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A CH-47 Chinook from Army Aviation Support Facility 2 in Rochester lands at Whiteface Mountain Sep. 29 to lift a 19,000 pound spool of power cable to the mountain's summit. The mission was organized through the NY National Guard's GUARDHelp program; read the full story on page six (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith, Guard Times Staff)

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Guard Notes

Improving Job Protection for Returning Guardsmen

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure that the employment rights of men and women returning from military service are vigorously protected. Specifically, the MOU streamlines and strengthens enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

The MOU deals exclusively with each Department's role and responsibilities in the enforcement of USERRA. The MOU will streamline the enforcement process, allowing the agencies to work closely and effectively to ensure the protection of USERRA rights. Specifically, under the MOU, when a complaint raises an issue of immediate and significant harm, and each agency concurs that the complaint appears meritorious, it may be referred for enforcement immediately. This will eliminate duplicative factual inquiry and legal analysis by the two agencies, expediting the seeking of appropriate relief for the returning service member.

The Department of Labor (DOL) recently also issued new regulations strengthening USERRA. Secretary Chao and the DOL's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS) have taken steps to reduce the rate of USERRA violations, including: Providing briefings to more than 158,000 service members and others on USERRA; Responding to almost 26,000 requests for technical assistance; Distributing more than 240 televised public service announcements, with a second announcement to be released shortly; Addressing most of the major human resource and employer organizations.

Important Benefit Update

The Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB) will increase to **\$1004** per month for Full-time students on Oct. 1.

The Bill provides up to **36 months** of education benefits for: College, Business Technical or Vocational Courses; Distance Learning including Correspondence Courses; Certification Tests; Apprenticeship/Job Training (Veterans and Reserve Only); Flight Training. If you're a full-time student enrolled in a Regionally or Nationally Accredited College or University, you can get up to **\$1004 a month** (current rates) to cover education benefits, including high-tech or vocational-technical programs. It all adds up to a total benefit of **over \$36,000**. But don't delay in using the GI Bill — these benefits are usually good only up to 10 years after separation from the military. You qualify for the MGIB if: You contribute \$100 a month for the first 12 months you are in active duty, or qualify under VEAP conversion, AND you are Honorably Discharged, AND you have completed High School or have an equivalency certificate before you apply for benefits, AND you have served at least 2 years on active duty; however, you don't qualify if: You declined the ADMGIB in writing upon entry to active duty; You were commissioned through a Service Academy (West Point, Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy, etc.) Exception: If you qualified for the ADMGIB because of a previous term of enlistment, you don't lose it by graduating from a service academy; You were commissioned through an ROTC Scholarship and received more than \$2,000 in ROTC scholarship funds in any one academic year (Note: This changed to \$3,400 per year effective Dec. 27, 2001).

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

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

The Promotion System

As we enter the new cycle of Promotion Package preparation, now is the time for **ALL** Noncommissioned Officers to take the time to read NY ARNG 600-2 and refresh themselves on the ins and outs of the Promotion System within the New York Army National Guard.

The reason I emphasized all NCO's is that I often wonder why the Enlisted Personnel Management (EPM) Branch at the HQ's in Latham constantly sees the same errors and gets the same inquiries year after year. I would like to say that these errors only occur in the E-4 to E-5 Select, Train, Assign and Promote packages (STAP, as we tend to call it) but I would not be telling the truth. Problems are encountered in STAP packages at every grade. The problem with this is that it indicates that we, as NCO's, aren't reading or adhering to the regulation. I often make the comment that "if NCO's cannot take care of themselves, how are these NCO's taking care of Soldiers?". Although Commanders are responsible for the promotion process, First Sergeants and the Command Sergeants' Major are the quality control managers for the preparation process. As the STAP packages move through the Chain of Command, any error must be noted and corrected. Better yet, if done properly, there should be very few errors on packages that leave the battalion level.

EPM is constantly seeking more efficient ways to administer the Promotion System. They now have the NY ARNG Form 4100 in electronic format allowing unit administrators the ability to get the forms for their unit members. Additionally, the Promotion List is now being sent out electronically which allows company and detachment sized units access to the list in lieu of waiting for the battalion to send a copy. In the near future, EPM plans to have the list out on a "Read Only" website that will be maintained daily allowing units to be able to view the most current promotion list without needing a paper list that becomes obsolete when the first change occurs.

Since promotions affect every single Soldier in our ranks, I again ask that all Noncommissioned Officers obtain and re-read (or read for the first time) NY ARNG 600-2 so that you can better serve yourself and your Soldiers. □

Two More Warriors Fall in Iraq

New York's 108th Infantry Suffers Painful Losses in Ongoing Struggle

SAMARRA, IRAQ

By Lt. Col. Paul Fanning
Guard Times Staff

Two more valiant members of the NY Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry fell during combat operations in separate October incidents.

Sergeant Michael Uvanni, 27 of Rome, fell from a sniper's bullet during offensive operations to rid insurgents from the city of Samarra, inside the Sunni Triangle on October 1. He was assigned to Bravo Company.

Specialist Segun Akintade, age 34, a naturalized American citizen, who resided in Brooklyn, died on October 28 when his patrol from Company A was ambushed by insurgents armed with an Improvised Explosive Device and small arms.

To date, the battalion has now lost a total of three Soldiers. Private First Class Nathan Brown of South Glens Falls assigned to Company C died on April 11th. All three were highly regarded members of their respective units with very different and inspiring personal stories.

Sergeant Michael Uvanni —Leader

Sergeant Uvanni served five years on active duty with the US Marine Corps, served for a period in the Marines Corps Reserve and then joined the local NY National Guard unit in Rome—Company D, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry. His loss on October 1st was especially painful in that he had only recently arrived in theater. The former Marine mortar man was assigned to the battalion's Utica-based Headquarters Company but was sent forward as a replacement for Company B. He left home in August to a heroes' send off sponsored by his family. He was in Iraq about a month when he was struck down.

"He was only there a matter of weeks," said Laurie Cahill, whose husband James is also serving in Iraq with the battalion. "Jim said that the troops looked up to him and that all realized he was truly a leader and more than capable of handling any assignment given him," she said.

During the fighting for Samarra, a CNN reporter was embedded with the unit. A

full report was broadcast on October 15th, which included scenes of a memorial service for Sergeant Uvanni held by his unit. According to the report, he was the only soldier lost during the fighting for Samarra.

Specialist Segun Akintade —Pursuing an American Dream

Specialist Akintade immigrated to the United States in the mid 1990s from Nigeria. He settled in Brooklyn, went to college, got a job and joined the National Guard. He was officially naturalized in 2003 but proudly joined ten other members of his company in an Oath of Citizenship ceremony as part of the battalion's send off event at Fort Drum on February 7th, 2004.

To members of his unit, Specialist Akintade exemplified the "New American" Citizen-Soldier. He was outspoken for his love of freedom and the American way of life. His enlistment in the Guard on March 9, 2001 was inspired by a deep sense of pride, appreciation and determination. On September 11, 2001, as mayhem and destruction was wrought in New York City, Akintade began his first day of Basic Training at the United States Army Infantry School.

He served diligently as a member of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 105th Infantry, until mobilized with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry.

According to a biography generated by his unit, Akintade loved being a soldier. He took pride in being the best machine gunner in First Platoon and Alpha Company. He was an expert marksman with the M240B machine gun, as well as a recipient of the Army Physical Fitness Patch.

Full Military Honors, Community Respect

The news of the loss of each Soldier was received with great sorrow in the affected communities and sympathy towards the family. Specialist Akintade's mother and siblings reside in Nigeria. A Marine Corps officer assigned to the US embassy delivered the news to them in Lagos. The mother requested that he be buried in his adopted country and the embassy secured visas for the family to come to the US for the funeral. Both the Akintade and Uvanni families requested military honors for their



Sgt. Michael Uvanni, above left, in Samarra, Iraq. (File photo)



Sgt. Michael Uvanni
Mar. 13, 1977—Oct. 1, 2004



Spc. Segun Akintade
Dec. 24, 1969—Oct. 28, 2004



Spc. Segun Akintade was one of 11 Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry whom were sworn in as United States citizens at the 2-108th departure ceremony at Ft. Drum on Feb. 7. (File photo)

loved ones.

Family Readiness Group representatives performed an active role in supporting the families behind the scenes and in conjunction with the military Casualty Assistance Officer from the Guard. Other veteran and community groups also reached out, especially in Rome for the Uvanni family.

Military honors were carried out by the NY Army National Guard and included an

honor guard, firing party, taps and a fly over at the cemetery. Each Soldier's mother was presented with the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals and the New York State Medal for Valor on behalf of their lost son. Both Soldiers had been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Sergeant Uvanni was buried in St. John's Cemetery in Rome and Specialist Akintade was buried in Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island. □

Joint Operation Nets massive Weapons Cache

New York Army National Guard Soldiers from the 2-108th Infantry Regiment Provide Supporting Role in Joint Operation

TAJI, IRAQ

By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel
122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

More than 400 rockets, 7,275 rounds of anti-aircraft ammunition and one U.S. tube-launched optically-tracked wire-guided missile were just the tip of the iceberg during a recent weapons cache discovery north of Baghdad.

"We would begin digging in a new area and we just kept finding stuff," said the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment senior Iraqi National Guard advisor Capt. Mark Leslie, of the First Team's 39th Brigade Combat Team.

The discovery began with a tip from a reluctant informant. Rumors had circulated within the Iraqi National Guard camp of a citizen who knew where a very large cache of weapons was located, but fear for his life kept him from speaking with multinational forces.

"Once word got back to us, we began trying to get Soldiers with the ING to bring this guy to talk to us. But the gentleman just wasn't having any of it," said ING advisor Staff Sgt. Ronald Denton, of 2-7 Cav.'s Headquarters Company.

Known locally as a fair and honest person, the commander of Company D, 307th ING Battalion finally convinced the man to speak with him and to ultimately work with Multi-National Forces to recover the cache.

"Had it not been for the reputation of Lt. Col. Waleed within the community, I really don't think we would have ever found the cache," Denton said.

After the information was obtained, Company D, 307th ING Battalion and supporting troopers from 2-7 Cavalry gathered up detection equipment and headed to the location.

"The location of the first site put us in the far northern

region of 2-7 Cav.'s area of operation (AO)," explained ING advisor Sgt. 1st Class Robert Haney of Company A, 2-7 Cav. "The initial cache discovery was exactly where the informant said it would be. But as we started spreading out, we kept finding more cache sites."

Fanning out from the original location, Soldiers would eventually discover 12 sites, each within one kilometer of the original. The total amount of items discovered was staggering; 12 SS-30 127-millimeter rockets with launchers, 20 rocket mortars, multiple, varying intensity mortar rounds and other various armaments.

As the Soldiers began loading the discovered items for transport back to Camp Taji, the ING noticed that something just didn't seem right.

"You've really got to attribute the success of this mission to the ING," said Leslie. "They live in the areas we're going to, so they know when something looks off. People are more willing to come up to them, talk to them and give them information we would probably not get. As we were drawing close to moving back to Taji they came up to us and voiced their concerns, and asked that we increase our search area a bit more."

Working off the ING's suspicion, the Troopers set to increasing their search radius, moving further and further away from the initial site. Soon enough, the search paid off.

"We found what appeared to be another significant cache location just a few [kilometers] away from the first sight," said Leslie. "At that point, a quick look at our maps and we realized we were moving outside the 1st Cavalry Division's AO into areas maintained by the 1st Infantry Division."

Securing the site for the evening, wheels were set in motion to secure permission to cross AO boundaries.

"As soon as we got back to Camp Taji, we started contacting 2nd of the 108th [the command responsible for the area] to get permission to go into their AO," Leslie said.

Even more than granting permission, 2nd of the 108th, a New York National Guard Infantry Regiment attached to the 1st ID, sent elements to assist in the security and excavation of the site."

"This is how joint operations are supposed to work," said Haney. "You request permission, it gets approved and they send Soldiers down to help with the mission. That's Army teamwork!" The second day of search operations revealed a much more significant find in terms of items seized as well as the five individuals who were detained for later questioning.

"We found so many mortar rounds, it was just unreal," said Denton. "And the amount of [Improvised Explosive Device] (IED) making material, and the list just goes on."

Included in the discovery that day was more than 150 pounds of PE-4 explosive, the explosive favored by Anti-Iraqi Forces in the construction of Vehicle Borne IEDs that have targeted Multi-National Forces and civilians alike.

Three heavy dump trucks were needed to haul the entire cache contents back to Camp Taji where it will be disposed of. "Everything came together like it's supposed to on this operation," Leslie said. "Everybody worked together in a joint [operation] that should make residents of Camp Taji and Camp Anaconda sleep a little easier knowing we have denied the enemy these tools of destruction." □



Soldiers of the Iraq National Guard, 2/7 Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division and 2nd of the 208th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, load confiscated armaments onto the back of a dump truck during a recent weapons cache discovery near the village of Markarim. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Baebourg)

Rainbow Division Soldiers Work on the Railroad – to Deploy

Railhead Operations Send 42nd Infantry Division Equipment South to Philadelphia

FORT DRUM

By Staff Sgt. Raymond Drumsta
42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Rainbow Division Soldiers have turned their vehicles into rolling stock for their final destination—Iraq, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

Division Soldiers conducted the first of three railhead operations here on Sunday, Sept. 26, loading their first group of vehicles—160 in all, including trucks, trailers, and track vehicles—onto railroad flatcars for shipment to Kuwait. It was another milestone along the Rainbow

Division's road from mobilization to deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3, according to Maj. Edward Walther, officer in charge of the railhead operation.

"This is the first railhead operation for the 42nd Infantry Division since World War II," said Walther. "This is the first time since World War II that the division, in its entirety, is rolling."

Roll they did. Rainbow Soldiers mustered

before dawn Sunday to stage their vehicles near the rail yard. Wearing Kevlar helmets, reflective belts, and gloves the Soldiers worked until late afternoon, driving Humvees, 5-ton trucks and armored personnel carriers onto narrow flatbed railcars—a potentially dangerous task,

according to Walther.

"You're basically driving down a railcar," Walther said. "Any one of the vehicles can slip off."

Soldiers stationed on each railcar ground-guided vehicles down the railcars and kept drivers safe and on track. In the Indian summer afternoon, the Soldiers transformed the railcars into a vast, mobile 42nd Infantry Division motor pool. Walther said the Soldiers made the mission a success, despite their inexperience with railhead operations.

"Very few people argued," he said. "The cooperation was exceptional. There were some lessons learned. Bottom line—the vehicles were loaded, and no one got hurt."

Walther also praised the expertise of the civilian employees.

"Whatever they said to do, we did. The safety briefing was excellent."

The vehicles will go by rail to Philadelphia, where civilian stevedores will drive them aboard ships and stow them with other unit

equipment, including 42nd Infantry Division equipment containers and helicopters. The helicopters will be partially disassembled and shrink-wrapped for the nearly month-long voyage, according to Maj. Bernie Spoerri, a 42nd Infantry Division transportation officer.

About a dozen division Soldiers will travel with the equipment aboard each ship, added Spoerri. These Soldiers, called 'supercargoes', will routinely check the vehicles for leaks or other problems during the ocean crossing. The equipment will be off-loaded by Soldiers in Kuwait and placed in a marshalling area to await 42nd Infantry Division Soldiers.

The railhead operations will be completed next week. "This is another step to deployment," said Walther.

"We trained with our equipment. Now our equipment is being shipped. We'll marry up with our equipment in Kuwait and move forward into Iraq." □

"We'll marry up with our equipment in Kuwait and move forward into Iraq."

Soldier first New York National Guardsman to Deploy to Afghanistan with Army Corps of Engineers

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

By Carolyn Vadino

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs

Maj. Scott Cleaveland, from the Joint Forces Headquarters located in Latham has become the state's first National Guard Soldier to deploy overseas to Afghanistan with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Maj. Cleaveland is currently supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Kabul and works as program manager and liaison officer between the Corps and the Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

"I knew I wanted to do something having been deployed shortly after Sept. 11, 2001 to New York City and later to support Homeland Defense/Security in support of New York City's Mass Transit Authority and Bridge and Tunnel Authority," Cleaveland, a native New Yorker from Oneonta said. "The 204th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) was partially mobilized



Maj. Scott Cleaveland, NY Joint Forces Headquarters, in Afghanistan. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Calvin Williams, Army Corps of Engineers)

to Iraq and Afghanistan, leaving half of us behind."

But mobilizing a National Guard Soldier to work for a federal agency wasn't easy.

According to Major Cleaveland, it took nearly four months and several high-ranking officers in the Corps, National Guard Bureau and his state headquarters to get all the paperwork in order.

While some soldiers may find it difficult to work with civilians, particularly in a combat zone like Kabul, the major says it is just like working back at the Joint Forces Headquarters.

"The National Guard has different contracting procedures (than the Corps), but outside of the terminology, it is easy to pick up the difference," he said discussing the slight change working for the Corps of Engineers.

Cleaveland, who volunteered for this tour, is responsible for developing infrastructure planning and programming requirements for the Corps main \$575 million Afghanistan National Army Program, which is helping to stabilize the country of Afghanistan.

"I think in order for this country to stand on its own they need a military modeled after our military to sustain itself," he said. "The type of work we are doing promotes

that."

"We are building the Afghanistan National Army's infrastructure from the ground up," he said. "We are building barracks, dining facilities, administration buildings, logistical facilities, maintenance facilities, training ranges, power generating plants, water and waste water treatments plants, all the things you would commonly see on our military installations back home, in strategic locations across Afghanistan."

In the time Maj. Cleaveland has been in country he has seen major progress made in terms of construction and rebuilding.

"There is major construction going on here not just on military installations and it is a sign of progress," he said. "In the limited time since I have been here, there has been tremendous growth in civilian construction across the country. This is clearly an indicator that the people of Afghanistan are committed to rebuilding their country and lasting peace after more than 25 years of war."

Maj. Cleaveland is scheduled to return to New York in early December. □

New York Yankees Show Support for the Troops

FORWARD OPERATING BASE O'RYAN, IRAQ

By Capt. Geoffrey Cramer

Forward Operating Base O'Ryan

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-108 Infantry of the New York Army National Guard recently received a morale boost and a sign of appreciation from the New York Yankees.

It all started with their company commander. One of Capt. Geoff Cramer's coworkers back in Albany, New York, knew that he was a big Yankee fan and that the team has a patriotic tradition of supporting soldiers.

Yankee stadium is the only ball park that still plays "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch and has at every home game since September 11, 2001.

The Yankees also allow service members free entry into home games when they present their military ID card at the gate the day of the game.

Capt. Cramer's coworker, Linda Sherman, wrote to the president of Yankee Fan Relations, Mr. Robert Bernstein. She explained that HHC, 2-108 Infantry was from New York's own Army National Guard and many of the Soldiers are Yankee fans. Mr. Bernstein then contacted Capt. Cramer via e-mail.

Mr. Bernstein sent Capt. Cramer an e-mail asking if there was anything the New York Yankees could do to show their support to the troops. Capt. Cramer responded that the troops would like some baseball hats. Mr. Bernstein responded to the request by sending the unit more than 800 free Yankee hats and numerous boxes of Yankees magazine.

In addition, he also offered to give soldiers free updates from Yankees.com online. Mr. Bernstein also wishes to arrange a Soldier appreciation day in the spring of 2005,

when the unit redeploys back to New York.

The Soldiers' response to getting free hats from the Yankees has been overwhelming. There were enough hats to distribute to all the tenants of Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, to include the 141st Engineers from North Dakota. Although not everyone was a Yankee fan, they all think a lot more of the generosity of the Yankee organization.

Even some of the Boston Red Sox fans were impressed with the way the Yankees have demonstrated their support for New York's own Soldiers here. The hats have also been given to visitors to FOB O'Ryan such as Brig. Gen. Morgan, the 1st Infantry Division Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver. He is a native New Yorker and a Yankee fan far from home.

Unfortunately, due to the environment the soldiers are in, the Soldiers only wear their hats indoors inside their living areas, but they are a welcome change of headgear. The details are yet to be worked out, but the soldiers all look

forward to getting home and seeing a real live Yankee game in person at the stadium. Capt. Cramer, interviewed via FM radio, stated "The soldiers appreciate what the Yankee organization did to show their support for soldiers here in Iraq."

Some of the Headquarters Company and Bravo Company soldiers posed for a photo, taken on August 16, wearing their Yankee hats. Unfortunately, the operational tempo has not allowed everyone to be in the same place for a photo.

The photos that were taken are being sent to Mr. Bernstein of the Yankees. He has promised to get the pictures on the large Diamond-Vision screen at Yankee Stadium during a home game and plans to send back a photo to show how Yankee fans support the troops in Iraq.

The best part was showing the few Red Sox fans here that the Yankees once again are the best team to root for in baseball. □



Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, Iraq—Soldiers from Headquarters Company and Bravo Company here posed for a photo Aug. 16, wearing the Yankee hats sent to them in Iraq by the NY Yankees organization. (Courtesy photo)

GuardHELP Gives Lift to Adirondack Community

LATHAM

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

Whiteface Mountain manager, Jay Rand, stands in a clearing at the base of Whiteface Mountain on a September morning looking with anticipation towards the eastern Adirondack skyline. Directly beside him lingers a ten-ton spool of cable so thick in diameter, you could not wrap both hands around it. Roughly eight miles away and 3000 feet above him is the summit of Whiteface.

"They should arrive soon, I called..." said Rand.

As if in reply, and barely audible, the double thump-thump sound of a CH-47 Chinook slowly emerges through the fall foliage and cold morning air. The NY Army National Guard has arrived, and although their progress grows slowly louder, the helicopter breaks the tree line suddenly and unexpectedly. It cuts toward the clearing, hovers above the spool, then turns toward the mountain's peak, climbing and shrinking until it blends and disappears. But soon it returns, this time to land. Kicking up soil and debris, the wheels touch ground and the propellers start to slow, then stop altogether.

Soldiers from Detachment 1, Gulf Company 137th Army Aviation Support Facility #2 in Rochester, NY, landed at Whiteface Mountain Sept. 29 to repair a damaged power cable at its summit and support New York State's Olympic Regional Development Authority and Department of Conservation.

The project was part of the New York

National Guard's GuardHELP program, which provides non-emergency support to communities through its unique skill, equipment and capabilities.

"GuardHELP allows our troops to serve their fellow New Yorkers not just in time of war or emergency but throughout the year," said Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire Jr., Adjutant General. The General added that projects like these provide the Guard with an opportunity to perform their military training and, at the same time, make a lasting contribution to community projects throughout the state. "GuardHELP is another example of how the Guard in New York State is more active, ready and relevant than ever before." And Whiteface Mountain shows that NY guardmembers can fight abroad and serve the homeland simultaneously.

"Incredible force," said Rand when speaking of the CH-47. "If anything was more impressive than the chopper, it was the crew's ability to get the job done," he added.

The CH-47 crew included Chief Warrant Officer 5 Frank Rotella, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy J. Hadsall, Staff Sgt. Michael Labelle and Staff Sgt. Daniel Krebs. Their job was to lift the cable and place it atop the mountain.



One of four cable links connecting the NY Army National Guard's CH-47 to the Whiteface community's 19,000 lb. spool of cable through GuardHELP. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

"It was intense," said CH-47 pilot, Chief Hadsall.

"Every member of this crew had a very specific responsibility to ensure the successful outcome of this lift." He explained that the drop area allowed for next to zero error in load placement, and he stressed the complexity of being at the helicopter's maximum gross weight, along with high altitude and mountainous terrain, made the challenge much greater. "We were no longer than seven minutes attempting to place the load, but it felt like a lifetime considering..." he said.

At four thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven feet tall, Whiteface Mountain is the fifth highest mountain in the Adirondacks, and it's the only Adirondack high peak with road access to its summit—a WWI veteran's memorial highway descends eight miles into the town of Wilmington, NY.

Built during the Great Depression and



Reaching the 4,867 foot summit, a CH-47 from NY Army Aviation Support Facility #2 lifts a spool of power cable towards Whiteface mountain overlook. Although the winds at the summit measured 25 knots, the aircrew set the cable down with no problems. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

dedicated by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the mountain's overlook allows a 360-degree view of the surrounding Adirondack wilderness. Additionally, the mountain was dedicated to the Army's 10th Mountain Division upon opening as a ski area in 1958.

"The original cable was installed just prior to the 1980 Olympic Games," said Rand. He went on to say that the 1,200 foot cable supplies all electrical power to the mountain's summit, which includes its elevator, restaurant and Atmospheric Science and Research Center. "Electrical power is supplied to a number of repeaters," which are used by Federal and State agencies. "The project was extremely important to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Northern New York," said Rand.

"The training benefit of this mission was invaluable," said Chief Hadsall. "This was a true test of our aviation skills and a great confidence builder for crewmembers."

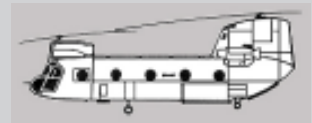
GuardHELP has not just climbed mountains at Whiteface this year. Soldiers from the Third Battalion 142nd Aviation Regiment, Latham, also provided airlift with a UH-60 Black hawk helicopter, removing abandoned vehicles from the Pine Bush Nature Preserve.

"It's great when the Guard can help the local communities through GuardHELP as we did here..." said Chief Hadsall

"I am extremely proud that even with the

many missions we have performed and continue to perform since September 11th, we are still able to honor our commitments to these very worthy GuardHELP projects," said Maj. Gen. Maguire. □

Guard Facts: CH-47 Chinook



Max gross weight: 50,000 lbs.

Empty weight: 23,401 lbs.

Max speed: 184 m.p.h.

Normal cruise speed: 137 m.p.h.

Rate of climb: 1,522 ft./min.

Rotor system: 3 manual-folding blades per hub (2 hubs); 225 revolutions per minute; 60 ft. rotor span

Troop capacity: 36 (33 troops plus 3 crew members)

Litter capacity: 24

Sling-load capacity: 26,000 lbs. center hook; 17,000 lbs. forward/aft hook; 25,000 lbs. tandem

Minimum crew: 3 (pilot, copilot and flight engineer)



CH-47 pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Timothy J. Hadsall, left, shakes hands with Whiteface mountain manager, Jay Rand, right. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

9-11 'Never Forget' Flag Presented to 42nd Infantry Division, Task Force Liberty

FORT DRUM

By Maj. Richard Goldenberg
42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division task force, known as Task Force Liberty, momentarily paused from their deployment preparations on September 11th to remember the tragic events of three years ago. Part of the division ceremony at Fort Drum included a presentation to the command of the 9-11 remembrance flag, depicting the 42nd Infantry Division's new motto, "Never Forget."

"We stand here today, three years after that terrible day, to remember the sacrifice and devotion of so many Rainbow Soldiers," said Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the 42nd Infantry Division Commander to the more

than one hundred assembled Soldiers.

Soldiers from the Rainbow Division were among the first military responders at the World Trade Center site on September 11th, 2001. The division would later assume command and control of the entire New York National Guard joint task force for response and recovery in lower Manhattan. The National Guard response in New York City would reach more than 1,800 Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines in the days and weeks following the attacks.

The 9-11 "Never Forget" flag was designed and produced for the 42nd Infantry Division by Gwendolyn Loiacono from the Cono Flags Company in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The flag is based on her 9-11 Remembrance Flag, produced and sold commercially in order to raise funds for the 9-11 victims and their families.

"When such an historical event takes place, it is our duty as American citizens to ensure that our future generations keep these memories alive," Loiacono added.

"The flags are intended for the families who lost loved ones, the survivors, the rescue workers, the Armed Forces who are passionately fighting to keep our country free from terrorism," describes Loiacono, "they are for anyone who has been directly affected by the events of September 11th, 2001."

Soldiers gathered at the Fort Drum commemoration were the first to see the Rainbow Division's "Never Forget" flag and hear of its symbolism from the task force commander.

"The red background of the flag symbolizes the lives lost and blood shed by our fellow Americans ... past, present and future," Maj. Gen. Taluto told the assembled Soldiers. The 42nd Division lost two of its citizen-Soldiers on that September day, a New York City firefighter, and the other a member of the World Trade Center security staff.

"The pentagon and towers represent three of the most recognized structures ever built on U.S. soil," he continued, "The twin towers may be out of our sight, but they will never be out of our minds."

The stars symbolize the airplanes that were needlessly sacrificed on that September day. The single star outside the Pentagon and towers represents the brave passengers who diverted the one plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, saving countless others.

The blue circle surrounding the pentagon and towers represents the unity of the American people after the terror attacks. Instead of fear and helplessness, Americans united together to respond, to comfort those in grief, and to recover.

"Once America removes the memories, the risk of another 9-11 will surely occur," wrote Ms. Loiacono to the Rainbow Soldiers. "'Never Forget' is a perfect message to send out around the world."

Maj. Gen. Taluto also presented the 9-11 "Never Forget" flag to each of Task Force Liberty's brigade commanders following the division's successful mission readiness exercise on September 20th, 2004. Commanders from the 3rd Infantry Division's 1st and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams, the 116th Brigade Combat Team, 278th Regimental Combat Team, the 42nd Aviation Brigade, Engineer Brigade, Division Artillery and Division Support Command received the "Never Forget" flags to fly at their respective command posts in Iraq.

"Our division slogan, "Never Forget," represents more than our commitment after September 11th," Taluto told the Task Force Liberty Soldiers. "As the 42nd Division continues to move forward, we must never forget the sacrifice of those Soldiers who came before us. We must never forget the Rainbow Soldiers who liberated thousands at Dachau during World War II. We must never forget how our division first formed in 1917 from a diverse group of National Guard units to serve in World War I, much the same way that Task Force Liberty now prepares for our role in the Global War on Terror," he said.

Rainbow Division units mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom include the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters Company, the Aviation and Engineer Brigade Headquarters, the Division Artillery Headquarters, Division Support Command Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 150th General Aviation Support Battalion, 50th Main Support Battalion, 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion, 250th Signal Battalion, 642nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 42nd Military Police Company, 272nd Chemical Company, 42nd Division Band, Battery E (Target Acquisition), 101st Field Artillery, 42nd Rear Operations Cell and 173rd Long Range Surveillance Detachment.

The Soldiers in the Task Force Liberty will deploy to Iraq later this year. **RAINBOW,...NEVERFORGET! □**



Rainbow Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division display their "Never Forget" flag. Commanders from the 3rd Infantry Division's 1st and 3rd Brigade Combat Teams, the 116th Brigade Combat Team, 278th Regimental Combat Team, the 42nd Aviation Brigade, Engineer Brigade, Division Artillery and Division Support Command received the "Never Forget" flags to fly at their respective command posts in Iraq. (Photo courtesy of the 42nd Infantry Division)

Finance Detachments Honored with Freedom Salute

WHITESTONE ARMORY

Pfc. Timothy Tamburello
138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the 27th Finance Battalion/14th Finance Detachment received awards for enlisting, reenlisting and for the Freedom Salute Campaign Oct. 3 in a ceremony held on the armory's drill floor.

Brig. Gen. Michael Swezey, Commander, New York Army National Guard presented the servicemembers who enlisted and reenlisted with a certificate of appreciation in

recognition of their decision and sense of duty to join or extend their service in the guard.

The general also presented each of the awardees for the

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard Campaign endeavors in history.

Freedom Salute Campaign with an encased American flag, a lapel insignia, a sequentially numbered commemorative coin and certificate of appreciation from Lt. Col. Roger

Schultz, Director, Army National Guard, and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Lever, enlisted advisor, Army National Guard. The Soldier's spouse/significant other received a lapel insignia. The Soldier's children were given a future Soldier foot locker kit that includes the daring eagle board game, mission command card game and Army National Guard trading cards. The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard Campaign endeavors in history. The National Guard launched the campaign in December 2003. It recognizes Soldiers and thanks their spouses, children and employers who have shown great support during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. □

Airmen Crate medical equipment for Refugees

STRATTON ANGB, SCOTIA

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

With a hospital full of dusty medical equipment, thousands of refugees needing medical treatment and the Gulf of Mexico in between, a small mission upstate recently called upon Airmen to aid in a miracle.

"I feel blessed to have met this group," said Sister Deb. She looks across the broken down remains of what was once an emergency room as sharp clanking and banging sounds echo through an open doorway on her right. Something large and heavy is being lifted. "I don't know how we could have accomplished this without them."

Sister Deb, or Debbie Blow, executive director for the North Country Mission of Hope, has an ongoing mission to provide humanitarian assistance in Nicaragua. On this day, that mission includes working with members of the N.Y. Air National Guard.

A mix of units here to include a total of seventeen Airmen provided assistance to the mission Oct. 25 through Oct. 27 to send medical supplies and equipment to Nicaraguan refugees.

Support for the project poured in from military and community, and the mission received everything needed to get the equipment sailing...

Stratton, home of the 109th Airlift Wing whose ski-equipped LC-130s land at the North and South poles, was the closest base available with the required equipment and skills to complete the task.

"The Wing has a rather large Plattsburgh alumni...we had three individuals who were previously stationed at Plattsburgh Air Force Base on this exercise," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Schaible, Aerial Port Supervisor.

Airmen from the Aerial Port, Vehicle Maintenance, Supply,



Empty hallways and rooms are all that remain of the Air Force's 308th Medical Group at the closed Plattsburgh Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, N.Y. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)



Staff Sgt. Rick Cowsert, 109AW, walks by a pair of operating tables that are destined for Nicaragua. Airmen from Stratton ANGB helped prepare the equipment taken from the closed Plattsburgh AFB hospital for sea-lift. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

Civil Engineer and Operations groups helped remove, prepare, package and ship the medical equipment and supplies, which included X-ray equipment, operating tables, auto claves, dental chairs, mammography machines and other large medical equipment and supplies from the now closed Plattsburgh AFB Hospital for humanitarian assistance in Nicaragua.

The group trucked the equipment from the deserted four-story hospital to a staging area on Plattsburgh's flightline, there they prepared and loaded the equipment into containers for sea-lift.

clipboard and looks into one of six shipping containers being loaded by the Airmen.

"They are extremely respectful of what we are trying to do here," she said, and she starts to review her count of what has been loaded so far.

"PARC has donated those transformers to ensure the equipment has a steady power supply," she adds while pointing across the loading area. "They also gave us generators, refrigerators and a stove."



Shrink-wrapped for shipping, Medical scales are a forklift away from sea-lift to Nicaragua. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

PARC (Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation) has managed the base since 1995, after a round of base closures nationwide. A memory of the cold war, the base is now transforming into a 5,000 acre industrial park.

When the Mission of Hope was informed of the availability of the hospital equipment, they had little time to act—the outdated equipment was slated for destruction because it did not comply with current U.S. regulations. (The final fate of the building has yet to be decided.)

"The reality is that what's state of the art in Nicaragua is not good here," said sister Deb.

It's lunchtime on the second day of the Airmen's arrival, and she has just returned from bringing them sandwich meat, bread, chips and soda donated from the local community. She added that requests and paperwork for the project were fast tracked with help of state and federal

"We are making custom crates for the larger, more important machines," said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Chico, civil engineer. He walks across the sawdust covered floor of a make shift wood shop to grab an old hospital mattress, which will be used to protect the side of a mammography machine. "A lot of people want to make sure this particular piece makes it down there undamaged."

The items will be shipped to the country free of charge through the Department of Defense's Denton Program, which is a logistics program that transports U.S. aid worldwide by land, sea and air within the Defense Transportation System.

"The hospital had been closed for nine years and was pretty musty," said Sergeant Schaible. He added that the basement was a little eerie due to its low lighting.

An advance party of six Airmen arrived at the hospital on Oct. 25 to organize how the group should remove four floors of equipment in two days. The remaining Airmen arrived the following morning and quickly got to work using hand trucks, carts and a forklift brought up from Stratton for use in the mission.

"We came to assist the Mission of Hope, but I think I speak for all 109th personnel who helped out that we gained as well in this endeavor," said Sergeant Schaible.

"We had to tell them to take some time off," said Connie Miller, Mission of Hope Secretary. She leans over her

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Air Guard Aircraft Impress Crowds in South Africa

NEWBURGH

By Staff Sgt. John Gassler
105th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs

They were daunted by the size of the C-5 Galaxy transport and KC-135 Stratotanker and mesmerized by the sleek, bold designs of the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

So it was easy for crowds of children and military enthusiasts to swarm to members of the New York Air National Guard showcasing their aircraft for the first time at the South African Aerospace Exhibition at Waterkloof Air Force Base here Sept. 25.

"People at the air show couldn't get enough of our aircraft, aircrews or maintainers, and we couldn't get enough of them," said Maj. Jody Ankabrandt, New York Air National Guard public affairs officer. "Words can't express how much we enjoyed being here in Pretoria, representing the Air Force, New York and the Air National Guard. It was a cultural learning experience we'll never forget."

South of the equator, some 7,800 miles from home, four U.S. aircraft along with their crews sat among an assortment of fighter jets and cargo transport planes from around the world. Biplanes performed aerial acrobatics. Parachutists jumped from the sky and hovered to the ground waving South African flags. And for New Yorkers and South Africans alike, the event was a memorable experience.

"The minute we arrived, I was overwhelmed by the support and hospitality of the South African people," said Maj. Tim Morgan, C-5 aircraft commander from the 105th

Airlift Wing in Newburgh, N.Y. "At the air show, everyone asked us questions about our jobs and the C-5. A number of people requested autographs on T-shirts and hats, or wanted us to take pictures with them by the aircraft. Supportwise, anything we needed we received. It was a great time," he said.

From a South African point of view, Monty Mashu from Centurion Lake offered his perspective. "Everyone from New York at the air show made me feel welcome," he said. "When I had questions, they were answered with kindness and professionalism. Even my son, Habbitt, 20, who came with me now wants to be a fighter pilot. I told him to keep studying his math, then maybe he can fly a plane."

The air show, largest on the African continent, was open to the public Sept. 24-25 and attracted more than 200,000 spectators. Everyone from the oldest aviation aficionado to the youngest toddler couldn't spend enough time with, or snap enough pictures of, the 40-plus aircrew members and maintenance personnel from New York.

"I spoke to so many people while giving walk-around tours of our F-16 that I nearly lost my voice," said Maj. Elmer Lunderman, an F-16 instructor pilot from the 174th Fighter Wing in Syracuse, N.Y. "But talking to the kids and seeing their smiles was worth it. I think as a state we made a great impression, and hopefully we'll be back," he added.

New York's representation at the South African aerospace exhibition was made possible through the State Partnership Program, a National Guard initiative that aligns American states with countries around the world. The SPP encourages the development of economic, political and military ties between U.S. states and partner nations.

"The New York National Guard is deeply committed to its relationship with South Africa," said Maj. Richard Sloma, New York State Partnership Program coordinator. "It's an opportunity for our airmen to participate in exciting events, share cultural experiences and interact with their South African National Defense colleagues. It's our intention to maintain a program of bilateral visits in the future." □



Pretoria, South Africa — Airmen of the 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, load an F-16 Fighting Falcon into a C-5 Galaxy for a flight home to the United States. They participated in the South African Aerospace Exhibition at Waterkloof Air Force Base here. (Photo by Sgt. Matthew Johnson)

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Medical equipment, from previous page

officials who realized the potential benefits the equipment could provide for the Nicaraguans.

"Everything came together quickly."

Support for the project poured in from military and community, and the mission received everything needed to get the equipment sailing, from pallet and packaging material to food for those moving and crating equipment.

"It's amazing how everything has fallen into place," she said. She went on to say that medical professionals from the local community also volunteered to check out the equipment and ensure it was safe and usable.

"Everything we are sending, we know works good," she said.

Additionally, a local equipment calibrator volunteered to test the equipment and will travel to Nicaragua to train locals when the equipment arrives on Nov. 25.

"They're the same people who serviced the equipment when this hospital was open," she added. "It seems beyond coincidence..." Some might even call it a miracle.

But the North Country Mission of Hope has seen miracles happen before. Thousands of children and their families

living in the most desperate situations in poverty-stricken Nicaragua have received help from the mission. According to the organization, volunteers and donations have assisted in many ways including medical and health care, educational scholarships, emergency food distribution, educational co-ops and building construction. This recent effort ends with the mission's 13th trip to Nicaragua—they began in 1998 after responding to Hurricane Mitch in the impoverished villages of Chiquilistagua and Monte Verde, Nicaragua.

On their last night together, the mission held a thank you dinner for the Airmen where they handed out certificates of appreciation and T-shirts to recognize the group's hard work.

Sergeant Schaible explained that, although the 109th Airlift Wing has Airmen fighting the War on Terror and is deeply involved in Antarctica supporting Operation Deep Freeze, Airmen were eagerly supplied to support the Mission of Hope. "The Guard can meet the needs of the Nation and State including humanitarian missions on the home front," he said. □

Off to a 'Galaxy' Far, Far Away

The 105th Airlift Wing swaps out its first C-5 after 20 years of strategic airlift service

STEWART ANGB, NEWBURGH

By Staff Sgt. John Gassler
105th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs



Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Rivera from the 105th Maintenance Squadron at Stewart ANGB stands in front of Aircraft # 00170, the first C-5 'Galaxy' retired from the Wing after more than 20 years of service in the air. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Guagenti, 105th Multimedia Department.)

numerous routine missions, aircraft 67000170 has flown high profile missions in support of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Just Cause.

How does the Air Force determine which C-5s to retire? In a recent analysis by the Air Force, along with the C-5 System Program Office (SPO) and Air Mobility Command (AMC), structural repair data, maintenance records, crash damage information and readiness data has been compiled and deciphered to determine which 14 of the current 122 serviceable C-5's in the Air Force fleet will be retired. Final determination of which specific aircraft were slated for the "Bone Yard" was based upon aircraft age and average maintenance hours expended on the airframe.

The first 11 out of 14 aging C-5's selected for retirements were also first production aircraft. In other words, they were originally manufactured by Lockheed Martin using

different processes than the remaining C-5A's, resulting in unique structural differences that require separate spare parts. The remaining three C-5As were ranked for retirement based on maintenance man-hours per year from 1997 to 2001.

To iron out problems associated with the retirements and transfers of C-5A's numerous meetings and conferences, both in person and via telecons, took place at the AMARC, WR-ALC and Scott AFB. The focus of those gatherings and virtual meetings were to determine future funding for the C-5 mission and equipment availability. Due to the C-5's size and the number of other aircraft retired to AMARC each month, it was determined that AMARC could handle one C-5 induction every 45 days. It costs an estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000 to retire a single aircraft, which gets paid by AMC.

In accordance with the Air Force's vision for a future force structure, AMC as already mentioned, will reduce the C-5 fleet by 14 airframes. That process, however, means other C-5's will be transferring between bases and major commands. The 105th received its aircraft swap from Travis AFB in late July.

According to retired Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Rivera, a former 105th Flightline Expeditor who also served as a Crew Chief on aircraft 67000170 from 1991 to 2004, the late C-5 was a reliable workhorse for the Air Force and the 105th Airlift Wing.

"For the amount of work that aircraft did, flying cargo and passengers around the world, it was dependable. Unfortunately, all airframes need to go sooner or later. Like anything else C-5's wear out. Having said that, the C-5 is a solid aviation masterpiece and the current fleet has plenty of service life remaining. That airframe was and still is the backbone of strategic airlift. It doesn't matter if the cargo is heavy or light, big or small, the C-5 will get whatever it has loaded inside to its final destination," Rivera said. □

Honoring Those Who Served

ALBANY

Story and photo by Spc. Dennis Gravelle
Guard Times Staff

From the playing of taps, the presentation of the American flag or comforting the next of kin, deceased veterans receive a deserving and final tribute from a grateful nation. The New York State Military Forces Honor Guard, made

for your country; we are very proud of the services we provide" stated Donald Roy, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator. "In most cases this is the first time a veterans' family is exposed to military soldiers without seeing it on television", he stated.

"Having the Honor Guard present signifies your honorable and faithful service did not go unnoticed," Roy stated. "It lets your family know how appreciated you are. Each month we receive thank you cards and letters from family members stating their

full honors and those veterans with an honorable discharge are eligible for modified honors. "Our teams are honored to be able to provide this to our veterans and their families, we take great pride in the performance of this duty", Roy stated.

"You deserve this final tribute and your family deserves to receive this Nations highest honor." As stated by Lt. Col. Boyd Fallwell, Chaplain and founder of Fallwell Ministries, Veterans of America Honor Guard. "The American flag is this Nations

highest honor, there is none higher. The American flag is offered by a grateful nation and the American Veterans who fought and died to preserve it. The Flag is given by the United States of America in memory of a loved one. It is for their honorable and faithful service to our beloved country. Don't let your family miss this Nations highest honor."

For more information relating to the New York State Military Forces Honor Guard go to www.dma.ny.us/honor/index.html. □

"Having the Honor Guard present signifies your honorable and faithful service did not go unnoticed..."

up of National Guard active and retired soldiers, was established in 1999 by Governor George E. Pataki and provides more than 500 military funeral honors each month.

"There is no higher sacrifice than dying

appreciation for this service and because of how sharp the soldiers look in their uniforms and their military bearing and politeness in these hard times."

Service members who die while on active duty and Medal of Honor recipients receive



From left, Sgt. 1st Class Robert C. Lynch (retired), Sgt. 1st Class Robert A. Lynch (retired), Staff Sgt. Edward Yuhasz (retired) and Spc. Gregory VanGelder.



Tightening the noose, on recon for a future Task Force-level operation, Spc. Terbelsi (interpreter) and Spc. Roberts (machinegunner), along with other Soldiers from the 2-108th Infantry Division air assaulted to an undisclosed location in Iraq. (Photo by Lt. Col. Mark Warnecke, Commander, Task Force 2-108th Infantry Division)

4th Personnel Detachment Ships Out

Active Duty-bound Army National Guard Unit Holds Farewell Ceremony

LATHAM

By Guard Times Staff

A farewell ceremony for Soldiers of the 4th Personnel Services Detachment was held on Oct. 28 here. The commanding general of the N.Y. Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. Michael Swezey addressed the gathering. The 4th Personnel Detachment is an administrative support unit here.

Nearly 18 of its Soldiers were activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom and will soon leave for their mobilization station for a tour of duty expected to last from one year, extendable up to two years.

The unit will be deployed into the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations in the near future following post mobilization training at Fort Dix, N.J. The troops are expected to be in theater for up to 12 months. □

DoD Announces Deployment Adjustments for Units in Iraq

WASHINGTON

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department will keep about 6,500 experienced troops on the ground through the Iraqi elections, currently scheduled for Jan. 27.

Soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and the 1st Infantry Division headquarters, both currently in Iraq, were officially told about the deployment adjustment by their commanders Oct. 28, according to a senior DoD official.

The affected troops had originally been slated for 10-month deployments. The official said these deployment time frames were part of a plan to stagger rotations to avoid overloading the military transportation and logistics systems.

As troops in Iraq were getting official word of the extension, members of the New York Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division headquarters learned Oct. 28 that their upcoming deployment will be adjusted by 30 to 60 days, the official said. The headquarters troops mobilized May 27 to train for their mission at Fort Drum, N.Y.

The DoD official said with an increase in violence and the shift of the Iraqi elections from early January to Jan. 27, Army Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, preferred to avoid swapping out a headquarters element during the critical Iraqi election period.

Casey made the official request in late September, and Army Gen. John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, made the decision Oct. 16, with the concurrence of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the official said.

The adjustments will keep an estimated 3,500 members of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, or "Blackjack Brigade," in Iraq an additional two months, not to exceed their "12-month boots-on-the-ground" goal, said the official.

Also, about 3,000 soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division headquarters, based in Wurzburg, Germany, will remain in Iraq for longer than initially planned. The "Big Red One" headquarters was originally scheduled to be replaced by the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters before the Iraqi elections.

Although these adjustments continue to keep the deployments to the 12-month goal, said the official, he understands the troops' frustration over the extension. Some affected soldiers were expecting to leave Iraq as soon as November.

But the official noted that those troops also "understand that military duty means the mission comes first."

"Our mission is to get the Iraqi people and the Iraqi government and the Iraqi security forces in place so that they can achieve self-

governance," he said.

Meanwhile, about 3,000 members of the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters will alter their deployment by 30 to 60 days, the official said. The decision is no reflection of the guardsmen's capabilities, he stressed. "The 42nd Infantry Division is trained, ready and equipped to execute this rotation," he said. The official said deploying them sooner simply didn't make sense. Much of the equipment they will use in Iraq will still be in

...about 3,000 members of the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters will alter their deployment by 30 to 60 days...

use by the 1st Infantry Division troops they will replace. And although leaders considered deploying the guardsmen to Kuwait before moving them into Iraq, they discarded that idea in light of the high threat level in Kuwait, the official said.

"The bottom line was, why deploy them now?" he said. "We keep them at home station, we keep them out of harm's way for a longer period for time, we give them more opportunities to train, and they get to stay home with their families for Christmas."

The official said the 42nd Infantry Division's deployment to Iraq will mark an important milestone. "This is the first reserve (component) division to deploy into combat since World War II," he noted.

This did not include previous operations

in Kosovo and Bosnia, which, he observed, "were more peace enforcement and stability operations." In contrast, Iraq "is full-blown, close-with-and-destroy-the-enemy kind of combat."

Formed in 1917 from handpicked National Guard units spanning 26 states and the District of Columbia, the 42nd was dubbed "The Rainbow Division," by Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was instrumental in forming it.

The division currently includes units in eight states: New York, Vermont, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Florida and Illinois.

The Rainbow Division has been an active contributor to the war on terror. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, battalions from New York City armories – the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry; 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion; and the 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment – provided immediate emergency response.

In addition, thousands of the division's New York Army National Guard soldiers and its division headquarters supported security and recovery operations in Manhattan as part of Joint Task Force 42 following 9/11. Hundreds of Rainbow Division soldiers served more than a year of active duty in this role.

Additional soldiers from the division have deployed to Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom or providing homeland-security missions for Operation Noble Eagle. □

42nd Infantry Division Leaves for War

FORT DRUM

Story by Pfc. Jason Jordan
1st Brigade Combat Team Journalist

Federal and state officials, including the governor, visited here on Oct. 8 to bid farewell to Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division who will soon deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This is the first time since World War II that the division has been rolling in its entirety," said Maj. Edward Walther, who was officer in charge of the division's recent railhead operation (read the "railhead" story on page four).

Soldiers from the Rainbow Division were among the first military responders at the World Trade Center site on Sept. 11, 2001. The Rainbow Division recently unveiled a 9-11 memorial flag inscribed by the division's new motto, "Never Forget."

The ceremony here featured Governor George E. Pataki, commander in chief of New York state militia forces, and Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

Governor Pataki began by thanking the families of the Rainbow Soldiers for supporting them while they wear the Army uniform and serve their country. He told the Soldiers that America is a great country not because of laws and the Constitution, although important, but because of the Soldiers who protect our freedoms.

"I'll turn on the television and watch sporting events with the great athletes of football and baseball," Gov. Pataki said. "But unlike many people, I won't look at the man who makes the great catch or the man who hits the game-winning homerun as heroes, because I know that the real heroes of America are men and women like the ones I met in Baghdad – people like the 42nd Infantry Division who are willing to put on a uniform and risk their lives for the



Gathering for a fond farewell, Soldiers, families and friends of the 42nd Infantry Division were at Ft. Drum on Oct. 8 for a formal ceremony. The NY Army National Guard infantry unit been called to federal active duty and deployed for wartime service. Following weeks of intense training in the Gulf and is expected to serve there for up to one year before returning home. They will replace an active duty combat force serving in Iraq.





freedom of this country.”

Pataki was among the first of a group of governors to visit Soldiers in Iraq after the start of OIF.

“The motto of the Rainbow Division is ‘Never Forget,’ and we must never forget,” he said. The governor said a war between those who believe in freedom and those who believe in fear and terror is going on right now in Iraq. “We must never forget about those who would terrorize and oppose our way of life for the country and the world,” he said.

Pataki also reminded the Soldiers how he has called on them time and time again for a number of natural disasters and also for events of 9-11, and how the rapid response of their division helped remind the world that America could live on.

“We are in great hands because we are in your hands,” he told the Soldiers. “God bless you all, and come back safe.”

Because the Soldiers have been so closely involved with aid following the events of 9-11, and because of their new motto, they are eager to be involved in the war on terrorism.

“I’m ready to go,” said Sgt. William L. Pearson, a Rainbow Soldier. “I’ve wanted to go from the very beginning. I wanted to go and get it done, because I don’t want my kids to have to go through this.”

Brown also praised the Soldiers on their service and commented on how proud he is to be associated with the mobilization of more than 250,000 reservists and National Guardsmen since September 2001.

“Our Guardsmen and reserve Soldiers are a living testimony of the validity of the system we now have in place,” he said. “Our Guard and reserve system is the envy of the world.”

The Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division are now on a brief leave to visit their families. They will deploy to Iraq in support of OIF 3. □



Rainbow Division Says 'Farewell' at Fort Drum Ceremony, Departs soon



ony. Not since World War II has a the unit will depart for the Persian Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)



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FANOSCHULTZE JOHN NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
FORCE HQ
DAVID SCHONAU 69 IN BN 01 HHC
MICHAEL DAVID HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
TIMOTHY JAMES HHC (-) 1-127TH

NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT

CO B 1-101ST CAVALRY

NA I 133 OD CO MAINT

ER LEWIS CO D 1-101ST

EL JOHN TROOP E 101ST

LIDES 258 FA BN 1 BTRY C

ARD 101 AR BN 01 DET 1



Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, Iraq—Delta Company's Sgt. Gary McCarthy is promoted to Staff Sergeant by Capt. Delacruz and 1st Lt. Lloyd Briggery. Delta Company continues its security mission, which includes securing Area of Operation Hunter. (Photo courtesy of 203rd Battalion)

HUBERT JAMES EDWARD JR CO B 3-142D
AVIATION

KEHOE THOMAS JOHN 1ST BATTALION 142D
AVIATION

WADE WILLIAM PETER II NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
FORCE HQ

ZOLL SEAN PAUL 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3

OKEEFE JACQUELINE ANNE NYARNG ELEMENT
JOINT FORCE HQ

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4

MAUTE DENNIS NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQ

SERGEANT MAJOR

BLAKE HUGH J 42 HHC HVY DIV FWD 2
NIEMIEC MICHAEL JOSEPH HHD ENGINEER BDE
42 ID

RANAURO JOSEPH L HHC 42 IN DIV(-)

VASQUEZ JORGE L 69 IN BN 01 HHC FWD 2

MASTER SERGEANT

CAMPOLI DENISE RECRUITING AND RETENTION CMD

DONES JESUS M RECRUITING AND RETENTION CMD

FEGLEY ANDREW CLINTON 108 IN BN 01

ANTIARMOR REAR NY

HUGHES ANDREW JAMES HHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN

LAMBERT THOMAS W HHD 342D FWD SPT BN

SECOR KENNETH SCOTT 108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC

SHIFFERT EDWARD R HHC(-) 3-142D AVIATION

TREVERTON PATRICK WILLIAM 258 FA BN 1 BTRY B
155 SP

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

AMOROSI JOSEPH R HHC 1-105TH INF

BAKER TERRENCE PATRICK CO C 152D
ENGINEER BN

BOILARD NOE F NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQ
CROCCO MICHAEL NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
FORCE HQ

DEROCHER BRUCE ALLEN 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B

DEVAUL JOHN M HHC 42 IN DIV(-)

DUFFY JOHN A HHC 42 IN DIV(-)

GIARDINA LOUIS RICHARD 29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE
DET

GROSS JEFFREY WILLIAM 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A

HAWORTH ANDREW JASON HHD 104TH

MILITARY POLICE BN

HENRY JANET LYN HHC 642D MI BATTALION

HERRINGSHAW FREDERICK F HHD 369TH WATER
SUPPLY BN

HOLLENBECK MARY E NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
FORCE HQ

JENSEN JEFFREY ALLEN DET 2 HHC/MMC 42ND
DISCOM

KIMBRO DAVID WILLIAM CO B 342D FWD SPT BN

KNOWLTON RANDY LEE CO B 342D FWD SPT BN

LYNESS MICAH SCOTT CO B 152D ENGINEER BN

MAHONEY THOMAS JAMES HHC 42 IN DIV(-)

MANCUSO LOUIS GABRIEL 145TH MAINTENANCE CO

MILLER TREVIS ALLEN CO B 342D FWD SPT BN

MOLGAARD MICHAEL JOHN HHC (-) 1-108TH INF

PEARSON DAVID MICHAEL HHC 42 IN DIV(-)

PRANDONI RICHARD JAMES 1156TH ENGR CO

PORT OPENING

SARGENT ROBERT WILLIAM HHC 642D MI

BATTALION

SEIFERT THOMAS GEORGE CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)

SIMON WILLIAM C CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY

WALTON JAMES MICHAEL CO B 1-127TH ARMOR

WOLSON CHARLES DONALD HHC 42D INF DIV

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STAFF SERGEANT

BANDHU ROCKFELLER CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)

BROCCOLO MICHAEL 204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD
 BRONCATO FRANK CHARLES JR HHC (-) 1-127TH
 ARMOR
 BULL THADDEUS RAYMOND CO B 204 ENGR BN
 CARRERAS SAMUEL HHC 3/142 AVN FWD 5
 CONKLIN KEVIN LEE CO A (-) 1 BN 105 INF
 CRISPIN CHERYL E V 642 CS BN HSC FWD 3
 CRISTALDI MARIO JOSEPH JR NYARNG ELEMENT
 JOINT FORCE HQ
 DEROUCHE RENEE JEAN HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID
 DEVENECIA FRANCIS GREGORY CO A 1-69TH
 INFANTRY (M)
 DIGESO MICHELE 258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP
 DONLEY DAVID WADE 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B
 DOWNER REINALDO MICHAEL CO C (-) 204TH
 ENGR BN
 DUNNE STEPHEN ANDREW 42 INFANTRY
 DIVISION DET
 FINSON ANDREW ROBERT CO B 1-127TH ARMOR
 FITZSIMMONS JOEL LEE TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY
 FOGARTY SEAN PATRICK CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
 GARRIS RONALD EUGENE JR CO B 1-127TH
 ARMOR
 GREAGAN KEVIN EDWARD NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
 FORCE HQ
 HALL RUSSELL LEWIS JR CO B 204 ENGR BN
 HARDING WALTER CO B 204 ENGR BN
 HORN ERIC MATTHEW 42 INFANTRY DIVISION DET
 HUBER MICHAEL CHARLES 156 FA BN 01 HHS
 FWD 3
 JAQUEZ BERNARDA JOSEFINA DET 1 CO C 342D
 FWD SPT BN
 JARAPIONCE JORGE ANGEL CO A 1-69TH
 INFANTRY (M)
 JOHNSON DOREEN RENE 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 KREBS DANIEL JOSEPH DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIATION
 LEE OSVALDO VALDEMIRE DET 1 CO C 342D
 FWD SPT BN
 LOVERING KENNETH JAMES II TROOP E 101ST
 CAVALRY
 MAHABIR RAYMOND DEVIHHD 369TH CORPS SPT BN
 MALONE FRANCIS J HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 MARTIN ALEXANDER LEE 101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR
 MARTIN DERRICK LAMONT 29 AG HHD PSC FWD
 MEIN SCOTT MATTHEW CO B 204 ENGR BN
 MENDENHALL STANFORD CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
 MILLER CRAIG VINCENT CO B 204 ENGR BN
 MORALES EDWIN JOSE 133 OD CO MAINT NONDIV
 DS
 NAZARIO CARLOS MANUEL DET 1 HHC 27TH IN
 BDE
 NOVOA BERNIE ALBERTO 101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR
 OJEDA RICHARD 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C
 PAQUETTE MICHAEL RICHARD 427TH
 MAINTENANCE CO (DS)
 PRICE ROBERT ALLEN 14TH FINANCE DET
 RALSTON ROBERT JAY 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 ROBERTS JIMSEY LOSCKLEY 204 EN BN CO A
 FWD2
 RUARK TRISTAN WINFIELD HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 RUTHERFORD JOHN LLOYD CO C(-) 638 SPT BN
 SCHIERMEYER JEREMY JOSEPH 1ST BATTALION
 142D AVIATION
 SCHULTZ LANCE FREDERICK 249TH MED CO AIR
 AMBULANCE (-)
 SOCHOCKI DANIEL ROY HHD 27TH SUPPLY & SVC BN
 STECKMEISTER GERALD AL HQ 531ST TRP CMD
 TAYLOR JAMES ANTHONY TROOP E 101ST
 CAVALRY
 THIMMAIAH ASHVIN MALETIRA HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 THOMPSON ROBERT THOMAS HHC 642D MI
 BATTALION
 TURNER RALPH WINSTON CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN

SERGEANT
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 DS
 ALLEN NIGEL EMMANUEL HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 ANDERSON RAMON HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 ANDREWS MICHAEL CARL JR RECRUITING AND
 RETENTION CMD
 ANTHONSON ANDREW ALAN RECRUITING AND
 RETENTION CMD
 ARMSTRONG ALFRED EDWARD 108 IN BN 02 AASLT
 HHC
 ARMSTRONG ROY THOMAS 249TH MED CO AIR
 AMBULANCE (-)
 BHOORASINGH RYAN HOWARD HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)
 BOISROND GARY HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 BONIFICIO PAUL DAVID DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 BROWN ERIC DAVID HHC 642D MI BATTALION
 BRYANT TIMOTHY ROBERT SR HHC 642D MI
 BATTALION
 BURKETT JOHN PATRICK CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN
 CANCELA CARLOS RICHARD 145TH
 MAINTENANCE CO
 CANNAMELA MATTHEW THOMAS 29TH PERSONNEL
 SERVICE DET
 CHALEN FREDDY JOVANNY HQ 53D TRP CMD
 COLON JOSE M HHB 1-258TH FIELD ARTILLERY
 DAVIDSON MATTHEW MICHAEL CO B 1-69TH
 INFANTRY(M)
 DISLA EMILIO ALEXANDER 145TH
 MAINTENANCE CO
 DONALDSON ARON JAMES CO C 101ST SIGNAL BN
 DOUCET ELLEN MARIE 1569TH TRANSPORTATION
 CO
 DRAKE JAIME ROBERT CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN
 ESPINOSA RAYMOND 204 EN BN CO A FWD2
 FERNANDEZ MAXIMO DEJESUS CO B 204 ENGR BN
 FORD RICHARD ALAN 145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
 GIL FREDDY 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 GRAHAM CARLTON 206 CS HHD CSB REAR
 GREENE EAROL GLENFORD 145TH
 MAINTENANCE CO
 GREENE KEVIN REDVERSE 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 GUILLE OWEN DAVID DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIATION
 GUY FAJR MUWIYAH 145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
 GUZMAN ROBINSON 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 HARRELL STEFONI D HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 HEADLEY GAVIN LLOYD CO C (-) 204TH ENGR BN
 HEUMAN DANIEL ROBERT CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)
 HENRIKSON JOSEPH RECRUITING AND
 RETENTION CMD
 HENRIKSON DAVID 108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C
 HENRIKSON COTT CHARLES 42D INFANTRY DIV BAND (-)
 HENRIKSON MARK ANTHONY 258 FA BN 1 BTRY C
 HENRIKSON PHILIP LEE 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 HENRIKSON FRANCIS SENA 204 EN BN CO A FWD2
 HENRIKSON ERNET SYLVESTER HSC 642D SUPPORT
 BN
 HENRIKSON AUSTIN 204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD
 HENRIKSON JIMMY JR 145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
 HENRIKSON ROBERT LEWIS CO B 204 ENGR BN
 HENRIKSON HECTOR JR 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 MARTE GUARIONEX ATADEO 145 OD CO MAINT
 FWD
 MCCARTHY PATRICK EDWARD IV 204 EN BN CO B
 REAR
 MENTOR HAROLD JACK JR 204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD
 MORATH JASON MICHAEL HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 NEWTON WINSTON WESLEY 133 OD CO MAINT
 NONDIV DS
 ORR BRADLEY MICHAEL RECRUITING AND
 RETENTION CMD
 ORTIZ JESUS JOSE 204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD
 PARNOTHER ANDRE SAINT AUBYN 145TH
 MAINTENANCE CO
 PASCAL PATRICK 133 OD CO MAINT NONDIV DS
 PERALTA FRANCIA JUDDY CO B 101ST SIGNAL
 BN
 PETERS FRANCIS RAYMOND JR DET 1 HHC 27TH IN
 BDE
 PRINCE ROHAN ANTHONY 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 QUINN ADRIAN SUNDIATA CO C 101ST SIGNAL
 BN
 QUINN MARY BRIGID DET 1 CO C 342D FWD SPT
 BN
 REDFERN RONNIE 258 FA BN 01 BTRY B REAR
 NY
 RICKSON COLLIN DONALD HSC 642D SUPPORT BN
 ROBLES DAVID CRISTINO NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
 FORCE HQ
 ROCHELEAU HEATHER L 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO
 RODRIGUEZ JOSE RAMON HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV
 ROSA LIGIA ALTAGRACIA NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
 FORCE HQ
 SAAVEDRA CHRISTIAN JULIO 29 AG HHD PSC FWD
 SANTIAGO GILBERTO 145 OD CO MAINT FWD
 SAVOIE LEO JOHN JR HHC 642D MI BATTALION
 SCHMIDT ERICH KEITH DET 1 HHC 27TH IN BDE
 SIERRA ERNESTO 145 OD CO MAINT FWD
 SIMMONS JUSTINA TANYEATTA DET 1 272D
 CHEMICAL CO
 SMITH ERIC DAMON 29 AG HHD PSC FWD
 SPITZER DAVID 145 OD CO MAINT FWD
 STOWITS DAVID ALLEN 204 EN BN CO B REAR
 TAYLOR BRANSON DONALD RECRUITING AND
 RETENTION CMD
 THOMAS LIBU 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 TIEMANN JOSEPH BENJAMIN 204 EN BN CO A
 DET 2 FWD
 TRESSANDY MANUEL JAVIER CO C 101ST SIGNAL
 BN
 VIALVA CURTIS RICARDO CO B 204 ENGR BN
 WALTERS JEFFREY RICHARD CO C (-) 1-108TH INF
 WEAVER MARK RALPH HHC 642D MI BATTALION

CORPORAL
 PONZI MICHAEL PETER CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)

SPECIALIST
 ABLE JOHN HENRY 258 FA BN 1 BTRY C 155 SP
 ALI AZHAR HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)
 AZZOLINA TIM 1427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM TRUCK
 BAEZ MICHAEL 145 OD CO MAINT FWD
 BAKER JOSHUA JONATHAN HHD 369TH WATER
 SUPPLY BN
 BAPTHELUS SMITH OBERTO CO B 3-142D
 AVIATION
 BEAN ALVIN KEITH DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)
 BEARDSLEE RANDY SCOTT CO A(-) 204 ENGR
 BN

BELLIDO DANA CHRISTIANA	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	NY	WALSH SCOTT WILLIAM	442D MILITARY POLICE CO
BRAMBLE NEKETA ONICA	1569TH TRANSPORTATION	MARTIR LUIS ANTONIO	HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN	WEYGANT JESSICA ALICE
BRAVO LORENA MARGARITA	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	ARTILLERY	WHITNEY MEGHAN BROOKE	427TH MAINTENANCE CO (DS)
BULL MARY EDNA	CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN	MCCABE NADEAN ANN	HHC AVN BDE 42 IN DIV	WILLIAMS BRENDON ALEX
BURNS BRIAN	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	MCCLURE FRANCIS ALAN	249TH MED CO AIR	SUPPORT BN
CARLEY TOMMY LEE	CO B 204 ENGR BN	AMBULANCE (-)	MCCORD EBONY SHENIQUA	145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
CARPENTER STEVEN JOSEPH	442D MILITARY POLICE CO	MECKLEMBOURG DANIEL KANDA	719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
CARRASQUILLO ANGEL MANUEL	145 OD CO MAINT FWD	MIKELL DEMETRUS LAKEITH	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)	AISEL JOHNATHAN WALTER E
CASERO CHARLIE TEODOSIO	DET 1 107TH MILITARY POLICE CO	MINCHALA MARTHA MARINA	642 CS BN HSC FWD	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
CELIUS JEPHTE	CO B 204 ENGR BN	MISNER DANIEL ROBERT	HHD ENGINEER BDE 42 ID	BUSH ANDREW ANTHONY
CHO GUM JI	DET 1 CO G 137TH AVIATION	MOHAMED IRSHAAD ALI	CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY	1156TH ENGR CO PORT OPENING
CHRISTOPHER MIGUEL JR	719 TRANS CO	MUFF RUSSELL WALLACE	108 IN BN 01 CO B FWD 2	CONWAY HEATHER MARIE
CLOUDEN JOSEPH ANTHONY	1427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM TRUCK	NEWLOVE ANDREW PATRICK	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C	MEDICAL COMMAND
COLES GARY CHARLES	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	OCASIO MALDONADO ARGENISY	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A	CRUZ ALEXIS
CONSTANTINE TAMMY MARIE	DET 1 HHC 27TH IN	PARSONS ANDREW RAYMOND	258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP	1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO
CONWAY TRAVIS	HHC 642D MI BATTALION	PARTRIDGE RANDALL CALVIN JR	108 IN BN 02 CO A DET 1	CRUZ ERICK JOEL
COOLEY MORGAN JACQULYN	427TH MAINTENANCE CO (DS)	PELC BRIAN PATRICK	DET 2 CO C 1-108TH INF	CO B 1-108TH INF
CORRIGAN ALEXANDER JON	105TH MP CO	PERALTA IVAN	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A	DELIOTTE AMOS ELISHA
DASH JASON RANDOLPH	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	PEREZ GILBERT	719 TRANS CO (MDM TRK CGO)	145TH MAINTENANCE CO
DAVIDSON CHRISTOPHER JOHN	CO C(-) 638 SPT BN	POLLOCK DOUGLAS ROBERT	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C	DESAIN PHILIP ANTHONY
DEFRANK JEROME LOUIS JR	HHC 42 IN DIV(-)	PRZYBYLSKI SHAUN MICHAEL	827 EN CO SEP IN FWD	HSC 642D SUPPORT BN
DELFI RAY ANTHONY	1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD	QUIVEY JEFFREY DAVID	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C	DEUTSCHMAN STEPHEN ROBERT
EVANS LANCE	CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN	RANGLIN NICHOLE ANTONETTE	369 CS HHD CORPS SPT REAR NY	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE
GIBBS JACK EDWARD	CO D 1-105 INF	REYES PABLO TROCHE	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A	DILLARD STARTASHA MARIE
GITTENS CHRISTOPHER JOHN	CO B(-) 642D SUPPORT BN	RODRIGUEZ SANTOS JUAN LUIS	HHC (-) 27TH IN BDE	DET 1 HHC 107TH SUPPORT GROUP
GONZALEZ WILLIAM	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	RODRIGUEZ WILLIAM RAFAEL	258 FA BN 1 BTRY B 155 SP	DUDZIAK COLIN JASON
HABALOU MICHAEL JOHN	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)	ROOT DUSTIN ALLEN	CO B 204 ENGR BN	HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
HANDIBODE PAUL FRANCIS	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO C	ROSADO JONATHAN ANDREWS	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A	FRANCO CARLOS ALBERTO
HANNON ROSS GARRETT	HHC 1-105TH INF	SAMPLE TIMOTHY MAURICE	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
HARTMAN TYLER THOMAS	108 IN BN 01 CO B FWD 2	SANTIAGO EDDIE	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	FREDRIKSEN DANIEL ERIC
HAYNES DAVID DEVONNE	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)	SCHACKNE JOHN ROBERT	108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)
HERNANDEZ ERIK	1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO	SMITH VICTOR TERELL	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	FRIOT NICHOLAS BRANDON
HESS DANIEL DEAN	108 IN BN 01 CO A DET1 REAR NY	SOLYIAN STANLEY ROBERT	145 OD CO MAINT FWD	108 IN BN 02 HHC REAR NY
HOLLERAN BRIAN JOSEPH	CO B 3-142D AVIATION	SPOSITO CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	HHC 642D MI BATTALION	GAVILANES JORGE ANTONIO
IJAIYA NASIR BABATUNDE	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	STEVENS DANIEL JAY	108 IN BN 01 CO A REAR NY	14TH FINANCE DET
JACINTO JOSE NIETO	CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY	STEVENSON THOMAS DEWITT	HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)	GENFI KOFI
JONES KATIE JEAN	102 OD CO MAINT FWD 2	TAYLOR CHRISTOPHER JAMES	CO B 204 ENGR BN	HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
JONES STARMARIE EBONY	29TH PERSONNEL SERVICE	THOMPSON AKINREMI OLUJMI	145TH MAINTENANCE CO	GRANT SARAH NICOLE
KNIPES DERYK EDWARD	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO B	TIBURCIO KELY	258 FA BN 1 BTRY C 155 SP	HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
KONDRATYEV ANTON SERGEEVICH	108 IN BN 02 AASLT HHC	TOBY TAMICO GERMAINE	1569TH TRANSPORTATION CO	GUERRERO ALEJANDRO AMILCAR
KRANTZ JOSHUA JORDAN	827TH ENGR CO	TRABUSCIO GARY MICHAEL JR	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)
LITTLE JAMES CHARLES III	CO C 152D ENGINEER BN	TRUESDELL KENNETH ERIC	108 IN BN 01 CO B FWD 2	HALL JAMES M
LITTLE JONATHON ANDREW	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)	VANDERPOOL ANTHONY DONELL	CO D 1-101ST CAVALRY	DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)
LOGSDON TIMOTHY MICHAEL	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO D	WAHRHEIT DOUGLAS FREDERICK	204 EN BN CO A DET 2 FWD	JEAN PIERRE DANIEL
LOPEZ BRIAN JESUS	CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)	WALKER WENDY ANN	222D MILITARY POLICE CO	145TH MAINTENANCE CO
LYONS PATRICK HENRY	249TH MED CO AIR			CO B 1-108TH INF
AMBULANCE (-)				MCNAMARA SEAN RICHARD
MABIE TIFFANY ANN	HHD 369TH WATER SUPPLY			108 IN BN 01 CO A REAR NY
MACKO DANIELLE LYNN	HHC 3RD BDE 42ND ID (M)			MILLER NICHOLAS HUGH
MADISON LILOE KASHIF	108 IN BN 02 AASLT CO A			HSC 642D SUPPORT BN
MANNY BRIAN GARDNER	HHC 1-105TH INF			MORALES EDWIN JR
MARTINEZ ORTIZ RUBEN	258 FA BN 01 BTRY B REAR			145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
				MORALES HEALY ABRIL BLOSSOM
				HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
				MORRISON ROBERT JAMES III
				1569 TC CO MED TRK FWD
				MUNIZ LORENZO 7TH FINANCE DET
				MURPHY JOHN CARL
				NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQ
				101 AR BN 01 CO D REAR
				HHD 104TH MILITARY
				108 IN BN 01 CO A REAR NY
				206 CS HHD CSB FWD
				MEDICAL COMMAND
				H & S CO 204 ENGR BN
				ANGEL
				258 FA BN 1 BTRY B
				TROOP E 101ST CAVALRY
				HHC 1-101ST CAVALRY
				HARD
				CO B 152D

ENGINEER
 SOLOMINSKY DMITRY CO A 1-69TH INFANTRY (M)
 TAYLOR WILLIAM EDWARD CO B 152D
 ENGINEER
 THOMAS PHILIP MICHAEL CO B 1-69TH INFANTRY(M)
 TIERNAN STEPHANIE JOY 466TH MEDICAL CO AREA
 SPT
 TINKER DAVID LEE CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
 TOPPIN CATRESE SHIRLEY 14TH FINANCE DET
 VAUGHN TYREE LAWRENCE 442D MILITARY
 POLICE CO
 WAKE ANTHONY JASON HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)
 WENZEL CANDICE SUE 105TH MP CO

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ANDERSON DACIO H 4TH PERSONNEL SVC DET
 BACA ADAM JOSEPH CO C(-) 638 SPT BN
 BRICE ANTOINETTE DEVIDA HHC 27TH AREA
 SUPPORT GROUP
 BULL JEFFREY PHILIP HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
 BURKARD DANIEL JOSEPH CO C 1-69TH INF (M)
 CHANG MIKHALE SEOKHEE NYARNG ELEMENT
 JOINT FORCE HQ
 CHAVARRIA CHRISTIAN JOHN CO C 1-69TH INF (M)
 ESTEY KRYSTAL DET 2 CO B 638 SPT BN
 FELLINI CHRISTOPHER RICHARD HHC(-) 1-69 INF (M)

FISCHER AMANDA JO LEE HHD 104TH MILITARY
 POLICE BN
 FITZGERALD SCOTT HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 GERSHAL KEVIN DAVID HHC 101ST SIGNAL BN
 GIRARD AMY ROSE NYARNG ELEMENT JOINT
 FORCE HQ
 GRAAP JOSHUA RONALD HHC 152D ENGINEER BN
 GREGG WALTER DERRICK HHC 42 IN DIV(-)
 ILLESCAS ERICKSON 145TH MAINTENANCE CO
 KALVAITIS AIDAS 102D MAINTENANCE CO
 KHAMURZOV RUSLAN M CO C 1-69TH INF (M)
 KNEELAND ROGER WILLIS JR 53 HQ HQ LIAISON
 KUMAR AVINISH HHC 107TH SUPPORT GROUP (-)
 LEON JUAN CARLOS 69 IN BN 01 CO B REAR
 MALDONADO BRIAN JOSHUA CO B 101ST SIGNAL
 MARTIN JOSHUA MICHAEL CO D 1-105 INF
 MCCANN CHRISTOPHER KEVIN CO C 642ND MI BN
 MCGEEVER AMANDA MARIE 204TH ENGINEER
 DETACHMENT
 MCLEAN JAMES MICKAEL HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
 MORAN JENNIFER LEE 133 OD CO MAINT REAR NY
 MURRAY CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
 NIELSEN KRISTIN NICOLE CO C(-) 638 SPT BN
 ORTIZ JEFFREY ELISEO CO A(-) 204 ENGR BN
 PALMATIER CORINNE ELIZABETH HHC (-) 27TH IN
 BDE

PRATT CODY JAMES CO C (-) 1-108TH INF
 RESTO SANDRA CO B 342D FWD SPT BN
 RICHARDSON WESLEY LEONARD 1427TH TRANS CO
 MEDIUM TRUCK
 RODRIGUEZ JEANPAUL 145 OD CO MAINT DS REAR
 ROMERO JUAN MARCOS 69 IN BN 01 DET 1 HHC REAR
 ROSADO ROBERT ANTHONY 206 CS HHD CSB
 FWD
 SANCHEZ BRIAN CO B 101ST SIGNAL BN
 SANDERS FRANK LIONEL II 1427TH TRANS CO
 MEDIUM TRUCK
 SLAYTON SHANE WYATT 1427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM
 TRUCK
 STANN THOMAS JOSHUA CO A(-) 427TH SPT BN
 STEVENS TREVOR SAMUEL CO A(-) 427TH SPT
 STPIERRE DAVID JOSEPH III HHC 1-105TH INF
 STUBBINGS BRADLEY KINGSLEY HHC (-) 1-108TH INF
 TAISEY COLIN PATRICK CO C (-) 1-108TH INF
 THOMAS NICKIE DALE DET 1 HHC 107TH SUPPORT
 GROUP
 VARAYON SETH TEE CO D 1-105 INF
 WAGNER JESSICA IRENE 29 AG HHD PSC REAR
 WARD SHAUN DET 1 HHC 1-69TH INF (M)
 WILLIAMS BAMBI JO 1427TH TRANS CO MEDIUM
 TRUCK
 ZIMMERMAN BRENT TAYLOR DET 1 CO C 1-108TH

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 Sgt. GABRIEL CHARLES WESLEY III
 SSG MARTIN NORMAN JAMES JR
 SPC RANA ADEEL SARFRAZ

Sgt. STAFFORD DAVID JOHN
 SPC TRUDDEN MATTHEW BRENDEN

101 AR BN 01 DET 1 HHC
 Sgt. BURKE KEVIN

101 AR TRP TRP E CAV REAR
 SPC KOSIV MYRON
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 106 MISSION SUPP
 5 RESCUE WG
 9 AIRLIFT WG
 9 AEROMED EVA
 1 RESCUE SQ

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 AN I 109 MEDICAL SQ
 D 109 MISSION SUPPORT Ft.
 HELEN M 139 AIRLIFT SQ
 A R 152 AIR OPERATIONS GP
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 274 AIR SUPT OPNS SQ
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 BONOMI, JOHN M 137 AIRLIFT SQ
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 ELBERFELD, RICHARD B JR 107 AIR REFUELING
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 PERRICONE, DAVID M 107 MEDICAL SQ
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 MCGONAGLE, SCOTT M 152 AIR OPERATIONS GP
 VALLE, JEFFREY R 152 AIR OPERATIONS GP
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 ZAMANI, EDRIS A 109 STUDENT Ft.
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 MOORE, CHARLES E 105 AERIAL PORT SQ
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 TORRES, SERBIA E 105 SERVICES Ft.
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New York Aircrews Haul hurricane Relief in Florida

STRATTON ANGB, SCOTIA

By Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith
Guard Times Staff

When the NY National Guard was asked to stand by the State of Florida after its recent hurricanes, aircrews here were already geared to go.

"As the storm developed, plans were made in advance to have crews available to react when called upon," said Maj. David Panzera, Antarctic Operations Officer, 109th Airlift Wing.

Panzera and over thirty other Airmen returned here Sept. 23 after providing hurricane relief for Florida's residents, flying cargo, including water and food, across the state for five days.

Starting from an operations base in Savannah, Ga., four aircrews from the 109AW picked up supplies in Jacksonville, Fla., and flew them to

Pensacola, Fla., delivering to joint forces units helping with the relief efforts.

One C-130 and three LC-130s, supported the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Florida relief effort after hurricanes caused billions of dollars in damages, leaving thousands of residents without power, food and fresh water.

"As we approached (Pensacola) and descended into the airport, the first thing we could see was the amazing amount of spans missing from the I-10 bridges," said Maj. Panzera. He went on to say that, as they got closer, they could see the hurricanes' devastation close-up, including sunken boats, an amazing amount of roofs missing and some buildings completely collapsed as well as missing altogether with only the foundations left.

"The crews saw that this destruction warranted our help like nothing else they have ever done," said the major.

Aircrews transported over 439,000



109th Airlift Wing Airmen in Savannah, Ga. The Airmen returned here on Sept. 23 after providing hurricane relief for Florida's residents, flying cargo, including water and food, across the state for five days. (Photo by Maj. David Panzera, 109AW)

pounds of supplies—by the time they came home, having worked on 10 to 12 hour work schedules, they completed twenty flights.

Isn't it incredible that America can meet

needs abroad yet meet needs at home, said the major. "It's one of the great things about America and truly one of the greatest things about the national guard." □

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1st Army Plans 'theater immersion' Training at MOB stations

ATLANTA

By Karen Bradshaw
1st Army Public Affairs Staff

Train as you would fight has long been an axiom in the Army and First Army plans to improve the training of its Soldiers to realistically reflect they are warriors first. Lt. Gen. Russell L. Honoré, commanding general First U.S. Army, shared that training vision with leaders at the First U.S. Army Commander's Conference in Atlanta in mid-October. "We are in a war with no rear areas or front lines," Honoré said. "We have to instill the Warrior Ethos into the mobilized Soldiers we train. Every Soldier must be able to function as an Infantryman. Soldiers must have tough, realistic, hands-on, repetitive training until their response is intuitive."

He aims to accomplish this with what he calls "theater immersion" training. "When

Soldiers get off the bus at the (mobilization) station, they must feel they have arrived in Iraq or Afghanistan," Honoré said.

Instead of living in a normal garrison environment, Soldiers will see concertina wire, entry control points, and guard towers to simulate the Forward Operating Base environment.

"In an FOB, small unit leaders not only train on theater-specific tasks," Honoré said, "they have an opportunity to exercise their troop-leading procedures and basic discipline on a continuous basis."

Since time is limited at the mobilization station, immediately immersing Soldiers into a replicated combat zone enables focused training 24-hours-a-day, and retraining can take place as needed.

"We can repeatedly train Soldiers on multiple tasks. For example, a single simulated mortar attack trains react to indirect fire, casualty evacuation procedures and 9-line MEDEVAC, damage assessment, counter-battery fire and many other procedures they

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might never get the chance to practice more than once," said Col. Christian de Graf, 2nd Brigade commander, 87th Division (Training Support).

Theater immersion training also means training events can occur when least expected.

"In Iraq, a mortar or an IED can hit at anytime — not just during scheduled training periods. We can train the Soldiers the way they will fight and the theater immersion concept allows us to do that," said Col. Daniel Zajac, 3rd Brigade commander, 87th Division. "The standard for how we train Soldiers comes from the theater. We are

constantly adjusting our training based on current operations in theater. The theater immersion concept provides the flexibility to do that real time."

The new training method will also allow leaders to more easily adjust training as needed.

"Theater immersion is a dynamic training approach that gives us greater flexibility to train Soldiers. With theater immersion we can create more events, longer events, ramp up the volume or turn it down based on the training needs of Soldiers and units," said Col. Al Jones, First U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for Operations. "Our goal is that Soldiers respond to threats intuitively, regardless of the situation in which they might find themselves."

"We have a nonnegotiable contract with the American people to prepare her sons and daughters for war," Honoré said. "We must use imagination and innovation to do this better than we ever have before. We can not, we will not fail in this task." □

Ground Broken at Fort Hamilton for New Homes

BROOKLYN

By Mike Brennan
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"When Captain Levi Whiting, the first commander of the Fort Hamilton garrison raised the garrison flag back in 1831, it was a monumental event," said Col. Kewyn L. Williams in his opening remarks at the ground breaking of Fort Hamilton's Residential Communities Initiative. "Today we are raising another type of flag. Turning a few shovels of dirt will be just as monumental."

Williams, the 182nd garrison commander added, "This ground breaking is a giant step forward for all the service members who work in the metropolitan area and live at Fort Hamilton. Our senior leadership has made Quality of Life a top priority. New housing strengthens the military presence in New York City. It will take a few years to accomplish this mission, but when it is complete it will have been worth all the effort."

Many Brooklyn residents, local veterans and several dignitaries joined the Fort Hamilton Garrison community to break ground on the site of a new housing development on Doubleday Field at the installation.

Dozens of representatives of the New York City press corps turned out to record the dedication, which was attended by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. The New York City Housing Development Corporation is providing the funding for the project.

"Since September 11th, Fort Hamilton has assumed a greater role as it is the City's only active military base," said Mayor Bloomberg. "There are a number of National

Guard and Army regiments located here that are responsible for safety and security throughout the City, and providing affordable quality housing to all New Yorkers is a priority of this Administration and today demonstrates that commitment. This is an important development initiative to house the brave men and women living here in order to protect our great City and Country."

Also attending this important occasion were Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment Geoffrey G. Prosch; Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, Commanding General of the Military District of Washington; State Senator Marty Golden; Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz; City Councilman Vincent Gentile; Housing Development Corporation President Emily A. Youssouf; Mr. Gary Holloway, Chairman and CEO of GMH Military Housing; and Mr. Bruce Robinson, GMH President.

"I have long been a supporter of Fort Hamilton because I believe it is vitally important, not only to our military

but to our homeland security," said Senator Clinton. "Today's ground breaking is an important part of ensuring that the men and women who serve at Fort Hamilton and around New York have high quality housing. The selection of Fort Hamilton for the Residential Communities Initiative is recognition of its importance to New York City and the nation."

The Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) will make available a total of 228 housing units for service members and their families.

"I would like to thank the service members and families of Fort Hamilton," said Mr. Geoffrey G. Prosch. "As you know by now, the RCI process encourages participation at all levels... you embraced the opportunity to participate and as a result the communities built here will more successfully accommodate the living requirements and well-being of the military family."

Construction of 150 three and four-bedroom garden style apartments for the junior-enlisted service members is anticipated to be completed in summer, 2005. □



Fort Hamilton residents and dignitaries cast the ceremonial shovel-full of dirt. From left to right, DeAngelo and James Gilliam, III, Sergeant 1st Class James Gilliam, Mr. Geoffrey G. Prosch, Senator Hillary R. Clinton, NYC Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Mrs. James Gilliam and Jalaya, Ms. Emily Youssouf, Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, Marty Markowitz, Col. Kewyn L. Williams, and Mr. Gary Holloway. (Photo by Kathryn Kirk)



Incoming Commander, NY Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. Michael C. Swezey and family. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

Army Guard Headquarters Holds Change of Command

Brig. Gen. Michael C. Swezey Leads the New York Army National Guard

LATHAM

By Guard Times Staff

Brig. Gen. Michael C. Swezey, took command of the New York Army National Guard on Sept. 28 from Brig. Gen. Stephen Seiter, who is retiring following 38 years of service.

The outgoing commander of the New York Army National Guard, passed the colors to the incoming commander during a brief ceremony at the Guard headquarters here before a gathering of hundreds of soldiers, family members and friends. The ceremony was held on the drill floor on the armory side of the headquarters complex.

Brig. Gen. Swezey, a West Point graduate Class of 1980, is a traditional National Guard officer from the Capital District who works as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch.

The general served six years on active duty and has since served in both the Army Reserve and Army National Guard in a variety of assignments. He holds a Bachelors degree in Engineering and a Master Degree in Business Administration from Golden Gate University. He completed the Army's Armor Basic Branch Course and helicopter flight school and airborne course. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff Course and the Army War College. He was assigned as Commander, Headquarters 53rd Troop Command, based in Valhalla, in Westchester County last February, which includes approximately one third of the units and personnel of the New York Army National Guard across the state. He holds numerous awards and decorations. □



The New York Army National Guard's incoming commander, Brig. Gen. Michael C. Swezey, far right, returns the guidon to New York State Command Sergeant Major Robert Van Pelt, middle, at a ceremony here Sept. 28.

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