving American troops and a civilian Iraqi truck.

The medics and Advanced Trauma Life Support team spring to action in an environment meant for something less than mammals. The temperatures have soared to 115 degrees and the wind is as hot as a jet engine exhaust. The team jumps into two vehicles, a humvee ambulance and a humvee cargo truck, both equipped with trauma and resuscitative gear.

They join a combat team at the main gate and expect a quick trip to the accident site.

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All are highly skilled professionals willing to risk it all to save a fellow soldier. As they pass through the gate they all load their weapons and get them at the ready.

The vehicles leave the safety of the FOB with its magical force field. Immediately they are challenged by uncooperative traffic. The two-lane road is full of tractor-trailers speeding and charging down the road with reckless abandon. Who would ever expect Army trucks to not yield to an emergency?

As the combat team with medics attempts to enter their lane the trucks speed up and separate the squad from their safety. The trucks seem to have a demonic mission and pass the combat team leader on the shoulder that is all loose dirt and dust. It creates a sudden and completely unexpected emergency as a brown out occurs. The four

trailing emergency vehicles are now at 50 mph and unable to see anything as they are all locked in the left lane. The trucks do not slow. The gunners scream in terror, the medics are shocked and scream for the trucks to pull over and slow. Time stands still. Is there anyone in that left lane?

Seconds turn into minutes, minute's turn into what seems eternity. The emergency squad holds their mark and finally a clearing occurs and they are off. The squad reaches maximum speed and approaches a turn. The radio in the colonel's vehicle doesn't seem to work. He struggles to gain control as his driver goes through the clear path. Suddenly the controls seem to work and the turn is made.

Where are the other vehicles, the ambulance and remaining escorts? Time will tell as we enter the four lane. Suddenly one of the demonic trucks is at our left and will not slow. A medic riding in the rear of the cargo threatens the truck with his weapon, suddenly the truck slows. Now stopped vehicles on all four lanes, nowhere to go. This is Iraq and the Army owns the MSR, right?

The cargo pulls over the median and speeds down the opposite side of the road, gunship in front and now ambulance to the rear, on they go weaving on the opposite side, crossing to the far shoulder, passing hundreds of Iraqi trucks and cars, convoys of American supply and combat patrols. In what seems like hours the team finally locates several vehicles in the ditch, they dismount and run to their aid.

Wrong location, they yell is everybody OK. The answer is we are EOD. Oh, are there explosives there? The answer doesn't come but the team mounts their stallion and speeds forward.

Finally they see soldiers waving for help. They continue through the maze of vehicles all guarding the scene. Two Apache gun ships hover about. An upside down humvee gunship is found. The 4 occupants are scattered about. The team scatters to their aid. A hundred troops seem to be willing to help.

The ATLS leader takes control. Backboards, cervical collars and splints are spit out by the team in seconds. Soldiers become patients and the team feels the heat and dust. They work hard and now feel the presence of another player — the Blackhawk medevacs hovers overhead. Another killer dust cloud thickens and sickens the air.

We cover the faces of the wounded and protect them from the elements. On command, the first is loaded. Paperwork must be completed. The litters are loaded like clockwork.



Deep inside the risks of war, Soldiers from Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment stand guard outside a clinic while the unit conducts a Cordon and Search of a small village south of Samarra, Iraq. (Photo by Paula Sydenstrick, 196th MPAD)

The Soldiers all around collect the injured Soldiers' weapons and sensitive items. They all start to show their concern and help as best as they can. All are loaded and again the cloud covers all on the MSR as the Blackhawk pulls pitch.

They speed off to the Combined Support Hospital where they will find an awaiting emergency room team. Suddenly there is the cry, "We have another casualty." The team focuses on a civilian truck that caused the humvee to flip. An Iraqi is found bleeding from his mouth and cannot stand. The team rushes to assist and provide care.

The Iraqi clutches to a small satchel and looks frightened. A team from the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps assists. A translator appears. The medical evaluation is finished as the civilian declines care and wishes to ride in the pick up truck that the ICDC command. All of the dust clears and what seemed like hours of work finally come to an end.

The MSR slowly opens, the Iraqi heads to a civilian hospital and the American soldiers arrive at the CSH. The weary ATLS and combat team make their way back to the protection of the force field. After an uneventful ride they enter the FOB but there are more wounded to care for, Soldiers, three are awaiting care at the BAS.

These injuries will not prove to be critical but serious as the weary and overheated medical team reaches back for its reserve to go on and care for the sick and injured. And they say medics aren't soldiers. To "conserve the fighting strength," they say. Just one of the risks of war

Editor's Note: The writer is a physician from Utica and was mobilized last Fall with the 2nd battalion 108th Infantry. He is the officer in charge of the medical team for Task Force 2-108 in Iraq.

American Hostage bolts to freedom, rescued by NY Army Guard Platoon

FORWARD OPS BASE, DANGER, IRAQ

Story by Spc. Ismail Turay

196th Military Public Affairs Detachment

At first, 2LT Joseph A. Merrill and his platoon of New York Army National Guardsmen did not recognize the bearded man yelling as he ran toward them during their Sunday morning patrol in Balad.

Perhaps it was a local farmer, or an insurgent, they thought. Typically, the troops would have pointed their rifles in his direction since they did not know who he was.

However, the soldiers of Charlie Company, 3rd platoon, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment noticed that he did not have a weapon.

"I'm an American," he shouted, the soldiers said. "I'm an American POW."

The man, it turned out, was Thomas Hamill, the Mississippi dairy farmer who was kidnapped early last month. He had been working in Iraq as a Kellogg, Brown & Root contractor.

"He was elated to see us. He had a feeling of relief on his face," said Merrill, the platoon leader.

The medics immediately treated a wound Hamill sustained on his arm when his convoy was attacked and he was taken into captivity April 9. The soldiers searched the area and

arrested two Iraqis who are suspected to have been involved in the kidnapping.

Hamill was given food and water. He was flown for treatment to a military hospital in Germany Monday.

He was being held in a guarded, one room mud hut in the isolated farming community. The structure, which had no locks, was jammed shut with a sheet of metal and a wooden stick, the troops said.

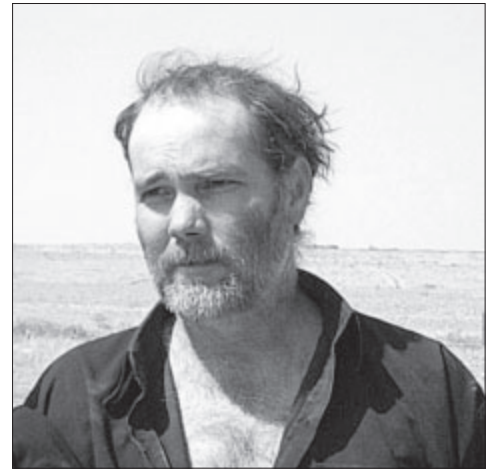
The guard must have dropped his AK-47 and abandoned his post when he saw the soldiers patrolling the area on foot and in a humvee, Merrill said — their mission was provide security for a group of civilians who were repairing a damaged fuel pipeline.

When Hamill heard the humvee's engine, he "figured this was his only chance to get out," Merrill said. That's what Hamill, who was not bound, dashed out of the hut.

"We feel great about it," Merrill said of rescuing Hamill. "We were doing what 130,000 other soldiers are trained to do. Mr. Hamill found us more than we found him."

Shortly after he was kidnapped, Hamill's captors threatened to kill him if Marines did not pull out of Fallujah. But they eventually fed him and treated his wounds, he told authorities.

Hamill, 43, is a resident of Macon Miss., a town of 2,500 people. Prior to accepting the job as a fuel truck driver with Kellogg, Brown & Root, he sold his dairy business after



Thomas Hamill (Photo courtesy of the 2-108th)

struggling for years to keep it afloat. He planned to use his salary of up to \$120,000 to payoff debts, which he built up after years of trying to run the dairy business his father and uncle started, according to media reports.

During a press conference announcing Hamill's rescue, Merrill and his soldiers were commended by their commander.

"I speak for every soldier in the 1st Infantry Division in saying that we are extremely proud to have the professionals from Charlie Company, 2nd of the 108th Infantry fighting on our team," Col. Randal Dragon, commander of the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, said of the platoon.

"Due to the effort of these soldiers standing with me today, an American will return home to his family. Freedom is priceless."

Troops use Kindness and Diplomacy with Iraqi Youth

CAMP ANACONDA, IRAQ

Courtesy of Delta Company, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry, NY Army National Guard 1st Infantry Division in Iraq

This scenario is just the latest example of how US troops are doing their best to affect change and improvements for the people of a ravaged nation, who remain unsure and even frightened by their presence. It will take time and determined efforts by all to restore this nation and provide the people with a future they deserve:

Delta Company, 4th Platoon was conducting a route clearance mission along Area Supply Route Boa recently when troops reported that children were throwing stones at the convoy from a nearby schoolyard. 1st Lt. Robert Blake decided that his platoon would make a stop at the school on the return trip to try and get a reading on the feelings of the students and the staff regarding the presence of U.S. forces in the area. He knows that the attitude of the children often reflects not only the opinion of the parents but of the local religious leaders as well. This being a new route of responsibility for his unit, the lieutenant wanted to understand the local people as quickly as possible.

Following the arrival of his platoon at the school, it was clear to him that both staff and students were frightened by his soldiers and were reluctant to interact at all. As a sign of respect, he stepped forward to introduce himself to the headmaster and to explain why he had come to the school. It was his best effort to come across in as non-threatening a manner as he could muster.

Encouraged by a slight shift in their demeanor, the lieutenant took an opportunity to include other staff in the conversation, so they too, could learn of the reasons for U.S. patrols and what the soldiers were looking for. He briefly discussed how insurgent forces often placed IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) along the roadside and the danger this poses to both military and civilians in the area, especially the children. The headmaster quickly answered that there has been no such activity in the area. Regardless, the lieutenant requested he report anything suspicious to the local Iraqi Civil Defense Corps immediately.

Lieutenant Blake then offered water and some food as a sign of friendship, and they reluctantly accepted. At first, the staff acted as though the gifts may have been poisoned, but the lieutenant had the headmaster randomly select an item and he gladly ingested it. As the conversation continued trust was beginning to build, and it wasn't long before



Staff Sgt. Michael Kibler, Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, NY Army National Guard, plays ball with Iraqi children at a school along an area supply route in Iraq. (Photo courtesy of the 2-108th)

both parties had become comfortable with each other.

The headmaster, along with the staff, began to discuss how terrible the conditions were for the children. He began to list the major items that were inoperable within the facility and how that greatly impacted the ability of the children to learn. The headmaster took the lieutenant on a guided tour of the school as so

he could see for himself the dilapidated conditions that they were operating in. The tour went through all classrooms, which were in bad need of paint, electricity, furniture and supplies. The inspection continued through the hallways with cracked floors and walls also with no electricity. The latrines for both

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Desert Rats get Hero's return

ALBANY, NY

By Spc. Dennis R. Gravelle
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

On Jun. 7, friends, family and co-workers gathered at the American Legion Zaloga Post # 1520 to welcome back four soldiers.

Nicknamed "Desert Rats" by the co-workers from the Albany County Correctional Facility, Staff Sgt. Joseph Martel, Staff Sgt. Robert Griffen, Staff Sgt. Michael Nadeau and Spc. Scott Calardino received a hero's welcome as they arrive at a party in their honor. The four soldiers recently returned from serving in the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom and are with the 105th Military Police Company



Nicknamed "Desert Rats" by their co-workers, Staff Sgt. Robert Griffen, Staff Sgt. Joseph Martel, Spc. Scott Calardino and Staff Sgt. Michael Nadeau receive a hero's welcome as they arrive at their welcome home party on Jun. 7. (Photo by JohnWalcesky)

Iraqi Youth, from previous page

the staff and students were nothing more than a small room with a hole in the cement where a toilet used to sit.

All doors, locks and gates were broken throughout the school and there was no running water for the students to wash their hands after playing out at recess. The Lieutenant learned that U.S. troops had broken the doors, locks and gates during a previous raid. The school was in desperate need of attention and the staff felt as though their school was becoming a priority to lieutenant Blake and his entire platoon.

Meanwhile, some of the other soldiers began to speak to the children and to see what they were like. They were surprised at how smart the children appeared to be and how much English they knew. Staff Sgt. Anthony Kibler and Staff Sgt. Melvin Ader quizzed the students with math problems, in English, and tested their language skills. The children's ages ranged from about six to ten years and all seemed to be off to a great start with their education.

Lieutenant Blake told the headmaster that he would make a full report to his superiors about the condition of the school and would return the following day to let the headmaster know how his report was received. He knew that the local Sheikh would be attending a

meeting at his unit's headquarters and the lieutenant wanted to be sure to include him in his report on the school a visit back to the school.

U.S. forces kept their word and reported their findings to the battalion headquarters intelligence officer and civil affairs officer. The civil affairs officer, 1st Lt. Jason Laiosa, immediately took a special interest what he had heard and wanted to personally visit the school two days later. Both lieutenants agreed to visit the facility together.

The next day, the meeting between the headmaster and the Sheikh went as planned. The platoon had gathered up all of their spare notebooks, pens, pencils and chalk and consolidated it into boxes and presented them to the school as a good gesture for their newfound friends. The teaching staff happily accepted. The meeting lasted for a couple of hours and, while no promises were made, 1st Lt. Blake assured the headmaster that he and his platoon would do whatever they could to see that school receive due attention.

Lieutenant Blake took photos and provided them to battalion headquarters to support his report. His report included a list of the needed repairs outlined from the meeting with the headmaster, the Sheikh and the staff.

Lieutenant Laiosa came to the school as scheduled, although it was on a Saturday, a holy day, and therefore he was unable to



Friends, family and co-workers gather at the American Legion Zaloga Post # 1520 to welcome back four local soldiers from Iraq. (Photo by John Walcesky)

out of the Schenectady Armory.

Planning for the party began months ago when a few friends decided to sell T-shirts at ten dollars each. The T-shirts have each soldier's name on it with an outline of Iraq and the "Mission Complete" statement. "We raised over three thousand dollars for this party" stated Tony Torrison, organizer. "Several people came together to make this event a reality, and we had a huge success," he said.

The Master of Ceremony, Mark Rosenzweig, introduced each soldier and started a powerful power point presentation that was put together with pictures sent back from the soldiers. The presentation ended with a tribute to Staff Sgt. Heath McMillan and Spc. Michael Williams who were casualties of war. Staff Sgt. Robert Griffen stated, "let us never forget these two soldiers for they paid the ultimate price in helping the Iraqi people become free." Griffen was in the same vehicle with Spc. Williams

and was wounded in action.

Shawn Foley, organizer, stated, "we are very happy we had such a great turnout, each one of these individuals should be commended for doing a great job for this county."

This may be the first welcome home party for the group, but they are already thinking of what to do next; three more of their co-workers were just activated with the 42nd Rainbow Division.

"We will do whatever we can to welcome home all of our co-workers, they all deserve a hero's welcome," stated Foley.

As the party ended each soldier received a plaque thanking them for a job well done. Staff Sgt. Martel stated, "we are all glad to be home safe and want to thank everyone for this welcome home party, but let us pray that every soldier makes it home safe."

For now, it's mission complete for these 105th MPs.



Children once leery of coalition forces give the "thumbs up" after receiving a kick-ball and school supplies from 4th Infantry division, 2-108th soldiers. (Photo courtesy of the 2-108th)

converse directly with the school and community leaders. The civil affairs school expert came along, too to get a first hand look at the depleted building. They agreed immediate attention was needed and forwarded a funding request to get a school

improvement project underway as quickly as possible. Blake was satisfied that an important effort was now underway.

It will take time for the school to get the needed repairs, but the Guardsmen from New York are determined to make a difference.

109th Airlift Wing takes International Honors

STRATTON AIR BASE, SCOTIA

Wing's 'Town of Scotia' wins coveted Concours d'Elegance Trophy

By Guard Times Staff

Aircraft maintainers for the NY Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing have a proven track record of producing nothing less than outstanding aircraft. This year was no exception as the 109th once again produced the winning trophy in July when the 109th Airlift Wing brought home the prestigious Concours d'Elegance Trophy from the Royal International Air Tattoo, held at RAF Fairford, England.

"This is definitely no ordinary award," said Col. Edward Kinowski, 109AW Logistics Commander.



Airmen hold up the Concours d'Elegance Trophy after returning from the Royal International Air Tattoo Air show. (Photo by Master Sgt. Willie Gizara)

The International Air Tattoo, held from July 16-18, is one of the world's most highly respected and prestigious competitions of its kind with over 150 aircraft representing military forces from more than 30 countries. The 109th Airlift Wing's "Town of Scotia," an LC-130 ski aircraft that routinely flies to the South Pole and above the Arctic Circle, was named the overall winner and "best-kept" aircraft in the entire show. The International Panel of

Judges was comprised of Foreign Service Air Attaches, from 12 different countries.

"Our aircraft are selected for these events based on pure availability between flying missions and being down for scheduled maintenance, so, it takes years of care and a strong sense of pride to win this award," said the colonel.

Judging for the competition was based on the exterior of the aircraft, the aircraft's general appearance, cleanliness, paint condition, and finish. Judges also considered the aircraft's age, flying hours and operating environment in their decision. The Concours d'Elegance Trophy was awarded to the participant who scored the highest number of points for preparation and presentation of their aircraft.

"Our unit's mission includes regularly flying to some of the most austere and isolated sites in the world, throughout Antarctica and above the Arctic Circle. Impeccable maintenance practices are critical to our safety and our success," said Col. Max Della Pia, Wing Commander. "Our maintenance people are the best in the world—because they have to be—lives depend on it."

This year's Royal International Air Tattoo 2004 drew crowds in excess of 350,000. This is the fourth time the 109th has participated in the International Air Tattoo. Each time, it has won—1979, 1994, 2000, and 2004. The 109th won the Concours d'Elegance Trophy in 1994, for the 40th Anniversary of the Lockheed Hercules C-130; then again in 2000; and now in celebration of the 50th Anniversary.

Airmen find Challenge in the Holy Land

174th and 105th Airmen construct dormitory facilities in Israel

By the 174th Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Squadron

Forty-seven Civil Engineers recently stepped aboard a KC-135 tanker at Hancock Field and flew to Israel. Their purpose was to construct dormitory facilities in support of future exercises and contingencies. The team consisted of 31 engineers from the 174th CES, 13 engineers from the 105th AW augmentees from the 174th LRS fuels, contracting, and transportation sections. During their 18-day deployment, the team focused on two primary projects. The first involved constructing concrete reinforced foundation beams to support a new dormitory. The second encompassed initiating the interior finishes of a previously constructed dormitory shell. In addition to these primary projects, the engineers worked on numerous small projects with the host base Israeli engineering squadron.

Master Sgt. Tim Scott, 174FW civil engineer, led the first project. Working with an unfamiliar European Peri Form System, Sergeant Scott and his team completed construction of the steel-reinforcing grid and erected the forms during the first week of the project.

"This was no small task, with the foundation consisting of a 60 foot by 160 foot perimeter and having six cross members of 60 linear feet each," said Maj. Earl Evans, civil engineer commander.

Monday of the second week started with

the "big pour", concrete trucks started arriving first thing in the morning and continued to roll-in all day. By the end of the day, the "big pour" was complete.

Over the following two days, the forms were removed and the foundation walls completed, bringing the first primary project to completion two days ahead of schedule. Tech. Sgt. Gene Selden, 174FW civil engineer, led the second major project. Previous teams had erected a K-span "shell" of a dormitory building, appearing something like a giant Quonset hut. On the inside all that was there were the arched metal panels of the K-Span. The team went right to work, erecting a drop ceiling, connecting heating and air conditioning units, erecting interior room walls and running electrical distribution throughout the facility. "The team worked fast and by the end of the second week had literally worked themselves out of a job," said the major. He explained that the team

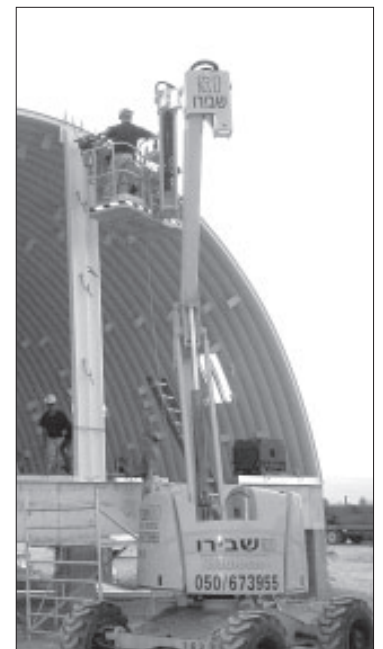
exhausted some materials available for the project.

Major Evans went on to say that, in completing this work, the 174th CES is one of a series of Air National Guard Prime BEEF teams who have contributed to the project in Israel. Project Superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Jay Harris and the rest of the 174AW Civil Engineer team proudly represented their NY Guardsmen and completed their assigned work well ahead of schedule and always with a focus on top quality. It took more than just the 174th CES, the augmentees, and the engineers from the 105th all were instrumental to project completion. This mix of personnel, many of who had never met, worked seamlessly together. The Air Force's program managers and the Israeli hosts noted the effectiveness of this NY Air National Guard team on numerous occasions. "Everyone who participated can stand proud for the work they did," said the major.

Of course it wasn't all work. The team took advantage of their free time and traveled the full length of Israel. They toured Eliat to the south on the Red Sea, Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights, and of course Jerusalem. Some on the team became fixtures at the nearby Dead Sea – enjoying the mud, Messada and of course floating on the sea itself. Not much larger than the state of New Jersey, Israel amazed everybody with its cultural and historical attributes, the variety of landscapes, and the very hospitable people.



Engineers from the 174th Civil Engineer Squadron and 105th Airlift Wing construct dormitory facilities in Israel. (Photo by 174th CES)





FORT DRUM, NY

By Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo
42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Fort Drum, NY — For 42nd Infantry Division Soldiers, traveling in and throughout Iraq may be one of the greatest hazards they will face while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

To prepare for this, Rainbow Soldiers at Fort Drum are undergoing training in basic convoy movement. Being able to identify and react to ambushes and improvised explosive devices while traveling is the primary focus of the training received. These battle skills will eventually enable them to identify and react effectively to these types of threats.

Over 200 Soldiers from the Division's headquarters company participated in the convoy operations and live fire training which took place in late July. All Rainbow Soldiers will receive this training before deploying for Iraq later this year.

Every scenario that involves a mock bomb, ambush or explosive device is designed and overseen by observer controllers or OC's. These instructors, many which have

Convoy Training builds Rainbow Skill and Confidence



Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division partake in a convoy operation during pre-mobilization training at Ft. Drum, NY. (Photos by Spc. Christopher Connelly)

recently returned from Iraq, belong to the 2nd Brigade, 78th Division. "Being able to react to a situation instinctively is what this training is all about. You learn the task and how to react to the task, to the point when you no longer have to think about it. It just becomes instinct," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Barger of the 1st Bn. 314th Infantry Regiment and an OC for the convoy operations training. "On the ground in Iraq you need to move fast and communicate well to survive," he added.

The training was conducted in the traditional Army fashion of 'crawl, walk and run'. Soldiers spent time learning the basics first, practicing what was taught, and then finally performing the task to standard. During the three day training, Rainbow Soldiers began their instruction with class-room style training out in the field and progressed through practical exercises using Humvee and cargo trucks. Throughout their training, Soldiers faced simulated attacks upon themselves and their vehicles by opposing forces firing AK-47 assault rifles and smoke grenades.

Additionally, Soldiers wore the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, or MILES, a laser-tag like training system that uses blank rounds to simulate gunfire. The training aids were used to make the training as realistic as possible and to replicate what Soldiers can expect to encounter based on lessons learned so far in Iraq. Not only

did Soldiers react to enemy fire, but had to evacuate casualties from disabled vehicles. The training culminated with M-16 live fire from their moving vehicles.

"We're taking the Army standards and the OC's real world experiences and putting them together, so when we go to Iraq and do the same type of missions, we can succeed and come home safely," said Capt. John Columbo, Intelligence Officer with the 42nd Infantry Division.

For many Rainbow headquarters Soldiers, this is the first opportunity for them to train in convoy operations. Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Leonardo, Division Intelligence sergeant major watched the progression of his Soldiers throughout the training, "Over the last few days we've taken the basics, combined them with our operating procedures and allowed our Soldiers to practice and train on these procedures and techniques to develop individual instincts," said Leonardo. "We have improved significantly throughout this training."

The convoy training 42nd Division Soldiers receive during pre-mobilization provides a basic understanding and familiarization. Rainbow Soldiers will partake in more aggressive convoy operations training prior to movement into Iraq, ensuring Soldiers have adequate time to rehearse and build on the skills they acquire here.

Have no fear...the Combat Life Saver is here

FORT DRUM, NY

By Spc. Christopher Connelly
42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

When battle injuries occur, the combat lifesaver (CLS) is the first to respond to your injuries to prevent you from becoming a casualty until a medic can arrive.

The CLS is a non-medical Soldier who is trained to provide emergency medical care but does not replace the Army's combat medic.

Over 40 rainbow Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 250th Signal Battalion and Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division participated in a CLS course administered by the 78th Training Support Division at Ft. Drum.

"It is my intention," said Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, 42nd ID Commander "that one out

of every two Soldiers in the rainbow division will be a combat lifesaver."

Combat lifesavers provide treatment to fellow members of a squad, team or crew in addition to performing his or her own responsibilities to complete the mission. They also assist the combat medic in providing care and preparing casualties for evacuation.

CLS training is a bridge between the basic first-aid training Soldiers receive while conducting their common task training and the specialized training given to Combat Medics.

Soldiers in the course receive training in advanced first-aid procedures in many areas including administering an intravenous infusion (IV).

According to the Academy of Health Sciences, Ft. Sam Houston, TX, administering an IV is one of the most important tasks a combat lifesaver can learn, since this will help to control shock caused

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... now I feel I can."*

by blood loss, severe burns or severe heat injury.

Additionally, Soldiers learn mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, inserting an artificial airway in an unconscious soldier, immobilizing fractures, transporting wounded Soldiers and identifying and treating combat stress.

CLS training builds a Soldier's confidence so they can care for themselves as well as another Soldier if they have to. "The training

was good," said Pfc. Kwadwo Kyeremateng, 250th Signal Battalion. "We can shoot, we can fight, but if you can't save a life what is the use?"

And now I feel I can."

Pfc. Claudia Branco, 250th Signal Battalion was nervous about taking the course, but after the second day, she was glad she did. "This was the best training we have had so far," Branco said. "The trainers seemed to have a lot of knowledge to share with us."

Staff Sgt. Paul Newhook, a Senior Medical Trainer with the 2nd Brigade, 78th Division, Edison, NJ, has been in the military for 15 years and is the 2004 recipient of the Forces Command's prestigious Sgt. Audie Murphy Award. 'Lead from the Front', is the Sgt. Audie Murphy Award motto. To Newhook, this means he meets the standard to help Soldiers' meet the standard.

"Things are constantly changing in Iraq," Newhook said. "Keep your heads up and be prepared."



Twenty-two newly commissioned officers from the 51st Annual New York State Officer Candidate School of the 106th RTI, march to their graduation ceremony at Camp Smith on Jun. 27. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Amy Fires)

Small Steps in OCS lead to Big Strides later

LATHAM

By 2nd Lt. Amy Fires
Guard Times Staff

It takes 14 months to become an Army officer through the state officer candidate school program. For some, it seems like a lifetime. For others, the stress and the devotion are too much to handle.

The 51st Annual New York State Officer Candidate School of the 106th RTI, located at Camp Smith, began class in May 2003 with 103 Officer Candidates (OC's) poised for the challenge. On Jun. 27, that same class graduated 22 newly commissioned officers.

Through diligence and commitment they have proven themselves worthy, but the true test has only just begun...

The OCS program has four different phases and culminates with an annual training (AT) in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Phase zero began in May and June of year one and is considered the in-processing portion of OCS. This phase also serves as preparation of basic officer candidates for Phase 1, held in Camp Rowland, Conn. The OC's are treated by their TAC Teach, Assist, and Counsel (TAC) Cadre (equivalent to drill sergeants in basic training) in a manner similar to what they will expect at Camp Rowland. They are 'dropped' constantly for lack of attention to detail. They have showdown inspections of the gear and equipment issued from a long list of supplies and clothing that they will need for Phase 1, as well as, the entire OCS program. Phase zero is where the OC's learn what their paperwork means for the future; that they must have 60 college credits to get into the program, 90 credits to be able to get their commission; a secret security clearance, a chapter-two physical and they must be able to pass a physical training test at a minimum of 60 percent, but better is strongly encouraged, before leaving for Phase one.

Phase one is where OC's from across Region A (the New England states, New York, New Jersey, and Rhode Island)

come together and are placed in highly stressful situations where they must learn land navigation tactics in order to pass a land navigation test. The first week is devoted to classroom time learning land navigational skills that will be applied in the field the following week. The OC's must pass a nighttime and daytime test by navigating towards points and using their compass and azimuths to prove they are capable of navigating through the woods, no global positioning systems allowed here. This is generally a time that most OC's find enjoyable because they are able to find their points in the woods without the constant pressure of being under TAC cadre's watchful eyes. The courage to endure anything is paramount in Phase one. Many in Phase one are made to do the dreaded low crawl in the July Connecticut heat in with full battle rattle as a means of

acquiring the discipline necessary to be an effective officer.

Phase two consists of leadership courses, classroom instruction, and physical activities such as two road marches, eight and 12 miles respectively, and combat water survival testing. There are also numerous inspections, monthly tests on a variety of topics, such as law of war, ethics, field artillery, and combat service and support; among others, during drill weekends. All OC's must hold leadership positions to help them acquire the knowledge they will need to become an officer. The OC's in the chain of command are in constant discussions with the TAC and are responsible for passing information through the student chain of command, in preparation for upcoming drills. The officer candidates make it through basic, intermediate phase and vie for the much coveted senior officer candidate phase by May in Phase two. Officer Candidates gain privileges throughout the different phases as they become more adept in their leadership roles.

The third and final phase of OCS is held in Ft. Benning, Georgia and consists of evaluations of the senior officer candidates in the field on tactics. Every officer has to have an underlying knowledge of infantry tactics as any officer

should be able to lead soldiers into battle. Most though are worried about the effects of the 95-100-percent humidity and working hard in the Georgia sun. This last phase puts the officer candidates' knowledge and skills to the ultimate test. Phase three tests whether the OC's have mastered the officer mentality and whether they are ready to graduate from OCS to become an officer.

For those who've just discovered the reality of becoming Army officers, for those who are now second lieutenants, graduation brings the reality that their training has only just begun. To be an officer means always learning and training to be the best leader you can be. The next step for these second lieutenants is officer basic courses (OBC) where they will learn to become experts in their chosen branch of service. Besides OBC, air assault, ranger school, etc. are additional schools where these second lieutenants will train and advance their careers within the New York Army National Guard. In keeping with the words of their company commander in OCS, 'keep your eyes on the prize, not on the price' that it takes to become an officer in the United States Army. Through diligence and commitment they have proven themselves worthy, but the true test has only just begun. It's in the real world where these newly commissioned officers will show their strength and knowledge by leading their troops to the successful completion of all missions assigned to them.



2nd Lt. Amy Fires gets her rank put on by her dad, Doug Fires, during OCS graduation on Jun. 27. (Courtesy photo)

Combat Patrol brings Medical Care to Iraqi Child and Community

CAMP ANACONDA, IRAQ

By Maj. Jeffrey J. Lape
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2nd Battalion 108th Infantry

Deployed New York National Guard soldiers of the 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry are doing their best to help the Iraqi people and improve their living conditions, even while performing their combat mission.

During a combat patrol in the spring, troops brought medical treatment to an injured child and follow on support to him and his family have also brought support and improvement to the civilian hospital in the area.

It all began with a combat patrol by members of Company A from New York City and the Hudson Valley. The company commander, Captain Vincent Heintz, who is an attorney and a family man and normally works for the federal government in Manhattan, led the patrol. Upon entering a local village in the Ad Dujayl area in mid-March, a man approached the patrol carrying a badly



Eight-year-old, Abdul Jabbur, from the town of Ad Dujayl, Iraq, who suffered 2nd degree burns over 30-percent of his lower body when he fell into boiling water, was flown to the U.S. and treated for an unrelated heart condition thanks to the efforts of 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Division Soldiers. (Courtesy photo)

burned child in is arms.

The eight-year-old boy, later identified as Abdul Jabbur, was apparently scalded after he fell and overturned a vessel of boiling water. Abdul was initially evaluated and treated by the company medic.

The next day Capt. Heintz consulted with Col. Russell Zelman, the battalion surgeon from Utica, and the battalion commander Lt. Col. Mark Warnecke, an environmental engineer who works in Latham. Warnecke ordered Heintz to send back another patrol to the village, this time accompanied by a

medical team. The battalion medical team led by Col. Zelman made an assessment of Abdul's injuries and determined that he had indeed received 2nd degree burns over 30 percent of his lower body. The boy's medical condition was further complicated by a congenital heart condition the team learned about from his family. His wounds were again dressed with burn cream and his father was advised on the importance of dressing care, hydration and follow-up treatment.

When the patrol and team returned to base, Zelman contacted the 415th Civil Affairs

Detachment and made arrangements with them to insure that Abdul received follow-up care at the Ad Dujayl hospital. One week later the medical team visited Abdul at the hospital and then met with hospital

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administrators. As medics attended to Abdul, Zelman decided to look the place over and then made an assessment of the hospital and its capabilities and needs.

Later, Zelman initiated reports for possible medical evacuation of Abdul leading hopefully to treatment of Abdul's congenital heart defect.

While at the hospital, Zelman visited the emergency room, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy and gynecological departments. The information he gathered was passed to the 2nd Brigad with the intent to provide aid to Ad Dujayl hospital. Military Civil Affairs personnel and officials with the Ad Dujayl city council continue to meet and discuss details on improving and possibly rebuilding the hospital.

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'Operation Tickets 4 Troops'

UPSTATE, NY

By E-troop Family Readiness Group
101st Cavalry

The families of New York National Guard E-Troop 101st Cavalry, located in Geneva, NY, proudly launched "Operation Tickets 4 Troops," to bring home their soldiers during leave, which will occur September, 2004. E-Troop is a specialized unit and has soldiers that come from over 29 counties across the state.

The mission of "Operation Tickets 4 Troops" is to provide funds for round-trip air transportation to and from Alexandria, LA (Fort Polk) for each of our 94 soldiers, as transportation is not covered by government funds. A goal has been set to raise approximately \$55,000 from local businesses, private funds and community foundations by Sept. 20.

These soldiers are your neighbors, coworkers, athletic coaches, police officers and our family members. Citizens from New York have pulled together through some tough times in the past, and we continue to overcome. Area businesses, corporations and local citizens have asked how they can support the troops headed to Iraq. "Operation Tickets 4 Troops" is a meaningful opportunity to thank our soldiers, and every Dollar Counts! Every Minute Counts! Any funds raised in excess of our needs for this campaign will be utilized for emergency relief purposes for our soldiers and their family members. We feel confident that with your support we can exceed our goal! Donations can be made payable to "Tickets 4 Troops" and mailed to the Family Readiness Group:

E-Troop 101st Cavalry
NY Army National Guard
300 Main Street
Geneva, NY 14456

For more information please visit our website <www.tickets4troops.com>.

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We are also looking for soldiers to work part-time, Monday thru Saturday, in our new Capital District office. For more information call Mr. Don Roy, at (518) 786-4906.

42nd Infantry prepares for Deployment

FORT DRUM, NY

By 42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Following the deployment of 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, whose last major deployment was during World War II, New York is deploying another large contingency of troops.

The 42nd Infantry Division Task Force represents more than 3,000 42nd Division National Guard Soldiers from more than twenty states. Rainbow Division Soldiers mobilized from their home states of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Delaware, Vermont, Rhode Island and Florida.

The Rainbow Team will also be activating National Guard troops from Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and Pennsylvania. These National Guard units and others arrive to fill in some specialty combat service support functions in the fields of maintenance, logistics, operations and intelligence.

"We'll get this mission done as a team," said Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, the 42nd Infantry Division commander, "it's just that simple."

The Division mobilization training sites for completing some active army required Common Task Training (CTT) are Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Dix, N.J., Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas and Camp Shelby, Miss.

Division Soldiers will go through multiple common tasks assisted and validated by the training support members of the active Army's 78th Division as a first step towards deployment.

Division Soldiers will provide the command and control, logistics and operational base for maneuver brigades to



(Above and below) Soliders of the 42nd Infantry detain would be insurgents during team-building exercises at Ft. Drum, NY prior to thier deployment to Iraq. (Photo by Master Sgt. Corine Lombardo)

succeed in their mission to establish a safe and secure environment in Iraq.

The division expects to complete the required training tasks later this year and deploy to Iraq at the end of 2004 and early 2005.

"This division headquarters has some significant experience in standing up an operational task force," said the Division Chief of Staff, Col. Mark Heffner. "Hundreds of our Rainbow Soldiers deployed for state active duty in New York City following the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001."

One of the most significant differences for Soldiers now serving on active duty is the issue of new individual and organization equipment.

Members of the 42nd Infantry Division began to receive

team training in tasks such as convoy operations, and collective training in command and control operations for the combat task force.

"Each and every Soldier, when they arrive in Kuwait," Gen. Taluto instructed his commanders and staff, "will be motivated, confident and rested; they will be ready for our mission."

Team-building exercises will be conducted throughout the summer as Soldiers conduct more challenging training events, culminating with the 42nd Infantry Division's mission readiness exercise in the fall. Soldier training includes such items as identification and response to improvised explosive devices (IED), convoy live-fire exercises, defensive fire exercises, communications training and other tactical skills necessary for operations during

...Soldiers continue their training tasks and focus their efforts and energies towards their mission in Iraq...

new equipment items from the Army's Rapid Fielding Initiative such as Interceptor Body Armor, the Modular Sleeping Bag System, Advanced Combat Helmet and the Improved Hot Weather Desert Boot.

Weapon systems such as the M 240 Machine Gun, the M 249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M 16A2 rifles and their associated support equipment continue to flow into arms rooms at Fort Drum and Fort Dix for Soldiers to train, fire and qualify.

On a larger scale, units will receive FMTV's (The Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles), radios and other items necessary for the success of the mission overseas. For many division Soldiers, these items will require familiarization training or refresher training over the course of the summer.

The 42nd Infantry Division training program during mobilization blends all the portions of individual, crew, team and collective training. Rainbow Soldiers will complete validation training in their basic Soldier skills, crew and

Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

Commanders and their staffs will conduct a series of command post exercises. These are designed to challenge leaders' abilities to gather information, plan and execute mission orders, and stress the command and control systems of the units.

"This is your training plan," said Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, the First U.S. Army commander. "I will ensure that you get everything you need to train and that every Soldier who gets on that plane for Iraq if ready for his job, but the training plan to get there is yours to develop."

While thousands of 42nd Infantry Soldiers continue to train and prepare for the mission in Iraq, hundreds of Rainbow Division Soldiers are already serving overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Soldiers from the Division Artillery's 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery from New York and the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery in New Jersey are currently in Iraq providing security force missions in central Iraq.



Environmental Specialist cultivates South African Partnership

FORT DRUM, NY

By Maj. Richard Sloma
Guard Times Staff

From May 18 thru 20, Maj. James Freehart, Environmental Protection Specialist for the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, participated as a member of the Environmental Security Working Group at the 2004 US – South Africa Defense Committee in Capetown, South Africa.

The Committee coordinates and manages the development and conduct of US and South African Defense relations in accordance with each nations' national policy goals. It is formally co-chaired by the US Secretary of Defense and the South African Minister of

Defence.

Ms. Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, represented the United States of America. Mr. T.E. Motumi, Chief of Policy and Plans, represented the Republic of South Africa. DEFCOM meeting locations alternate between the United States and South Africa.

The Environmental Security Work Group (ESWG) was made up of Brig. Gen. Siphon Ndabula and Col. Seakle Godschalk, both of the Joint Support Division, South African Department of Defence, Mr. Bill Nicholls, Deputy Director, Environmental Readiness, Safety, & International Environmental Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Ms. Susan Clark-Sestak, Institute for Defense Analyses, and Major James Freehart.

Plans on conducting military to military contact opportunities were a focus of the team members. The first contact team visit to South Africa was scheduled for August of this year. An additional seven activities in the US and South Africa are planned over the next two years.

These scheduled events will include participation by New York Army and Air Guard personnel and US European Command and cover topics such as Hazardous Waste Management, Environmental Audits, and Environmental Policy and Procedures.

The South African National Defence Forces (SANDF) intend to publish guidebooks similar to one recently

published entitled, the *Guidebook on Impact Management*.

Other topics discussed during ESGW sessions were sustainable development and base closure. ESGW members also discussed encroachment-related challenges and the issues surrounding the return of former military lands to the public or the military for other uses.

The 2003 DEFCOM was held at Annapolis, Maryland. It is hoped that the 2005 DEFCOM will be held in New York State.



(From left to right) Col. Seakle Godschalk, Joint Support Division, South African Department of Defence; Mr. Bill Nicholls, Deputy Director, Environmental Readiness, Safety, & International Environmental Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; Brigadier General Siphon Ndabula, Joint Support Division, South African Department of Defence; Susan Clark-Sestak, Institute for Defense Analyses; Major James Freehart, Environmental Protection Specialist, NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs. (Courtesy photo)

Joint Guard Team counters Weapons of Mass Destruction

COLONIE, NY

By 2nd Lt. Amy Fires
Guard Times Staff

The potential for terrorist attacks on the Homeland through the presidential election season is prompting special security measures nationwide.

Civilian and military authorities have focused on the threat of terrorist use of Weapons of Mass Destruction – WMDs. The Democratic National Convention in Boston and the Republican National Convention in New York City have been designated as National Special Security Events.

To counter that threat, the military has created special joint task forces comprised primarily of National Guard forces, supplemented with active duty personnel with unique skills and capabilities. The mission is two fold – deter the threat as possible, respond rapidly in the event of an attack.

For the Republican National Convention in New York City, several New York National Guard units were tapped to support the civil authorities and help ensure public safety. Among the most important of these is NY's 2nd Civil Support Team (CST) for Weapons of Mass Destruction, based at the Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia. Its a highly specialized unit with the mission to respond to terrorist attacks by rapidly bringing critical technical support to the



A 2nd Civil Support Team member uses a detection device. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Amy Fires)

civil authorities when a suspected attack has occurred. Initially created in 1998 and validated by the military for service in 2000, the 2nd CST was the first unit of its kind to actually respond to an attack – the World Trade Center attack on 9-11, 2001.

In the period leading up to the convention, the 2nd CST is methodically conducting

routine training for its less than routine mission. On this day, the team was practicing at a local warehouse in Colonie, a suburb of Albany. Unlike most any other Guard unit, the 2nd CST remains combat-ready at all times.

"We were checking all aspects of our training in preparation for the convention," said 1st Sgt. Jason Zeller. "We were shuffling the cards, checking our Standing Operating Procedures and changing things on the run to be ready to react to any incident."

For security reasons, operational details of the CST's mission must remain classified, but its no secret that the unit has been

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working for years since 9-11 with the New York Police Department's Emergency Services unit and federal authorities like the US Secret Service. But there is something new this time.

Augmenting the 2nd Civil Support Team were two members of the 8th CST from Colorado. The partnership is intended as "cross-pollination" between teams from different states, said Maj. Matthew Cooper, 2nd CST commander. It's an effort to work together, to assist each other and share

previous lessons learned.

Each CST is comprised of specialized sub-teams designed to perform critical tasks. The Perimeter Team establishes security at a suspected incident site and monitors activity. The Recon Team enters the hot zone to inspect and test for the presence of chemical, biological or radiological agents. The DeCon Team sets up the decontamination site for the Recon Team once it exits the hot zone. Each CST also has a medical team, a mobile lab and command suite with leading edge electronic communications capabilities.

Each team must continuously practice its assigned tasks and the training is always done carefully and with great precision. In this business there is no margin for error. In addition, CST members are trained to recognize that each incident site is unique.

Exercises are designed to be challenging. The Recon Team must be on guard for all threats.

During one scenario, the team encountered an improvised explosive device (IED's) that was set as a booby trap. A trip wire was set to trip a chemical or biological explosive as one entered the room. In another room, team members encountered a clandestine lab with coolers, explosives, and more materials to set up a low order explosive. They also saw a barrel with attached wires – another weapon.

The 2nd CST regularly performs exercises and never uses the same training site twice. When you serve in the 2nd CST, staying ready and improving your skills is your focus. Continuous practice and training is the only way to go.

OPERATION MOUSETRAP

2-108th Soldiers detain seven insurgents in search for improvised explosive devices

TIKRIT, IRAQ

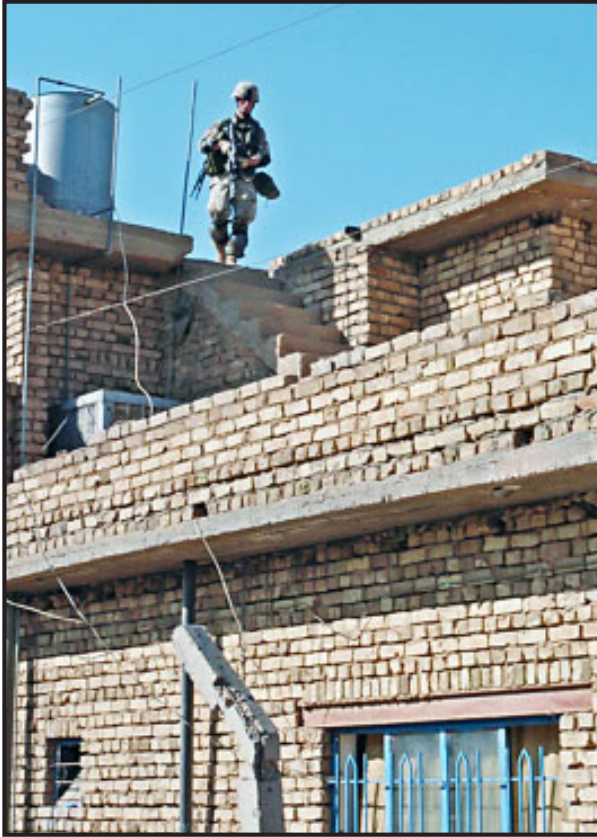
Story Courtesy American Forces Press Service

Infantry Division Soldiers 2-108th detained seven individuals after receiving information about possible IED's from a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane near Samarra just before noon Aug. 8.

The Soldiers searched the suspected house and confiscated \$4,000, one shotgun, one rifle and other unidentified small arms.

The individuals were transported to a Multi-National Force detention facility for further questioning.

The reconnaissance and search efforts are part of Operation Cajun Mousetrap II, an on-going operation to eliminate Anti-Iraqi Forces from around Samarra and provide a safe and secure environment for the Iraqi people.



2-108th Infantry Division Soldiers conduct a cordon and search in Samarra, Iraq as part of Operation Cajun Mousetrap II.

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2-108th Infantry Division Soldiers conduct a cordon and search in Samarra, Iraq as part of Operation Cajun Mousetrap II.



Unique Treasure returns to Fort Hamilton

Nineteen thousand pound mortar is one of only twenty-six that exist in the United States

FORT HAMILTON, NY

By Mike Brennan

Fort Hamilton Public Affairs

"This mortar was one of the most formidable weapons used by the Union forces during the Civil War," said Paul Morando, Director of the Harbor Defense Museum at Fort Hamilton. "The impact of the exploding shells caused immediate damage, which proved to be highly effective in many battles throughout the war."

Mr. Morando spoke of the Harbor Defense Museum's newest acquisition, a Seacoast Mortar of the exact type and dimensions that were once placed facing the narrows to defend the Brooklyn shoreline from invading armies almost a century and a half ago. Facing the Narrows from what is left of the westernmost wall of Old Fort Hamilton, the mortar will be aimed at the shore again. Previously located at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. the mortar was transported to Fort Hamilton on June 21st, 2004 by the 1569th Transportation Unit of the New York Army National Guard out of Harlem, NY.

It was with the diligent attention of the museum's director, Paul Morando that this nineteen thousand pound artifact, one of only twenty-six that exist in the United States came home to Fort Hamilton. Built in 1862, the thirteen-inch mortar model number is M1861. According to Morando, the easy part was acquiring the mortar from the Center of Military History. However, it was tricky coordinating the pickup and delivery of the mortar from Washington D.C. to Brooklyn. "It's not as easy as delivering a simple package," Morando said. "Careful coordination and logistics needed to be addressed in order for the mission to operate smoothly."

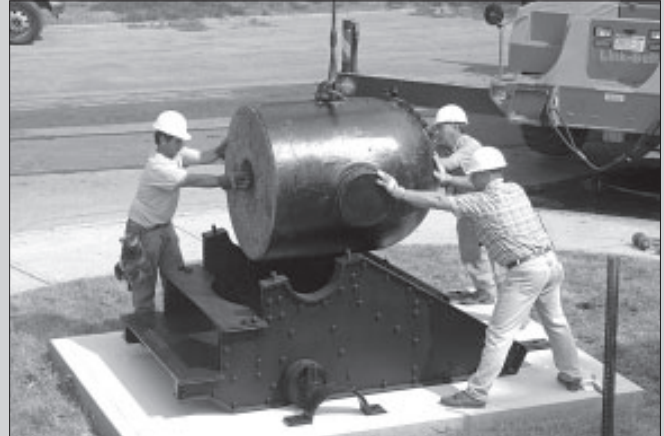
After years of standing muzzle down near the Fort McNair Officer's Club, museum technician Richard Cox put a lot of sweat into scraping, sanding and putting a new coat of paint on the historic piece. "Because the garrison has undergone so many significant changes over the years, this was a great chance to restore one facet of Fort Hamilton's history," said Mr. Cox.

Mr. Morando contracted Mr. Forrest Taylor of Cannons Online, Inc. of New Windsor, MD to create a replica carriage for this marvelous piece. To the layperson, the carriage is the steel base that such a weapon would be mounted

'Old veterans never forget the noise those missiles made as they went up and down like an excited bird, their shrieks becoming shriller and shriller, as the time to explode approached'
— Confederate infantryman



Two Harbor Defense Museum Volunteers examine the muzzle of the newly installed 1861 Seacoast Mortar. (Courtesy photo)



Men from Applegate Industries of Jackson, NJ install the nineteen thousand pound mortar on the carriage was created for its display at Fort Hamilton. (Courtesy photo)

on, and would have needed to be able to handle the recoil from the blast that could send a 204-lb. shell up to two miles away.

The dimensions of the carriage were derived from photos, diaries and period schematics for this massive weapon. Great care and attention were paid in the construction of the mount for the garrison's new show piece, which included using some authentic 19th century tools like a Dill Slotter in it's manufacture.

The result of very hard work and historic imagination not only succeeded in supporting what many scholars had predicted was the load of the Seacoast Mortar, but what our modern crane proved to be two thousand pounds heavier on the first attempt at mounting.

No further fitting or machining of the carriage was necessary and another breakthrough occurred right here at Fort Hamilton!

There are two steps at the front of the carriage for loading the mortar with its powder charge and the projectile. The top step on all of these carriages was bent from what scholars had thought was the result of lazy soldiers lowering the mouth of the mortar too far and thus bending the top step over time. The idea was that the soldiers found the heavy charge easier to load at a lower point. This may be true or not, but the discovery outside the museum last Thursday led to a different conclusion. Moving the mortar into position on the carriage is possible because of the eye loop situated toward the rear half of the length of the weapon. The lowering of the mortar by crane forced the weapon to rest on this top step and thus bend it. By moving the mortar into an upright firing position, the stress on the step was relieved.

"We almost bent the step as a finishing touch while we were making it," said Forest Taylor, "but we thought we would leave it alone instead. Now we see that the Soldiers didn't bend the plate, it was part of the initial mounting!"

"If the (eye) loop had been further up the barrel, we would not have hit the top plate at all (during mounting)," said Paul Wessels of Applegate Industries of Jackson, NJ. "It was unavoidable," said his associate Howard Perosi.

Fort Hamilton Commander Col. Kewyn Williams thinks the addition of the mortar enhances the collection of the Harbor Defense Museum. "This is a significant piece of history," Williams said. "Our museum is very fortunate to have been able to acquire it. The museum staff did a great job coordinating this effort and the location we chose to place it will allow a lot of people to see it. It becomes a key part of our living history program."

Guard Mom gets Combat Medics Equipped

FORWARD OPERATING BASE O'RYAN, IRAQ

By Major Jeffery Lape, 1st Lt. Alexander Prezioso and Sgt. First Class Shay
2-108th Infantry

At the end of May, the 2-108th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, received an automatic electric defibrillator that was graciously donated by HeartSave Solutions, Inc., for benefit of the soldiers and of the battalion aid station in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The defibrillator was donated in the name of Spc. Robert Gleeson, the son of Mrs. Kathy Gleeson, who is a soldier with Charlie Company, 2-108th Infantry.

When the 2-108th Infantry was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom this past October, the tables of organization and equipment did not call for a defibrillator as part of the battalion aid station's standard equipment; by doctrine, a battalion aid station is put to use in support of a rapidly advancing light infantry battalion. The term "light" traditionally applies to weapon systems as well as medical equipment.

In April a non-profit leader from HeartSave Solutions, Inc., of Glens Falls, New York, contacted the 2-108th Infantry Battalion physician assistant regarding the potential donation of an AED. After a couple of informative e-mails, the contribution invitation was agreeably accepted.

Since the arrival of the AED at FOB O'Ryan, Iraq, the medical platoon has practiced with the device on multiple occasions and has employed its use twice.

How do defibrillators work? Defibrillators are multi-use devices used to restart a heart when it stops beating and



Staff Sgt. Patrick Clark, Sgt. Nicholas Deso and Spc. Jacob Briggs demonstrate an automatic electric defibrillator. The defibrillator was donated by Mrs. Kathy Gleeson and HeartSave Solutions, Inc. The soldiers are medics with the 2-108th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. (Photo courtesy of the 2-108th)

monitor heart rate. A typical defibrillator delivers a 200 to 300 volt electrical shock to the heart. The charge is delivered by the use of two leads that deliver positive and negative charges when applied to the chest; the positive lead is placed over the heart and the negative lead over the left anterior chest area. A defibrillator also uses twelve leads, which are attached to a patient's outer chest, to monitor heart rates. The leads send electrical pulses to a recorder, which is interpreted by medical professionals. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) is a basic type of

defibrillator that does not monitor the heart rate; however, it delivers the needed voltage to restart a heart.

Refitting of medical equipment came with advancements in military technology and adaptation to the military mission. In the 2nd BCT, 1st Infantry Division, each battalion aid station was enhanced by advanced emergency medical equipment, including cardiac defibrillators.

The entire Battalion is grateful to Mrs. Kathy Gleeson and HeartSave Solutions, Inc., for their donation of the automatic electric defibrillator.

The Path Home for the Valiant 105th MPs

MASTEN ARMORY, BUFFALO

Final installment in a series on the 105th Military Police Co.

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

Family members stood in front of the stage in the auditorium holding signs of support for their deployed loved ones. The TV news cameras were rolling and the rally was underway.

For months these spouses, moms, dads and children of all ages had done all they could to support their Soldiers. They had waited and waited for the news that their loved ones would soon be home. With nerves on edge and hearts held open they wanted answers.

Nearly 170 members of the 105th Military Police Company from Buffalo, Rochester and the Capital District left the Masten Avenue Armory in Buffalo on St. Valentine's Day in February 2003. They left Fort Drum for Kuwait in the spring and entered Iraq on April 17. Now it was March 2004 and the troops were nearing a one-year anniversary of their arrival in theater. Last summer the Pentagon had announced its "one-year boots-on-the-ground" policy to the dismay of military families nationwide. But to these family members that one-year was a virtual contract. A deal was a deal. But recent news was not good.

The unit had been informed that their departure from theater would likely be delayed, perhaps by weeks, possibly longer. The replacing unit was not ready and would need more training time, the troops had been told. For many Soldiers

and many family members the news was a major let down. Some saw it as the last straw.

News organizations in Buffalo got the news even as the Pentagon was acknowledging that delays were likely for many units slated to rotate from theater. The mission in Iraq had been filled with challenge, enemy attacks, deplorable conditions and difficulties along the way. Two members were lost to Improvised Explosive Devices and several others were wounded. The phone started to ring at state headquarters...

"I can only imagine how they felt when the news reached them, but we had always told them that return dates are never certain and not to rely on any date until they got news the plane was in the air," said Lt. Col. Mike Bresnehan, from Headquarters 53rd Troop Command.

"Many members of our group were having a very hard time with this, so we asked if we could have a rally at the armory," said Phyllis Murawski, the lead volunteer with the unit Family Readiness Group.

"The rally was a great idea because it was positive and constructive and the troops would know they that they were being

loved and supported from home," said Dara Fowler, the wife of the 105th commander Capt. Michael Fowler.

Many family members had written and called elected officials, including members of NY's congressional delegation. Senators Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer called the Department of Defense and state headquarters for information. Defense officials explained that the actual date the unit would come home would probably fall within a time frame from April into May, but that pinning down a precise date would be impossible.

So a rally was held. Family members expressed their concern and their support. Officials attended and spoke. And then it was back to the waiting.

But finally, the news they had been waiting for came. The unit had been moved back into Kuwait and was preparing to leave. A new unit had come in and the hand off was done. And, almost a year to the day they arrived in Iraq, the 105th MP Company landed at Fort Dix, NJ on 16 April for a week of out processing. At the end of that week was a heroes welcome – one richly deserved and earned.

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AVIATION		ALAN L. RUSSELL JR	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B	JOHN J. FERNANDEZ	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY
GARY R. GAUDIOSO	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	SHAD N. RUSSELL	108 IN BN 01 CO A DET1	(M)	
ERIC P. GEISS	133 OD CO MAINT NDDES	REAR NY		BENJAMIN P. FLEMING	1ST BN 106TH REG (GS)
KEITH J. GIBSON	108 IN BN 02 CO A REAR	MARCUS J. SAINSBURY	HHD 104TH MP BN	CARLOS M. FLORES	NYARNG ELEMENT, JFHQ
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EDWIN GUZMAN	145TH MAINT CO	AVIATION		LEIDY G. GONZALEZ	HHD 27TH FINANCE BN
HELEN C. HALEY	29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE	CHRISTOPHER J. SCOTT	108 IN BN 01 CO A REAR	KENNETH J. GRITMAN	HHS (-) 1-156 FA
DET		NY		OMAR J. GUADALUPE	TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY
JOHN K. HARDER	258 FA BN 1 BTRY C 155 SP	TERRANCE D. SHELHART	TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY	ANDREW D. HASSON	442D MP CO
ROBERT B. HARRIS	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	TERRANCE D. SHELHART	TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY	WILLIAM M. HOOVER	DET 1 CO C 1-108TH INF
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JOSHUA M. HAVENS	827TH ENGR CO	JOHN M. SILVAGNI	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)	REAR NY	
DWAYNE H. HAZZARD JR	108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC	BRANDON C. SILVERNAIL	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	KIM L. HUNTER	442D MP CO
ALEX J. HEINE	133 OD CO MAINT NDDES	SCOTT R. SKOMPINSKI	827TH ENGR CO	BRANDON C. ISAAC	105TH MP CO
DENNIS L. HEMMINGWAY	69 IN BN 01 HHC REAR	ERIC D. SMITH	108 IN BN 01 CO B FWD 2	BRIAN D. JOY	108 IN BN 01 CO B FWD 2
JHONATAN HERNANDEZ	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	MELVIN P. SMITH	HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR	NICHOLAS P. KAFALAS	CO B 3-142D AVIATION
BRIAN J. HUDSPATH	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO D	ROBIN M. SMITH	DET 1 HHC 107TH SG	JOSHUA J. KHOKHAR	H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
ANDREW T. HURLEY	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)	CARLINGTON F. STEPHENSON	133 OD CO MAINT	TYRONE KNIPPING	53D HQ DET AR LIAISON
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OFER MAIMRAN	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	JEFFREY W. WALKER	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)	258TH FA	
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FRANCISCO A. MANTILLA	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)	ROBERT J. WENGIEWICZ	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN	BRADLEY W. MINICH	108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC
HECTOR L. MATOS	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A	AMANDA L. WHEELER	105TH MP CO	FERDINAND MONTALVO	CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
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TRK)		CHRISTOPHER G. WILLARD	HHC (-) 1-127TH ARMOR	DANIEL J. PARADIS	CO A 1-127TH ARMOR
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JERMAIN T. MURRAY	204 EN BN CO A DET 2	GENE A. ZOLOTOV	CO A 342D FWD SPT BN	JACQUES RAPHAEL	CO C 1-105 INF
FWD				BLAIR REELS	TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY
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BRADLEY M. ORR	HHC 1-105TH INF			NORMAN RHONE	1ST BN 106TH REG (GS)
GREGORY OWENS	258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP			JUSTIN A. ROBLEDO	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B
HASSAN PARIS	HHD 206 CORPS SPT BN			CRYSTAL L. ROBLES	HHD 206 CORPS SPT BN
RYAN R. PECHTEL	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C			DANIEL A. SACCHITELLA	1ST BN 106TH REG (GS)
ALCIDES PEREZ	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A			ADAM J. SCANLON	DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
ROBERTO PEREZ	258 FA BN 1 BTRY C 155 SP			BENJAMIN D. SEEGER	CO C 3-142D AVIATION
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RACHELLE PIERRE	DET 1 CO C 204TH EN BN			DANIEL J. SILBERSTEIN	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)
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JACK D. COONS	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B
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A little goes a long way in Cuba Mission

Finance Detachment returns from gitmo

WHITESTONE ARMORY, QUEENS

Story by Staff Sgt. Steve Petibone
Guard Times Staff

The 14th Finance Detachment Forward returned nine Soldiers from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, also known as GITMO, after a yearlong deployment.

The detachment left their home station in June 2003 and returned twelve months later, with a greater knowledge of joint services finance support.

According to Lt. Col. Randy Lambrecht, plans operations and training manager, the detachment deployed in support of mission requirements for the area of operations, primarily to POW installations. "We worked in support of the active-duty Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTFGITMO), finance office," explained Capt. Kim Chow, commander, 14th Finance Detachment Forward. "We made sure that everyone who was stationed

at GITMO, regardless of military service, got their travel pay, family separation, hazardous duty pay." He also added that his unit authorized spending amounts according to their budgets.


The unit deployed from Fort Dix, N.J. where they trained in additional skills, such as performing guard duty and security. While there, they were not called upon to use this additional training. "As close to a hostile zone, without getting shot at," said Sgt. 1st Class Arthur Kudzin, 1st Sgt., 14th Finance Detachment Forward, referring to the GITMO deployment. "The security at JTFGITMO is very tight."

Two years ago, the United States constructed detainment areas following the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan. More than 600 detainees from 42 countries have been detained there after being caught up in security sweeps.

Security became especially tight just as the 14th was preparing to leave because the U.S. military was about to conduct trials by military commission which have the authority to hand down death sentences with no right of appeal to any court.

While GITMO is a high security military base, there are allowances for recreation and leisure. "Even though GITMO is a lockdown post, there were things to do during time off," said Spc. Chris Conway, computer technician, 14th Finance Detachment Forward. "The Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) center was always open. On some weekends I would fish, scuba dive or snorkel."


Guantanamo Bay has been a United States possession since the Spanish-American War in the late 1890's. It began as a Marine rally point to attack the Spanish. After destroying the Spanish naval fleet, the U.S. Navy established a base at Guantanamo Bay. Today, more than 2,100 members of an all-service unit known as Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTFGITMO) have been deployed there, swelling the total base population to nearly half its Cold War complement.



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THURN, CHRISTOPHER J 107 OPERATIONS GP

Captain

WALKER, KEITH A 136 AIR REFUELING SQ
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BIEGANSKI, ELAINE J 107 MISSION SUPPORT FT
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SHERRIFF, BRYON S 136 AIR REFUELING SQ
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COWAN, DALE J 109 MISSION SUPPORT GP
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Promotions

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Bennick, Richard	BMC	HDBN8, Ft Dix
Boyer, Andrew	BM1	HDBN8, Ft Dix
Siegel, Marshall	BM1	HDBN8, Ft Dix
Tribiano, Jeffery	LCDR	HDBN8, Ft Dix

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Palumbo, Guy YN1 NR RSU 0428, Amityville
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Recruiting Medal

Chizuk, Stan MA1 NR NYS PRTS NH 501
 Cheung, Kit LCPL H&S CO 2/25 MARDIV
 Mason, John MA2 NSA LAMADDALENA

Militiaman of the Year

Spain, Elizebeth BM2 NRC, Albany
 Hess, Edward HT1 NRC, Albany

Militiaman of the Year (CB)

Rogers, Frank SWC NRC, Albany



Recognised for exemplary performance, Marine Maj. William F. Lochridge, IV, commander, New York State Military Emergency Boat Service, New York Naval Militia (far right) is presented the Certificate of Merit Public Service Award issued from the Secretary of Homeland Security. Presenting the award (right) is Cmdr. Jim L. Munro, Jr., division chief, Security and Rescue Operations, U. S. Coast Guard Activities, New York and Capt. Glenn A. Wiltshire, activities commander, Captain of the Port, U. S. Coast Guard Activities, New York.

Maj. Lochridge was cited for exemplary commitment to maritime safety and security by providing support to the U. S. Coast Guard at the Port of New York/New Jersey since February 2002.

The major's efforts were instrumental in serving the Coast Guard operations following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Also, within that time span the major provided protection support for three U. S. Naval Fleet Weeks, three Macy's Fourth of July extravaganzas, numerous presidential, vice presidential and dignitary protection operations, escorts of high-risk cruise and commercial ships laden with volatile cargo and execution of joint security boarding of vessels of interest. (Courtesy photo)

New Active Duty Uniforms to include Army and Air National Guard



The proposed new Army combat uniform. (Courtesy photo)

WASHINGTON

By Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

The Army will be fielding a new combat uniform designed by NCOs and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October.

Three different versions of the ACU have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and dragged through the sand in Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Fielding to the total Army should be complete by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office, known as PEO Soldier.

There were 20 changes made to the uniform, to include removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment noncommissioned officer in charge.

"This isn't about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform," said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for Clothing and Individual Equipment. "It's a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission."

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture wicking t-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

"This new uniform performs well in multiple environments. Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. Every modification made on the uniform was designed with a specific purpose and not just for the sake of change."



The proposed new Air Force utility uniform. (Courtesy photo)

WASHINGTON

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The Air Force's web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online Jul. 1. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century airmen.

So far the feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said.

The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.

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

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

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Correction

The Hellfighter 6 article in the Guard Times, Mar/Apr, Vol. 13 # 2, incorrectly identified the far right Soldier; the Soldier is Staff Sgt. Raymond Maharbir and the Soldier on the far left is Sgt. 1st Class Lorraine Anim.